

CHRIST, PRINCE OF PEACE & ST. LAWRENCE PARISHES



*For to us a child is born,
unto us a son is given,
and he will be called
Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God,
Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace.*

We celebrate the birth of Jesus, remembering the words of the angels on the night of his birth, "Peace on earth to all of good will." Today as never before, pray for peace and may peace be the guiding force in the hearts of everyone. May peace reign in every corner of the world and in the hearts of every man, woman, and child upon the earth. This Christmas and always, may we embrace his wonderful gift of peace with courage and conviction. On this day, we celebrate the Parish feast day, Christmas. We are reminded that we are to become instruments of peace. We are reminded that Jesus left us his gift of peace and as we extend the sign of peace, we are accepting the responsibility of sharing the peace of Jesus Christ with our brothers and sister.

May the God of grace and peace fill your hearts with joy as you celebrate the birth of the Word made flesh. May you and your family be filled with the light of Christ to lead you in the ways of holiness. And may you come to experience the new and radiant vision of glory that the birth of Christ has brought to our world. May your hearts be filled with the blessings of this joyous Christmas holiday. Merry Christmas to all.



GENUFLECTION DURING THE CREED AT CHRISTMAS

On this Christmas day, we genuflect during the words that recall the incarnation. Ordinarily, we bow at this time. "by the power of the Holy Spirit he was born of the Virgin Mary and became man." It is important to remember why we bend the knee so that our gesture also becomes a prayer.



THE CHRISTMAS CRECHE

The Church in her documents teaches that nothing should obstruct or impede movement around the altar. The "Book of Blessings" specifically states that the manger. . . "must not be placed in the sanctuary." A place should be chosen that is suitable for prayer and devotion and is easily accessible by the faithful. Parents are encouraged to take their children to visit the manger and teach them about the mystery of the incarnation.

Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 25

9:00 AM Mass at St. Lawrence Church
Bryan Mihalick + (Family)

11:00 AM Mass at Christ, Prince of Peace Church
For the Parishioners of
Christ, Prince of Peace Parish

MASS WILL NOT BE CELEBRATED AT 7:00 PM AT ST. LAWRENCE CHURCH ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25

Monday, December 26

St. Stephen

8:00 AM Mass at Christ, Prince of Peace Church
Marcy Haponski + (Mary Fracchia & Colette Toy)

Tuesday, December 27

St. John

8:00 AM Mass at St. Lawrence Church
Leo Simcik + (Mary Lou Kinkela & Madeline Stitt)

Wednesday, December 28

The Holy Innocents

8:00 AM Mass at Christ, Prince of Peace Church
Joseph & Louanne Nicoda + (Alma & Lynda)

Thursday, December 29

St. Thomas Becket

8:00 AM Mass at St. Lawrence Church
Frank L. Tarasi III-Birthday remembrance + (Mother)

Friday, December 30

The Holy Family of Jesus

8:00 AM Mass at
Christ, Prince of Peace Church
Joanne Radic + (Colette Toy)



Saturday, December 31

St. Sylvester

NO CONFESSIONS

The Blessed Virgin Mary

5:00 PM Mass at Christ, Prince of Peace Church
Steve Koleck + (Lynda)

Sunday, January 1

9:00 AM Mass at St. Lawrence Church
Josephine Bellotti—30 days + (Frank & Maxine Liperote)

11:00 AM Mass at Christ, Prince of Peace Church
Betsy Wojton + (Husband-Leonard)

MASS WILL NOT BE CELEBRATED AT 7:00 PM AT ST. LAWRENCE CHURCH ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 1ST.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Readings for the Week of December 25

Sunday: Is 9:1-6/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14
Monday: Acts 6:8-10;7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22
Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a,2-8
Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:5C2:2/Mt 2:13-18
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35
Friday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18



**IN YOUR CHARITY PLEASE PRAY
FOR THE SOULS OF**

**Joseph Chromiak,
Margaret Adams, & John Cacurak**

*May they rest forever in the
eternal peace of Christ.*

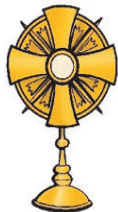


PLEASE NOTE THE MASS TIMES AND LOCATIONS for all Masses this Christmas Season and the New Year. Also, confessions will not be heard until Saturday, January 7th at 9:00 AM at St. Lawrence Church.

CONGRATULATIONS

On Wednesday, December 14th, the LCBA named Lynda Koleck the Fraternalist of the year for the National Organization of the LCBA Branch 1428. Lynda is a 42 year member of this organization and has resided as president for 38 of those years. Congratulations to Lynda on this award and thank you for all of the many years of dedication to the LCBA.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



will be held on Friday of each week at Christ, Prince of Peace Church following the 8 AM Mass concluding with Reposition @ 6 PM.

Please consider signing up to spend some time with our Eucharistic Lord during Adoration each Friday. The sign-in book is in the vestibule of the Church and you are asked to sign in by Wednesday, if possible, of each week.

During Exposition, the Church can NEVER be empty.



In accordance with the Diocese of Greensburg, The Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, December 26th, and Tuesday, December 27th.

Christ, Prince of Peace Parish

December 17 & 18		Year to Date
Regular Offertory	\$6,553.65	\$153,884.37
Children's Offertory	16.50	
Utilities	76.00	
Votives	105.51	
Catholic Accent	136.00	
Immaculate Conception	243.00	
Total	\$7,130.66	

*Thank you
for your
continued
generous
support.*

THIS WEEKEND, December 24th & 25th, the second collection is the Children & Family Services Appeal. This collection provides Catholic Charities with funding to provide food, shelter, clothing, or other vital help to those in need. *Please be generous.*



**Second
Collection**



The Parish Family of St. Lawrence wishes to thank Ed and Dorothy Slovensky for their generosity in restoring our chalice, which had been donated in memory of their parents *Ed and Anna Slovensky*.

- **OUR LADY OF THE GUARDIAN ANGEL PRAESIDIUM** will meet on Fridays, at 10:00 a.m. in the St. Lawrence Parish Hall.
- **MANY THANKS TO** Nite Courts for donating to this year's St. Lawrence Christmas Basket Raffle. Their name was unintentionally omitted for a gift certificate.



2012 **MARDI GRAS** will be held on **February 18th** at the 10th Street Station beginning at 6:30 PM. Tickets will go on sale this weekend at Christ, Prince of Peace Church. The cost for tickets is \$15 each or \$25 per couple.

The Sanctuary Candle at Christ, Prince of Peace will burn this week in memory of

**The Deceased Members
of the Frerotte Family**

Given by Marcella McMillan, Colette Toy, Judy Peat, Trinette & Patty Frerotte.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO Ann Bicanovsky as she celebrates her

95th birthday on December 25th!

THE 2012 LUCKY LOTTO TICKETS are now available at Divine Redeemer School. Tickets are \$25 each and can be purchased at the school. Another option this year is to call the office and we will deliver the ticket to you! Thank you for supporting your regional Catholic school. Call the office for more information at 724-763-3761.

St. Lawrence Parish

December 17 & 18		Year to Date
Regular Offertory	\$2,451.25	\$42,338.26
Children's Offertory	14.00	
Total	\$2465.25	

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