

CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT

114 Lindberg Avenue
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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 Von Schlichten

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.

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THE CLEMENTIAN

DECEMBER 8, 2024

Second Sunday of Advent



Jumpstarting Jubilee 2025 – Advent Peace

The second Advent candle symbolizes peace. The Jubilee Year is meant to be a time of Sabbath rest, reconciliation, and peace. Pope Francis encourages us during this time to be reconciled to God and one another. The Jubilee Year allows us to do this through opportunities for sacramental confession and the gaining of indulgences (“eased purgation from sin”) offered throughout the year. May you come to know the Jubilee “Prince of Peace.”

Readings for next weekend, December 14 & 15: Zephaniah 3:14-18/Philippians 4:4-7/Luke 3:10-18
Worship Book #774

DAILY MASS READINGS

Mon 12/09 Genesis 3:9-20/Eph 1:3-12/Luke 1:26-38
Tue 12/10 Isaiah 40:1-11/Matthew 18:12-14
Wed 12/11 Isaiah 40:25-31/Matthew 11:28-30
Thur 12/12 Zechariah 2:14-17/Luke 1:26-38
Fri 12/13 Isaiah 48:17-19/Matthew 11:16-19
Sat 12/14 Sirach 48:1-11/Matthew 17:9a-13

ST. CLEMENT CHURCH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

	<u>OCTOBER 2024</u>	<u>Fiscal Year</u> <u>to date</u>
Cash Received:	\$ 42,180	\$162,019
Expenses Paid:	<u>58,159</u>	<u>185,291</u>
Cash Received Over (Under)		
Expenses Paid:	\$ (15,979)	\$ (23,272)



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.



CALENDAR WINNERS

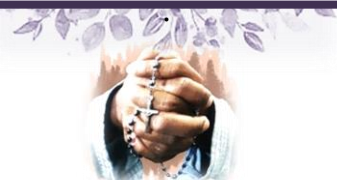
Nov 26—John & Carol Concannon, #359
 Nov 27—Barb Weimer, #650
 Nov 28—Richard Hirsch, #299
 Nov 29—Dave Wilson, #946
 Nov 30—Robbin Hoffman, #564
 Dec 01—Ava Zucco, #361
 Dec 02—Angela Morreale, #315
 Dec 03—Evelyn Haggerty, #740

UNSOLD CALENDARS

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

PRAYER NETWORK CONTACT—

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



Pray the Rosary!

TODAY'S GOSPEL REFLECTION—

Second Sunday of Advent



The readings for the Second Week of Advent offer both encouragement and challenge during this brief but important season of the liturgical year. Recall from last week that the purpose of this season is reflection on and preparation for the two "comings" of Christ – His coming as a baby on the great feast of Christmas, and the anticipation of His second coming at the end of time. This Advent let's turn away from any bad habits or sin that may have crept into our lives and turn our hearts and minds back to Christ. This is what the stewardship way of life is all about – moving ever closer in relationship with Christ and imitation of Him, ready to celebrate His birth, with eyes fixed on eternal life with Him.



2024-2025

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—A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Sunday, December 8th – 4:00 PM

Monday, December 9th – 6:30 PM

ANGEL TREE REMINDER



☦ Please attach the tag
**SECURELY to the outside of
your WRAPPED package.**

☦ Place the gift under the
Angel Tree by **this Sunday,
December 8th.**

☦ Questions? Call **Andrea Riek @
255-3147.**



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.



AN INSPIRING CHRISTMAS TRADITION FROM EASTERN EUROPE



Oplatki is available for purchase at the scrip table in the vestibule after the weekend Masses.

We are asking for a donation of \$2.00.



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.



We invite you to experience the gift of God's loving forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation **THIS Tuesday, December 10th from 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM.** Several priests will be present to celebrate the Sacrament by hearing confessions and sharing Jesus' forgiveness. We hope you will take advantage of this special opportunity to prepare the "manger" of your heart for the birth of Jesus.

"It is not too late to make a fresh start with God."



PUBLIC ROSARY

Lifting our prayers for

KEEPING CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

THIS THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12TH

6:30 PM

St. Clement Church



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14TH

11:30 AM

(note time change)

Central Park, Downtown Johnstown



PEACE ON EARTH: AN ADVENT CELEBRATION



Join us for an evening of music and worship with Award Winning Catholic Artist,
TAYLOR TRIPODI
THIS Wednesday, December 11th
6:30 PM

St. Clement Church

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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 13.

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During the month of December, *from the heart* will take a back seat to the many charities seeking donations during the Christmas season. Let us pray:

Heavenly Provider, as we prepare to commemorate the birth of the ultimate Gift, we inspire to share our blessings generously. May we give freely and joyfully, remembering that You first gave us Your Son. Let our acts of giving reflect Your abundant love and grace, and may our generosity make a difference in the lives of others. Amen.



OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY....

St. Clement Parish offers our sympathy to **John & Theresa Golias on the death of Theresa's sister, Dolores Hoover.** Please keep them in your prayers.



Thank you to the Shadow Stations crew who presented a beautiful spiritual service last Sunday as we began Advent. Your witness to your faith was deeply appreciated. Thank you, also, to all who joined them in praying the Stations—may you be blessed for the time you spent with our God. Our video is now ready for viewing on our website and YouTube channel. <https://stclementjohnstown.org/stations-of-the-crib-2024/> Please share!

