

St. Malachy Catholic Church

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November 27, 2016
1st Sunday of Advent



Parish Mission Statement

We, the Parish Family of St. Malachy, guided by the Holy Spirit are committed to continuing the works for Jesus Christ through worship, education and service thereby building the Body of Christ as a community of compassion and love.

REV. JOHN E. HISSRICH
Pastor

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LISA DAVIS
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School Secretary

STEVEN SWANK
Coordinator of Religious Education

Youth Minister
Safe Environment Coordinator

CAROL PFEUFFER
Religious Education Secretary

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS:
Monday thru Friday - 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday thru Thursday - 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
and during Religious Education times

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TIMES:

Sunday K-7 9:15 am - 10:30 am
Sunday 8 6:30 pm - 7:45 pm
Monday 1-7 4:30 pm - 5:45 pm

ADULT CHOIR:

Wednesday - 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

HOLY SACRAMENTS

EUCHARIST:

Mass Schedule:

Monday - Friday 7:15 am Mass
Saturday 4:00 pm (Saturday Evening Vigil)
Sunday 8:00 am and 11:00 am

Eucharistic Adoration (3rd Tuesday) - 1:00 pm to 6:30 pm

RECONCILIATION: Saturday - 3:00 - 3:45 pm and the
First Friday of the Month after 7:15 am Mass.

BAPTISM:

Second and Fourth Sunday each month after 11:00 Mass.

INFANTS:

Please contact the Parish Office three (3) months before the expected birth. First time parents are required to attend Pre-Baptismal instructions.

ADULTS:

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
Those adults desiring to become a Catholic who have never been baptized or were baptized in another faith are invited to the sessions on Mondays in the rectory from 7:00 to 8:30 pm.

MARRIAGE:

By policy of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, couples wishing to marry must contact the parish at least six months before the date of the wedding. No date may be set until the couple meets with the priest.

PARISH PHONE - 412-771-5483 / FAX - 412-331-7312
Hours: Monday-Thursday 8 am to 8 pm; Friday 8 am -4 pm
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ST. MALACHY CHURCH

KENNEDY TOWNSHIP, PA

Mass Schedule

THIS WEEK AT ST. MALACHY

Sunday, Nov. 27 - First Sunday of Advent
 4:00 pm Robert F. Butter, Sr. by Wife & Family
 8:00 am People of the Parish
 11:00 am Guy Rippole by Pam Rippole & Family

Monday, November 28
 7:15 am Andrew & Stella Andrasko by Family

Tuesday, November 29
 7:15 am Fr. Stan Wasek C.P. by Jean & Katalyn

Wed., November. 30 - St. Andrew
 7:15 am Nancy Freeze by Debbie Conners

Thursday, December 1
 7:15 am Hanlon, DeNardo & Mancini Families by Connie

Friday, December 2
 7:15 am Kathleen Phillips by Phillips Family
 8:45 am Louise Muzik by Ambrose Family

Saturday, December 3
 4:00 pm Fred & Julia Langmann & Fred Jr. by Langmann Family

Sunday, December 4 - Second Sunday of Advent
 8:00 am People of the Parish
 11:00 am Arthur Vergenes by Wife, Children & Grandchildren

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28
 6:30 pm Emmanuel Prayer Group - Church
 7:00 pm Bingo - Fr. Weirauch Hall
 7:00 pm RCIA - Parish Meeting Room

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30
 Noon Card Party - Father Weirauch Hall
 7:00 pm Cub Scouts - Classroom

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2
 11:00 am Catholic Scripture Study - Church

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Mon	Dec	5	6:30 pm - Emmanuel Prayer Group - Church
Mon	Dec	5	7:00 pm - Bingo - Father Weirauch Hall
Mon	Dec	5	7:00 pm - RCIA - Parish Meeting Room
Wed	Dec	7	Noon - Card Party - Father Weirauch Hall
Wed	Dec	7	7:00 pm - Cub Scouts - Classroom
Fri	Dec	9	11:00 am - Catholic Scripture Study - Church
Sat	Dec	10	9:00 am - Marian Prayer Group - Church

REST IN PEACE

We remember our beloved dead who recently passed from this earthly life to eternal glory, especially
Daniel Vete
Michelle Parent
 May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. AMEN.

FLOWERS

The flowers at the Holy Family niche this week are in memory of:
Deceased of the Loushil & Glance Families
 by Ed & Doris Glance

We WELCOME all those who enter this Holy place to worship!

