

MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

December 20th and 21st

LECTORS

SA	5:00 PM	Ted Ligenza
IC	8:00 AM	Peggy Powell-Dorey
SA	9:30 AM	Christine Feerrar

ALTAR SERVERS

SA	5:00 PM	Marty Urbanic
IC	8:00 AM	Xavier and Ben Shields
SA	9:30 AM	Avery and Ryan Stimpson

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 12/15/25	8:30 AM IC	Edward Michura by The Fair Maiden
Tuesday 12/16/25	8:30 AM IC	Caroline Morrow by The Hanson Family
Wednesday 12/17/25	8:30 AM SA	Edwina Sohmer Curtis by Johnnie Cancelarich
Thursday 12/18/25	8:30 AM IC	Msgr. Joseph Fleming Month's Mind
Friday 12/19/25	8:30 AM SA	Ken Sohmer by Mary Ann Kies
Saturday 12/20/25	5:00 PM SA	Wava Karichner by Joe Karichner and Family
Sunday 12/21/25	8:00 AM IC	Yvonne Dumm by Dave and Family
	9:30 AM SA	People of the Parish

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH EVENTS

MONDAY, 12/15/25

CGS Level 1: 10:45 AM – PC
LAMBDS: 1 PM – PC - Sm Room
SA Choir Practice: 4:30 PM – PC - Sm Room
Christian Initiation: 6 PM – PC 2nd floor

TUESDAY, 12/16/25

WEDNESDAY, 12/17/25

THURSDAY, 12/18/25

Adoration: 9-10 AM – IC

FRIDAY, 12/19/25

SATURDAY, 12/20/25

Confessional Confessions: 4 PM – SA

SUNDAY, 12/21/25

IC Choir: 7:30 AM – IC Church Basement
Eucharistic Adoration & Vespers: 6 PM – IC



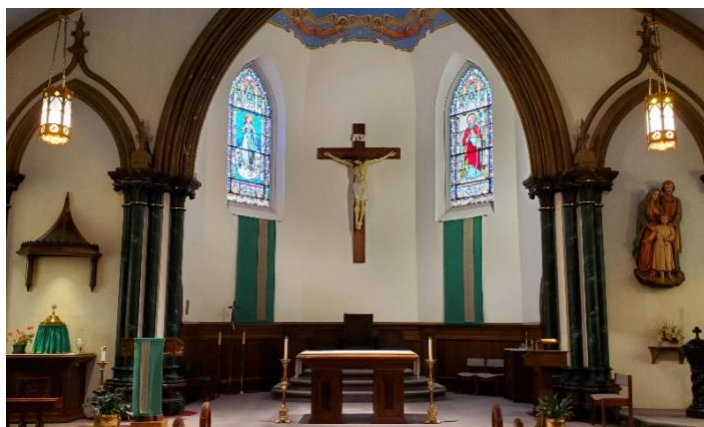
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Holy Spirit Parish

Third Sunday of Advent – December 14, 2025
Month of the Immaculate Conception of Mary



Immaculate Conception Church

310 West Water Street
Lock Haven, PA 17745



Saint Agnes Church

3 East Walnut Street
Lock Haven, PA 17745

Parish Office Hours

Monday – Friday 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

By appointment after 12 Noon

Appointments with Father Orr – Call the Office

Main Office: 570-748-4594 Fax: 570-796-2642

Website: holyspiritlockhaven.org

Weekday Mass Schedule:

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday

8:30 AM – St. Agnes Church

Tuesday and Thursday

8:30 AM – Immaculate Conception Church

or as announced

(the Rosary is recited after every weekday Mass)

Holy Days of Obligation

Check back for updated Mass times

Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday, 5:00 PM – St. Agnes Church

Sunday, 8:00 AM – Immaculate Conception Church

Sunday, 9:30 AM – St. Agnes Church

Sunday, 12:00 Noon – St. Joseph Church, Renovo

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays

11:00 AM – Immaculate Conception Church

4:00 PM – St. Agnes Church

or anytime upon request

Gaudete Sunday



Gaudete Sunday is called that because "*Gaudete*" is the Latin word for "rejoice" and it is the name of the entrance antiphon on the Third Sunday of Advent. "*Rejoice (Gaudete) in the Lord always. Again, I say rejoice. The Lord is near.*" Gaudete Sunday marks a shift in the Advent season from penitential preparation to joyful anticipation of Christmas.

Advent Thought

Toward the end of Matthew's Gospel there is a parable about being watchful, and Jesus uses a story about a thief coming to rob a home. The parable is intended to get us ready, being prepared, staying awake, taking action, and not missing opportunities to live the life Jesus wants us to lead. People tend to picture the hourglass of their life as very large, with all the sand still at the top, like it's going to take years for the sand to drop down. But God uses a smaller hourglass, indicating that the time for change is now, whether it's simple like getting more exercise or something much more challenging like mending a rift with a family member or friend. What is the important thing you have been putting off in your life, the action you should be doing right now? That is a good question to ask yourself today.

