ST. MICHAEL ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

751 Locust Street

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St. Michael, Pennsylvania 15951

Rev. Msgr. David A. Lockard, Administrator MASSES:

(814) 495-9640 Saturday 4:00 pm

 Sunday Morning 8:00 am

Secretary & Bookkeeper: 10:30 am

Michele Panick Daily Mass: M, T, W, Th, F

DRE: Laurie Sloan 9:00 am

Maintenance: Rodney Turgeon Holy Days: See Bulletin

PHONES: Office Hours:

Rectory / Office: (814) 495-9640 8:30 am to 3:30 pm

Fax: (814) 495-9424 Monday, Tues., Thurs., Friday

Rel. Education: (814) 495-4873 Closed Wednesdays

Parish Website Confessions:

[www.saintmichaelchurch.weebly.com](http://www.saintmichaelchurch.weebly.com) Saturday 3:30 pm to 3:45 pm

Secretaries’ E-mail Sunday 7:30 am to 7:45 am

[saintmichaelsecretaries@yahoo.com](mailto:saintmichaelsecretaries@yahoo.com) 10:00 am to 10:15 am

Facebook page: By Appointment

St. Michael Catholic Church/St. Michael, PA

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

SERVING GOD AND COMMUNITY FOR OVER ONE HUNDRED YEARS!

December 26th, 2021

BAPTISM: By Appointment. Reserve at least one month in advance.

MARRIAGE: Plan at least nine months in advance.

Preparation sessions are necessary.

FUNERALS: Arrangements are made in conjunction with the funeral home.

REGISTRATION Those new to the area, newlyweds, and single adults, (even if

and registered before with their families) are asked to register by calling

Membership: the Parish Office. Every parishioner must be registered. This is a condition for admission to our Program and reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, First Penance, First Eucharist, and Matrimony; also, for testimonial letters or sponsorship of Baptism and Confirmation outside the Parish.

VISITATION: We are concerned and want to be advised when someone is ill at home or in the hospital. Call the office to have the shut-in placed on our monthly Holy Communion calls or seriously ill prayer list.

SACRAMENTAL Parish registration and active Mass participation for Baptism is

POLICY: encouraged and is required for Marriage.

BULLETIN ARTICLES: Articles are due to the Parish Office by Noon on Tuesday

 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

December 26th, 2021

**MASS INTENTIONS**: (December 27, 2021 – January 2, 2022)

Monday, December 27 9:00 AM Edward & Margaret Yanzetich req. by David & Patricia

Caldwell

Tuesday, December 28 9:00 AM Josephine S. Castorino req. by Galen, Ann Marie &

Andrew Martin

Wednesday, December 29 9:00 AM Ruth Brown Bastaja req. by Mary Jean Brown

Thursday, December 30 9:00 AM Wayne Smith req. by Nancy Broad

Friday, December 31 9:00 AM Alan Oshaben req. by Joan & Robert Oshaben

Saturday, January 1, 2022 NOON John Cook req. by Dolores Berger

4:00 PM Vince Arena req. by Saturday 4:00 PM Choir

Sunday, January 2 8:00 AM People of the Parish

10:30 AM Anna Wilson req. by Mary Ann Murin & family

LITURGICIAL APPOINTMENTS:

Saturday, January 1 4:00 PM Offertory Procession

Lector: Sherry Dipko Vince Arena Family

Minister of the Host: Alice Podrebarac

Choir Minister: Michael Barton

Altar Server: Kaylee Roberts

Cantor: Susan Blazosky

Greeter: Darlene Marshall

Sunday, January 2 8:00 AM Offertory Procession

Lector: Arnold Bernard Richard & Carol Hautz

Minister of the Host: Sally Kolar

Choir Minister: Terri Leach

Altar Server: Michael Kresic

Cantor: Anita Lorek

Greeter: Carol Hautz

Sunday, January 2 10:30 AM Offertory Procession

Lector: Terry Crissey Robert & Joan Oshaben

Minister of the Host: Amanda Williamson

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Description automatically generatedChoir Minister: Jennifer Steele

