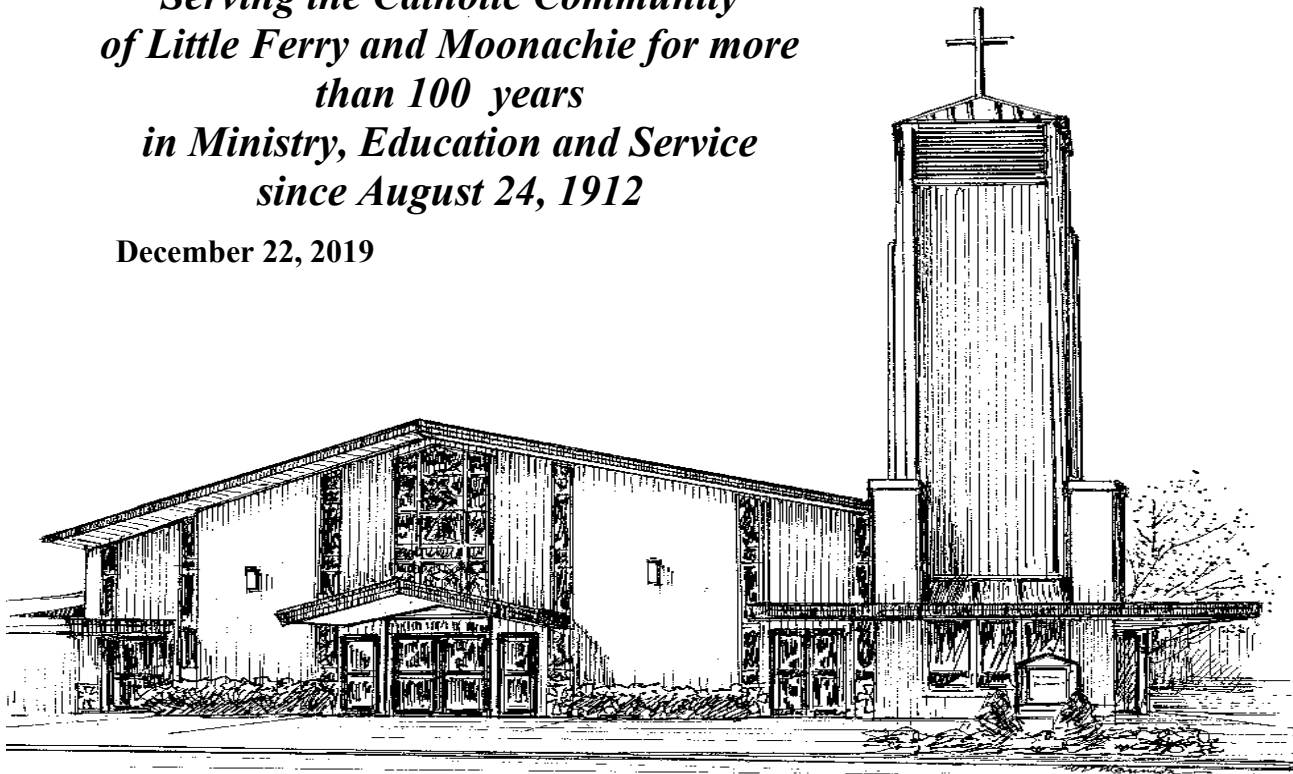


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December 22, 2019



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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 12:00 Noon

Weekdays: Monday 7:00 PM

Tuesday to Friday 8:00 AM

Saturday 9:00 AM

CONFESSIONS: Saturdays at 1:00 P.M.

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The Holy Eucharist for this Week

5:30 PM Saverio Binetti

SUNDAY, December 22, 2019

Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM Joseph Nalewaiski &
Anna Hightower

10:00 AM Elizabeth & Daniel Weir &
Theresa & Thomas Leonardi

12:00 PM Francis. Williams, Moylan &
Herlihy Families

MONDAY, December 23

7:00 PM Gioacchino Piccinich

TUESDAY, December 24 Christmas Eve

5:30 PM & 12 AM Midnight Vigil Mass
People of Our Parish Family

WEDNESDAY, December 25

The Nativity of Our Lord, Christmas Day

10:00 AM 12:00 PM
People of Our Parish Family

THURSDAY, December 26

8:00 AM Julia & John McCarthy

FRIDAY, December 27

8:00 AM Maria Vlacancich

SATURDAY, December 28

9:00 AM Saint Margaret Mass Guild

5:30 PM Debra Nicolo

SUNDAY, December 29, 2019

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

8:00 AM Saint Padre Pio

10:00 AM Jean De Marco

12:00 PM Del Duca Competiello &
Cinque Families



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Memorials Bread & Wine And Sanctuary Candle In Memory of the Lenkiewicz Family

CHRISTMAS

*A young mother, her eyes shining with fatigue,
who is arranging her hair;
a father who finds himself alone with his pretty wife
and baby, straightening the stable
to make himself useful in some way;
shepherds who bring cheese and perhaps also some
curdled milk; sheep who look at their shepherds
while bleating; a donkey who is eyeing his manger
changed into a cradle;
an adorable swaddled baby whom one calls
Savior, Christ and Lord:
This is the manifestation of the goodness and the
tenderness of God. This is the most fantastic birth
in the history of humanity, the one which changed
the face of the world! This is how far God humbled
and compromised himself with us! This is
Emmanuel!
—From God's Word Is Our Joy*



Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 22, 2019

They shall name him Emmanuel,
which means "God is with us."