PRAY FOR OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN

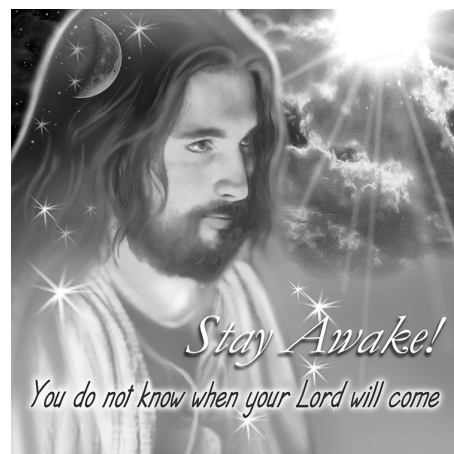
Please pray for: Lisa Aburaad, Brian Breland, James Breslin, Josh Bruchwajski, Ian Donovan, Eric Dudash, William Duffy, Travis Dunham, Mark Finnegan, Edward Glance, Lewis Hess, Chris Holton, Matthew Kost, Spencer Lindsay, Christopher McDermott, James McGregor, Benjamin Macek, Jacob Mammay, Steven Marshall, Jake Mathews, Jeremiah Murphy, Kevin Murphy, Michael Murphy, Nick Obusek, Nicholas Rymniak, C.J. Stangl, Chris Straw, Jeffrey Vittorio, Chris Wasek, Joseph Wasek III, Matthew Zivic

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Amen.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please pray for: Joanie, Patrick Alex, Vincent Barbera, Rita Battaglini, John Bedmar, Ann Borden, Joe Bowler, Esther Burik, Janet Cain, Nancy Calhoon, Charles Campbell, Betty Campalong, Lucia Catanza, Earl Cetto, Margaret Coppler, Ryan Costa, Bev Cummins, Alice Curtolo, Stella Cusano, Jane Davis, Judy Deczkowski, Madeline Deluca, Anya DeFeo, Rene Dewine, Gil Diетeman, Connie Dovich, Tom Drost, Rocky Esposito, Marge Ferraro, Helena Ferro, Jim Finn, Taylor Finn, Linda Garofalo, Cynthia Gilchrist, Frank Gracy, Georgiana Guerra, Bruce Gutt, John Gutt, Lizzie Guzman, Brenna Halbedl, Robert Hodgkiss, John Hopay, Justine Hudak, Elizabeth Jakiel, Victoria M. Jeffrey, Louise Jones, Melissa Jones, Sean Jones, Sue Joseck, Alberta Kale, Ann Kane, Stella Karg, Wasil Karlobski, Bonnie Kempton, Fred Komernitski, Ed Krall Sr., Penny Kramer, Sue Kyle

And for those who request prayers anonymously
Please pray for those who are in the hospitals, nursing homes and the homebound.
May they continue to receive the Lord's blessings.



Diocese Victim Assistance Hotline 1-888-808-1235
www.thecatholicviewforwomen.com
www.diopitt.org
www.priestsforlife.org catholicscomehome.org
www.womenofgrace.com www.rachelsvineyard.org.org
www.helpourmarriage.com

ST. MALACHY PRAY FOR US!

REMEMBER ST. MALACHY IN YOUR WILL!

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of Christ. Preparation, of course, is easier if we have someone to help us. So for my column during these four Sundays of Advent, I would like to reflect on four of the important figures in Scripture who feature prominently in our readings at this time of the year.

First of all, we focus on the prophet Isaiah. When we speak of Isaiah, we are really talking about three different prophets. In the eighth century BC, a prophet named Isaiah, son of Amoz, spoke of God's judgment and the promise that God would send a Savior to the world. His message was so powerful that when another prophet spoke a similar message around two hundred years later, his teachings were simply added as an addendum to the book of Isaiah as chapters 40 through 55. This later prophet's name is lost to history, so scholars simply call him Deutero-Isaiah, or "Second Isaiah." Similarly, the end of the book tells of the teachings of a later prophet known as Trito- ("Third") Isaiah, found in chapters 56-69. These prophets are similar enough that we simply say things like, "The prophet Isaiah said..." All three sections were written at times of trial, and they offer hope in God's promises. In Advent especially, we see that promise of hope as a sign of waiting for the promises of Christ.

Isaiah's prophecies can be a reminder that we celebrate Advent on two levels. Later in the season, when we turn our attention to the coming of Christmas, we will concentrate on such passages as Isaiah 7:14, "the virgin shall be with child, and bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel." Yet in addition to specific prophecies that point to Christ, there is a general air of hope in Isaiah that describes the Kingdom of God. Isaiah promises a world so completely at peace that "the wolf shall be the guest of the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid," along with other such images (Isaiah 11:6). Thinking of our struggles, Isaiah 28:18 says, "On that day the deaf shall hear the words of a book; and out of gloom and darkness, the eyes of the blind shall see." In those passages, Isaiah's promises seem like poetic hyperbole. Yet we read them in Advent as a reminder that we are also awaiting the Second Coming. When Christ returns, we will know the perfect joy of heaven, where there will be no suffering of any kind. Far from being a poetic exaggeration, the words of Isaiah will be barely sufficient to describe the reality.

