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LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening
6:00 PM (April, May, June, July, August, September, October)
4:00 PM (November, December, January, February, March)
Sunday 7:00, 8:45, 10:30, 12:15 PM
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 6:40 AM & 8:45 AM
Tuesday 6:40 AM
Friday 8:45 AM
Saturday 8:30 AM
Novena and Benediction 7:00 PM Wednesday
Prayer/Praise Group First Thursday of the Month

ST. BONAVENTURE PHONE NUMBER

412-486-2606

Staff and Extension Numbers:

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Rev. John P. Sweeney	Pastor	ext. 404
Rev. Matt McClain	Parochial Vicar	ext. 405
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Mr. David VanVickle	Religious Education	ext. 200
Mrs. Kim Gigler	School Office Secretary	ext. 301
Mrs. Jacqueline Easley	School Principal	ext. 303

Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday
12:30 PM-1:30 PM and following evening Liturgy.

Sacrament of Baptism: Baptisms are celebrated on
Sunday at 1:15 PM. Call the Parish Center for an appoint-
ment. Pre-Baptism Classes are required.

Sacrament of Marriage Couples planning to marry are
to contact a Parish Priest at least six months before the de-
sired date. Marriage preparation is required.

Preparation For Becoming Catholic (RCIA)

Contact the Parish Center for details.

Parish Membership New parishioners are always wel-
come! We invite you to call the Parish Center so we may
welcome you into our community.

Bulletin Information Deadline All information
must be submitted in writing and received at the Parish Cen-
ter by Monday, 12:00 Noon. Material will be published on a
space available basis.

"For today in the city of David a savior has been
born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be
a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in
swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." - Lk 2:11-12



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ST. BONAVENTURE PARISH

DECEMBER 25, 2011
NATIVITY OF THE LORD



Mass Intentions for the Week

LITURGY SCHEDULE

PLEASE NOTE: There will be only one Mass this week — at 8:45AM

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2011 **St. Stephen**
8:45 AM Mary Doloughy (Andrew, Alex & Aiden)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2011 **St John**
8:45 AM Walt Barie (Cathy Barie & Family)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2011 **Holy Innocents**
8:45 AM Paolo & Vincenza Tolomeo (Family)
9:30 AM .Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - Chapel
All Day Adoration
7:00 PM Novena, Our Lady of Perpetual Help
and Benediction

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2011 **St Thomas Becket**
8:45 AM Garrett Deutsch (Family)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2011
The Holy Family of Jesus
8:45 AM Peter Stupar (Helen & Kathy)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2011 **St Sylvester**
8:30 AM Mary Lou Wirth (Mr. & Mrs. George Jones)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2011
VIGIL FOR BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
4:00 PM Michaline Shallcross (Carol Szasynski)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2012
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
7:00 AM Intention of St. Bonaventure Parish Family
8:45 AM 50th Wedding anniversary of
Barbara & Richard Sladic
10:30 AM Joseph Buczkowski (Diane, Rich & Rose)
12:15 PM Frances Huey (Barbara Doerfler)

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS: All expectant parents who plan to have their child baptized at St. Bonaventure Church are asked to attend a Baptism Preparation Class. The class will be offered on Monday, January 9, 2012 at 7:30 PM in the Parish Center Conference Room. To reserve a place, please call 412-486-2606 x 200.



MASS SCHEDULE

Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God
Saturday, December 31, 2011
4:00 PM

Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God
January 1, 2012
Regular Sunday Masses
7:00 AM, 8:45 AM, 10:30 AM & 12:15 PM

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION: The second collection today at is the annual Christmas collection to fund the many services and programs for children and youth in our Diocese. We ask your generosity as well in that collection, which is credited towards our Parish Share goal for the year. (And as you know, any amount raised over our goal remains with the Parish)

CHURCH CALENDARS: Please take a Church calendar home with you today. They are provided by the Neely and Bock Funeral Home, and are available in the gathering area.

ROOKE CHAPEL RINGERS IN CONCERT- Enjoy the magical sound of handbells and celebrate the season with a performance by the Rooke Chapel Ringers, an international renowned handbell choir from Bucknell University on Friday, January 6th at 7:30 PM here at St. Bonaventure Church.

WE NEED YOUR HELP: Every week - on Mondays, as well as Tuesdays and Fridays, a number of women and men of our Parish faithfully offer their time and efforts in keeping our Church building clean and tidy. Some of them are not able to offer their morning as much, and so we need some additional volunteer. If you can give an hour or so - especially on some Monday mornings, we would welcome your work of service to our Parish. Just show up - or call the Parish Office for more information.



FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP
DECEMBER 18, 2011

Regular Collection **\$13,534.00**

Please remember St. Bonaventure Parish in your will. This assures the parish of continued financial strength.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH



PLEASE PRAY FOR WILLIAM MARTIN AND ALBERT J. WALTON who were buried from our Parish this past week. May their souls rest in the peace of the Lord. To their families we extend our sincere sympathy and prayerful support.