Altar Server: Alexia & Mackenzie Steele

Cantor: Elizabeth Dobbins

Greeter: Nancy Wessel

Weare placing names of the sick in the bulletin for prayer providing they give permission. *May the* *Divine Physician send healing grace for those for* *whom we pray:* Allen C. Rosemas, Patricia Murphy, Dwight Fyock, Dylon Wills, Missy, Joanne (Kolar) Hufford, Christine Flanagan, Ayden Alan Grata, Mary Lou Offman, Natalie Zerby, Valencia Tursi, Brayden Schofield, Michelle Kasper, Diane Kingera, Ted Paluch, Pearl Litzinger, Patrick Munro, Fran Baldassarre, Kristen Sinosky Long, Cresta Micik, Basil Costantino, Laura, Joe Yoder, Dolores Yanzetich, Sandy Krug, Wanda Gramling, Jennifer Hagans, Shawn, Holly, Shane, Spencer, Owen Taylor, Derrick Varnish, Vincent Koshute, Michelle Elliott, Heather Romanow, Mackston Barrick, Connor Thomas, Erin, Pat, Mary Agnes Nastase, Mary Ann Bertolino, Dick Wilson, Izzy Bihun, Dorothy Kaminsky, Ashlee Madison, Susan Yanzetich, Alina Rusnak, Gary Smay, Elizabeth Howell, Walter Bodziak, Rhonda, Anne Robinson, Carter Bobak, Mike Morris, Sarah Kelt, Patty Yanzetich Caldwell, Colton Snyder, Nancy Edmiston, Leonard Oshaben, Adam, Janice Dipyatic, Lily Maloney, Scott, Lisa, Audrey Costlow, Rosanne Krug, Becky Kakabar, Dolores Mucko, Elliana, Ashlee, Helen Soohy, Carol K. Fabrizio, Peggy Carpenter, Dave Seder, Rosalie Ambrose, Pearl Borlie, Joe (Runk) Slonac, Patty Gdula, Judy Barr, Lori Gramling, Babe Richards, Ruth Ferchalk, Kathy Glenn Ripper, Ernie Martinage, Mildred Andrykovitch, Katelyn Engle, John Patterson and all of the sick of our parish, the homebound, those in nursing homes, those who care for them, and those in the military along with their families. *(Please call the Rectory to have your name removed from the list when no longer seriously ill. Thank You.)*



LAST WEEK’S COLLECTION

Regular Offertory $3,978.90

Maintenance $ 28.00

Holy Days $1,463.00

Diocesan Collections $ 38.00

Christmas Flowers $ 50.00

Total $5,557.90

We sincerely thank

and ask God’s blessing

upon all who have care

and concern for

our parish.

*December 26, 2021 / Holy Family Luke 2:41-52*

*Today’s gospel contains this truth about parenting: “but his parents did not know.” One of the reasons parenting is so difficult is because our children don’t tell us everything. If the Holy Family had trouble with their teenager, why do we think it will be easier for us?*

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During the week of December 26th, 2021

the Sanctuary Candle will burn in memory of

John Progar

requested by Bev & Family

NEW YEAR’S DAY MASS SCHEDULE ~ Saturday, January 1st, is the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. This is normally a Holy Day of Obligation, but not this year because it falls on Saturday. Still, I think we should honor Mary with a special Mass at NOON on Saturday, January 1st. There will be a 4:00 PM Mass on Saturday also for Sunday, December 26th.

PARISH OFFICES ~ Parish Offices will be closed this Monday, December 27th and this Friday, December 31st.

PASTORAL COUNCIL ~ The Pastoral Council Meeting originally planned for Sunday, January 9th, 2022 has been changed to Sunday, January 16th, 2022 after the 10:30 AM Mass.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS ~ Any Christmas Flower donations received now will be in next weekend’s bulletin.

SUNDAY CHOIR ~ No Choir practice on Monday, December 27th. Christmas Break! Thanks for your time and talent. Next rehearsal is Monday, January 3rd, 2022 at 7 PM All are Welcome!

