

## Masses December 17 - 24, 2017

### Sunday

8:30 AM (STP) Ellen Blazier (Dave & Trudy Montle) [FM]  
 9:30 AM (SH) Deceased Members McKeivitt Family (Carla & Dennis Saelens) [FD]  
 10:00 AM (CTK) Milazzo & Cutuli Families (Mary Jane Milazzo) [FM]  
 11:30 AM (STP) Richard L. Pritchard (the Kamody Family) [FM]  
 6:00 PM (CTK) People of the Parishes [FD]

### Monday

8:15 AM (STP) In Thanksgiving (Olivia Ojano-Sheehan & Family) [FM]  
~~5:30 PM (CTK)~~ No Mass

### Tuesday

8:15 AM (STP) Saunders & Halley Families, Living & Deceased (John & Blaine Halley) [FM]

### Wednesday

8:15 AM (STP) Vocations [FM]  
~~12:00 PM (SH)~~ No Mass  
~~5:30 PM (CTK)~~ No Mass

### Thursday

8:15 AM (STP) Special Intention in Thanksgiving for Christ's Victory (John & Blaine Halley) [FD]  
 6:30 PM (SH) the Unborn [FM]

### Friday

12:15 PM (CTK) Anne Vrabel (Tammy L. Pugh) [FM]

### Saturday

5:00 PM (CTK) Deceased Members of the Davoli & Bray Families (Joanne Bray) [FM]  
 5:30 PM (SH) Lawrence Lisle (Ed & Diana Bartels) [FD]

### Sunday

8:30 AM (STP) Armandino & Albertina Colaizzi (Maria Henning) [FM]  
 9:30 AM (SH) Shirley Mayo (Fr. Tim Kozak) [FD]  
 10:00 AM (CTK) J. Richard Novotny (the Thomas Family) [FM]  
~~11:30 AM (STP)~~ No Mass  
~~6:00 PM (CTK)~~ No Mass

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS CTK/STP next weekend: December 23/24

Mass	Greeters/Gift Bearers	Servers	Readers	EMHC
5:00 PM CTK	Beatrice Selotlegeng		Bob Maher	Deacon Dan Murray, Bob Maher, Carol Wasko, Lisa Murray
8:30 AM STP	Wanda Sheridan	Sheridan & Elizabeth Boyd	Joe Essman Bob Curtis	Billie Jo Essman, Deacon Scott Carson, Kerry Sheridan-Boyd, Charles Mansfield, Wanda Sheridan
10:00 AM CTK	the Blair Family	Eric Kim Yuriy Slyvka	Brian Schoen Stephanie Tikkanen	Deacon Dan Murray, Denise Blair, Milagros Santoni, Hanna Vorisek
11:30 AM STP	No Mass			
6:00 PM CTK	No Mass			

### THE WEEK AHEAD @ CTK, STP & SH

Date	Time	Event	Place
<b>December 17 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>			
Sunday	<del>10:41 AM</del>	No RE Classes	CTK
	10:45 AM	CCD Classes	SH
	11:00 AM	Caroling (leave from CTK)	
<b>December 18</b>			
Monday	8:15 AM	Mass	STP
<b>December 19</b>			
Tuesday	8:15 AM	Mass	STP
	6:00 PM	Children's Choir	CTK
	7:00 PM	Choir Practice	CTK
	7:00 PM	Choir Practice	STP
<b>December 20</b>			
Wednesday	8:15 AM	Mass	STP
	3:30 PM	ACCFP Packing	HFC
<b>December 21</b>			
Thursday	8:15 AM	Mass	STP
	9:00 AM	Adoration	HFC Chapel
	6:30 PM	Mass	SH
	7:00 PM	Culture of Life Party	SH
	8:45 PM	Benediction	HFC Chapel
<b>December 22</b>			
Friday	12:15 PM	Mass	CTK
	5:30 PM	Kittle-Herd Wedding	Chapel
<b>December 23</b>			
Saturday	10:00 AM	Children's Choir	CTK
<b>December 24 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>			
Sunday	<del>10:41 AM</del>	No RE Classes	CTK
	<del>10:45 AM</del>	No CCD Classes	SH
		No 11:30 AM Mass	STP
		No 6:00 PM Mass	CTK



**PEW CARDS** - When the wording for the Mass parts changed several years ago, we provided cards with the new wording.

They've gotten pretty worn out over the years, & we plan to remove them after Christmas. The same information is in the missalette on the inside front cover.

Please feel free to take a card if you'd like to have one for your own personal use.



	December 17	December 24
CTK	Janis Tysko	Wendy Serbonich
STP	Sally Biancone	Terri Trese

### WINTER BREAK SCHEDULE



- Monday & Wednesday 5:30 PM Masses at CTK are cancelled during the University's winter break.
- 8:15 AM Mass will be celebrated Mondays through Thursdays at STP.
- There will be 12:15 PM Mass on Fridays at CTK.
- The offices close at 5:00 PM.

