

Masses December 9 - 16, 2018

Sunday

8:30 AM (STP) Richard McGraner (John Barrington)
 9:30 AM (SH) Jane Frymyer (Ken & Carol McCullough)
 10:00 AM (CTK) Irene & Louise VonVossel (Yolande Helm)
 11:30 AM (STP) Patricia & William Moorehead (Bill Moorehead & Family)
 6:00 PM (CTK) Vocations

Monday

8:15 AM (STP) Saunders & Halley Families, Living & Deceased (John & Blaine Halley)
 5:30 PM (Chapel) Jayden Scribner (Julia Kramer)

Tuesday

8:15 AM (STP) Patsy Barrington (John Barrington)
~~5:30 PM (Chapel) No Mass~~
 6:30 PM (CTK) *Advent Reconciliation Service*

Wednesday

8:15 AM (STP) People of the Parishes
 12:00 PM (SH) Vocations
 5:30 PM (Chapel) OU Catholics

Thursday

8:15 AM (STP) Jonathan Hutchings Curp (the Curp Family)
 6:30 PM (SH) People of the Parishes

Friday

12:15 PM (CTK) Paul & Julie Sikora (Carol Wasko)

Saturday

4:30 PM (SH) Diocesan Seminarians
 5:00 PM (CTK) Tom Ryan-Hirst (the Schreck Family)

Sunday

8:30 AM (STP) Patricia Roberts (Libby Bentz)
 9:30 AM (SH) Pat Moore (Tim & Elaine Hay)
 10:00 AM (CTK) Deceased of the Davoli & Bray Families (Joanne Bray)
 11:30 AM (STP) Raymond Morrow (the Carson Family)
 6:00 PM (CTK) Anne Vrabel (Julia Kramer)

LITURGICAL MINISTERS CTK/STP next weekend: December 15/16

Mass	Greeters/Gift Bearers	Servers	Readers	EMHC
5:00 PM CTK	Diane Matters	Chuck Bechter	Janis Tysko Joe McLaughlin	Deacon Dan Murray, Chuck Bechter, Bob Bell, Lisa Murray, Ric Abel
8:30 AM STP	Connie & Doug Woodruff	Tony Tonkovich	Mike Baum Jerry Mollica	Wanda Sheridan, Ann & Joe Mulligan, Deacon Scott Carson, Renee Baum
10:00 AM CTK	the Niese Family	Henry Webb Eric Kim	Terry Smith Sue McAdoo	Deacon Dan Murray, Sue McAdoo, Cathy Bruggeman, Terry Smith, Sherry Curp
11:30 AM STP	the Carey Family	Baelyn Carey	Emily Watts Nan Cooley	Deacon Scott Carson, Nan Cooley
6:00 PM CTK			Mary Ann Simon	Karen Matteson, Mary Ann Simon

THE WEEK AHEAD @ CTK, STP & SH

Date	Time	Event	Place
December 9	<i>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</i>		
Sunday	10/11 AM	RE Classes	HFC
	10:00 AM	Confirmation Retreat	SHRH
	10:45 AM	CCD Classes	SH
	3:00 PM	Christmas Concert	STP
December 10	Monday	7:00 PM	RCIA CTK
December 11	Tuesday	1:30 PM	Study Group HFC
		No 5:30 Mass	
		6:30 PM	Advent Reconciliation CTK
December 12	<i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>		
Wed.	6:00 PM	CM Dinner	HFC
	7:00 PM	Newman Meeting	HFC
	7:00 PM	Choir Practice	CTK
December 13	Thursday	9:00 AM	Adoration Chapel
		9:15 AM	Endow Study HFC
		6:00 PM	Children's Choir CTK
		7:00 PM	P&J Presentation HFC
		7:00 PM	Pastoral Council SH
December 15	Saturday	9:00 AM	Cookie Walk HFC
		10:00 AM	Children's Choir CTK
December 16	<i>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</i>		
Sunday		No RE Classes	HFC
		No CCD Classes	SH
	10:45 AM	Christmas Potluck	SH
	11:00 AM	RE Caroling	CTK



CHRISTMAS CONCERT - The annual St. Paul Christmas Concert is this afternoon, December 9, at 3:00PM. There will be a combination of choirs from both STP & CTK. A reception in the St. Paul Hall will follow the concert. All are welcome!



