



**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**Saturday, December 9**

**Retirement Fndd for the Religious**

4 – 5 PM – Confessions

5:30 PM – Anne McKim

**Sunday, December 10**

8:00 AM – Gerald & Irene Pfaff

10:30 AM – People of the Parish

**7:00 PM - Parish Mission Begin**

**Monday – December 11**

8:00 AM – John M. Clabaugh Jr.

**6:00 PM – 8:00 PM – Parish Mission**

**Tuesday, December 12**

8:00 AM – Peter & Gertrude Gouker

**6:00 PM – 8:00 PM – Parish Mission**

**Wednesday, December 13**

7:00 PM – Holy Souls in Purgatory

**5:00 PM – 8:00 PM – Closing of Parish Mission**

**Thursday, December 14**

8:00 AM – Carroll & Agnes Storm

7:00 – 8:00 PM – Adoration

**Friday, December 15**

8:00 AM – Ryan Weaver

**Saturday, December 16**

8:00 AM – Marie Kuhn

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**Saturday, December 16**

4 – 5 PM – Confessions

5:30 PM – Carol Hughes

**Sunday, December 17**

8:00 AM – Raymond Storm

10:30 AM – People of the Parish

**Help religious communities.** “Your generous contribution helps us to care for our retired sisters and enables our younger sisters to continue in active ministry,” writes a religious sister. Your gift to today’s collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for thousands of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders.

**ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER CHURCH  
MISSION STATEMENT**

We, the members of this Christian Catholic Community of St. Joseph the Worker Church in Bonneauville, Pennsylvania, endeavor to live the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ and practice the teachings of that same Gospel in our worship, our beliefs, what we learn, and the way in which we serve others.

As a Catholic Community of Faith, Hope, & Love, we invite others to join us in our goal of renewal, and welcome them into our gospel fellowship.

**IS ANYONE SICK AMONG YOU?**

Please notify Fr. Benny or Deacon Weaver of any parishioner admitted to the hospital. If confined at home and desiring to receive Communion, contact Bob Funari at 334-5737 or call the Parish Office. Call the Office to arrange for the Anointing of the Sick.



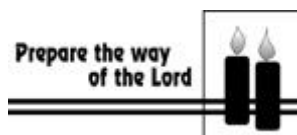
***WE REMEMBER  
IN OUR HEARTS  
AND IN OUR PRAYERS***

Barbara Dinges, Brooke McMaster, Helen P. Weaver, Nancy Defeo, Ambrose Martin, Maureen Johnson, Elizabeth Fetter, Lorena Lamb, Walter Angevine, Tim Clabaugh, Emily Elizabeth Schmidt, Natalie McMaster, Clara M. Redding, Edward Heromin, Robert Strasbaugh, Jayden Ford, Ashley Weishaar, Kathi Barefoot, Fred & Rosalie Schenker, Rick Phillips, Joan Ford, Danielle Gallina, Michael Clabaugh, Andrew Kendris, Rose Weaver, Stacy Welty, and Kerry Chrismer, Barb Orndorff, Julie Eckenrode, Becky Garder, Greta Foster, Janet Staub, David Lambert, Audrey Clabaugh, Mary Zimmerman, and all the rest of our brothers and sisters in need of healing of mind, body and spirit.

Please call the parish office to add a name to our prayer list. Help us to keep our list current by letting us know when we may remove a name.



The adoration is a prayer which prolongs Eucharistic celebration and communion, and in which the soul continues to nourish itself: it is nourished with love, with truth, with peace; it nourished itself with hope, because the One before whom we prostrate does neither judge us, nor humiliates us, but transforms us and makes us free. Pope Benedict. We have an Hour of Adoration each Thursday from 7 PM – 8 PM in our Parish. Please come and join! Let us spend an hour with Our Lord and recite together the Evening Prayer.





## Knights of Columbus

The Knights will be selling Christmas cards and magnets after each Mass in the vestibule of the Church. Boxes are marked with the prices. Your support is greatly appreciated.



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**March 3rd** we will be marking our 5th year as Knights of Columbus in Bonneauville. We will meet for the

Saturday night Mass and then proceed to the Parish Center for a meal, etc. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**March 10** we will hold our night at the races. We will have tickets available shortly. Tickets will be \$10 which includes a hot meal and setups. Both events will be held in the Deacon Weaver Parish Center.



## Members Wanted

The Choir is looking for more voices. Practice for Christmas Midnight Mass will be on Tuesdays Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> at 7PM. Come and raise your voice to the Lord.



**Do you like to sing!** Well, Christmas will be here soon and it is time to start practicing for our

Christmas Pageant and Children's Choir for the Children's Christmas Eve Mass. Practice dates are as follows:

**Monday, Dec. 11** from 7:00 - 8:00 in the parish center

**Monday, Dec. 18** from 7:00 - 8:00 in the church

Possible **EXTRA** practice on **Friday**, Dec. 22 in the church - we can discuss time to see if we can do it in the afternoon? Or we can stick to 7-8.

Christmas Eve Mass: Pageant starts at 5:30 p.m. and Mass starts at 6:00 p.m., so all will have to arrive Christmas Eve in the rectory by **5:00 p.m.**

If you are interested, please contact me at [pmills220@gmail.com](mailto:pmills220@gmail.com) or 717-253-5765.

