

Partner Parishes of

Saint John the Baptist Church

&

Saint Hedwig Church



Parishes in the Diocese of Greensburg

Pennsylvania Charitable Trusts

Pastor: Fr. Robert T. Lubic
Senior Priest Active: Fr. James F. Petrovsky



St. John the Baptist Church
PO Box 606 - Perryopolis, PA 15473

St. Hedwig Church
PO Box 251 - Smock, PA 15480

Sunday Masses:

Saturday: 4:30 p.m. at St. John
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. at St. Hedwig
10:00 a.m. at St. John

Weekday Masses:

St. John: Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m.
St. Hedwig: Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, 8:00 a.m.
(Check bulletin for weekly variation)

Telephone: 724-736-4442 - St. John
724-736-0158 - Rel. Ed/Pre-School
724-677-2180 - St. Hedwig Office
724-677-2110 - St. Hedwig Rectory

Fax: 724-736-8403 - St. John
724-677-2180 - St. Hedwig

St. John Office Hours: Monday thru Friday
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. & 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

St. Hedwig Office Hours: Monday thru Wednesday
8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. & 12:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Bulletin Deadline: Tuesday, 9:30 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

St. Hedwig: 1st, 3rd, 5th Saturday (noon-12:30 p.m.)
and before weekday Mass
St. John: Saturday: 3:45 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.
Anytime by appointment.

Baptisms: By Appointment

Marriages: Six Month preparation. Please call office

Parish Meetings at St. John's:

Altar Society: Thursday after Third Sunday, 7:30 p.m.

Holy Name Society: Second Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

Pastoral Council: Third Monday, 7:00 p.m.

Director Faith Formation/Pastoral Minister - St. John
Sr. Loretta Topper S.C.

Grades K—8: Tuesday, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Youth Group, Grades 7-12: Second and Fourth Sunday, 11:00 a.m.

Director Religious Education/Formation - St. Hedwig
Mrs. Barbara Mehalov

Grades K - 6: Monday, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Adult Formation: R.C.I.A. Wednesday, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Parish Website: www.sjbperry.org

Fr. Bob's Email: thepunkpriest@gmail.com

St. Hedwig Mass Intentions

Sunday December 13
Third Sunday of Advent
8:00 AM ST. HEDWIG'S PARISH FAMILY &
ANN RENOIS (St. Hedwig Choir)

Tuesday December 15
8:00 AM DOLORES CHARNOVICH
(Veronica Smiel)

Thursday December 17
8:00 AM JACOB J. HARBIGER (Eleanor Vrabc)

Saturday December 19
8:00 AM FRANK & SOPHIA ROLLENCE
(Patty & Ron)

Sunday December 20
Fourth Sunday of Advent
8:00 AM EDWARD R. MYERS
(M/M Victor Kordella)

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December 20 - St. Hedwig - 8:00 a.m.

LECTOR: E. Vrabc

MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION:

N. Sethman

ACOLYTES: A. Rafter, R. Rafter

St. Hedwig Free Will & Tithe:	December 6, 2009
Sunday Adult Offertory:	\$2,455.00
Children:	16.00
Loose:	7.00
Utility Subsidy:	28.00
Catholic Accent:	14.00
CHD/CRS:	33.00
Immaculate Conception:	42.00

Many thanks for your continued support!

St. Hedwig Sanctuary Lamp Intentions
"Ann Renois" by St. Hedwig Choir
"Jacob J. Harbiger" by Eleanor Vrabc

REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS



St. John Mass Intentions

Saturday December 12
Vigil: Third Sunday of Advent
4:30 PM ELVERA GIOCONDI
(Mike & Charlotte Tretinik)

Sunday December 13
Third Sunday of Advent
10:00 AM WALTER & SOPHIE LAWRENCE
(Frank & Sue Olinzock)

Monday December 14
8:30 AM ERIC SCHWENK (Family)

Tuesday December 15
8:30 AM PETER SERINKO (Family)