GIVING TREE - All gifts are due by December 9. Please return gift items to one of the trees in church at CTK or STP.

LINEN CARE	December 9	December 16
CTK	Janis Tysko	Karen Vedder
STP	Trudy Montle	Bruce Nottke

RECONCILIATION - Our Advent Reconciliation



Service for the parishes is this Tuesday, December 11, at 6:30PM at CTK. Several priests will be available for confession. We encourage you to take this opportunity to prepare spiritually for the coming of Christ.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS - If you would like to make a donation for Christmas Flowers, use the envelope from your envelope packet. Please print clearly the names of those you wish to have remembered & place the envelope in the collection basket no later than December 16.



SYMPATHY - *Jonathan Hutchings Curp* passed away last week. He was David Curp's brother. We offer the Curp family our sincere sympathy & prayers.

Eternal rest grant to him, O Lord, & let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul, & the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

SUNDAY COLLECTION: DECEMBER 2

CTK	
Envelopes	\$ 2590.00
Loose	\$ <u>298.00</u>
Total	\$2888.00
November ACCFP	\$ 1247.00

Envelopes Used: 61 out of 235

ST. PAUL	
Envelopes	\$ 3010.00
Loose	\$ <u>160.00</u>
Total	\$3170.00
November ACCFP	\$ 1325.00

Envelopes Used: 54 out of 177

SACRED HEART	
Envelopes	\$ 2101.00
Loose	\$ <u>90.00</u>
Total	\$ 2191.00
Needy Fund	\$ 579.00

Envelopes Used: 56 out of 131

Thank you for supporting your parish!

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR - Choir practices for the 4:00PM Christmas Eve Mass at CTK are:

- ◆ Thursday, December 13, at 6:00PM
- ◆ Saturday, December 15, at 10:00AM
- ◆ Tuesday, December 18, at 6:00PM
- ◆ Saturday, December 22, at 10:00AM

Practices will be held in the church; plan to attend at least two. If you have questions, contact Nancy Sand.



COOKIE WALK - The Christmas Cookie Walk is **Saturday, December 15**, from **9:00AM to 12:00PM** at the HFC. Home-made cinnamon rolls will be sold along with coffee/tea/hot chocolate. You can customize a selection of homemade cookies, pre-order a variety cookie tray, or pre-order a ready-to-deliver gift tray. Kolaches are only available by pre-order. Order forms are available at each church or at the HFC.

RAFFLE TICKETS - The Catholic Women's Club raffle tickets are available for pick up in the back of church. **The drawing will take place during the CWC Cookie Walk on December 15.** See the ticket envelope for more details & for the list of this year's wonderful prizes. Your support is appreciated.



SAVE THE DATE - An evening with Saint Óscar Romero & the martyrs of El Salvador will be held this **Thursday, December 13, 6:00PM** at the HFC.

There will be a presentation led by Emilia Alonso-Sameño & sponsored by the Peace & Justice Ministry. There will be a showing of *Roses in December*, the 1982 documentary about the murder of four women: two Maryknoll Sisters, Ita Ford & Maura Clarke; Ursuline Sister, Dorothy Kazel; & Lay Missionary, Jean Donovan. Refreshments will be served. Please join us!

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

<i>Christmas Eve</i>	
Christ the King	4:00PM & 7:00PM
Sacred Heart	4:30PM & 12:00 Midnight
St. Paul	8:00PM
<i>Christmas Day</i>	
St. Paul	9:00AM



RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS - Your gift to today's collection helps to provide medications, nursing care & more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. Use the envelope in your packet; there are also extra envelopes in church for your donation.

YOUNG ADULT DINNER - The December event for the Young Adult Group is a dinner on **Friday evening, December 14, at 7:00.** It will be held in the hall at St. Paul Church. Contact Emily Watts at (540) 717-9997 or efw24@vt.edu, or find us on Facebook at [facebook.com/AthensCatholicYoungAdults](https://www.facebook.com/AthensCatholicYoungAdults).