Marriage: This year, on December 9, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which references Mary's conception in her mother's womb without the stain of Original Sin: An essential part of God's plan for the mother of His Son was that she be conceived free from Original Sin. "Through the centuries, the Church became ever more aware that Mary, "full of grace" through God, was redeemed from the moment of her conception".

Life Matters: On the feast of the Immaculate Conception, we celebrate Mary's conception free from the stain of Original Sin, and we recognize that Mary's life began the moment she was conceived in the womb of St. Anne. So, too, does every human life begin at the moment of fertilization: "You formed my inmost being; you knit me in my mother's womb".



**The Rectory Office
hours for this
Wednesday,
December 11th will
be from 8:00-11:30 AM.**



A THRILL OF HOPE

~A Christmas Musical by Joel Raney~
Westmont Presbyterian Church

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15TH

7:00 PM

Free Admission



**PIZZA HUT "FUN RAISER" DAYS—
THIS TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY,
DECEMBER 10 & 11. PLEASE CUT
OUT THE COUPON BELOW AND
TAKE IT WITH YOU TO PIZZA HUT. THANK YOU
FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

PIZZA HUT "FUN RAISER" DAY

Have Pizza delivered to your home or while you work on our Pizza Hut Fundraiser Day and Pizza Hut will donate **10%** of the sales to St. Clement Church!

Dine-in and carryout count too!

Please present ticket to server or delivery driver.

When: **Tuesday & Wednesday, December 10 & 11**
Time: **11:30 AM – 1:00 PM and 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM**
Where: **Westmont Pizza Hut – 255-4151**



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for unto us a child is born



Dear Parishioner:

My warm and personal greetings to you and your family as we share the blessings of another Nativity celebration.

I am most grateful for all the support and encouragement you have given me throughout the year. It will be a great joy to remember you and your loved ones in my Masses throughout this Christmas Season.

May the Peace and Happiness of Christmas be yours today and throughout the New Year.

Christmas Blessings!

ST. CLEMENT CHURCH

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, December 10

Confessions – 5:00-6:30 PM

Wednesday, December 11

Taylor Tripodi – Peace on Earth—An Advent Celebration – 6:30 PM

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 Mass

Thursday, December 26

NO Morning Mass

Tuesday, December 31 – Vigil –

Solemnity of Mary - 4:00 PM – Mass

Wednesday, January 1 – Solemnity of Mary

9:30 AM – Mass



BLESSING OF A CHRISTMAS CRIB

This little ceremony might begin with family members carrying figures to the stable, or just the figure of the Christ Child.

A parent says:

“Lord, bless this crib we have prepared in remembrance of the birth of Your Son. He chose to be born in a lowly stable because there was no room for Him at the inn. We ask you to bless this crib so it will be a sign of our family’s willingness to allow Him to come into our home this Christmas so it will be a place of love, peace and great joy.”

All: Amen

The crib is then sprinkled with holy water. One of the children might read the Christmas Story in St. Luke’s Gospel and a Christmas Carol may be sung.

Reprinted from the Family Life Office, “Holiday Spirituality in the Home – Thanksgiving to Epiphany.”



LITURGICAL SCHEDULE AND APPOINTMENTS

SCHEDULE	MASS SCHEDULE	ALTAR SERVER(S)	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)	LECTOR(S) CANTOR ORGANIST	HOSPITALITY MINISTERS
MONDAY 9-Dec 6:30 PM	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION ~A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION~ Frank Rizzo, Req. by Donna & Barry Kohr	Chase Gleason Hunter Gleason	Chris Hohrun - FH Bill Riner - FC Diane Riner - FC	Larry Wagner Julie Wagner Vicki Truscello Rosalyn Marovich	Pat Butler Pete Hohrun
TUESDAY 10-Dec 8:00 AM 5:00-6:30 PM	OUR LADY OF LORETO Judy Rzeszutek, Req. by Philip Sapala PENANCE SERVICE	Andrea Riek	Marsha Critchfield	John Pattison	
WEDNESDAY 11-Dec 6:30 PM	ST. DAMASUS I, POPE NO MASS Taylor Tripodi - AN ADVENT CELEBRATION				
THURSDAY 12-Dec 8:00 AM	ADVENT WEEKDAY December Birthday Remembrances for Donald & Margaret Czerak, Req. by Family	Andrea Riek	Mary Koval	Diane Riner	
FRIDAY 13-Dec	ST. LUCY, MARTYR NO MASS				
SATURDAY 14-Dec 4:00 PM	ANTICIPATED SUNDAY MASS Deceased Members of the Gibson Family, Req. by Family	Ruth Morello Nancy Stamlis	Mary Koval - MC Joyce Sager - MC Terri Connor - MH Linda Rigo - MH Ralph Trofino - FH Mary Casto - FC Morgan Casto - FC	Francie Malik Sam Morello Emilie Polenik Rosalyn Marovich	Sally Drager Charlie Hagins Pete Hohrun Josie McVicker Bonnie Pavlosky Frank Rovder
SUNDAY 15-Dec 9:30 AM	3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT Kaye Esaias, Req. by Ed Wojnaroski, Sr.	Alissa Durst Andrea Riek	Karen Harnish - MC Connie Mercik - MC Diane Grasser - MH Julie Wagner - MH Sheri Durst - FH Deanna Kelley - FC John Saracena - FC	Mandy Vigna Marie Kalinyak Larry Wagner Bryan Bazyk	Pat Butler Bruce Eash Nanci Gaborek Ron Konicky Butch Park Dave Vranich Allen Wright

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