Finally, Isaiah went beyond other writers of the Old Testament by promising that God would bring Salvation not just to the Jewish people but to the entire world. Isaiah 2:2-3, in today's first reading, says, "In days to come, the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest mountain and raised above the hills. All nations shall stream toward it; many peoples shall come and say: 'Come, let us climb the Lord's mountain, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may instruct us in his ways, and we may walk in his paths.'" So as we begin this season of Advent, we see it as a time of hope, that God's gift of salvation can come to us in ways far beyond anything we can now imagine.

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BE AN ANGEL FOR CHRISTMAS

As Christmas rapidly approaches, there are still many in our community who may not have a Merry Christmas due to financial problems. We can make a difference. Please take an angel from the Angel Trees in the church vestibule, purchase the appropriate gift, wrap it and return the gift, with the angel securely attached. Cash donations can be placed in an envelope marked Angel Tree Gifts which will be used to purchase food certificates and gifts. We ask only new items be donated. Also there is a box near the Angel Trees for a donation for new unwrapped toys. Please return all donated gifts by **Sunday, December 4.**

Pink Yarns - needy children

Blue Yarns - senior citizens

Green Yarns - families in need

Red Yarns - residents of Allegheny Valley School

As you select a gift please remember to pray for that person and thank God for all your blessings, especially His Son. Thank you!

ON MISSION FOR THE CHURCH ALIVE!

A special thanks to all who have participated in parish consultation sessions for **ON MISSION FOR THE CHURCH ALIVE!** The last of 329 meetings being held across our diocese are taking place this week. If you weren't able to attend a parish session, go online at OnMissionChurchAlive.org to watch the videos, download the presentation and take the survey. Together we will be the hands, feet and heart of the Body of Christ serving His people.

FEED THE HUNGRY

Our parish practices this corporal work of mercy by giving nonperishable food items to the Focus on Renewal Food Pantry. Our next collection is the weekend of December 3/4.

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The celebration of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be on Thursday, December 8. This is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass time are as follow:

Wednesday, December 7 - Vigil
4:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 8
7:15 a.m., 12:00 Noon, and 7:00 p.m.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Isaiah 4:2-6; Matthew 8:5-11
 Tuesday: Isaiah 11:1-10; Luke 10:21-24
 Wednesday: Romans 10:9-18; Matthew 4:18-22
 Thursday: Isaiah 26:1-6; Matthew 7:21, 24-27
 Friday: Isaiah 29:17-24; Matthew 9:27-31
 Saturday: Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26; Matthew 9:35, 10:1, 5, 6-8
 Sunday: Isaiah 11:1-10; Romans 15:4-9; Matthew 3:1-12

NORTH POLE EXPRESS ADVENTURE

The Holy Trinity Knights of Columbus will host the North Pole Express Adventure on Friday, December 19. It is a live performance by Stage Right! Company based on the movie *The Polar Express*. Tickets at the door are \$5/person. Hot chocolate and cookies served at 5:30 p.m. Performance begins at 7:00 p.m. For more information call 412-787-3853.

CHRISTMAS DISCERNMENT RETREAT

Fr. Joe Freedy, Fr. Mike Ackerman, Fr. Brian Welding and Fr. Brian Noel will be leading a retreat for men who are seeking to know their vocation and to learn more about discerning a vocation to the Priesthood, from Friday, December 16 at 7:00 p.m. through Sunday, December 18 at 11:00 a.m. at Gilmary Retreat Center. The weekend will include Mass with Bishop Zubik, Adoration, opportunities for Confession, conferences, and solid brotherhood. No cost. Must be 18 or older. Visit www.pghpriest.com to register.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



Religious Education (CCD) classes will not be in session this Sunday, November 27 and Monday, November 28 due to Thanksgiving. Classes will resume on December 4 & 5.

HIGH SCHOOL SILENT RETREAT

God is alive and we believe that He speaks to us. At this men's High School Silent Retreat, we are going to give God the time and space to speak to our hearts about our lives and our vocations. The retreat will be led by Fr. Ackerman and Fr. Freedy at The Arc and The Dove Retreat House, from 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 14 until 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, January 15, 2017. For more information or to register, visit PGHPriest.com. For more information contact Mr. Swank at swankymca@gmail.com or 412-771-7480.