CHRISTMAS CAROLING - Singing carols is one of the only times it doesn't matter if you can't hold a tune! Join in the fun & bring "Joy" by singing favorite Christmas Carols with the elderly & homebound of our parish. **ALL** parishioners are invited to join the Religious Education families to go Christmas Caroling to area Nursing Homes & to the homebound on **December 16.** Christmas Carolers gather in Christ the King Church at 11:00. From there we will go to various locations.

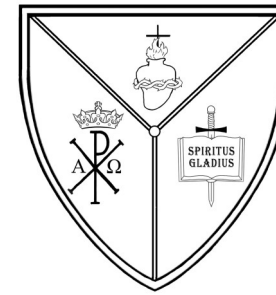


Parents are encouraged to attend with their student. Registration is required. Please register through the parish website with Teresa Montle.

"Christmas Wheat Grass" is at the doors of church for you to take home.

There are bags of seed. Pressed gently into a pot of soil, watered and kept in a warm room the seed will sprout. The new wheat reminds of us the "new life" (Jesus Christ) born at Christmas. Each sprout is a little reminder to us to perform good deeds to prepare for Christ's birth. At the Christmas Eve Children's Masses, the snipped wheat can be laid in the crèche.

ACCFP/ELIJAH MINISTRY - The Athens Catholic Community Food Pantry is donating our December offerings to the Elijah Ministry, a group of parishioners who try to express the care & concern of our parish community to those in this community with pressing needs.



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Mass Times
SACRED HEART CHURCH
 WEDNESDAY 12:00 PM
 THURSDAY 6:30 PM
 FIRST FRIDAY MASS
 8:30 AM
 FIRST SATURDAY MASS & DEVOTIONS
 9:30 AM
 SATURDAY VIGIL
 4:30 PM
 SUNDAY
 9:30 AM
ST. PAUL CHURCH
 MONDAY - THURSDAY
 8:15 AM
 SUNDAY
 8:30 AM, 11:30 AM
CHRIST THE KING CHURCH
 MONDAY - WEDNESDAY (CHAPEL)
 5:30 PM
 FRIDAY
 12:15 PM
 SATURDAY VIGIL
 5:00 PM
 SUNDAY
 10:00 AM
 6:00 PM (DURING THE ACADEMIC YEAR)
Confessions
 SACRED HEART: SATURDAY 4:00 PM
 SUNDAY 8:45 AM
 CHRIST THE KING: SATURDAY 4:00 PM
 SUNDAY 5:00 PM
 MONDAY - WEDNESDAY: 5:00 PM
 CONFESSIONS ARE HEARD ANYTIME BY REQUEST.

Prayers
 Please remember in your prayers the health (H), intentions (I), or repose (R) of the following people:
 Carol Gazda Barry (H) Debbie Brockert (H) Judy Caruthers (H)
 Bob Casci (H) Dawn Class (H) David Deem (H)
 Kay Dixon (H) Mark Grueser (H) Marylyn Harris (H)
 Twila Hysell (H) Paul Jasman (H) Blaycen Jeffers (H)
 Chelsie Knopp (H) Phyl Mansfield (H) Anita Merry (H)
 Michael Mertz (H) Barbara Mullen (H)
 Madelynn Grace Miller (H) Laura Nowicki (H) Mildred Riggs (H)
 Scott Roush (H) Dan Rutherford (H) Elizabeth Schaad (H)
 Terry Smith (H) Keith Stout (H) John Taylor (H)
 Sophie Truszka (H) Jim White (H) John Wilcox (H)

 Prayers for the clergy of our Diocese:
 Bishop Jeffrey M. Monforton (9th)
 Rev. Seraphim Beshoner, TOR (10th)
 Rev. Klem Hasencox (11th)
 Rev. Timothy McGuire (12th)
 Rev. Rick Martignetti, OFM (13th)
 Rev. William Wagner, ORC (14th)
 V. Rev. Thomas Chillog (15th)

 Prayers for the Deceased Clergy of the Diocese:
 Rev. Francis Brown (9th)
 Rev. Bernard Bober (10th)
 Rev. James Nugent (13th)

SACRED HEART CHURCH

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 9, 2018

We pray that the Holy Spirit guides our Priests, Bishops, Cardinals, & our Holy Father during this time of crisis in the Church.



