

CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT

114 Lindberg Avenue
Johnstown, Pennsylvania 15905
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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 9:30 AM

DAILY MASS

Consult Liturgical Schedule

Rev. William E. Rosenbaum, Pastor

Mandy Vigna, DRE

Suzie Catanese, Parish Secretary

Richard VonSchlichten

St Clement Food Pantry, (814) 255-2200

PARISH MEMBERSHIP - New members are always welcome! Please call the Rectory Office if you wish to join St. Clement Church. Current members are asked to notify the Rectory Office with any changes in address or phone numbers



RECONCILIATION - Saturday - 3:00 PM

BAPTISM - Call Rectory Office to register for Parents' Program prior to Baptism.

MARRIAGES - Call Rectory Office at least nine months in advance to arrange.

R.C.I.A. - Call Rectory if you are interested in becoming a Catholic.

E-MAIL - stclementchurch@atlanticbb.net

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(814) 536-8991

THE CLEMENTIAN DECEMBER 15, 2024



Jumpstarting Jubilee 2025 – Advent Joy

The third candle of Advent symbolizes Joy. Jubilee joy comes from our journey toward the fullness of God's Kingdom. The upcoming Holy Year offers occasions for this through opportunities for pilgrimage and through communal liturgies. On December 29, 2024, Bishop Mark will open the Jubilee here in the diocese with a special Mass at 2 PM in the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Readings for next weekend, December 21 & 22: Micah 5:1-4/Hebrews 10:5-10/Luke 1:39-45
Worship Book #777

DAILY MASS READINGS

Mon 12/16 Numbers 24:2-17/Matthew 21:23-27
Tue 12/17 Genesis 49:2-10/Matthew 1:1-17
Wed 12/18 Jeremiah 23:5-8/Matthew 1:18-25
Thur 12/19 Judges 13:2-25/Luke 1:5-25
Fri 12/20 Isaiah 7:10-14/Luke 1:26-38
Sat 12/21 Song of Songs 2:8-14/Luke 1:39-45



CALENDAR WINNERS

Dec 04—Ben Bogus, #091
Dec 05—Ed Pavlosky, #453
Dec 06—Josephine Carpenter, #222
Dec 07—Maria Witkosky, #314
Dec 08—Tim Reitz, #329
Dec 09—Richard Von Schlichten, #355
Dec 10—Patricia Carnell, #717
Dec 11—Diane Bullock, #903

UNSOLD CALENDARS

Please return any **UNSOLD 2025** calendars to the Rectory Office ASAP. Thank you!

ST. CLEMENT CHURCH FINANCIAL INFORMATION NOVEMBER 2024 Fiscal Year to date

Cash Received:	\$ 43,466	\$205,757
Expenses Paid:	<u>31,402</u>	<u>216,694</u>
Cash Received Over (Under)		
Expenses Paid:	\$ 12,064	\$(10,937)

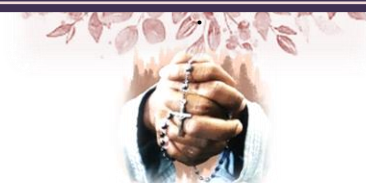


Let us pray for the Holy Land.

O Merciful God, shield Israel and its people. Grant them peace and protection from harm. Lead their leaders with wisdom and their defenders with strength. Bless the land with harmony and let love conquer discord. Amen.

PRAYER NETWORK CONTACT—

Dr. Judith Thomas – 814-535-4747
thomasangelight@gmail.com



Pray the Rosary!

TODAY'S GOSPEL REFLECTION— Third Sunday of Advent



"Rejoice in the Lord always, I shall say it again, rejoice!"
We have arrived at Gaudete Sunday (Gaudete is the Latin word for 'rejoice') on this Third

Week of Advent, and the Scriptures take on a joyful tone as we continue our preparations for the feast of our Savior's birth and ultimately for His Second Coming. As the great feast of Christmas draws near, let us rejoice in Christ's extravagant love. Let's avail ourselves of the peace He longs to give us. And let's look carefully at our lives to make sure we are indeed making of them a gift fitting for Him. When we get this 'gift' right, all the other gifts and to-dos on our Christmas list will fall into their proper place.