2022 CALENDARS ~ 2022 calendars are available at the entrances of the church this weekend. Please, one calendar per family. Special thanks to the C.O. Dimond Funeral Home for donating these calendars to our Parish.

FINAL DAY FOR 2021 DONATIONS ~ The last day to accept donations for the calendar year 2021 will be Friday, December 31st, 2021. All donations received after that day will be posted to the 2022 calendar year.

FOREST HILLS WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA ~ Would like to thank Msgr. Lockard and all that gave donations and time to our December 18th ceremony. With your help we were able to place wreaths on every veteran grave in St. Michael Cemetery. We are blessed to live and be a part of this great community.

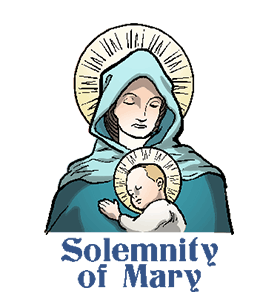
LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE REQUESTS ~ Lay Ministry schedule requests are currently being taken for the Spring Schedule which covers February through May 2022. If you have a request for dates you are not available or for dates that you are only available, please contact Suzi Blazosky at 495-5287 or email: [sublazosky@gmail.com](mailto:sublazosky@gmail.com) by Sunday, January 23rd. Lay ministers are being sought for all masses and all ministries – Cantors, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Greeters, Altar Servers, and Collection Counters.

Solemnity of Mary Liturgical Appointments

(Not a Holy Day of Obligation)

*Please check the following schedules. If unable to keep your Lay ministry*

*assignment, please find a replacement.*



Solemnity of Mary January 1st 12:00 PM

Lector: Donald Dipko

Minister of the Host: Pauline Minor

Choir Minister: Susan Blazosky

Altar Server: Kaden Christ

Cantor: Theresa Arena

Greeter: Pauline Minor

Offertory Procession: Karen Myers & Sally Kolar



Religious Education And Christian Helping

December 26, 2021

Religious Education Class Schedule

For the Christmas and New Year’s Holiday break, there will be No Religious Education classes on Thursday, December 30th for grades K—5 and

No Classes on Sunday, December 26th, and January 2nd for grades 6—12.

Classes will resume on Thursday, January 6th for our K—5 students and

Classes will resume on Sunday, January 9th for our grades 6—12 students.

L-R: Ryan & Kayla Jones holding their daughters Ella & Autumn,

and Laurie & John Molnar

A group of people posing for a photo

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Christian Initiation News

At the 4:00 PM Mass on Saturday, December 19th, two Inquirer’s into the Catholic faith

celebrated the Rite of Welcoming with us here. They are Kayla Jones, sponsored by her husband Ryan and Laurie Molnar soponsored by her husband John. They are scheduled to be received

into the full communion of the Catholic Church during the Easter Vigil, April 16th, 2022

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CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL FLOWERS 2021

IN MEMORY OF:

