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MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday/Domingo.....9:30 a.m. in English & 12:30 p.m. en Español
 Tuesday/Martes.....6:00-7:00 p.m.
 Adoration Benediction/Adoración y Bendición
 7:00 p.m. Mass/Misa
 Wednesday/Miércoles.....12:00p.m.
 Thursday/Jueves.....12:00p.m.
 Friday/Viernes.....9:00a.m.
 First Friday/Primer Viernes..... Adoration for 24 hours/Adoración de 24 horas
 Saturday/Sábado.....5:00 p.m.

PARISH STAFF

PastorFr. Romen Acero
 Pastoral Associate/Asociadas Pastorales..... Lucille Gorham
 Director of Religious Education/ Directora de Educacion Religiosa
 Sr./Hna. Maria Sanchez, HSMG
 Hispanic Ministry/Ministerio Hispano..... Sr./Hna. Angelica Arce,HSMG
 Parish Secretary/Secretaria de la ParroquiaMia RomeroWashington
 Bookkeeper/Contador.....Maria Melendrez de Kelley
 Music Director/Organista.....Karen Rainey
 Parish Maintenance.....John Andrason
 Pro-Life Coordinators.....Dick & Gaylene Rankin

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS/HORAS DE OFICINA

Tuesday–Thursday/Martes a Jueves9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.
 Friday/Viernes.....9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

PARISH REGISTRATION

If you are new to our parish, you are encouraged to register as soon as possible. Registration in a parish is the norm and is required for registration in religious education, for sacramental preparation, and for sponsorship certificates. Registration forms are available in the parish office, or the ministry table in the atrium.

BAPTISM: The celebration of Baptism is a moment of grace for those to be Baptized, for their families, as well as for the entire parish community. Please contact Sister Angie to register for preparation classes.

FAITH FORMATION: All children not attending Catholic school should be enrolled in our Faith Formation Program. For more information, please contact Sister Angie.

R.C.I.A.: Adults who would like to learn more about the Catholic Faith or wish to become Catholic should consider enrolling in R.C.I.A. classes. Interested persons should contact Sister Angie.

CONFIRMATION: Young adults may be confirmed after a preparation period starting in 10th grade and successful completion of requirements. For more information, please contact Sister Angie.

MARRIAGE: Couples planning to be married must see a priest at least six months prior to the planned marriage. Pre-marriage instruction is required. Please do not set a date in advance until you have spoken to the pastor.

ANOINTING THE SICK: Please call the parish office if you or a member of your family needs the Sacrament of Anointing.

HOMEBOUND/SHUT-INS: If there is anyone who cannot come to Mass because of illness or age, we ask you to please call the parish office.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Bilingual Choir will rehearse on Thursday evening, Dec. 13 at 7:30 PM and Wednesday evening, Dec. 19 at 7:00 PM to prepare for the Christmas Masses. Anyone wishing to sing for Christmas should attend these rehearsals. All ages are welcome!

The Circle of Friends will again be offering our delicious Chick-Fil-A fundraiser during December. A \$10 donation will get a package of 6 delicious giant chocolate chunk cookies and a coupon for a Chick-Fil-A Sandwich or Original 8 Count Nuggets. This is a super offer and can provide wonderful teacher gifts or stocking stuffers or even extra gifts around the house for unexpected visitors during the Christmas season. Please help us to raise funds that ultimately help our Church. You can place your pre-paid orders with a Circle Member in the atrium before or after Masses on Dec. 1 & 2 and Dec. 8 & 9. Checks should be made out to "Circle of Friends". Orders must be picked up Dec. 16 & 17 at any of the Masses. Thank you!

GIVING TREE: Pitt Co. DSS, Adult Services Division is so grateful to the parishioners of St. Gabriel's who never fail to provide a very Merry Christmas for these residents. Please take a card or two and make someone's Christmas bright. **Return gifts to St Gabriel before December 17, 2018.** Attach the card to the gift securely to ensure the right gift gets to the right person. Thank you once again for your generosity!

ARE YOU SEPARATED OR DIVORCED? Join us for a Catholic based divorce healing program at Our Lady of Lourdes Church. Whether you have been separated or divorced, ten days or ten years, this program offers comfort, counsel, and clarity. It also offers valuable insight regarding divorce and Catholic Church teachings. Using the CATHOLIC'S DIVORCE SURVIVAL GUIDE, the 12-week program features a 30-minute DVD each week with discussions to follow. It is confidential and an excellent support during a painful time. Cost is \$20 per person for the journal. The program will begin Monday, January 7, 2019 at 7 pm in the Fallon Center lounge. Please contact Christine Martin at beanieviola73@aol.com or Melanie Bailie at mbailie@nc.rr.com for a registration form.

Alice Mostyn sends a heartfelt thanks to all who have prayed for her and sent cards. They are appreciated, she is doing better and looks forward to a day when she can visit her St. Gabriel Family.

Sanctuary Lamp: The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week, in memory of Steven Martin Gondrez. If you would like to sponsor the lamp for a week in memory of a loved one, please call the office to schedule.

