

Eucharistic Ministers -

Dec. 17 - Lynn Ellen Dixon, Norma Muck, Sandy Rockey

Dec. 23 - Millie Turner, Larry Muck, Katelyn Cline

Dec. 24 - Jim Hodgson, Sandy Rockey, Bill Sinclair

Dec. 31 - Michelle Ash, Cathy Surkosky, Bill Sinclair

Please give the assigned Eucharistic Ministers time to reach the altar before you step in to substitute. They may not be at Mass but may have a substitute.

Lectors -

Dec. 17 - Ryan Johnson

Dec. 23 - Millie Turner - 5:00 pm Mass for Sunday

Dec. 24 - Jim Hodgson - 4:00 pm Mass for Christmas

Dec. 31 - Michelle Ash

Thank you to those Lectors who cannot serve but find a substitute

Mass Intentions -

Dec. 17 - Soul of John and Jennie Filipek by Linda Hollier

Dec. 23 - Children of the Parish

Dec. 24 - People of the Parish - Merry Christmas

Dec. 31 - Private Intentions, Anonymous

Offering for December 10, 2017

Cash \$ 297.00

Checks \$ 1,525.00

TOTAL \$ 1,822.00 **Thank you and God Bless**

*****Announcements** to be added to the bulletin should be emailed to carolconfer@comcast.net. Please have all items that you would like included in the bulletin emailed by **MONDAY at 4:00 pm**. When I receive a request for the bulletin, you should receive a reply to verify my receipt of the information.

*****To schedule a mass intention** for a family member or friend, living or deceased, please contact Carol Confer - carolconfer@comcast.net. **We will be accepting Mass Intentions/requests beginning in October for 2018.** Reminder we can only accept 3 Mass Intentions per family.

***Place prayer petitions in the book next to Infant of Prague statue at back of church. The rosary is prayed for these petitions at 1:00 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of each month. All are welcome.

The Kateri Circle will be selling Note Cards after Mass every Sunday from now until Christmas in the lower level of the church.

As a reminder - We are to refrain from Food and Beverages for one (1) hour prior to receiving the Body and Blood of Christ.

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Sunday December 17, 2017

MASS TIME

SUNDAY AT 12:00 NOON

Communion Service on Tuesdays at 11:00 am

Followed by Adoration until Noon

The St. Kateri Faith Study Group meets at the Church every Thursday, at 7:00 PM, to discuss the upcoming Sunday readings.

All are welcome so please join us.

Note: The St. Kateri Faith Study Group is on Christmas Break.

They will resume the middle of January.

Notice will be in the Bulletin

CCD classes will be the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month

December dates are: December 17th, 2017

December 23rd - Christmas Pageant/Dinner

January 2018 dates are: January 7th and 21st, 2018

February dates are: February 4th and 18th, 2018

March dates are: March 4th & 18th - Youth Day - Ebensburg Grades 6-8

March 25th - Palm Sunday - Teacher Appreciation Dinner

April dates: April 8th - Divine Mercy Sunday

April 22nd - Last Day of CCD

April 29th - First Holy Communion - subject to change.

Extra Confessions during Advent at St. Johns:

Monday, December 18th at 6:00 PM

Thursday, December 21st after the 6:00 pm Mass

Altar Servers who are scheduled to serve mass are to report to the Priest in the Sacristy no later than 15 minutes prior to Mass start time. Thanks

Dec. 17	Kayla Hopkins	Adrian Gover	
Dec. 24	Abby Stitzer	Ayla Stitzer	
Dec. 31	Annie Racette	Lucas Racette	

Hospitality Schedule

Dec. 17 – Michelle Wise, Mary Montminy, Lauren Johnson
Dec. 24 - MERRY CHRISTMAS
Dec. 31 - HAPPY NEW YEAR
Jan. 7 - Michelle Ash, Millie Turner, Adrian Weaver

Revised Hospitality Schedule is at the back of the Church

Please pray for the sick:, Harry Henry, Amy Will, Jennifer Puma,

FOOD BANK DONATIONS. We have a basket for donations in the back of the church for our Food Bank with New Hope Church, Spring Mills. If you know of someone or a family in need of items other than food, please call the church or call New Hope Lutheran Church.

Note: As bad weather will soon be here, please note that if on Tuesday the Penns Valley School District is closed, there will not be a Communion Service and Adoration that day, **nor** will the Prayer Shawl ladies be meeting. Thank you

JJ Powell Fuel Program. If you use fuel oil and would like to participate on behalf of St. Kateri, please call JJ Powell at 800- 432-0866 or go to their website at www.jjpowell.com. They can also be contacted by e-mail at cs@jjpowell.com.

NOTE: If you are a new family to St. Kateri – Welcome. We ask that you please complete the Registration Form found on the bookcase in the back of the church. If you are a family that has been coming for years please complete this form so we can update our records. We can only do so with your help. Thank you

Upcoming Dates:

Mass on December 23, 2017 at 5:00 pm.

The annual CCD pageant and dinner. After Mass, we are going to have our annual Christmas dinner, for all parishioners. The meat will be provided, please bring a dish to pass.

Mass on Christmas Eve will be December 24, 2017 at 4:00 p.m

There **will not** be a Communion Service or Adoration on Tuesday December 26th, 2017.

January 27th St John's Parish Lasagna Dinner – more info in a future Bulletin.

St. John's has Christmas Oplatki available.

Would you like to use the Christmas Wafer as part of your family Christmas customs. Just stop in to the rectory during office hours

A Sacred Community Christmas Concert will be performed at Saint Kateri on December 17th at 4pm. *"The Sounds of Christmas"* will include a youth choir, an adult choir, small instrumental and vocal ensembles. A goodwill offering will be taken at the concert to benefit families in the valley.

St. John's in Bellefonte will continue to schedule a Thursday evening Mass which will be celebrated at 6:00 pm. This evening Mass replaces the usual 8:00 am Mass said every Thursday.

New Lector and Eucharistic Minister Schedules beginning January 1, 2018 are in the back of the church.

Liturgical Reflections

We await the coming of the eternal Word of God. When a believer dies we find comfort and consolation in the word of God, the Holy Scriptures. Death may fill the Christian with fears and questions. Scripture firmly grounds us in the faith that death is not the end, that the promise made at baptism assures us that we who have died with Christ in the waters of baptism remain with the Lord into eternal life. The word of God assures us that death, a result of sin, does not have power over one claimed for Christ.

Order of Christian Funerals. 1998/1989, General Introduction, Nos. 2 & 4
2017 Diocese of Altoona Johnstown, Liturgy office.