Deceased Family Members by Violet Barr

Deceased Members of Raymond Plummer Family by William & Betty Plummer

Deceased Members of Joseph Surkosky Family by William & Betty Plummer

Podrebarac Family by Alice Podrebarac

DiMarino Family by Alice Podrebarac

Theresa Fleck by Charles & Mary Ann Bertolino

Kyle Fleck by Charles & Mary Ann Bertolino

Gladys Pepoy by Steve Pepoy

Judy Pepoy by Steve Pepoy

Irene L. Hribar by Frank A. Hribar

Francis Andrykovitch by Mildred Andrykovitch

Carl Tokarsky by Hermina Tokarsky

Matt & Anna Rus by Hermina Tokarsky

Joseph Rus by Hermina Tokarsky

Michael & Antonia Tokarsky by Hermina Tokarsky

Ann M. Swelfer by Hermina Tokarsky

Stella Wilson by Hermina Tokarsky

George Petkosh by Helen Petkosh

Nathan Bosic by Helen Petkosh

Deceased Members of the Barton Family by Elaine Barton

Deceased Members of the Estok Family by Elaine Barton

Deceased Members of the Homolish Family by Elaine Barton

Deceased Members of the Bowen Family by Elaine Barton

The Panek Family by Barry & Mary Ann Spangler

The Spangler Family by Barry & Mary Ann Spangler

Peter & Ann Ladika by Joanne Thomas

Donald & Sophia Thomas by Joanne Thomas

Robert & Virginia When by Michael & Ann Pierce

Ralph & Barb Pierce by Michael & Ann Pierce

Mildred Facciani by Rob Facciani

Deceased Members of the Stoker Family by Sara Wieczorek

Deceased Members of the Wieczorek Family by Sara Wieczorek

Mildred Gore by James & Cheryl Macy

Audrey Macy by James & Cheryl Macy

Ann Swelfer by Louis Swelfer

Beverly Shaw by Stacy Varner

Chris Shaw by Stacy Varner

Regina Steiner by Stacy Varner

Ken Smith by Stacy Varner

Mary Costlow by Mary Anne Davis

Clair Costlow by Mary Anne Davis

Michael Davis by Mary Anne Davis

The Powers Family by Patricia Powers

The English Family by Patricia Powers

Tom & Cecelia Mihalich by Arvid & Theresa Carlson

Roland & Mary Carlson by Arvid & Theresa Carlson

John Verchick by Arvid & Theresa Carlson

William & Anna Myers by William & Angela Myers

Francis Andrykovitch by Michael Andrykovitch

Ed Myers by Karen Myers

Richard & Grace Hautz by Karen Myers

Mr. & Mrs. John Glovany by Paul Glovany

Ann Blazosky by Paul Glovany

John Musilek by Paul Glovany

Carlos Diaz by Paul Glovany

Louis & Levia Kuhar by Anita Lorek

Walter M. Lorek by Anita Lorek

Walter S. & Marge Lorek by Anita Lorek

Deceased Members of Stoker & Gallaher Families by Wayne & Helen Gallaher

Mr. & Mrs. Michael Cononie by Michael & Lucia Ann Brezovec

Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Brezovec by Michael & Lucia Ann Brezovec

Mr. & Mrs. John Lidonnice by Michael & Lucia Ann Brezovec

Mr. & Mrs. Larry Lucas by Michael & Lucia Ann Brezovec

Tony Smay by Kathleen Smay

John & Nora Ripper by Jeffry & Carol Schofield

Josh Faher by Mom & Dad

Steve Faher by Cathy & Joe Faher

Deceased Members of Shay & Faher Families by Cathy & Joe Faher

Marcella Bridge by Christine Rose

Dan Bridge by Christine Rose

Howard Rose Jr. by Christine Rose

Mr. & Mrs. Pete Parisi by Joseph & Karen Parisi

Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Spanogle by Joseph & Karen Parisi

