

**First Sunday of Advent
November 29, 2020**

Saturday, November 28

St. Charles Borromeo Church
4:00 PM Betty Green (5th Anniversary)

Sunday, November 29 –

St. Vincent Worship Center
8:30 AM Edward and Verna Razzis

St. Charles Borromeo Church
11:00 AM Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hughes Family

Regularly scheduled weekday Masses are in Ashland

St. Anne Chapel is the lower level of our Church.

Mon., November 30

8:30 AM Bernadette Vevasis

Tues., December 1

8:30 AM Ann and Charles Beck

Wed., December 2 –

8:30 AM Elizabeth and Joseph Dougherty

Thurs., December 3 – NO MASS

Fri., December 4 – First Friday

8:30 AM Memorial Society

Saturday, December 5

St. Charles Borromeo Church
4:00 PM Hornung and Kershinsky Families

Sunday, December 6 –

St. Vincent Worship Center
8:30 AM Tommy Ferrari

St. Charles Borromeo Church
11:00 AM Thomas Colihan

Please pray for all our military men and women, our policemen and women, our sick at home and in the hospitals, and nursing homes, and also our deceased brothers and sisters in Christ.



Our **regular** collections at all three of our Masses last weekend amounted to \$3,137.30. The Poverty Relief Collection was \$438.00 and the Christmas Flower Collection was \$656.00. Thank you for your generous donations! May God bless you!

The Vigil Lights burn brightly this week:

- 1) In St. Charles Borromeo Church, in loving memory of Theresa Coreia, from family; 2) In St Vincent Worship Center, in loving memory of Kathleen Sherman, from husband Chuck; 3) In St. Vincent Worship Center, in loving memory of The Michael Willis Family, from family.

Christmas 2021 Schedule

The 2020 Christmas Schedule is listed below. Due to Covid -19 restrictions, there will be three Masses offered on Christmas Eve and one Mass offered on Christmas Day. With that being said, we will be giving out tickets to each Mass based on the maximum capacity allowed in each Church. Tickets are available in the parish office during normal business hours. St. Charles is able to seat 200 and St. Vincent is able to seat 100. We thank you all for your cooperation during this difficult time.

Mass Schedule

St. Charles Christmas Eve: 2:00 PM and 4:00 PM
St. Vincent Christmas Eve: 8:00 PM
St. Charles Christmas Day: 9:00 AM

CCD News

No CCD classes for grades 1 through 7 on November 29th.
Classes will resume on December 6th.

Sunday Missals

There are still Sunday Missals that have not yet been picked up. If you have ordered one in Ashland, please stop by the parish office. For those who have ordered in Girardville, please see Mary Kay. There are also extras if anyone would like one. Thank you!

Homemade Christmas Candy!

The ladies of St. Anne Guild thank EACH and EVERY one of you who purchased the *Christmas candy they made*. All remaining orders can be picked up in the Parish Hall. God Bless YOU!

Mass Book

The new Mass book is now open and is starting to fill up. If you would like to book a Mass or a Vigil Light, please call the Parish Office.



Lottery Calendars

St. Charles Borromeo and St. Joseph the Worker are working together on a joint Lottery Calendar Fundraiser. Lottery Calendars will be available for sale after Masses as well as in the Parish Office, in both Ashland and Frackville. Calendars are \$15 for three months starting on January 1, 2021 and will follow the three-digit PA Lottery evening drawing. For more information, please call the parish office. As always, thank you for your support of our Parish!



We gratefully acknowledge the gift of flowers on the main Altar in St. Charles Borromeo. They are given in memory of Betty Green, from husband Bill.

If anyone has a family member in a nursing home and would like to have a Christmas Card sent to them this holiday season, please contact the Parish Office with their information!

Cemetery 50/50 Update

We would like to thank everyone who takes part in our 50/50 drawing each month. After much discussion, it has been decided December 1st will be the last drawing until April of 2021. The 50/50 will then run from April 2021 to November 2021. Again, thank you for your participation!

Birth Right Giving Tree

Due to Covid-19, it was decided at this time, Birthright will not be having a Giving Tree this year. With that said, they will still be accepting monetary donations and gift cards, which can be mailed directly to them at: Birthright Office, 10 N. Lehigh Ave., Frackville, PA 17931. If you should have any questions, please call 570-874-2621 or 570-874-4307.

Saint Pauline Foundation Annual Christmas Raffle Catholic Charities Pregnancy and Parenting Support

We will be taking up a collection of baby items in support of Catholic Charities. You can drop off items in the back of the church or at the Parish Office. Due to Covid-19, they are suggesting gifts cards as a better option for those concerned. If you decide to purchase a gift card, please place in the collection baskets or drop off at the Parish Office. Thank you for your generosity.

Holy Family Parish Chicken Pot Pie and Bake Sale

When: Tuesday, December 29th

Time: 3:00 – 6:00 PM Pick up – Take out only!

Where: Holy Family Parish Office and Religious Education Center – 538 Sunbury St, Minersville

For Information: Please call Debbie at 570-617-2174 on or before December 19th to place your orders.

Pot Pie Advance Sale Only



Decorating the Church for Christmas will be on December 21st, starting at 1 PM. Everyone is welcome to help!

****REMINDER****

St. Charles Borromeo "Text Alerts"

With the upcoming Winter Season, St. Charles want to send out a reminder to be added to the St. Charles Borromeo's "Text Alerts". Please text @acb3gga to 81010. This will be a great way to keep up on Mass cancellations or changes. If anyone has any questions regarding the Alerts, please do not hesitate to call the Parish Office. Thank you!

Upcoming Activities

Thursday, December 17 – The Ashland Food pantry is held today from Noon to 2 PM at Good Shepherd Church, N. 9th Street in Ashland.

Monday, December 21 – The Knights of Columbus will meet at 6:00 PM in the upper hall of the Parish Center.

Monday, December 21 – Decorating for Christmas will begin at 1 PM. All are welcome to help!

Homeschool Mass

Homeschool Families of the Diocese of Allentown are invited to an "Advent virtual gathering" on **Sunday, December 13 at 7:00pm**. We will join together for prayer, a short talk, and an opportunity for discussion. To participate, please email Father Kevin Bobbin, Chaplain to the Homeschool Community (kbobbin@allentowndiocese.org) before December 13 to receive the Zoom invitation.



God's Call to Be AN ALTAR SERVER!

If your child wants to serve during Mass, we would welcome this new experience. Your child must have already received First Holy Communion. Contact the Parish Office at (570) 875-1521 if your child would like to become a server to enhance our Mass times.

There will be a Special Second Collection, at all Masses, December 12th and 13th for the Retired Religious.



Advent Prayer

Father, all-powerful God, Your eternal Word took flesh on our earth when the Virgin Mary placed her life at the service of Your plan. Lift our minds in watchful hope to hear the voice which announces His glory, and open our minds to receive the Spirit who prepares us for His coming. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