Wednesday December 16
8:30 AM YOLANDA SASSI
(Deborah & Colby Baker)

Thursday December 17
8:30 AM ST. JOHN'S ALTAR SOCIETY

Friday December 18
8:30 AM LORETTA TOPPER (Sister Loretta)

Saturday December 19
Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Advent
4:30 PM EMEDIO ANTONINI,
MINNIE & TONY FAIR (Gia & Family)

Sunday December 20
Fourth Sunday of Advent
10:00 AM ST. JOHN'S PARISH FAMILY

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We Pray that those who have died may rest in peace in the heavenly kingdom, especially, **Peter L. Peretti, Sr., Joseph A. Warchol, Sr., and Ethel L. Zimcosky.**

Through the Waters of Baptism we welcome into our community of faith: Molly Renee Wystepek, daughter of Michael J. and Kimberly Ann Wystepek.

2010 Mass Intentions at St. Hedwig's will be accepted by calling the parish secretary at 724-677-2180.

Pray the Rosary

December 19/20

LECTORS:

4:30 PM R. Oldham, D. Aleksn
 10:00 AM C. Coldren, A. Protos

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION:

4:30 PM P. Marshall* T. Matty,
 S. Sciore, J. Salesi, P. Sinal
 10:00 AM Sr Loretta* C. Quaranto,
 M. Weiser, B. Kutska, D. Wilson

ACOLYTES:

4:30 PM L. Muccioli, Z. Rebottini, A. VanKirk
 10:00 AM P. Maiolini, E. Weiser, C. Scullion

Money Counters:
This Sunday: Team IV
Next Sunday: Team V

St. John Free Will & Tithe:	December 6, 2009
Sunday Adult Offertory:	\$ 7,308.00
Children:	31.00
Loose:	201.00
Utility Subsidy:	278.00
Catholic Accent:	49.00
Thanksgiving/St. Vincent de Paul:	100.00
Cemetery Care:	245.00

Many thanks for your continued support!



All gifts for the Adopt-A-Family project are due by this Sunday, December 13. If you have any questions, please call 736-2983 or 736-8236. Thank you and Merry Christmas.

Oplatki: You may pick up Oplatki (Christmas Wafers) at St. John's rectory office during office hours.

Flowers for the Altar: If you would like to have flowers placed on the altar for a special weekend and/or in memory of your loved one, please call in advance:

St. John: 736-8323 - St. Hedwig: 677-2180

Choose Life: We pray that we may always be aware that each human is created in the image of God and destined for eternal life.



Reconciliation Service

Regional Advent Penance Service will be held on Thursday, December 17 at 7:00 p.m. here at St. John's Church.

St. John's Youth Group will meet this Sunday, December 13 at 11:00 a.m. We welcome new members!

Confessions for Grades 4 thru 8 will be held this Tuesday during Religious Education classes.

A Service of Lessons and Carols will be presented at St. Sebastian Church this Sunday, December 13 at 6:30 p.m. Traditional hymns for choir and congregation, as well as anthems designed solely for choir will be sung. All are invited to attend this most reflective service of the season.

Are You Getting Married?

Catholic Engaged Encounter is an opportunity for Christian couples to prepare for a lifetime commitment. If you desire a loving, faithful, permanent and life-giving marriage, consider attending a Catholic Engaged Encounter weekend. This marriage preparation program presents a comprehensive, up-close and personal look at marriage. **The next scheduled weekends will be held in Greensburg on January 22/24, April 23/25, June 25/27.** For more information call: 724-335-4966.

The Office for Clergy Vocations in conjunction with the Office of Information Technologies of the Diocese of Greensburg are hosting a special seminarian blog on the Diocese of Greensburg's website entitled: "The Day in the Life of a Seminarian." Matthew Morelli and Daniel Ulishney, two first year theologians who are studying in Rome are maintaining this dynamic and informative blog. To learn more about their experiences, vocational discernment and seminary activities go to www.dioceseofgreensburg.org and click on the designated link under Let's Communicate. Please continue to remember all our seminarians in your prayers.

