Holy Apostles Parish

Serving the communities of Bon Air, Carrick, Baldwin and Overbrook

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DAILY MASSES
8:00AM Wednesday & Friday St. Wendelin
9:00AM Mon, Wed & Friday St. Albert
8:00AM Tues, Thurs & Saturday St. Basil
9:00AM Tuesday St. Norbert

SATURDAY VIGIL MASSES
4:00PM St. Basil
4:00PM St. Albert

SUNDAY MASSES
8:00AM St. Wendelin
9:00AM St. Norbert
10:30AM St. Basil
11:30AM St. Albert

CONFESSION
11:00AM - Noon Saturday St. Basil
The sacrament of reconciliation is always available to those seeking it by making an appointment with a priest.

December 11, 2016

Third Sunday of Advent

Jesus said,
“Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them.”
Matthew 11:4-5
THIRD-SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Dec. 11th Through Dec. 18th

4:00 PM ST. ALBERT
Louise Bobrzynski : Husband, Jerry

4:00 PM ST. BASIL
Robert Deemer : Family

8:00 AM ST. WENDELIN
Florence Walsh : Family

9:00 AM ST. NORBERT
Living & Deceased of Holy Apostles Parish

10:30 AM ST. BASIL
John, Monica & Robert Packan : Karole Kunig

11:30 AM ST. ALBERT
Nicholas Weber : Mom, Dad & Danelle

MONDAY WEEKDAY December 12

9:00 AM ST. ALBERT
William Jenks : Barca Family

TUESDAY WEEKDAY December 13

8:00 AM ST. BASIL
Carmela Giovanni Mariano : Mike & Theresa Mariano

9:00 AM ST. NORBERT
Doris Englert : Steve & Rose Dabis

WEDNESDAY WEEKDAY December 14

8:00 AM ST. WENDELIN
Toni Bartkowski : Husband

9:00 AM ST. ALBERT
Richard Dahm : Wife, Dorothy

THURSDAY WEEKDAY December 15

8:00 AM ST. BASIL
Schachter, Schoepfer & Weber Families : Weber Family

FRIDAY WEEKDAY December 16

8:00 AM ST. WENDELIN
Aaron Schwarz : Kathy & Family

9:00 AM ST. ALBERT
Irene & Anthony Musica : Family

SATURDAY WEEKDAY December 17

8:00 AM ST. BASIL
Rosemary Kuchler : Rita & Judy Roslonski

FOURTH- SUNDAY OF ADVENT

4:00 PM ST. ALBERT
Henry Buechel : Family

4:00 PM ST. BASIL
Living & Deceased of Holy Apostles Parish

8:00 AM ST. WENDELIN
Wilma Moeslein : Family

9:00 AM ST. NORBERT
Marie & John Merletti, Rose & Ignazio Porro : Shirlee & Jeff

10:30 AM ST. BASIL
Augustin & Bondi Families : Nancy Bondi

11:30 AM ST. ALBERT
Charles Sr., Julia & Charles Jr. Devlin : Family

This week our parish Sanctuary’s Candles are lit for the following intentions.

St. Albert Church
3198 Schieck St. ~ Pittsburgh, PA 15227

Jeanne Sweeney
From
Dick & Betty Sweeney
Richard Gutowski
From
Family

St. Basil Church
1735 Brownsville Rd. ~ Pittsburgh, PA 15210

Milius & Zirngible Families
From
Family

St. Norbert Church
2413 St. Norbert St. ~ Pittsburgh, PA 15234

Special Intention For
Paul & Pat Sherwin

St. Wendelin Church
2728 Custer Ave. ~ Pittsburgh, PA 15210

Thomas G. Wilson
From
Tom & Joann
Holy Apostles Parish Stewardship

PARISH OFFERTORY
(includes any second collections)

SATURDAY: December 4, 2016
(BOTH MASSES)  4:00 PM …$ 6,156.35
SUNDAY:
  8:00 AM …………$ 3,091.25
  9:00 AM …………$ 2,748.00
  10:30 AM …………$ 3,051.00
  11:30 AM …………$ 2,470.30

MAIL IN AND DROP OFFS ………$ 2,675.00

TOTAL OFFERING ………………$20,191.90
(Details can be obtained at the Parish Office)

Total Combined Parish Share Program
The four previous balances have been combined.

2016 PSP GOAL $ 175,685.00

SATURDAY: December 4, 2016
(BOTH MASSES)  4:00 PM… $655.00

SUNDAY:
  8:00 AM …………$ 321.00
  9:00 AM …………$ 200.00
  10:30 AM …………$ 363.00
  11:30 AM …………$ 257.00.