JOURNEY FROM GRIEF TO HEALING

Are you concerned about dealing with grief during the coming holidays? Come join us on a healing journey with input, sharing, and mutual support. Discussions led by Sister Mary Ann Thimons, CSJ who will deal specifically with ways of coping with our loss during the holidays. Discussions held Thursdays, December 1 and 15 from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. at the St. Joseph Spirituality Center - Baden, PA. For more information or to register, call 412-600-3247.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Join the Sisters of St. Joseph, choir members from St. Damien of Molokai, and friends for an "In a Manger Lowly" concert on Sunday, December 4, at 2:00 p.m. in the Sisters' Chapel in Baden. The Advent-Christmas Concert will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Sisters' beloved carol. Concert/reception tickets are \$40 and are limited. For more information or to purchase tickets visit www.bit.ly/InAManger or call 824-869-6574.

	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion			Lectors	Altar Servers
Saturday Dec. 3 4:00 PM	Sharon Cercone-W Carol Chambers Ken Dorman-W	Mary Ann Fenio Peg Lisiak-W Mel Weinstein	Jim Lisiak	Karen Criscella Melissa Kehl	Julia Mosur Nicholas Mosur Joey Pettner
Sunday Dec. 4 8:00 AM	Linda Hoffman Ann Kachmar-W Edward Kantz	Regina Mell-W Janet Oakes-W Dan Beyer-W/CH	Joan Kuzel-E	Pam Perri Alyssa Brinza	Michal Ondercin Adam Klimas
Sunday Dec. 4 11:00 AM	Regina Osman-W Barbara Marshall-W Peg Spisak	David Kozy Sandy Vaught-W Sara Lyons	Sue Ondo	Mark Scholl	Elizabeth Cross Chapel Fauser Chris DeSalle

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU!

"The Light is On for You!" is an initiative of the Diocese of Pittsburgh to encourage Catholics to avail themselves of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Confession is a wonderful opportunity to set aside our sinful ways and to draw closer to our Lord. Confession will be available on **Wednesday, December 14 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.** in every Catholic parish in the Diocese.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

Feast or famine. It's a paradox of USA and Christian church calendars that the feast of Thanksgiving is quickly followed by Advent - a season of waiting and preparation. Our culture hurries Christmas by trying to get us to fill Advent with buying and busyness. Don't let yourself be robbed of this holy time of reflection. Simplify.

PARENTING POINTERS

Your Thanksgiving meal is over, but you may have leftovers. May it prompt you to reflect on your abundance. Consult your family about one way during Advent that you can use extras around your home (food, toys, tools...) to ease the lives of those who don't have as much.

IRELAND TRIP

Father Joe Mele invites you to join him and Father Daniel Straughn on a wonderful trip to Ireland from May 29-June 7, 2017. Unitours will provide the travel for this tour. Round trip airfare, transfers, specially selected hotels, meals and air-conditioned motor coach and full-time tour manager will be provided. The total cost for the entire package (10 days) is \$3,000 from Pittsburgh. Have further questions about this trip? Go to www.Unitours.com/questions or call 1-800-777-7432 or email MPisano@unitopurs.com. To book online: <http://bit.ly/FrMeleIreland>. Come and join these two fun-loving friends on a trip of a lifetime?

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

Do you want to "Keep Christ in Christmas" and help support St. Malachy School? Why not purchase a Nativity Tree to display in your yard this Christmas? There are three choices of displays. See the flyer on display in the back of the church for more information. This is a great way to celebrate the "reason for the season"!

SCHOOL NEWS



The students return to school on Tuesday to begin our Advent Journey - "Preparing for Jesus, Lighting His Path." We will begin each week with a small prayer service focusing on how we can be "lights" for Jesus and prepare for his birth. We will also have a weekly service project. The first week of Advent will focus on the Catholic Charities of Pittsburgh. We will pray for all that they do for us and send a donation from all of the families at St. Malachy School. Believe it or not progress reports go out on Wednesday!!!

FOURTH GRADE NEWS

We recently "bobbed" for apples, STEM style. The students using sticks, string, straws, paperclips and pipe cleaners had to make a device to bob for apples without touching the apples with their hands. It was challenging, but the "Diamond Group", (Taylor, Madisyn, & John) could retrieve 11 apples in 55 seconds. Great job was done by all the students. We are taking a "virtual" visit to the top cities in Pennsylvania. Each student was assigned a different city to visit and will report on the museum, park, festival or historical site that they "visited" to the class. We had fun preparing for Thanksgiving. The students had an Internet Hunt to learn the true events that transpired during the first Thanksgiving. We have been making art projects, math graphs, and poems for the holiday. We also practiced the play, *A Turkey Takes a Stand* by Lois Lewis. We are excited to share this play with the students in the school.

SCHOLARSHIP ENTRANCE EXAM

Oakland Catholic High School is offering the Scholarship Entrance Exam on Saturday, December 3, 2016. Merit Based Scholarships are awarded to incoming ninth grade students receiving the top scores on the exam. Register online today at oaklandcatholic.org/admissions.

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