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR** - Choir practices for the 4:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass at CTK are Tuesday, December 19th, 6:00 to 7:00 PM & Saturday, December 23rd, 10:00 to 11:00 AM.



Practices will be held in the church. We will do our best to keep practices to an hour. It is a great way for the children to learn Christmas songs & SPREAD THE JOY! If you have questions, contact Nancy Sand.

### SUNDAY COLLECTION: DECEMBER 10 CTK

Envelopes	\$ 2453.00
Loose	\$ <u>402.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2855.00</b>
Immaculate Conception	\$ 510.00
Religious Retirement Fund	\$ 1052.00

Envelopes Used: 53 out of 277

### ST. PAUL

Envelopes	\$ 2390.00
Loose	\$ <u>246.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2636.00</b>
Immaculate Conception	\$ 540.00
Religious Retirement Fund	\$ 490.00

Envelopes Used: 47 out of 218

### SACRED HEART

Envelopes	\$ 1436.00
Loose	\$ <u>175.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1611.00</b>
Immaculate Conception	\$ 462.00
Religious Retirement Fund	\$ 669.00

Envelopes Used: 45 out of 132

*Thank you for supporting your parish!*

## CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR SCHEDULE

### Sunday, December 24th, Christmas Eve

4:00 PM	Children's Mass	CTK
5:30 PM	Mass	SH
7:00 PM	Mass	CTK
8:00 PM	Mass	STP
12:00 Midnight	Mass	SH

### Monday, December 25th, Christmas Day

9:30 AM	Mass	SH
10:00 AM	Mass	STP



### Sunday, December 31st, New Year's Eve

6:00 PM	Mass	CTK
7:00 PM	Mass	SH

### Monday, January 1st, New Year's Day

9:00 AM	Mass	STP
9:00 AM	Mass	SH



**CAROLING** - Christmas Carolers gather at CTK in the church at 11:00. From there we will go to various locations.

**GIVING TREE UPDATE** - A big THANK YOU to all who brought in food & presents for the Giving Tree. Two full carloads of presents were taken to Children Services. The food pantry is overflowing with donations of food & nonperishables. Thank you also to Jim Fuller for the donation of bags. The Athens Catholic Community never ceases to amaze with its generosity!

**CHRISTMAS FOOD GIFTS** - Thanks to the generosity of the people of St. Paul & Christ the King, ACC Pantry distributed holiday food to more than 100 households in the county! It was appreciated & met with great thanks.

Our special thanks to Jim Fuller who donated bags, Chuck Schloss who donated VFW food, the Bruggeman brothers for much labor, & the office staff & Fr. Mark for support & help.

Those collecting & deserving kudos for the food effort & the Giving Tree project are Cathy Bruggeman & Teresa McConnell. Thanks to all!

**CHRISTMAS WHEAT** - These seed packets are available in the Gathering Space at CTK & in the Vestibule at STP. Take the seeds, plant them in a container at home & keep it watered. Watch the seeds grow in the coming weeks. As you care for the plants, recall the Good Deeds you have done in the past week in preparation for Jesus' birth.

By Christmas Eve, the fresh green shoots of wheat should be about 8 inches tall. The wheat can be placed next to the manger or crib scene as a gift to Jesus & a reminder to us of the Eucharist which feeds our souls & as the staple of life which nourishes all of mankind. It can also be used as a table decoration, with a candle placed in the center.

Before the Christmas Eve Masses, Father will ask the children present to add a bit of grass to the manger.



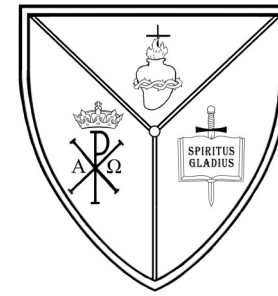
**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** - Classes will not meet today through December 31st. Classes resume Sunday, January 7th, the Feast of the Epiphany.

**PEACE & JUSTICE COMMITTEE** - Bread for the World asks us to remember all those who struggle with hunger on the 21st of each month. Please pray for the hungry & consider fasting, in some way, in solidarity with them on Thursday, December 21st.

### PARISH REGISTRATION & CONTRIBUTIONS

For clarification, your contributions to the churches will be deposited to the church to which the checks are made payable, but your end-of-the-year tax statement will come through the parish where you are registered. So if you are registered at STP but make your check payable to CTK, CTK receives the money but your credit for the donation is applied to your account at STP. If you wish to change your parish registration, please notify the office before January; however, your 2017 tax statements will be reflective of whatever parish in which you are currently registered.

**MAILING ADDRESS** - Please look at the address on your church support envelopes. If you want to change the appearance of the address or if you have questions, please call Matthew at the parish office or email him at [mklm@athenscatholic.org](mailto:mklm@athenscatholic.org). The envelope defaults to Mr. & Mrs. John Q. Public.