Paul Susko by Joseph & Karen Parisi

Mary Zangaglia by Joseph & Karen Parisi

Ben, Abe & Margaret Reid by Sondre Lee Harteis

Ruth & Lawrence Harteis by Sondre Lee Harteis

George & Ethel Bemesderfer by Sondre Lee Harteis

Jean and Andrew Papcunik by Ryan Papcunik

Janice Papcunik by Ryan Papcunik

Dick & Tina Jerome by Ryan Papcunik

Pauline & Andy Yamber by Ryan Papcunik

William Frampton by Jenna Frampton

Sam & Emma Sunseri by Jenna Frampton

Pappy Frampton by Jenna Frampton

The Rhoads Family by Nicholas & Sally Kolar

The Kolar Family by Nicholas & Sally Kolar

Mr. & Mrs. Martin Sholtis by Arnold & Marie Bernard

Peter Bernard Sr. by Arnold & Marie Bernard

Dominick & Virginia Sacerino by John Sacerino

Arthur & Ruth Simmons by John Sacerino

The Docherty & Bosak Families by Michael & Janice Docherty

Frank & Margaret Snyder by Paul & Susan Snyder

Harry & Agnes Noon by Paul & Susan Snyder

Deceased Members of Johnson & Snyder Families by Paul & Susan Snyder

Deceased Members of Petrunak & Noon Families by Paul & Susan Snyder

Olszewski & Habas Families by Robert & Joan Oshaben

Oshaben & Luberto Families by Robert & Joan Oshaben

Ron Richards by Michelle Richards

Kayleigh Tallyen by Michelle Richards

Rene Truscello by Michelle Richards

Louis & Veronica Nagy by Louis & Susan Nagy

Victor & Margaret Balog by Louis & Susan Nagy

Betty Strugala by Karen Stohon

Alan Myers by Karen Stohon

Thelma Noel by Karen Stohon

Robert & Clementine Shirey by Terrence & Ida Mikula

John & Veronica Mikula by Terrence & Ida Mikula

Janet Smith by Reba Vasas

Charles Vasas by Reba Vasas

Boniface & Charlotte Smith by Reba Vasas

Philip Hillegas by Reba Vasas

Michael & Elizabeth Vasas by Reba Vasas

Our Grandparents by Matthew & Laura Docherty

Theresa Sager by Matthew & Laura Docherty

Ann Marie Blazosky by Susan Blazosky

Carlos Diaz by Susan Blazosky

Michael & Mary Blazosky by Susan Blazosky

John & Clara Glovany by Susan Blazosky

Deceased Members of the Peracchino & Belfiglio Families by Shirley Walls

Deceased Members of the Walls Family by Shirley Walls

Michael & Rose Chalan by daughter, Pauline Minor & family

Samuel & Margaret Minor by son, Nicholas Minor & family

Our brothers & sisters by Nicholas & Pauline Minor

Flossie by Pauline

Jeanne by Pauline

Mr. & Mrs. George Kasic by Herbert & Helen Pelkey

Rose Bambino by Anthony & Sandy Bambino

William Stanko by Anthony & Sandy Bambino

Fred Cook by Anthony & Sandy Bambino

Blanche Michaels by Anthony & Sandy Bambino

Joseph & Antoinette Evanchick by Dennis & Veronica Richards

Harry & Bertha Richards by Dennis & Veronica Richards

Ron Richards by Dennis & Veronica Richards

Deceased Classmates of Adams-Summerhill Class of 1962 by Dennis & Veronica Richards