2024-2025

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Joe Brawley	814-288-7265
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Laurie Sonoski	814-243-2636
Mandy Vigna	814-659-9178
JoAnn Wade	814-421-5669
Julie Wagner	814-241-6497

Marriage: May God help us prepare the way of the Lord by acting with tenderness and compassion, especially toward the most vulnerable among us.

Life Matters: We pray to the Lord for all victims of human trafficking. May they find hope and healing in the Lord who proclaims liberty to captives and release to prisoners.



ST. CLEMENT CHURCH CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 21

Confessions – 3:00 PM

(Last Confessions before Christmas)

Tuesday, December 24 – Christmas Eve

3:30 PM – Christmas Carols by Choir

4:00 PM – Christmas Vigil Mass

9:00 PM – Christmas Mass at Night

Wednesday, December 25 – Christmas Day

9:15 AM – Christmas Carols by Choir

9:30 AM – Christmas Day Mass

Thursday, December 26

NO Morning Mass

Tues, December 31 – Vigil - Solemnity of Mary

4:00 PM – Mass

Wednesday, January 1 – Solemnity of Mary

9:30 AM – Mass



SACRISTAN NEEDED

You might not be aware of it, but there is a dedicated, behind-the-scenes team of parishioners who launder, iron, and fold the altar linens on a regular basis. **We are currently looking for someone to fill an open position for the months of May and November.** If you are looking for an "in-home" ministry where you can quietly contribute to the care of the Lord's Table and make your own hours, this ministry is for you! Please consider this humble but very important ministry. If you would like to volunteer or if you have any questions, please call the Rectory Office @ 255-4422 or email Suzie – stclementchurch@atlanticbb.net.

LIFTING SPIRITS FOR CHRISTMAS



If you are looking for a way to spread some Christmas cheer, please consider adding the names of our nursing

home and homebound parishioners to your Christmas Card List this year. **A list of names and addresses can be found at all entrances to the Church.** Feel free to use some of the cards from the basket in the vestibule which have been donated for your use.



On Christmas Eve, Pope Francis will open the Holy Door of Saint Peter's Basilica to a Jubilee Year for the Universal Catholic Church! To open the jubilee locally, he has decreed that "Masses

should be celebrated at Cathedrals around the world on the Feast of the Holy Family. " Therefore, you are cordially invited to attend Mass at **2:00 PM Sunday, December 29**, at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona. Bishop Mark will be presiding with Diocesan priests as concelebrants. All are welcome to attend. After Mass, everyone is invited to the Cathedral Hall for refreshments and to view "Expressions of Hope" art, poetry and photos. Please R.S.V.P. to the rectory by December 16.



Our next Theology on Tap is **December 18th** at 6 PM at the Boulevard Grill with Deacon Rick Messina speaking on The Holy Family and Catholic Family Life. Our group is also Christmas Caroling at Hilltop Heights Health & Rehab Center on **December 21st** at 1 PM. All young adults aged 18-39 are welcome to join us for faith, food, and fellowship! Thank you for your support and please continue spreading the word to young adults! For more information contact Geoffrey Stumpo at (814) 659-7415 or geoffstumpo@gmail.com.



An Advent of Christmas Concert will be held at 7:30 PM, **Saturday, December 21st** at St. John Gualbert Cathedral. The program will feature the Greater Johnstown Diocesan Festival Choir and Bishop McCort Academy Chorale. The choral groups will be accompanied by our own St. John Gualbert Cathedral Chamber Ensemble. Admission is free and open to the public. A free-will offering will be taken.



This Christmas

This Christmas, mend a quarrel.
Seek out a forgotten friend.

Dismiss suspicion, and
replace it with trust.

Write a love letter. Share some treasure.

Give a soft answer. Encourage youth.