RECONCILIATION - The Advent Reconciliation Service for the parishes is this Tuesday, December 11, at 6:30PM at CTK. Several priests will be available for confession. We encourage you to take this opportunity to prepare spiritually for the coming of Christ.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS - Donations for Christmas Flowers are due no later than December 16 for inclusion in the bulletin. Please print clearly on the back of your envelope the names of those you wish to have remembered.



CHRISTMAS POTLUCK - The Christmas Potluck, sponsored by the Social Group, is next Sunday, December 16, following the 9:30 Mass. CCD is cancelled. Sign up on the sheets provided on the table at the rear of the church to indicate the number planning to attend & what you will bring. Drinks & ham will be provided by the Social Group.

ADORATION - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is offered every Thursday in the chapel at the Holy Family Center in Athens from 9:00AM - 9:00PM. We are in need of volunteers for subs as well as volunteers to commit to an hour each week. Please contact Fr. Tom at the parish offices if you would like to volunteer.



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LITURGICAL MINISTERS

December 15, 4:30PM

Eucharist	Kris Harris & Jane Huffman
Word	David Hollis
Gifts	Harold & Susie Stewart
Ushers	David Casci & David Shuler
Altar Servers	Michael Martin
Hospitality	Kris Harris & Irene Dill
CCD Snacks	

December 16, 9:30AM

Joan Anderson & Sheila Cozart
Steve Musser
the Well Family
Matthew Bissell & Bobby Musser
Cadan Broderick & Michael Brown
Danny & Roxie Marcinko
no CCD - Christmas Potluck

Gifts to the Parishes

Tony DeBerardinis was a faithful member of Christ the King for several years, having moved here from New York. He and his wife, Connie, could be seen regularly at the 5:00 P.M. Mass. Tony and Connie would attend "his" church on Saturday night, and then go to "her" church on Sunday mornings. Even if you didn't know their names, you may have known them as the couple who were the first people to get to church and last to leave. Sadly, Tony passed away in July 2017. We celebrated his funeral Mass at Christ the King last year, and his body was taken to New York for burial. Last week, the parishes received gifts from his estate. In his generosity, Tony left \$5,610.99 to each of our parishes, for a total gift of \$11,221.98. These funds have been placed in the reserve accounts for each parish.

When Joe Essman passed away this past August, it came as a shock to many of us. During his life here in Athens, Joe and his wife, Billie Joe, were members of St. Paul and Christ the King. Joe was a lector and Extraordinary Minister of Communion at Sunday morning Mass, as well as a daily Mass attendee. A couple of weeks after his funeral, Billie Joe called me and wanted to donate his truck to the parishes for our parishes' use. We are grateful for her generosity, and are putting the truck to good use.

Both of these men have left a lasting gift to our parishes. Please join me in thanking their families for their generosity.

Christmas Mass Schedule

4:00 P.M. Christ the King, Athens Fr. Mark
4:30 P.M. Holy Cross, Glouster Fr. Don
4:30 P.M. Sacred Heart, Pomeroy Fr. Tom
6:30 P.M. St. Mary of the Hills, Buchtel Fr. Don
7:00 P.M. Christ the King, Athens Fr. Tom
8:00 P.M. St. Paul, Athens Fr. Mark
12:00 A.M. midnight Sacred Heart, Pomeroy Fr. Tom
12:00 A.M. midnight Holy Cross, Glouster Fr. Mark
9:00 A.M. St. Paul, Athens Fr. Don

Please note: The only Christmas Day Mass will be at St. Paul.

If you would like an end of the year statement for your taxes, please contact Matthew Klim at the parish office, 740-592-2711 or mklam@athenscatholic.org. You must let him know if you your statement. We will not automatically mail out contribution statements this year, to save on costs and resources. Thank you!