CCD NEWS: Children's Faith Formation will resume on January 7th at 9am. We are still in need of a 5th grade teacher. For more info email d.vanvickle@yahoo.com

HOMESCHOOL Children's Faith Formation: Home school tests will be out this week. If you have any questions please email d.vanvickle@yahoo.com

SAVE THE DATE! CASH BASH returns March 10, 2012. Tickets cost \$30. Price includes, dinner, soft drinks, beer, mixers, and money prizes every 15 minutes. Don't miss the tons of fun with family and friends! Along with the many games of chance, raffles, and silent auction we will have enhanced pay outs with the final drawing worth **\$2,500**. For more information contact Rich Miller at 724-612-9752 or Michelle Kania at 412-487-9414 *All proceeds benefit St. Bonaventure Parish School*

CONGRATULATIONS to Elizabeth Sadowski who won our Retreat Basket and thank you for all who helped to make it possible for a St. Bonaventure woman to go on retreat in January.

WE HAVE A WINNER!! The winner of the autographed Brooks Orpik #44 Penguins Jersey Raffle is Mr. Kevin Matschner of Etna. Congratulations to Kevin! The raffle also raised about \$750 for the school. We thank everyone for their contributions to the raffle and the school, and for making the raffle a huge success.

ST. BONAVENTURE BLOOD DRIVE will be held on January 7, 2012 from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM in Newmeyer Hall. Help area patients by giving blood. Everyday is a challenge to see enough blood donors to meet local needs. Call 412-486-2606 or logon to www.centralbloodbank.com. Or logon to schedule your lifesaving appointment.

YOUTH GROUP

JR. HIGH YOUTH GROUP is moving back to Thursday 7-8:30 PM. **There will be no Jr. High this week..**

SILVER RING THING - January 13th, 6:30-9:30pm at Seton LaSalle High School. Tickets are \$5. Event is for 8th grade to 12th. Parents are also invited. Contact Ben at bonaventureministries@gmail.com if interested. www.silverringthing.com for more info.

MEN'S GROUP: Book Study- Saturday, 7:30AM in the Parish Center. We will now begin, "Wild at Heart" by John Eldredge.

MEN'S PRAYER GROUP: Thursday mornings, at 6:30 AM until 7:30 AM. You can leave early if you need to.



Once more today we join as God's family in remembering, and being touched by, the most miraculous mystery our world has ever seen – the wonder of the of the Birth of God, our Creator, as a human being - a baby boy. Think of the world around us today – with the darkness of violence, uncertainty, social and economic instability, and then consider the wonder of that Christmas night – when “those who walk in darkness – have seen a great light – upon those who dwell in gloom -a light had shone.” That Light is Jesus Christ, the Son of God. “Unto us a Son is given-a Child is born to us.” He is the “Wonder-Counselor” - the “Father- Forever”- “the Prince of Peace.” But we know that the day has not yet come to this earth when “every boot that tramps in battle, every cloak rolled in blood is burned.” There is still war and discord, greed and injustice all over our world.

But this Christmas Day has brought us “abundant joy and great rejoicing - we can make merry and rejoice before the Lord.” So how can we have a truly “merry Christmas?” By becoming more like Mary, the Mother of this Prince of Peace. We can accept the gift of the Holy Spirit into our hearts, as Mary did. It is the Holy Spirit who will bring us the “wonder and awe” at Jesus' coming. The Holy Spirit will bring us to “ponder all the things of Christmas in our hearts,” just as Mary did. The Holy Spirit will bring peace to our hearts, as He did to Mary, even when the darkness and uncertainty frighten us, and, like Mary, we do not understand. But like Mary, and like the shepherds, may we “not be afraid, and receive the good news of great joy that is proclaimed to us this day.” And may we not fail to go and see this Savior born for us – not only in that manger - but right now on the altar in the small wafer we are given each Sunday, which is Him - His Body and His Blood. This Christmas Day, pray that the Holy Spirit will bring you the faith to allow the Lord Jesus, born for you this day – to “smash the yoke that burdens you, the pole on your shoulder, the rod of your task master.” In the darkness of this world, may we of St. Bonaventure Parish allow the Lord Jesus, born for us this day, to “cleanse for Himself a people of His own.”

With Fr. Matt, Deacon Steve, Mrs. Jackie Easley, Ben Lesnefsky, Dave Van Vickle, Shari Whitico, Nancy Ackerman, Chuck Goetz, and all our Parish and School Staff, we welcome all who join us this Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. We welcome our young Parishioners who are home from school - it is so good to see you! We welcome all those who have not been with us at Mass much lately, but who join us at Christmas. We miss you. We pray that you may feel welcome – and at home (it's not always this crowded!) – and that you will accept the Lord's inspiration to be with us each Sunday in the new year ahead. We welcome all of our many faithful Parishioners who continue to be with us, week after week. May the Lord Jesus bless you and your families this Christmas - for all that you are for our St. Bonaventure Parish. May we all, with Mary, our Mother, accept the miracle of this day, and ponder it our hearts in all the new year ahead.