Manifest your loyalty in word and deed.

Keep a promise. Find the time.

Forgo a grudge. Forgive an enemy.

Listen.

Apologize if you were wrong.

Try to understand.

Disregard envy. Examine your
demands on others.

Think first of someone else. Appreciate.

Be kind; be gentle. Laugh a little.

Laugh a little more.

Deserve confidence.

Take up arms against malice.

Decry complacency.

Express your gratitude.

Go to church. Welcome a stranger.

Gladden the heart of a child.

Take pleasure in the beauty and

Wonder of the earth.

Speak your love. Speak it again.

Speak it still once again.



As you ready your hearts and homes for the birth of Jesus, please take a moment to remember the following members and friends of our St. Clement Parish Family who are “home” for Christmas.

First Christmas in Heaven





*While many people look forward to yearly holiday traditions and gatherings with family and friends, Christmas, particularly the first one after losing a loved one, can be an especially difficult time for those who are grieving. If you have experienced the loss of someone special in your life, either recently, or long ago, the poem **Christmas in Heaven** is for you. May it bring you comfort and open your heart to this season of hope, joy, peace, anticipation and, most of all, love.*

1st Christmas in Heaven



I see the countless Christmas trees throughout the world below,
With tiny lights like Heaven's stars, reflecting on the snow.
The sight is quite spectacular, so you need not shed a tear,
For I am spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.

I hear the many Christmas songs that people hold so dear,
But they simply can't compete with the Angel choir here.
I have no words to tell you, the joy their voices bring;
For it is beyond description to hear the angels sing.

I know how much you miss me; I see the pain inside your heart.
But I am not so far away; we really are not apart.
So be happy for me dear ones, you know I hold you dear.
And be glad I'm spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.

Please love and keep each other, as my Father said to do.
For I cannot count the blessings or the love He has for you.
So, have a joyous Christmas and wipe away that tear.

Remember...

I am spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.



LITURGICAL SCHEDULE AND APPOINTMENTS

SCHEDULE	MASS SCHEDULE	ALTAR SERVER(S)	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)	LECTOR(S) CANTOR ORGANIST	HOSPITALITY MINISTERS
MONDAY 16-Dec 8:00 AM	ADVENT WEEKDAY The Unborn Child, Req. by Anonymous	Ed Serafin	Mary Koval	Marsha Critchfield	
TUESDAY 17-Dec 8:00 AM	LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY Anniversary Remembrance for Audrey Legath, Req. by Jeff & Karen Wood	Ed Serafin	Andrea Riek	John Pattison	
WEDNESDAY 18-Dec	LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY NO MASS				
THURSDAY 19-Dec 8:00 AM	LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY Sadosky & Cortes Families, Req. by Isabel Sadosky	Ed Serafin	Terri Connor	Mary Koval	
FRIDAY 20-Dec	LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY NO MASS				
SATURDAY 21-Dec 4:00 PM	ANTICIPATED SUNDAY MASS Jacob & Anna Mraz, Req. by Daughter-in-Law and Family	Stephen Sanders Ed Serafin	Sharon Mock - MC Michael O'Connor - MC Chris Hohrun - MH Betsy Reitz - MH Joyce Sager - FH Linda Rigo - FC Kathy Williams - FC	Maria Sanders R Von Schlichten Emilie Polenik Roselyn Marovich	Sally Drager Charlie Hagins Pete Hohrun Josie McVicker Bonnie Pavlosky Frank Rovder
SUNDAY 22-Dec 9:30 AM	4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT Tony Battaline, Req. by Wife, Mary	Dominic Facciani Kennedy Faight	Mandy Vigna - MC Julie Wagner - MC Bill Riner - MH Diane Riner - MH Chris Bowser - FH Karen Harnish - FC Deanna Kelley - FC	Pam Gehlmann Dan Gehlmann Dave Zern Bryan Bazyk	Pat Butler Bruce Eash Nanci Gaborek Ron Konicky Butch Park Dave Vranich Allen Wright

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