MAIL IN AND DROP OFFS ………$ 97.00

TOTAL OFFERING $1,893.00

PSP COLLECTED TO DATE …… $155,688.00

PSP STILL DUE …………. $ 19,997.00
(Details can be obtained at the parish office)

Let Us Pray!  O Lord, giver of life and source of freedom, I know that all I have received is from your hand. Gracious and loving God, You call us to be stewards of Your abundance, the caretakers of all you have entrusted to us. Help us to always use Your gifts wisely and teach us to share them generously. Send the Holy Spirit to work through us, bringing Your message to those we serve. May our faithful stewardship bear witness to the love of Jesus Christ in our lives. We pray with grateful hearts, in Jesus’ name.  Amen.

Holy Apostles Ministries, Meetings & Happenings

Saturday, December 10th
Drop Off & Package Cookies for Cookie Sale
(St. Albert Building Upper Floor)

Weekend of December 10 - 11
Holy Apostles Cookie Sale
(After all Masses)

Saturday, December 10th
Advent Festival of Praise, 7:00 - 8:30PM
(St. Albert the Great Church)

Monday, December 12th
Ladies of Charity Meeting 6 PM
(Formation Building Upper Floor)

Wednesday, December 14th
The Light is On For You, Confessions 6:00 - 9:00PM
(St. Basil and St. Albert the Great)
Advent Holy Hour, 7:00 - 8:00PM
(St. Wendelin)

Saturday, December 17th
Santa Lunch 11:30 AM—2:30 PM
(Formation Building Downstairs)

Wednesday, January 4th
Men’s Fellowship Meeting
(St. Albert the Great Church Meeting Room)

Saturday, January 14th
Soup will be collected at St. Albert the Great
Formation Building at. 11 AM

Sunday, January 15th
Soup Sunday,
( Soup will be sold at all the Church’s after Mass)

Wednesday, January 18th
Ladies of Charity Meeting 6 PM
(St. Norbert’s)

Need more information? Lost your bulletin? You can always check the Holy Apostles Website! www.holyapostlesparish.org
The site is full of up-to-date information, as well as wonderful pictures of our parish events! Check it out!
Rejoice! The Lord is Near!

Today we celebrate Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is Latin for Rejoice, and we rejoice because Christmas day is almost here. The first reading for today foretells of the one who will bring rejoicing, joyfulness and joy when He comes. But why all this rejoicing, joyfulness and joy? Because when the Lord is in our midst, justice will be brought for all. True justice is about giving others what they are due. Treating all men, women and children as Jesus would! Showing the same love, concern, care and compassion to others that we experience from the presence of Jesus in our lives can be our way to witness to the world the Love of God, and the transforming power of His grace. The joy and joyfulness that radiates from our relationship with Christ, as seen in our actions, could inspire others to seek the same source of joy and peace. As we come closer to Christmas day, it is not too late to open our hearts to receive the joy of Jesus and share that joy with others. Play a part in the fulfillment of God’s reign in our midst by welcoming and caring for the marginalized and disadvantaged around us. Having the opportunity to be the face and hands of Christ to others is a great reason to REJOICE!!

Keep Christ in Christmas!

One way to witness to Christ is to shop at local retailers who promote “Christmas” as the reason for their marketing and sales on a regular basis. The American Family Association (AFA) puts out a list every year of such retailers. Something to think about when doing our Christmas shopping. More information can be found at: www.afa.net/christmaslist

Keep Christ in Christmas!

Our sympathy is extended to the families of:
Steven Majoy, Marlene Parzich, Samuel Longenecker, Camillo LaBella And Ruth Moore
Eternal Rest Grant to Them O’ Lord, And Let Perpetual Light shine on Them.

Please remember members of our parishes who are in nursing homes, the home-bound, the sick and their caregivers in your prayers.
May God’s mercy shine on them.

Together we welcome all children who were baptized into our faith & parish family over the past year.

Congratulations to the parents and Godparents!
Advent Happenings
At Holy Apostles Parish, Advent brings opportunities for service, food, and socializing. On Saturday, December 3, nearly 100 volunteers prepared cards and gifts for our elderly and homebound. Sunday, December 4, brought hundreds of parishioners to the annual pot luck dinner for delicious homemade food and great fellowship. I’m keeping the words short this week so the pictures can tell the story (additional photos found on the parish website).