We will not be distributing the Precious Blood during Masses, due to Flu Season. We encourage you not to hold hands during the Our Father and to avoid giving the sign of peace if you are not feeling well.

JPII Christmas Concert: Come enjoy the sounds of the holiday season at the JPII Christmas Concert on Tuesday, December 11 at 7:00 p.m. at the school. There is no cost to attend.

JPII Sports Week: The JPII swim team travels to Parrott on Monday for a meet at 4:00 p.m. and the men's and women's basketball will host Hobgood Academy this Wednesday. The varsity women's game starts at 5:00 and the varsity men's game is at 6:30. There is no admission fee for all regular-season home games this year, so come cheer on the Saints!

JPII Enrollment Fees Go Up Soon. JPII is Pitt County's fastest-growing private high school! With world-class academics that are rooted in faith, activities that encourage students to discover new interests, and the new athletic campus opening in the spring of 2019, there has never been a better time for high school students to become a part of the JPII family. We encourage families to start the application process now so they are eligible to take advantage of low enrollment fees for the 2019-2020 school year. Applications should be submitted online at jp2highschool.com/apply. Questions? Call Director of Recruiting Doug Smith at [252-321-2132](tel:252-321-2132)

Dedication of the Fisk Opus 147 Pipe Organ Please join us for the dedication of the Fisk Opus 147 Pipe Organ at Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral on January 3, 2019. Vespers begin at 6:30pm followed by a concert with concert guest soloist Nathan Laube. Event is open to the public.

Santa Workshop Donations: We are in need of all gift items especially for babies, toddlers, men and books for children age 2-10. The Santa workshop donation box will be located at the back of the church. We appreciate and need all donations no later than December 9th. **Sincere Thanks, The Columbiettes**

MASS INTENTIONS

- 12/11-10:00pm.....The People of the Parish
- 12/12-7:00pm.....The People of the Parish
- 12/13-12:00pm.....The Havermann Family
.....By Judy Havermann
- 12/14-9:00am.....The Holy Souls in Purgatory
.....By Attila Vamos
- 12/15-5:00pm.....Tom McLain †
.....By Betsy McLain
- 12/16-9:30am.....Mike Mostyn †
.....By Alice Mostyn
- 12:30pm.....The People of the Parish

PRAYER LIST

Please keep those who are ill in your prayers, especially; Lucy & Jim Palmer, Valerie Adamski, Helen Catigan, Paul Kelley, Lillian Sagamore, Phyllis Pope, Phil Pekala, Kay Andrason, Debbie Reitano, Mary Newton, Marie Neal, Rosa Sicilia, Kathy May, Chester Truty, Gary & Mort Taylor, Donna Harris, Charles & Lucille Gorham, Ella Marcotte, Pearl Connor, Jeffrey Parker, Lucas Keller, Sr. Edna English, Charlene Woodring, Ray Reddrick, Tim Neal, Brenda Luther, Betty Brooks, Fr. John Long, Rita Rose Atstupenas, Joe Laliberte, Michelle Mack, Gail Allen, Alice Mostyn, Dot Briley, Joan Harris, Ella Reese, Montie & Paula Pakowski, Richard Ipri, Msgr. Jerry Sherba, Thom, & Son Nguyen, P.J. Lewis, Dorie Tulis, David Williams, Ellie Sullivan, Thelma Jones, Grace Budryns, Wells, Dale & Joan Wardle, Pat Adams, Eva Owens, Glenda Wagner, David Shipe, Kathy Venturini, Cristi Venuto, Linda K. Thompson, Donna Satira, Hudson Rogers, Carol Kulikowski, & Joseph Pasquarella

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Weekly First Collection Goal \$6,300

- Week of 12/2/18.....\$7,050.63
- Building & Maintenance Fund.....\$1,733.54
- Week of 12/9/18....\$
- Retirement Fund for Religious....\$
- Week 12/16/18...\$
- Fire Alarm System\$
- Week 12/23/18...\$
- Christmas Offering\$
- Week 12/30/18...\$
- Priest Retirement....\$

Fire Alarm System Total Received...\$19,135.00

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

- Tuesday- 6:00-6:30pm
- Saturday- 4:00-4:30pm
- And by appointment.

STAFF EMAIL

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Parish Posadas: December 16, 18 & 22

Posadas are an important part of Mexican Christmas traditions and could be compared with the Christmas Carolers. These community celebrations take place on each of the nine nights leading up to Christmas, from December 16 to 24th. The word posada means "inn" or "shelter" in Spanish, and in this tradition, Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem and their search for a place to stay is re-enacted. The celebration begins with a procession in which the participants hold candles and sing Christmas carols. The images of Mary and Joseph are carried. The procession will make its way to a particular home (a different one each night), where a special song (La Cancion Para Pedir Posada) is sung. **Asking for Shelter:** There are two parts to the traditional posada song. Those outside the house sing the part of Joseph asking for shelter and the family inside responds singing the part of the innkeeper saying that there is no room. The song switches back and forth a few times until finally the innkeeper decides to let them in. The hosts open the door and everyone goes inside. **Celebration:** Once inside the house there is a celebration which can vary from a very big fancy party to a small get-together among friends. After a time for Bible reading and prayer, the hosts offer the guests food, usually tamales and a hot drink such as ponche or atole. Then the guests break piñatas and the children are given candy. The nine nights of posadas leading up to Christmas represent the nine months that Jesus spent in Mary's womb. All members of families play a role in the celebration of Posadas. **History of the Posadas.** Posadas originated in colonial Mexico. The Augustinian friars of San Agustin de Acolman, near Mexico City are believed to have celebrated the first posadas. In 1586, Friar Diego de Soria, the Augustinian prior, obtained a papal bull from Pope Sixtus V to celebrate what were called *misas de aguinaldo* "Christmas gift masses" between December 16 and 24. **All families and members of St. Gabriel's are welcome to join us to the celebration of the Posadas.**