- Fr. John

BON ADVENTURERS: *Save the Dates* ~ Time to mark your 2012 calendars for *The Bon Adventurers'* January and February events! We hope you can join us for our next game night on **FRIDAY**, January 20th. On Saturday, February 11th, we're celebrating Mardi Gras! All adults are welcome. Details to be announced in future bulletins. On behalf of the Bon Adventurers', may God bless you all with a very Merry Christmas and a blessed, healthy and Happy New Year!

NORTH HILLS COMMUNITY OUTREACH

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION TO VOLUNTEER:

North Hills Community Outreach will hold orientation sessions for prospective volunteers Jan. 12 at 10 a.m. at NHCO Millvale □ 416 Lincoln Avenue, and 6 p.m. at NHCO Allison Park □ 1975 Ferguson Road. Contact Linda Robbins at 412□487□6316 opt. 2 for more information. Volunteers are also needed to help senior citizens with transportation to the doctor, grocery shopping, snow shoveling and friendly visiting. Call the Open Your Heart to a Senior line at 412□307□0071 to learn more.

PROVIDING WINTER WARMTH: January weather can be cold and blustery and North Hills Community Outreach is requesting financial contributions and grocery store gift cards to keep those in need warm and fed this winter. Each year, several hundred local families in need receive food and utility credits during winter months as funding allows. Contributions can be sent to North Hills Community Outreach at 1975 Ferguson Road Allison Park, Pa. 15101.

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NHCO LEGAL HELP: Ask the Attorney free legal consultations on noncriminal matters for income-eligible individuals will be held Jan. 11 from 7 to 9 p.m. at NHCO Allison Park at 1975 Ferguson Road. Appointments are required. Call Harriet Gibbs at 412□487□6316, option 2.

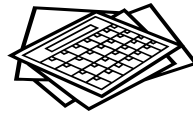
NHCO's ANNUAL CITRIS DRIVE: North Hills Community Outreach is holding its annual Citrus Sale fundraiser to benefit local families in need. Select from temple oranges, ruby red grapefruit, tangerines, and sampler boxes that include navel oranges, grapefruit and pears. Prices range from \$20□28. Call 412□487□6316, option 1, x 3311 to request an order form. Order deadline is Feb. 8. Orders can be picked up and paid for March 3 and 4 from 1 to 4 p.m. at St. Paul's United Methodist Church at 1965 Ferguson Road in Hampton Township.



Dear Parishioners,

You have once again shown your love for the little ones by donating the new clothes, blankets (some home-made), diapers, lotions and so many other items to our 'baskets for babies' campaign. We were able to pack eleven large laundry baskets and distribute them. Four went to Crisis Center North, four to Rosalia Home and three to the high school. We see the true meaning of Christmas in these baskets and how a Church can show a mother and her tiny baby that we care.

Thank you so very much,
Members of Ambassador Girl Scout Troop 50975
Sarah, Laura, Jackie, Merissa, Alex and their leaders



LUCKY LOTTERY CALENDARS ARE

BACK: St Bonaventure School will again be selling the Lucky Lottery Calendars for the Month of January. Cost of a calendar is \$10 with a chance to win \$50 to \$500 throughout the month of January. You can purchase a calendar in the back of church during the month of December. They make a great Christmas gift for that hard to buy for person. If you have any questions or need tickets, please contact Ellen Kline @ 412-580-9083.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD a weekend retreat designed to heal the emotional and spiritual wounds of abortion, will be held January 27-29, 2012 at the Spiritan Center in Bethel Park. In a confidential and supportive atmosphere, Rachel's Vineyard demonstrates God's love, forgiveness, and compassion to women and men struggling with abortion's aftermath. Financial aid available. Sponsored by the Diocese of Pittsburgh and Catholic Charities. For more information, visit www.ccpgh.org or call 412-352-5348. The deadline to register is January 20.

WEDNESDAY MORNING ADULT STUDY PROGRAM: "Catholicism"

Strengthen your faith, be inspired, enjoy the company of fellow Catholics, and grow in relationship with Christ! St. Athanasius Parish (2 blocks east of Rt 19 in West View) will be offering the nationally acclaimed study series entitled, "Catholicism," which features outstanding DVD presentations by Father Robert Barron and guided discussions led by our Deacons, Gary Comer and Bill Palamara. This group will meet on **Wednesdays from 9:30 to 11:00 AM in the St. A's Youth Center, January 11th through February 15th.** No cost, no books to purchase. Advance registrations requested, but not required. Drop-ins welcome. To register call St. A's at 412-931-4624 x213.

DIOCESAN VICTIM ASSISTANCE: If you are a victim, or a family member is a victim, of abuse by Church personnel, the Diocese of Pittsburgh wants to help. Contact our Victim Assistance Coordinator at: 412-456-3060.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR AN INCREASE OF
VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD
AND RELIGIOUS LIFE**