## **Are you an Aero Energy Customer??**

*Aero Energy has a unique program where it will donate to the parish \$0.03 for every gallon of heating oil or propane you purchase during this heating season. There is NO COST to you – we just need your name and phone number. If you are a customer please contact the parish office and get signed up. If you already signed up you do not need to do so again.*



SAVE THE DATE: The parish will be sponsoring a blood drive on January 16<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 PM to 6:30 PM

**Knights:** At the last meeting, 11/26, the Knights decided they would hold only one meeting for the month of December. This meeting will be held on **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17** at 7 pm in the Deacon Weaver Center. Since we have an upcoming Mission on December 10, 11, 12 and 13, we canceled that meeting so that the members can attend the Mission and of course our other meeting would have been on Christmas Eve.

**'NEW' Extraordinary Ministers:** Have you ever prayerfully considered becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, either to serve at Mass or to visit the sick and homebound (or both)? A training program for 'new' EMHC's, sponsored by the Diocese, will be held at St. Joseph's Catholic Church on Grandview Road, Hanover. The date is Tuesday January 2, 2018, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Deacon Tom Aumen will present the 2-hour program. The EMHC mandate that one receives lasts for 3 years. If you would like to join this beautiful ministry of service, please contact your parish office to arrange for an interview with your pastor, and to fill out the necessary application. All applications must be sent to the Diocese by December 19. May God guide you in your contemplation.

**Retrouaille!** Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse? Are you constantly fighting? Or, do you simply shut down? Have you thought about separation or divorce? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouaille provides marriage help! The next Retrouaille weekend is scheduled for January 12-14, 2018. For more information and to register, please visit [retrouaille.org](http://retrouaille.org) or email [retrouaillehbg@gmail.com](mailto:retrouaillehbg@gmail.com)

## **Annunciation BVM Church Boy Scout Troop.# 107 Christmas Tree Sale**

Sales will begin on Saturday, November 25th at the lot next to 237 Main Street in McSherrystown

Hours of Operation:

Mon-Friday 5PM-8:30pm

Saturday 9AM-9pm

Sunday 11AM-8PM

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent, Cycle B

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11  
Ps 85:9-14  
2 Peter 3:8-14  
Mark 1:1-8

### Monday December 11

Isaiah 35:1-10  
Ps 85:9-14  
Luke 5:17-26

### Tuesday December 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe

Zechariah 2:14-17 or  
Rev. 11:19a;12:1-6a,10ab  
Judith (15:9d)13:18-19  
Luke 1:26-38 or 1:39-47

### Wednesday December 13 St. Lucy

Isaiah 40:25-31  
Ps 103:1-4,8,10  
Matthew 11:28-30

### Thursday December 14 St. John of the Cross

Isaiah 41:13-20  
Ps 145:1,9-13ab  
Matthew 11:11-15

### Friday December 15

Isaiah 48:17-19  
Ps 1:1-4,6  
Matthew 11:16-19

### Saturday December 16

Sirach 48:1-4,9-11  
Ps 80:2ac,3b,15-16,18-19  
Matthew 17:9a,10-13

Prepare for the Lord! for whatever he wants to give us, do for us, and ask of us. He has a plan for our lives, a divine purpose that will bring us to our full potential.

We can only do this by uniting ourselves to Christ, joining him on the straight path, the holy path. How do we know when we are on the right path? By the fruits of the journey.

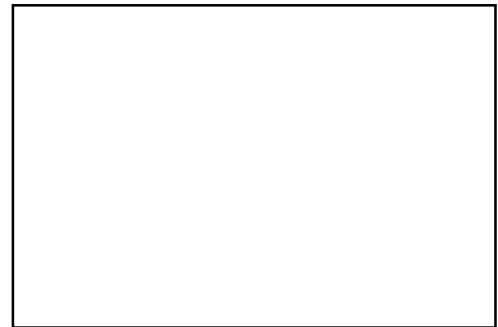
Isaiah says: A voice cries out in the desert! What is barren in your life, and dry, hot, or empty? Sins dry up our potential for fruitfulness.

Advent is a good preparation for Christmas and meeting the Lord anew if we use it to face our sins, reconcile with God, and follow Jesus back onto the holy path. If we neglect this opportunity, our lives will be barren of the strong faith we need during difficulties..

Prepare the way of the Lord! He has more love to give you, more healing, more joy! Make straight in the waste-

land of your sins a highway for our God. Go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation and create a wider road into your heart that's easy for Jesus to travel, a through-way upon which he can arrive in great speed and glory.

All humankind is as frail as grass, and all our glory is like the flower of the field that withers and wilts. Only the glory of God stands forever.



What are your troubles and struggles? Here is where Jesus wants to minister to you, and here is where you are most vulnerable to sin.

What in your life is going well? What activities are you doing that seem productive? Are any of them grassy glories that can wither away? A hundred years from now, will what you're doing today still have an impact a beneficial impact?

God has given you talents and a calling, a special purpose that requires those talents. Yes, you! We are all called to have fruitful lives that make an eternal difference. Jesus wants to come straight to us to produce the fruits of his kingdom in our lives and in others.

Prepare for the Lord to make an eternal difference through you!

### Reflect & Discuss:

1. What are you going to do to straighten a crooked path?
2. What are you spending time on that will wither up and wilt away?
3. How does thinking about eternity straighten the path that you're walking on today? What changes because of this perspective?