The Catholic Community of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother
Saturday Mass: 5:00 PM ~ Sunday Mass: 9:30 AM & 12:30 PM in Spanish
December 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<p><u>The Circle of Friends</u> Chick-Fil-A Chocolate Chunk Cookie Sale -> Before & After all weekend Masses. December 1,2,8 & 9. Orders must be picked up 12/15 & 12/16</p>	<p>1 First Saturday Hospitality & Decoration Ministries Activity 10am-2pm Confession 4-4:45pm Adoration begins at 6pm Faith Formation 6:00-7:30pm</p>
<p>2 Adoration Ends at 8:00am Faith Formation 10:45-12:15 The Circle of Friends Chick-Fil-A Chocolate Chunk Cookie Sale</p>	<p>3 Office Closed Circle of Friends 12pm in rm 1 St. Peter's Penance Service 7 pm Boy Scouts rm 7&8 at 7pm</p>	<p>4 Adoration 6 pm Confession 6-6:45pm Anointing of the Sick during Mass 7pm Bilingual Mass</p>	<p>5 12 pm Mass Anointing of the Sick during Mass Penance Service 7 pm</p>	<p>6 12 pm Mass BSA Parents Meeting room 5 at 7pm K of C Planning & Social Mtg.7:30PM Choir rehearsal 7:30pm</p>	<p>7 9am Mass The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Vigil Mass 7 pm Bilingual</p>	<p>8 Holy Day of Obligation The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary 12pm Mass Confession 4-4:45pm Mass 5pm Chick-Fil-A Cookie Sale Faith Formation 6:00-7:30pm</p>
<p>9 Coffee & Donuts after 9:30 am Mass Our Lady of Guadalupe Play 11 am Chick-Fil-A Cookie Sale Faith Formation 10:45-12:15</p>	<p>10 Office Closed Boy Scouts rm 7&8 at 7pm</p>	<p>11 Our Lady of Guadalupe Program 8 pm Vigil Mass 10 PM Serenade for OLOG 11 pm</p>	<p>12 All Parish Offices Closed Adoration 6 pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass 7 pm Reception 8pm</p> 	<p>13 12pm Mass Mujeres de Hoy 11am in rm. 1 BSA Troop Meeting rm 5 at 7pm Columbiette Mtg. 7pm in room 1&2 Cantor rehearsal 6:45 pm Choir rehearsal 7:30pm</p>	<p>14 9 am Mass</p>	<p>15 Confession 4-4:45pm Mass 5pm <u>Santa's Workshop after Mass</u> Chick-Fil-A Chocolate Chunk Cookie Pick up before or after Mass Faith Formation 6:00-7:30pm</p>
<p>16 K of C Pancake & Ham Breakfast 10:30-12 Faith Formation 10:45-12:15 Chick-Fil-A Cookie Pick up <u>Santa's Workshop after Mass</u> Las Posadas 5 pm</p>	<p>17 Office Closed Rosary Makers rm.1 at 10:30 am Boy Scouts rm 7&8 at 7pm</p>	<p>18 Adoration 6 pm Confession 6-6:45pm 7pm Bilingual Mass Las Posadas 8 pm</p>	<p>19 12 pm Mass Choir rehearsal 7:00pm</p>	<p>20 10 am Mass K of C Business Mtg. 7:30 pm, room 3&4</p>	<p>21 9 am Mass Children's Christmas Party in the Parish Center at 7 pm</p>	<p>22 Confession 4-4:45pm 5 pm Mass No Faith Formation Las Posadas 6 pm</p>
<p>23 Mass: 9:30 am & 12:30 pm in Spanish No Faith Formation ----- -December 30 No Faith Formation</p>	<p>24 Christmas Eve 6pm Vigil Mass Bilingual 12 am Vigil Mass Bilingual Parish Offices Closed ----- December 31 All Parish Offices Closed Vigil Mass Bilingual 7pm</p>	<p>25 Christmas Day Mass 10 am in English 12:30 pm in Spanish Parish Offices Closed ----- January 1 10 am Mass 12:30 pm Spanish Mass</p>	<p>26 All Parish Offices Closed Building Closed</p>	<p>27 All Parish Offices Closed Building Closed ----- BSA Troop Meeting rm 7&8 at 7pm</p>	<p>28 All Parish Offices Closed Building Closed</p>	<p>29 Confession 4-4:45pm 5 pm Mass No Faith Formation</p>