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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4TH - SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE: JAN. 4 - 11

Mon.	7AM	Ron Delano, Sr.- Bob, Brenda & Family
Tues.	7AM	Steve Theby - Gail Rihn
Wed.	7AM	Special Intention - Troll Family
Thurs.	7AM	Ruth Clarke - Kinsinger Family
Fri.	7AM 11:15AM	Holy Souls in Purgatory - A Friend Verna & Joseph Barbera - Family
Sat.	4PM	Dennis Reed - Carol Rozinsky
Sun.	8AM 10AM 12:15PM	For the People George Swearman - Swearman Family Ruth Clarke - Dave & Gina Mostoller

Sun.		No CCD or Confirmation Class - New Year's Break
Mon.		School Resumes
Tues.	Noon	Bible Study - Sue Sube's House
Wed.	8AM 6PM 6:30PM	Quilters - Annex Catholic Daughters Meeting - Annex Parish Mission Committee Meeting - Annex
Thurs.	7PM	Ultreya Meeting - Annex
Fri.	11:15AM	Mass
Sun. 11	11AM 6PM	CCD Class Confirmation Class

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ORDINARY SCHEDULE - Sat. Mass: 4PM, Sun. Masses: 8AM, 10AM, & 12:15PM.

HOLY DAY MASSES - As announced.

CONFESIONS: 2:45PM Sat. or upon request.

BAPTISM: Parish registration and participation in baptismal preparation are necessary.

MARRIAGES: The priest is your initial contact. Interview with the couple must precede setting a date.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK: Call the Rectory to request the Sacrament of the Sick for family members who are seriously ill. Communion is taken to the hospital, nursing homes, and home-bound on a regular basis.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP: It is important to be a registered parishioner in order to gain the benefits & privileges of parish membership. New parishioners are welcome. If you have moved into, within or outside the parish or are not a member, call the rectory so that your situation may be addressed. For questions, call the rectory, 814-443-6574.

On behalf of our parish family, we would like to extend our congratulations and blessings to all couples celebrating their wedding anniversaries this month.

Heavenly Father, bless these couples so that the love they have for each other may continue to reflect the love of Christ for his Church. Look with kindness upon them and continue to bless them with peace, joy, health and happiness.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

*(The Magi to King Herod)
"In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel."*

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4TH PASTOR'S NOTES:

AN EPIPHANY MESSAGE - Today we celebrate the great Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. The word 'epiphany' means manifestation, and throughout the Christmas readings we have seen that the newborn King is eager to reveal Himself to all those willing to accept His presence in their lives. From poor and humble shepherds to the international group of magi featured in today's Gospel passage, Jesus makes it clear that He offers Himself as a gift to everyone. We also see throughout the scriptures that God uses what is familiar to us to draw us to Himself, like using a star for the magi. Our Lord speaks to each of us daily, but we must be alert to 'hear' and 'see' Him in our lives. To become better attuned to the ways God is speaking to us, we must strengthen our spiritual 'senses' by spending time with the Lord in prayer. When we establish a regular, intentional, time for prayer daily, we will find that the Lord continues to speak to us throughout the day. We will more easily recognize the signs He places before us to draw us into a closer relationship with Him. We will begin to see that He is indeed present in our lives at every moment.

- I believe that Christmas is more than a time for parties and ornaments; it is a time for remembering Christ and the Incarnation of God's love in human flesh.
- I believe there are gifts more important than the ones under the Christmas tree, the things we teach our children, the way we share ourselves with friends, and the industry with which we set about reshaping the world in our time.
- I believe that the finest carols are often sung by the poorest voices; from hearts made warm by the wonder of the season.
- I believe in the angel's message that we should not be afraid – that the Child of Bethlehem is able to overcome all anxieties and insecurities.
- I believe in prayer and quietness as a way of appropriating Christmas – that if I wait in silence I will experience the presence of the one born in the manger, for he lives today as surely as he lived then.
- I believe in going away from Christmas as the Wise Men went: "another way." I want to be different when these days are past – more centered, more thoughtful, more caring.
- And I believe God will help me. Amen.

