

# St. Malachy Catholic Church

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Coraopolis, PA 15108

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**December 4, 2016**  
*2nd 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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**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**

### **EUCCHARIST:**

#### **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**  
**PARISH WEBSITE: <http://www.stmalachypgh.org>**  
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**Father Hissrich Email: [FatherH@comcast.net](mailto:FatherH@comcast.net)**

**PARISH SCHOOL.....412-771-4545**  
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**ST. MALACHY CHURCH**

**KENNEDY TOWNSHIP, PA**

**Mass Schedule**

**THIS WEEK AT ST. MALACHY**

**Sunday, December 4 - Second Sunday of Advent**  
 4:00 pm Fred & Julia Langmann & Fred Jr. by Langmann Family  
 8:00 am People of the Parish  
 11:00 am Arthur Vergenes by Wife, Children & Grandchildren

**Monday, December 5**  
 7:15 am Grace Vaught by Sharon & Mildred Cercone

**Tuesday, December 6 - St. Nicholas**  
 7:15 am Garrett Chulack by Aunt Margie Esposito

**Wed., December 7 - St. Ambrose**  
 7:15 am Chuck & Elsie Madden by Son, Wayne  
 4:00 pm Mary Rusnak by Rusnak & Fenio Families

**Thursday, December 8 - The Immaculate Conception**  
 7:15 am Richard A. Evans by Ken & Sharon Dorman & Family  
 Noon Wanda Perri by Lena Cercone  
 7:00 pm Anthony DeSalle by Dave & Mary Ellen Redmerski

**Friday, December 9**  
 7:15 am John & Elizabeth Cersosimo by Dghtr. Marie  
 8:45 am Frances Michelangelo by M/M Mel Weinstein

**Saturday, December 10**  
 4:00 pm AC & Mary Toma by Karen, Paul & Janet

**Sunday, December 11 - Third Sunday of Advent**  
 8:00 am People of the Parish  
 11:00 am Kathy Masi by Lorraine Melville

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 5**  
 6:30 pm Emmanuel Prayer Group - Church  
 7:00 pm Bingo - Fr. Weirauch Hall  
 7:00 pm RCIA - Parish Meeting Room

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

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9**  
 11:00 am Catholic Scripture Study - Church

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10**  
 9:00 am Marian Prayer Group - Church

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

Mon	Dec	12	6:30 pm - Emmanuel Prayer Group - Church
Mon	Dec	12	7:00 pm - Bingo - Father Weirauch Hall
Mon	Dec	12	7:00 pm - RCIA - Parish Meeting Room
Wed	Dec	14	Noon - Card Party - Father Weirauch Hall
Wed	Dec	14	7:00 pm - Cub Scouts - Classroom
Fri	Dec	16	11:00 am - Catholic Scripture Study - Church

**BAPTISM**

We wish to welcome into our Catholic Community of Believers:  
**Michael Lee Geisler**  
 son of Daniel & Amber

**REST IN PEACE**

We remember our beloved dead who recently passed from this earthly life to eternal glory, especially  
**William Antonelli**  
**Anthony Casciato**  
**Linda Garofalo**  
**Frances Gorney**  
**Andres Macadangdang**  
**Patsy Pappaterra**  
**Kenneth Salera**

May their souls 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:  
**Kathleen M. Phillips**  
 by Phillips Family

**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 Gance, 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: Karen Lamping, Jennifer LePore, Sam Lewis, Patricia Leyda, Irene List, Mariyanna McCarthy, Marla McKnight, Frieda (Streiner) Mandus, Charlotte Markle, Patricia Martin, Mary Mazzocco, Johnny Mucha, Patrick Murphy, Tim Nolan, Keith O'Donnell, Mali Olivani, Jim Olszewski, Emil Parent, Sr., Dean Parente, Esther Perri, Kathy Pfeuffer, Shirley Pioto, Margaret Porter, Shannon Preininger, Aaron Prosperini, Alice Rhoades, Lois Schipani, Lou Schohn, Joe Sedlak, David Shankin, Joanna Simmons, Carol Sinatra, Frank Sinatra, Marianne, Raymond Soffa, Jessica Soliz, Addie Sorokis, Anna Spezialetti, Shirley Stephenson, Jessica A. Stevenson, Bob Streiner, Ron Thoma, Elizabeth Vein, Barb West, Marci Williams, Cecelia Zaccone, Mike Zadrazny, Rocco Zagari

**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](http://www.thecatholicviewforwomen.com)  
[www.diopitt.org](http://www.diopitt.org)  
[www.priestsforlife.org](http://www.priestsforlife.org) [catholiccomehome.org](http://catholiccomehome.org)  
[www.womenofgrace.com](http://www.womenofgrace.com) [www.rachelsvineyard.org.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org.org)  
[www.helpourmarriage.com](http://www.helpourmarriage.com)

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

ST. MALACHY PRAY FOR US!