Morning of Service

Pot Luck Dinner

Thank You!
Deepest thanks to everyone who participated in any way in our Advent Morning of Service. The outpouring of generosity from so many parishioners, in so many ways, was a beautiful reflection of our mission to remember and ensure our continued connection with parishioners who are homebound or in nursing homes. In all, we had more than $700 donated, along with over 800 stamps, and well over 1000 Christmas cards. On Saturday, parishioners assembled over 160 gift bags, and wrote more than 1000 Christmas cards. Thank you to everyone who made any contribution - in time or treasure! For it is giving, that we receive.

Thank You!

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU
This Wednesday, December 14, 2016, from 6:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m., rediscover the healing power of the Sacrament of Reconciliation at any Catholic parish in the Diocese of Pittsburgh. If you've been away for a long time, don't worry. We'll leave the light on for you...

Confessions will be offered at:

St. Albert the Great Church, St. Basil Church

There will be no confessions at St. Norbert Church.

ADVENT WEDNESDAY HOLY HOUR
Come together for this traditional liturgy, and peaceful time for prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament.
December 14, and 21
7:00 - 8:00PM
St. Wendelin Church

ADVENT FESTIVAL OF PRAISE
HOLY APOSTLES
Advent Festival of Praise
Hope Comes to Earth
TONIGHT, SATURDAY
7:00-8:30pm
St. Albert the Great Church

Come for a time of Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, praise and worship music with our praise band and Holy Apostles choir, adult catechesis and traditional Christmas caroling! Together we will await the coming of Hope to earth! Light reception after the program, thanks to the Holy Apostles Christian Mothers and Women’s Guild.
Questions: Call 412-884-7744
### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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<td>Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712</td>
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### CENTURY CLUB

**Holy Apostles Century Club**  
**February 25, 2017**  
St. Albert the Great Formation Building  
Cost will be $100.00 Per Couple  
More information to follow…..

### THANK YOU

Thank You to everyone who donated Soup and to everyone who bought Soup. We sold out of everything. We will be having a soup sale in January, more info to follow. Thank you again!

### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the following young people of Holy Apostles Parish  
Seton La Salle High School

- **High Honors**  
  - Griffin O’Leary  
  - Mark Mitchell  
  - Maria Gorscak  
  - Tyler Bornschlegel  
  - Ethan Dursi

- **Honors**  
  - Sarah Milcarek  
  - Matthew Kudrak  
  - Nicole Boccella  
  - Emilie Gruendl  
  - Kali Jaros

May God Bless You

### SANTA LUNCH

**SANTA LUNCH**  
**AT**  
**HOLY APOSTLES PARISH**  
**SAINT ALBERT THE GREAT**  
**HANNON HALL**  
**SATURDAY DECEMBER 17, 2016**  
**FROM 11:30 AM TIL’ 2:30 PM**

**SANTA’S HELPERS WILL PROVIDE AN AFTERNOON OF CRAFTS, STORIES, SONGS, PRIZES, LUNCH (A NEW MENU), ICE CREAM SUNDAES AND A VISIT AND A PICTURE WITH SANTA.**

**DONATIONS ARE NEEDED OF SMALL COLORING BOOKS, GAMES, MARKERS, CHRISTMAS STICKERS, CHRISTMAS PENCILS. GIFT IDEAS FOR GIRLS AND BOYS**

**PRIZE BASKETS ARE GAMES, DOLLS, TRUCKS AND CARS, BOOKS, INFANT’S TOYS. AGES RANGE FROM 1 MONTH TO 9 YEARS. MONETARY DONATIONS WILL ALSO BE APPRECIATED.**

Please return with payment. Tickets are $6.00 per person. Children under 2 years are free.

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO HOLY APOSTLES PARISH.**

**FAMILY NAME__________________**  
**# OF CHILDREN_________ # OF ADULTS_______**

**Reservation cut off DECEMBER 12TH**

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SUNDAY CLASS SCHEDULE
December  
11 – class  
18 – class  
25 – NO class (Christmas break)

TUESDAY CLASS SCHEDULE
December  
13 - class  
20 – class  
27 – NO class (Christmas break)

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Last chance to send a Candy Cane Gram! Last day to purchase a Candy Cane Gram is December 14th!

CCD Annual Advent project: collection of hats, gloves, mittens, scarves and white tube socks in both adult and children sizes. All items must be brand new. We also accept hand knitted and crochet items.

With the holidays approaching, please remember to save your postage stamps (Ronald McDonald House) and can tabs (Notre Dame Sisters). CCD collects these items all year.

CCD Office hours: Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 10:00am – 3:00pm

CCD tel. # 412-884-7744
Lori – ext. 222 Rosina – ext. 221