Polish Christmas Carols - All Saints Parish in Boswell will host their annual singing of Polish Christmas carols (known as Koledy or Pastoralki) on Sunday, January 4, 2026 at 2:00 PM at their Church (325 Quemahoning Street, Boswell). The carols will be sung by the parish Polish choir. Following the singing of the hymns there will be benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and refreshments. While the singing of koledy was once a very common practice in the Polish-American community, in recent times church choirs that continue the tradition of singing kolody have become increasingly rare. These hymns help to capture some of the finest sentiments, values, and emotions of the Polish religious, national, and artistic heritage. Polish Christmas customs are very rich; whether you are Polish or not, please come and experience these time-honored hymns celebrating the birth of Christ. For more information, please call the parish office at 814-629-5551.

2026 CALENDERS - Thank you to the Miller Funeral Home and Matthew Gjurich, Supervisor, for sponsoring our beautiful 2026 calendars. Pick one up at any church exit.

(CONT.) SPIRITUAL READING - "The happiness you are seeking, the happiness you have a right to enjoy has a name and a face: it is Jesus of Nazareth, hidden in the Eucharist." -Pope Benedict XVI.
When you embrace a deep, dynamic and personal relationship with Jesus in the Eucharist, your entire life will be transformed.
-Excerpt from BEAUTIFUL EUCHARIST, by New York Times best-selling author, Matthew Kelly.
"It is a poverty to decide that a child must die so that you may live as you wish." -Saint Teresa of Calcutta, pray for us!

RESPECT FOR LIFE PRAYER TO JESUS IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - O Jesus, you came that we might have life—and have it in abundance. Together with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you form us in our mothers' wombs and call us to love you for all eternity. As your most precious gift of human life is attacked, draw us ever closer to your Real Presence in the Eucharist. Dispel the darkness of the culture of death, for you are the light that shines in the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it. By the power of your Eucharistic Presence, help us to defend the life of every person, at every stage of life. Transform our hearts to protect and cherish all whose lives are most vulnerable. For you are God, forever and ever. Amen.

Theology on Tap - Young Adult Group (18-39) - March will be our 3-year anniversary, and we still have at least 1 new member join every month; however, some members are moving to different stages of life, so we are always seeking new members. Please help spread the word! All young adults (18-39) – regardless of their background – are invited to join us for faith, food, and fellowship. There is no cost to attend. Our next Theology on Tap Meeting will be at the Boulevard Grill on Wed., Jan. 28th at 6PM and the speaker will be Fr. Canice McMullen OSB. Fr. David Dodd TOR and others are already booked for 2026! For more information contact Geoffrey Stumpo, 814-659-7415 or geoffstumpo@gmail.com.

"Called by Name" Diocesan Vocations Campaign - Bishop Bartchak is encouraging you to support our diocese's Vocation Appeal. Your gift will fund the diocese's renewed efforts to promote vocations to the priesthood, an especially urgent need as the number of seminarians for our diocese has been very low in recent years. To inspire more young men to consider the priesthood, the Vocation Office has developed a robust plan, which includes:

- A newly formed Vocation Team with 5 priests in different regions of the diocese who are committed to offering mentorship to young men as they discern their vocations.
- Our recent Called By Name campaign, which has already connected the Vocation Team with many incredible young men.
- Discernment Retreats & In-Person Events.
- Regional Priesthood Discernment Groups, several young men are already participating.
- Fr. Brian Norris's appointment as Vocation Recruiter, expanding the outreach of Fr. Peter Crowe (Vocations Director) and the Vocation Team.
- Revamping communications and marketing to reach more young men.
- Creating a new website with discernment resources: ajvocations.org.
- Personally accompanying men as they discern their vocations. Our Vocation Team's overall strategy is to identify and accompany young men as they discern God's call. Bishop Bartchak is asking all parishioners to be especially generous to ensure dedicated priests for the future of our diocese. To learn more and make a gift, visit ajvocations.org/give