REMEMBER ST. MALACHY IN YOUR WILL!

## PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

Last week I said that I would take this space to describe some of the key scriptural figures of Advent, starting with the prophet Isaiah. This week I turn to St. John the Baptist, who is featured in the gospel every year on the Second Sunday of Advent. There is a connection, for much of John's message and imagery comes from the prophet Isaiah.

Our first thought of John, particularly at this time of year, is of his birth as the son of the Blessed Mother's elderly cousin Elizabeth and her husband Zechariah. The importance of that detail is that it shows John's connection to Christ. In the First Century, there was a movement that accepted John as the Messiah. All four of the gospel writers make a point of showing that John did not claim any privilege for himself. Rather, the whole purpose of his life was to prepare for the coming of Christ. John's gospel (John 1:20) says of John, "He admitted and did not deny it, but admitted, 'I am not the Messiah.'" In the gospel of today's mass, Matthew records John saying, "I am not worthy to carry his sandals."

John certainly was an impressive figure, clothed in camel's hair and with a diet that consisted of locusts and wild honey. He lived a very ascetical life filled with penitential practice. There is some speculation that John was an Essene, a very rigorous Jewish community. Yet there were some basic differences. The Essenes saw themselves as an elite group, separate from the rest of the community. John, on the other hand, left the desert to proclaim God's salvation to all people. He welcomed tax collectors, prostitutes and all other sinners. And rather than calling people to join him in the desert, he sent them back to their families and jobs with the call to live by God's commandments in their ordinary lives.

Of course, what identifies John most clearly was his act of baptizing in the Jordan River. John's baptism was a unique symbol, to such an extent that it became his very identity. He is simply "the Baptist." A totally new ritual becomes a sign that God is about to intervene in human history in an entirely new way. This baptism again ties the Baptist to the coming of the Messiah. As Christ would bring us a new life of grace, so John offers a means of repentance from the sins that separate us from God. This repentance is available to everyone, but it calls for us to make a commitment to turn away from sin and to make a change in our lives.

John's message is very challenging. Whenever we meet someone who lives the faith intently, it can be very intimidating. Yet personally, the most ascetical people I have ever known have also been the most joyful. Their message, as that of St. John the Baptist, is that Christ offers us such a wonderful opportunity to share the life of God that it is worth whatever the cost. The message of St. John the Baptist tells us that Advent is a time of great hope. This is our time of preparation. For as we hear in the embolism to the Lord's Prayer at mass, "We await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ."

*Father H*

## BE AN ANGEL FOR CHRISTMAS

All Angel Tree items are due  
**Sunday, December 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.**

## CATHOLIC SCRIPTURE STUDY

Due to the inclement weather during winter months, St. Malachy's Adult Catholic Scripture Study will have a temporary break. We will be off starting the week of Christmas and resume again in March. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your special dedication and devotion to the Word! God bless and keep you! See you in March!

## FEED THE HUNGRY

This weekend, December 3/4, will be the monthly parish collection of non-perishable food items for the food pantry at the F.O.R. God bless you for all your help!

## ROSARY CRUSADE

With over 5,000 rosaries already prayed can we hope to end our campaign with at least 15,000 or more. Remember to use the tithe sheets to have your rosaries counted towards this goal.

"If there were one million families praying the Rosary every day, the entire world would be saved."

-Pope St. Pius X

## 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.

**ST. MALACHY CHURCH**

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Isaiah 35:1-10; Luke 5:17-26  
 Tuesday: Isaiah 40:1-11; Luke 18:12-14  
 Wednesday: Isaiah 40:25-31; Matthew 11:28-30  
 Thursday: Genesis 3:9-15, 20; Ephesians 1:3-6,11-12;  
 Luke 1:26-38  
 Friday: Isaiah 48:17-19; Matthew 11:16-19  
 Saturday: Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11; Matthew 17:9, 10-13  
 Sunday: Isaiah 35:1-6, 10; James 5:7-10;  
 Matthew 11:2-11

**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.

**ON MISSION FOR THE CHURCH ALIVE!**

With Parish Consultation Sessions now completed, all the proposed models for **ON MISSION FOR THE CHURCH ALIVE!** are available online. Watch the videos, download the presentations and give feedback. You can also provide your email address to stay connected for future updates, including survey results. Learn more at [OnMissionChurchAlive.org](http://OnMissionChurchAlive.org).

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**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**



Religious Education (CCD) classes resume this Sunday, December 4 and Monday, December 5.

**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 Gilmory 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](http://www.pghpriest.com) to register.

**2ND ANNUAL HOLIDAY SHOPPING EXTRAVAGANZA**

The Montour High School Spartan Marching Band, Majorettes, Spartanettes, and Color Guards will hold their 2nd Annual Holiday Shopping Extravaganza at the Montour High School Athletic Center today, Sunday, December 4 from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. There will also be a Chinese Auction, Door Prize, and Concessions. There are over 30 confirmed vendors. For more information contact Erin Young at [mhssquads3@yahoo.com](mailto:mhssquads3@yahoo.com).