Andrew & Helen Dupnock by Frank & Deborah Dupnock

Judie Jarvie by Frank & Deborah Dupnock

Michael Bertolino by Frank & Deborah Dupnock

Roy & Ida Blough by Frank & Deborah Dupnock

Julia Vandzura by Theresa Arena

Tom Vandzura by Theresa Arena

John Vandzura by Theresa Arena

Vince Arena by Theresa Arena

Helen Krisko by John & Sheila Leppado

Mary Leppado by John & Sheila Leppado

Carter Robinson by John & Sheila Leppado

Ted Zajdel by David & Sarah Zajdel

Donna Reuscher by David & Sarah Zajdel

Conrad Reuscher by David & Sarah Zajdel

Edward & Margaret Yanzetich by Catherine Yanzetich

Deceased Members of Evan & Luba Yanzetich Family by Catherine Yanzetich

Mucker Family by Paul & Carole Mucker

Franchic Family by Paul & Carole Mucker

Fran & Henry Zakraysek by Karen Zakraysek

John & Nora Ripper by Annette Kensinger

My Dad, Ed Myers by Brenda

Jacob Kundrod by Mom, Dad, Madison, Garrett, & Carson

Raymond & Rose Single by Marian Single

Donald Glenn Mack by Jean Rearick

Mabel Dixon by Jean Rearick

Joan Mack by Jean Rearick

Walter M. Lorek by Jeannine & Rick Roberts

John Progar by Bev & Family

Ann Marie Swelfer by granddaughter Jenna Weis

Ann Marie Swelfer by Diane & Brian Weis

Ann Marie Swelfer by grandson Jeremy Weis

David & Joseph Lehman by Michael & Linda Caddy

Charles & Geraldine Caddy by Michael & Linda Caddy

Bernard & Christine Grivensky by Michael & Linda Caddy

Albert & Katherine Demko by Camillus & Betty Long

Albert & Clara Long by Camillus & Betty Long

Mark Gregorski by Daniel & Patricia Brown

Henry & Gladys Brennan by Daniel & Patricia Brown

Mr. & Mrs. Leo Brown & Claudia by Daniel & Patricia Brown

Mary Kadinger by Daniel & Patricia Brown

Viola Mutch by Donald & Marie Plummer

Jane Plummer by Donald & Marie Plummer

Carmella Bellvia by Donald & Marie Plummer

Jim & Helen McCall by Rod, Karen, Kristen, Evan & Dylan Kundrod

Irene Hribar by Frank Hribar

Mary Hribar by Frank Hribar

Frank Hribar by Frank Hribar

Irene Smith by Frank Hribar

Leo Smith by Frank Hribar

Rich Kenda by Kenda Family

Michael J. Gdula Family by Kenda Family

David Gdula by Nancy Kenda

Mike & Ces Smiach by Michael & Patricia Gdula

Mike & Kay Gdula by Michael & Patricia Gdula

Rich Kenda by Michael & Patricia Gdula

Tony Smay by Michael & Patricia Gdula

Peter & Mary Ann Poldiak by John & Susan Poldiak

George & Jeanne Borenish by John & Susan Poldiak

Deceased Members of the Leonard Jasiecki Family by John & Susan Poldiak

Albert & Katherine Demko by Galen & Lori George

Albert & Clara Long by Galen & Lori George

Paul & Violet Cummings by Galen & Lori George

Chester & Margaret George by Galen & Lori George

Ed & Kitty Yakicic by Martin & Tracy Yakicic

Shelly McMillan by Martin & Tracy Yakicic

Fremont & Dorothy Thomas by Lawrence & Suellen Kush

Andrew & Valeria Kush by Lawrence & Suellen Kush

Ernest & Ann Knobloch by David & Edith Knobloch

Joe & Pauline Stumpo by David & Edith Knobloch

Thelma Popp by David & Edith Knobloch

Dan & Carole Leonard (Mom & Dad) by Timothy & Carole Kakabar

Aunt Rita & Uncle Les Martin by Timothy & Carole Kakabar

Mae Austin (Grandma) by Timothy & Carole Kakabar

Harold & Rita Sills (A & Pop Pop) by Timothy & Carole Kakabar

Aloysius Neff by Grandchildren: Emma, Rachel, Julia, Andrew, & Tyler

Pete Parisi by Pete Parisi

Violet Parisi by Pete Parisi

Rock Family by Agnes Zibura

John Zibura & Z. Family by Agnes Zibura

Bruno & Elvida Bovino by Great Grandchildren: Emma, Rachel, Julia,

Andrew, Tyler, Shawn & Elizabeth

Linda Bovino by sisters, Louise Neff & Joyce Suckenik

Mary Anne Daniels by husband, Joe

Deceased Members of the Blozevich & Pristow Families by Matilda Blozevich

Mary & Stanley Zybura Family by Sara Zybura

Deceased Members of Stridinger & Yanzetich Families by Susan Yanzetich

Deceased Members of Selepak & Yanzetich Families by Dolores & Evan J. Yanzetich

Irene Hribar by Tony & Marri Hribar

Ed & Joyce Andrykovitch by Tony & Marri Hribar

Our Grandparents by Tony & Marri Hribar

Terry McClemens by Kathy McClemens

Korey Welsh by Kathy McClemens

Granny & Pappy Pcola by Andrew Martin

My sister Adrienne by Andrew Martin

IN HONOR OF:

U.S. Military & their Families by Michael & Linda Caddy

Nancy Edminston by Martin & Tracy Yakicic

Ron & Joanne Thomas by Martin & Tracy Yakicic

DONATIONS:

William & Dee Kostan

Matilda Blozevich

Adam Bambino

Alex Bambino

Mark Bambino

Robert Bambino

Veronica Smith

James Shirdon Jr.