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### Mass Times

#### SACRED HEART CHURCH

WEDNESDAY 12:00 PM

THURSDAY 6:30 PM

FIRST FRIDAY MASS

8:30 AM

FIRST SATURDAY MASS & DEVOTIONS

9:30 AM

SATURDAY VIGIL

5:30 PM

SUNDAY

9:30 AM

#### ST. PAUL CHURCH

MONDAY - THURSDAY 8:15 AM

SUNDAY

8:30 AM, 11:30 AM

#### CHRIST THE KING CHURCH

FRIDAY

12:15 PM

SATURDAY VIGIL

5:00 PM

SUNDAY

10:00 AM

6:00 PM (DURING THE ACADEMIC YEAR)

### Confessions

SACRED HEART: SATURDAY 4:45 PM

SUNDAY 8:45 AM

CHRIST THE KING: SATURDAY 4:00 PM

SUNDAY 5:00 PM (DURING THE ACADEMIC YEAR)

CONFESSIONS ARE HEARD ANYTIME BY REQUEST.

### Prayers

Please remember in your prayers the health (H), intentions (I), or repose (R) of the following people:

Raymond Abraham (H)

Nancy Bozek (H)

Frank Broderick (H)

Dawn Class (H)

Paula Gregory (H)

Brady Huffman (H)

Blaycen Jeffers (H)

Fr. Bob Kawa (H)

Chelsie Knopp (H)

Gregory Lane (H)

John Moore (H)

Jamie Mumaw (H)

Mildred Riggs (H)

Terry Smith (H)

Sue Simithson (H)

Nancy Tapocsi (H)

Karen Triplett (H)

Prayers for the clergy of our Diocese:

Msgr. Kurt Kemo (17th)

Rev. Wayne Morris (18th)

Rev. Sean Sheridan TOR (19th)

Rev. Donald Calloway MIC (20th)

Rev. Angelo Casimiro MIC (21st)

Rev. Brian Cavanaugh TOR (22nd)

Rev. Charles Moran (23rd)

Prayers for the Deceased Clergy of the Diocese:

Rev. Joseph Pickard (17th)

Rev. Donald Nuss (18th)

Rev. William Byrne (19th)

Rev. A. Donald Mantica (21st)

*SACRED HEART CHURCH  
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
DECEMBER 17, 2017*

*The December intention of the Servants of Mary of Sacred Heart is to prayerfully approach this season of Advent with an open heart. May we reflect on the reason for the season.*



**MASS SCHEDULE CHANGES** - There is no Mass at Sacred Heart this Wednesday, December 20th. Fr. Mark will be at a meeting in Steubenville.

**FOOD PANTRY** - December donations to the Meigs Cooperative Parish are bathroom tissue or pencil top erasers. Deodorant, dishwashing detergent, shampoo & laundry detergent are always needed. Place items in the container on the left side of the vestibule.



The Meigs Cooperative Parish is in need of volunteers for the kitchen on Tuesdays & Thursdays. For more information, call Pete Barnhart, [740-416-0578](tel:740-416-0578).



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**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**  
**next weekend: December 23/24**

	<b>Saturday, December 23</b> 5:30 PM	<b>Sunday, December 24</b> 9:30 AM
Eucharist	Cecelia Lisle & Jane Huffman	Cindy Nau & Robert Beegle
Word	Amity Wamsley	Wilma Mansfield
Gifts	Kris Harris & Marilyn Epple	the Brooker Family
Ushers	David Hollis & David Casci	Stephen Brown & Steve Musser
Altar Servers	Michael Martin	Cadan Broderick & Michael Brown
Hospitality	Harold & Susie Stewart	Danny & Roxie Marcinko
CCD Snacks		No CCD Today



ANOTE FROM FR. MARK - Our Catholic brothers and sisters at St. Joseph's in Mason, WV have had their church closed. Please be mindful of new faces that may be joining us in the coming weeks. I pray for their consolation from the Lord, and that they find a generous welcome and home in whatever Catholic parish they go to next. The road to finding a new spiritual home is never easy.

I find some 62 verses in the Bible mentioning "roads." Usually, we describe a road by its condition. In the mountains a road might be described as a "winding road," or a "gravel road," or even a "treacherous road." In Athens, we might describe the roads as "hole-y," not to be confused with "holy." But in the Bible a road is not listed by condition but by destination. There is the road to Jerusalem and to Bethlehem. There is the Damascus Road, Emmaus Road, and the Jericho Road.

At Mass, we are have spent two months now hearing about our final destination. The road to eternal life may be difficult or it may be easy. It may be straight or it may be curvy. We are told by the Lord that it is narrow. But in all things, God has a destination where he desires us to arrive. We may have travel down more than one road to find it but the destination is real. The destination is eternal life. People, buildings, and towns change, but the destination of eternal life should always be our focus.

The road right now is bumpy for some of those mourning the loss of their church. Please remember them in your prayers, welcome those who join us, and pray that we all be focused on the road to heaven.

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**Monday, January 1st, Mary, Mother of God (New Year's Day)**

9:00 AM	Mass	STP
9:00 AM	Mass	SH