	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion			Lectors	Altar Servers
Wed. Dec. 7 4:00 PM	Peg Collins-W Mel Weinstein-W Carol Chambers-W	Mary Ann Fenio Bill Worms Lisa Worms		Tom Fenio	
Thurs. Dec. 8 Noon	Regina Osman-W Sandy Vaught-W School			School	School
Thurs. Dec. 8 7:00 PM	Karl Foerster Patty Beasock-W Karen Fiola-W	Gary Harbaugh Ann Jozwiak-W		Luann Richardson	Elizabeth Cross
Saturday Dec. 10 4:00 PM	Jim Lisiak-W Peg Lisiak-W Sara Lyons-W	Karl Foerster Tim Davis Ken Dorman	Karen Criscella	Melissa Kehl Brody Connor	Ben Lueck Veronica Zubritzky Mara Tucci
Sunday Dec. 11 8:00 AM	Linda Hoffman-W Lori Knudsen-W Peg Collins-W	Edward Kantz Janet Oakes-W Pat Daly-E	Mimi Schneider	Michael Phillips Pam Perri	Joseph Hatherley Karter Weyant
Sunday Dec. 11 11:00 AM	Regina Osman-W Terry Donovan Sharon Cercone	Peg Spisak-W Ann Jozwiak Wayne Madden	Jill Slifkey-W	Erin Scholl	Heidi Stephenson Heather Stephenson Julia Polar

**YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS**

High School Guys: Are you up to the challenge of giving God the time and space to speak to your heart? If so, then join Fr. Mike Ackerman and Fr. Joe Freedy for a FREE silent retreat being held at The Ark and The Dove Retreat House from 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 14 until 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, January 15. To register, visit [www.PGHPriest.com](http://www.PGHPriest.com). For more information contact Mr. Swank at 412-771-7480 or [swankymca@gmail.com](mailto:swankymca@gmail.com).

**ADVENT ONE-NIGHT RETREAT**

Join Holy Trinity Church on December 20 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. for an evening of prayer, worship, Eucharistic Adoration, confession, and a talk by Fr. Nicholas Vaskov. Fr. Vaskov is the Administrator of St. Mary of Mercy Parish in Downtown Pittsburgh, as well as Executive Director of Communications for the Diocese. Take time to prepare your hearts for Christmas in the midst of the hustle and bustle of the season! For more information or questions contact Erin Stuvek at [estuvek@holytrinityrobinson.org](mailto:estuvek@holytrinityrobinson.org).

**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**



Our Advent journey, "Preparing for Jesus, Lighting His Path," continues this week with our service project of collecting pajamas for children who need them. The students will also attend Mass on Thursday to celebrate the Immaculate Conception.

The sounds of shoppers will be throughout the building as the PTG sponsors our Santa Shop this week! Our week ends with a Santa Breakfast on Saturday!

The following students attended a Forensics tournament at St. Killian's and received these awards:

- 5th: Victoria Tollan 2nd (Poetry)  
Elena Polar 2nd and 3rd (Prose)  
Hogan Schirrhofer 3rd and 3rd (Poetry)
- 6th: Brooklyn Windsheimer 3rd (Poetry)  
Summer Tollan 3rd and 3rd (Poetry)
- 7th: Alexia Stanley 1st and 2nd (Drama)  
Lauren Crawford 3rd (Drama)  
McKenna Chestnutt 1st & 1st (Drama)  
Kaylee Fabiano 3rd and 3rd (Prose)  
Mara Tucci 1st and 2nd (Declamation)
- 8th: Ava DiMichele 2nd and 2nd (Declamation)  
Chapel Fauser 1st and 1st (Prose)  
Marissa Trocchio 1st and 1st (Prose)
- Multiple Reading:  
Oliwia Karney (8th), Cassidy Fabiano (7th) and Brianna Kotek (7th) 2nd and 3rd

Thank you Mrs. Kramer for working with our Forensics team! Great Job everyone! The team travels to Holy Trinity in January for their next meet.

The following Bishop Canevin students were named to the honor roll for the first quarter:

- High Honors: Lillian Chabala, Donavin Meriweather
- Honors: Bryce Meriweather

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**CHRISTIAN SHARING**

Sunday Collection	11-20-16	\$ 8,408.90
Children Collection	11-20-16	\$ 24.75
Votive Candles	11-20-16	\$ 289.00
Religious Retirement	11-20-16	\$ 4,268.00
Military Collection	11-20-16	\$ 15.00
Sunday Collection	11-27-16	\$ 8,475.00
Children Collection	11-27-16	\$ 9.00
Votive Candles	11-27-16	\$ 445.00
St. Vincent de Paul	11-27-16	\$ 2,312.00
Religious Retirement	11-27-16	\$ 706.00
Military Collection	11-27-16	\$ 27.00

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