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SCHOOL NEWS FOR JANUARY 4TH 2025

1/5: School Resumes (Please bring back cleaned and restocked supply pouches)
1/7: PTA Marianna's Pizza/Sub Sale Orders will be due 1/14
1/9: School Mass 11:15AM – Full Uniforms
1/12: PTA Meeting - 7PM in Hall

LOOKING AHEAD:

1/19: NO SCHOOL – Teacher In-Service

CCD NEWS

Paula Vinzani, Interim DRE

814-443-6574 ext. 4 & paula.vinzani@gmail.com

1/4: NO CLASS - NEW YEAR'S BREAK

1/11: CCD and Confirmation Class

1/18: NO CLASS - MLK weekend

1/25: CCD & Confirmation Class

We are in need of a first grade CCD teacher. If you are interested, please contact Paula Vinzani at 814-279-1474 or paula.vinzani@gmail.com. Clearances are required.

DEAR PARISHIONERS, The second collection will be for the building fund. The sum total of the costs for the following projects is \$122,000.

\$122,000

1. Roof Repairs: \$25,000 COMPLETED
2. Church Pavers: \$6,700 COMPLETED
3. Parking Lot: 22,000 COMPLETED
4. Hall Air Conditioners: \$14,400.
5. School Boilers: \$54,000. COMPLETED

Our Parish has always been very generous in supporting the needs of our Church and we hope you will be as generous as your means permit.
Thank you! **FUNDS RAISED: \$100,296**



STEWARDSHIP: Dec. 28th 2025 - We must live in grateful response to God's countless manifestations in our lives.

Regular Sunday: \$9,459
Online Giving: \$2,767
Votive: \$32
School: \$25
Building Fund: \$1,397
Christmas: \$16,959

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PRO-LIFE CORNER: "For your lifeblood I will surely require a reckoning; of every beast I will require it and of man; of every man's brother I will require the life of man. Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed; for God made man in his own image." - Genesis

THE CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA will have their next meeting this Wed., Jan. 7th, at 6PM in the annex.

UL TREYA will have their meeting this Thurs., Jan. 8th at 7PM in the annex.

THE PARISH MISSION COMMITTEE will meet this Wednesday, January 7th, at 6:30PM in the annex. Please contact Deacon Mark for more information.

St Peters Men's Group is having a Spaghetti Dinner on **January 16, 2026**. Serving will be from 4PM - 7PM. Dinner includes spaghetti, salad, roll, beverage and dessert. Adults \$10 and children \$5. Take out or dine in. All proceeds benefit St. Peters Lenten Mission.

ST. PETER'S MEN'S GROUP - That Man Is You! resumes Jan. 20th every Tuesday at 7PM in the hall. If you're on the fence, please plan to come to the first meeting and see for yourself. The food and fellowship are always great and the experience is exceptional.

Saint John Neumann (1811–1860) is credited with establishing the Catholic school system in the United States and served immigrants and the poor with great compassion. He was canonized in 1977 as the first male U.S. citizen saint and is the patron saint of Catholic education and Catholic school children. His feast day is January 5th. **Saint John Neumann, pray for us!**

MINISTER SCHEDULE:

January 10 - 11

Saturday - 4PM

E.M.: D. Sube

Lector: J. Matthews

Greeters: Craig

Cleaners: B. & J. Igou

Sunday - 8AM

E.M.: J. Sujansky

Lector: J. Wahl

Greeters: Deskevich

Sunday - 10AM

E.M.: Deacon Komula

Lector: D. Neimiec

Greeters: Hilton, Komula

Sunday - 12:15PM

E.M.: V. Barbera

Lector: F. Kovak

Greeters: Snyder



Our Lady of Victory, Pray for us!

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We would like to thank our sponsor of the week: Rooted In Health, Holistic Health Center