

**Eucharistic Ministers -**

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. 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. 23 - Children of the Parish  
Dec. 24 - People of the Parish – Merry Christmas  
Dec. 31 - Private Intentions, Anonymous

**Offering for December 17, 2017**

Cash	\$ 361.00	
Checks	\$ 1,110.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,471.00</b>	<b>Thank you and God Bless</b>

\*\*\***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 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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**Saint Kateri Tekakwitha**  
**Catholic Church of Penns Valley**

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**December 23, 2017**

**WISHING EVERYONE A MERRY AND  
BLESSED CHRISTMAS**

**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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month**

January 2018 dates are: January 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018

February dates are: February 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018

March dates are: March 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> – Youth Day– Ebensburg Grades 6-8

March 25<sup>th</sup> – Palm Sunday – Teacher Appreciation Dinner

April dates: April 8<sup>th</sup> – Divine Mercy Sunday

April 22<sup>nd</sup> – Last Day of CCD

April 29<sup>th</sup> – First Holy Communion – subject to change.

We will have our annual CCD pageant dinner after Mass tonight. All are welcome!.

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. 24	Abby Stitzer	Ayla Stitzer	
Dec. 31	Annie Racette	Lucas Racette	
Jan 7	Jackson Romig	Ellie Romig	

### Hospitality Schedule

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](http://www.jjpowell.com). They can also be contacted by e-mail at [cs@jjpowell.com](mailto: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

### Mass on Christmas Eve at St. Kateri will be at 4:00 pm

### St. John's Christmas Mass Schedule Christmas Eve - 5:00 pm 7:30 pm 10:00 pm Christmas Day Mass at 9:00 am

There will be **NO** Communion Service or Adoration on Tuesday December 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

The Feast of Mary, Mother of God and Jan 1st is NOT a Holy Day this year since it falls on a Monday! However, St. John's in Bellefonte will be having a Mass at 6:00 PM on Monday Jan 1<sup>st</sup>.

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.

Heartbeat's Option Line and Rachel's Vineyard Numbers:  
 Pregnant? Need Help? call 800-712-4357  
 Suffering from Abortion? call 877-467-3463

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

After Jesus it is the Blessed Virgin Mary who by her example teaches most perfectly the meaning of discipleship and stewardship in their fullest sense. All of their essential elements are found in her life: she was called and gifted by God; she responded generously, creatively, and prudently; she understood her divinely assigned role as 'handmaid' in terms of service and fidelity." (*Stewardship: A Disciple's Response*, USCCB, 1992.)

### Liturgical Reflections .....

The eternal word of God becomes flesh and makes his dwelling among us. This is Christmas Day and the Christian world celebrates the mystery of God becoming one like us in all things but sin. In the course of time and when all was ready, God sent us his only begotten Son. The God who has no beginning or end has arrived as an infant in a manger. We are filled with holy awe, we gather with the angels and shepherds to sing our Christmas praises. Glory to God in the highest and peace to people of good will. 2017 Diocese of Altoona Johnstown, Liturgy office.