Eileen Zibura

Mary Ann Peretin DeRosa

Michael & Jennifer Steele

Elizabeth Zajdel

Kathy Kalicky

John & Bonnie Bizzarri

Joseph Daniels

Charlotte Debias

David Brown

Edna Mae Cook

Thank you to everyone who donated to our Holiday Flowers.

We will use any extra monies to provide flowers in the church throughout 2022.

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A charming story is told of Pepita, a poor Mexican girl who had no gift to present the Christ Child at Christmas Eve Services. As Pepita walked slowly to the chapel with her cousin Pedro, her heart was filled with sadness rather than joy.

"I am sure, Pepita, that even the most humble gift, if given in love, will be acceptable in His eyes," said Pedro consolingly.

Not knowing what else to do, Pepita knelt by the roadside and gathered a handful of common weeds, fashioning them into a small bouquet. Looking at the scraggly bunch of weeds, she felt more saddened and embarrassed than ever by the humbleness of her offering. She fought back a tear as she entered the small village chapel.

As she approached the altar, she remembered Pedro's kind words: "Even the most humble gift, if given in love, will be acceptable in His eyes." She felt her spirit lift as she knelt to lay the bouquet at the foot of the nativity scene. Suddenly, the bouquet of weeds burst into blooms of brilliant red, and all who saw them were certain that they had witnessed a Christmas miracle right before their eyes.

From that day on, the bright red flowers were known as the Flores de Noche Buena, or Flowers of the Holy Night, for they bloomed each year during the Christmas season.

Today, the common name for this plant is the poinsettia!

The shape of the poinsettia flower and leaves are sometimes thought as a symbol of the Star of Bethlehem which led the Wise Men to Jesus. The red colored leaves symbolize the blood of Christ. The white leaves represent his purity.

Sunday, December 26 Mass ~ 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Confessions / 7:30 – 7:45 AM & 10:00 - 10:15 AM / Confessional

No HS Religious Education

Monday, December 27 Mass ~ 9:00 AM

Parish Offices Closed

No Sunday Choir Practice

Leadership Team Meeting / Hall Rm. #2 / 6:30 PM

Tuesday, December 28 Mass ~ 9:00 AM

Boy Scout Meeting / 7:30 – 9:00 PM

Wednesday, December 29 Mass ~ 9:00 AM

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NO K – 5 Religious Education

Saturday Choir Practice / 4:30 PM

Friday, December 31 Mass ~ 9:00 AM

New Year’s Eve

Parish Offices Closed

Saturday, January 1 Mass ~ Noon / Solemnity of Mary (Not a Holy Day of Obligation)

Mass ~ 4:00 PM / Vigil for Sunday, December 26th Mass

Confessions / 3:30 – 3:45 PM / Confessional

UPCOMING EVENTS

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January 6 & 7 No Daily Mass

January 8 & 9 Second Sunday Food Pantry Collection

January 9 Holy Name Society Meeting

Coffee & Donuts / After 8 AM Mass

Monroe Jean Glessner Baptism / After 10:30 AM Mass

Girl Scout Cookie Sale

ECHOES OF A POLISH CHRISTMAS ~ All Saints Parish in Boswell will host their annual singing of Polish Christmas Carols (known as Koledy) on Sunday, January 2nd at 2:00 PM at their church in Boswell (325 Quemahoning St. ). Following the singing there will be Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Whether you are Polish or not, please come and experience these time-honored hymns celebrating the birth of Christ.

JEWELRY RAFFLE ~Saturday, January 15th, 2022 at New Germany Hall, 1635 New Germany Rd, Summerhill. Door ticket includes: Admission, Meal, Dessert & Drinks. Over $7,500 in Jewelry & Accessories to be chanced off from door tickets. Grand Prize: $1,000 Jewelry shopping spree at Gold Rush Diamonds & Boutique. Doors open 5 PM. 1st drawing at 6 PM. Need not be present to win. For tickets contact Becky: 814-495-9594.