Please remember the following members and friends of our parish faith family who are in need of our prayers:

Josephine Angelo, Veronica Arashin, Mary Ann Askey, Terry Babchak, John Bedner, Lena Boni, Suzanne Brown, Jan Calderone, Jean Carroll, Kathy Coldren, Dolores Curcio, Jack Daniels, Elba DiGregorio, Patty Dulay, Helen Emricko, Rita Evans, Rose Giocondi, Mary Gustafson, Carol Hayley, Ed Herchko, Beverly Iulius, Mary Jankovic, Ann Kirchner, Karolyn Kovalcik, Frank Krall, Joe Lafko, Carmella Lahti, Dolores Lerda, Vera Mahalko, Wanda Malinki, Theresa McCrory, Dori Mischick, Sophia Murray, George Nadar, Jim Newmeyer, Frank Novobilsky, Jr., Michelle Novobilsky, Scott Novobilsky, Ruth Osborne, Dolores Palone, Olivia Perinis, Irene Pradella, Jemma Premus, Marissa Primozic, Stella Quaranto, George Rinier, Rich Rinier, Ida Rock, Joy Lynn Sabolek, Mary Schiffbauer, Dolores Sciore, Michael Sekel, Zita Shaw, Jaime Shields, Steve Sickle, Helen Sobek, Philomena Stiffey, Mary Stolarik, Dave Szakel, Hannah Teslovich, Theresa Thomas, Agnes Timcheck, Lena Travis, Sarah Uhall, Irene Uhrin, Heath Vernet, Justin Young, Bob Zahorchak.

Please Note . . .

Our Sunday bulletin is an important way for us to communicate with you. Producing it every week could be very costly, but through our arrangement with the J. S. Paluch Company the parish does not pay for the printing, saving thousands of dollars each year. The Paluch Company arranges for the bulletin to be supported through the generosity of the businesses that you see advertised on the back cover. Most of these advertisers are members of our local community, and many belong to our parish.

During these difficult economic times, you are urged to support these advertisers with your patronage. Tell the business owners that you appreciate their support of our parish through their advertisements in the bulletin. This is one small way that we can work within our own community to weather the challenges that we face. A strong and vibrant parish is good for our community and a thriving business community is good for our parish. Thank you.

Bishop Brandt will celebrate the 40th Anniversary of his priestly ordination with a special Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, December 20 at 11:30 a.m. at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral in Greensburg. An “hors d’oeuvre reception” will immediately follow in the Cathedral hall. The public is cordially invite to attend this celebration.

As declared by Pope Benedict XVI,
The Year of the Priest
will be a time to encourage “spiritual perfection”
among priests, as well as time to support and thank
them for their service to the church.



Third Sunday of Advent
December 13, 2009

With joy you will draw water
at the fountain of salvation.

— *Isaiah 12:3*

SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS (c. 1542-1591)
December 14

How beautiful the experience of love for God and neighbor, a fire deep within! How disheartening when love suddenly cools; and our souls grow dark, our prayer arid. How painful when misunderstanding, even rejection, comes our way, sometimes from those we least expect. For all such “seasons of the soul,” an inspiring fellow-pilgrim is the poet and mystic, John of the Cross.

As a young Carmelite, he was recruited by Teresa of Avila for her Discalced (“barefoot,” evangelical poverty) Carmelite reform, striving to renew the Church from within after the Protestant Reformation had led countless religious away. John suffered unspeakably harsh abuse, even imprisonment, from friars who rejected this reform. Yet during these times of deepest suffering, John composed spiritual masterpieces that still guide souls to God, their titles reflecting his own painful yet ultimately victorious journey: from *The Dark Night of the Soul*, through *The Ascent of Mount Carmel*, to his *Spiritual Canticle* and *The Living Flame of Love*. John summarized his spirituality simply: “Put love where there is no love, and you will find love.”

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