From: *The Little Blue Book*



Christmas Mass Schedule

Wednesday, December 24th ~ Christmas Eve

4:00 PM vigil at St. Joseph

7:00 PM vigil at St. Agnes

10:00 PM vigil at Immaculate Conception

Thursday, December 25th ~ Christmas Day

9:30 AM Mass at St. Agnes

12:00 Noon Mass at St. Joseph

There will be special music 30 minutes before all Masses. Come early to listen and sing.



Everyone is invited to help decorate our churches for Christmas after Mass on Sunday, December 21st. We will decorate after the 8 AM Mass at Immaculate Conception and after 9:30 AM Mass at St. Agnes. Please join your fellow parishioners in this wonderful way to get into the Christmas Spirit.

Christmas Flower Intention Envelopes

Your Christmas Flower envelopes will be placed upon the altar and Christmas Masses will be offered for the repose of your loved ones. The donations we receive are used to decorate our churches for the Solemnity of our Lord's birth. Last year, the parish donations covered the cost of decorating our beautiful churches. We all appreciate how beautiful the churches have looked at Christmas and I'm sure you'd like to see the churches just as wonderfully prepared this year. The envelopes are available in your packets and in the vestibules of both churches.



Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration is scheduled for one hour after morning Mass at IC Church on **Thursday, December 18th**. All are invited and encouraged to participate in this special Holy Hour in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

This event provides an opportunity to focus on the true reason for the season, Jesus, God's ultimate gift to us. This gift of love, salvation, and eternal life brings hope and peace to the world. The holiday's tradition of gift giving mirrors the central spiritual offering of God's Son to humanity and reminds us to be generous and share HIS love.



LHCS 3rd Grade Bulletin Board

WINTER SNOW

With winter making its swift arrival, we want to remind everyone that during inclement weather, IC Church will be the first to be cleared.

If the weather during a weekday or weekend Mass is too poor to have both buildings cleared, Masses will be moved to IC Church. Please use caution during this time of year! Small spots of ice and snow drifting onto walks can be hazardous. The Office will follow the same delayed-start schedule as LHCS to allow sufficient time for cleanup. If you are unsure, please call ahead! We will try our best to send a Flocknote message when changes occur.



Point to Ponder

"If you have much, give of your wealth.

If you have little, give of your heart."

Ancient Middle East Proverb

Nazareth Group for Young Women

The Nazareth Group is for young women, grades 9-12, who desire to learn more about our faith while making wholesome friendships and to grow in their love for Jesus Christ through prayer and the sharing of inspirational experiences at an occasional Saturday afternoon meeting 11:00 AM to 4:30 PM January 17th, March 21st, and June 6th. Call Sister Clare to find out more, 570-745-3334. To get a glimpse of your hostesses go to

www.capuchinsisters.com.



A four year old boy was asked to give thanks before Christmas dinner. The family bowed their heads in expectation. He began his prayer by thanking God for all his family and friends, naming them one by one.

Then he began to thank God for the food. He gave thanks for the turkey, the dressing, the cranberry sauce, the pies, the cakes, even the Cool Whip.

Then he paused, and everyone waited and waited. After a long silence, he looked up at his mother with a concerned look and asked, "If I thank God for the broccoli, won't he know I'm lying?"

Stewardship REFLECTION

Good news, Christian stewards – we are gaining ground on our Advent mountain climb, and it is time to take a moment to rejoice in the Good News that our Savior will come again in triumph one day. Today's readings on this Gaudete ('Rejoice') Sunday are filled with reminders of God's final victory over suffering and injustice, and encouragement to remain steadfast in our mission to live as faith-filled disciples.

Our Gospel passage, from Matthew, connects the prophecy of Isaiah to the arrival of Jesus almost word for word. In this passage we find the imprisoned John the Baptist sending his disciples to ask Jesus if he is indeed the long-awaited Messiah. Jesus' reply is almost identical to Isaiah's prophetic words. He says, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, and the dead are raised..." The Savior really has arrived just as promised! Yet that arrival was 700 years after Isaiah's prediction. God always fulfills his promises, but patience and firmness of heart are required as we await his perfect timing. Let us rejoice in the knowledge that God has called us to enter this kingdom. Let us keep our hearts firmly fixed on this eternal goal and strive with all our might to give God and others the very best of ourselves in gratitude for such a privilege.



Prayers to Mary

The candle for the first two weeks of December at the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary at St. Agnes Church is burning in memory of **Elmer and Rose Hill** by their Daughters.

Sanctuary Candles

The sanctuary candle for the first two weeks of December at St. Agnes Church is burning in memory of **Larry Rine** by his Loving Family.

The sanctuary candle for the first two weeks of December at Immaculate Conception Church is burning in memory of **John and Mae Cebulka** by their Loving Family.

Now accepting Mass Intentions and
Candle Memorials for 2026!
Call the office or place your requests in the
collection basket.