— Matthew 1:23

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TRUST IN GOD

On this final Sunday of Advent our scriptures focus on the historical birth of Jesus, who is son of David and Son of God, child and king, Jesus and Emmanuel.

Isaiah the prophet begs Ahaz to ask for a sign, to allow God to offer him reassurance of the survival of the Davidic dynasty. The king hypocritically refuses to "tempt the LORD" in that way (Isaiah 7:12), but the prophet foretells the birth of a son, an heir to the throne, who will prove the Lord's enduring protection of God's chosen lineage on the throne of David. The child will be called Emmanuel.

Matthew's reference to this history in his description of the birth of Jesus highlights the contrast between the faithless refusal of trust shown by Ahaz, and the complete trust in God shown by Mary and Joseph in bringing about the birth of Jesus Christ.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — You will be given this sign:
The virgin shall conceive and bear a son (Isaiah 7:10-14).

Psalm — Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory (Psalm 24).

Second Reading — God has called us to belong to Jesus Christ (Romans 1:1-7).

Gospel — The son born of Mary shall be called Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins (Matthew 1:18-24).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent

Monday: St. John of Kanty; Hanukkah begins

Tuesday: Vigil of Christmas

Wednesday: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

Thursday: St. Stephen; Kwanzaa begins;

Boxing Day (Canada)

Friday: St. John

Saturday: The Holy Innocents

SAINT STEPHEN (first century)

December 26

"A man filled with faith and the Holy Spirit" (Acts 6:5): thus Luke introduces Stephen, first of seven deacons chosen by the community for its ministry of charity, first to lay down his life in witness to Christ. As the church's first martyr, Stephen's life and death mirror the preaching and passion of Jesus, "the faithful witness" (Greek, martyr) (Revelation 1:5). Like Jesus, Stephen works "great signs and wonders among the people" (Acts 6:8). Like Jesus, when falsely accused, Stephen's face radiates angelic serenity (Acts 6:15), though his tongue, like Jesus', is a two-edged sword. As the dying Jesus forgave his executioners, even making excuses for them, then commended his spirit into his Father's hands (Luke 23:34, 46), so Stephen intercedes for his murderers and begs Jesus to receive his spirit (Acts 7:60, 59). How fruitful both passions! The penitent thief inherits Paradise; Saul, who consented to Stephen's killing, is transformed into the fearless preacher Paul. Thus Stephen challenges us to bear witness not in words only, but by Christ-like forgiveness toward all.

—Peter Scagnelli



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We lift up to the Lord
in our prayers and
good works for: the
sick, frail and the
homebound.

Shirley Pizza
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Prayer Shawl Ministry

The next 2 meetings will
be held on
January 8 and 22



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Training for Ministry

Come the beginning of next year we will start having regular training for Readers, Altar Servers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. This is open to all current Ministers. If you are thinking of joining one of these Ministries, you are also welcome to come to get information. Requirements for each Ministry are below.

The training will include what will need to be done before, during and after each Mass. We will also go over the use of the Web Terminal and APP for the scheduling program.

Altar Servers

To be an Altar Servers the child must be Baptized and have received First Holy Communion. The Child should also be halfway through 3rd grade. Altar servers are needed on weekends for 5:30pm, 8:00am, 10:00am and 12:00 noon. You would serve semi-monthly and can volunteer for Holy Days.

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

To be an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion you must be Baptized, received First Holy Communion and been Confirmed. You will need to be 18 years old. You must also be in good standing with the Church. You must be aware of the sacredness of the Body and Blood of Christ. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are needed on weekends for 5:30pm, 8:00am, 10:00am and 12:00 noon. You would serve semi-monthly and can volunteer for Holy Days.

Reader

To be an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion you must be Baptized, received First Holy Communion and been Confirmed. You must also be in good standing with the Church. As a Reader you would be proclaiming the readings and general intercessions during the weekly Mass. Readers are needed on weekends for 5:30pm, 8:00am, 10:00am and 12:00 noon. You would serve semi-monthly and can volunteer for Holy Days.

Please watch for dates for training for each of the Ministries.

Saint Margaret of Cortona **Christmas 2019 Schedule**

Christmas Masses December 24-25

Tuesday, Christmas Eve:
5:30 PM and 12:00 Midnight
Wednesday, Christmas Day:
10:00 AM, 12:00 PM

Solemnity of Mary,
The Mother of God
(New Year's Day)
January 1, 2020

Tuesday, December 31, New Year's
Eve: 5:30 PM
Wednesday, New Year's Day
10:00 AM, 12:00 PM

Epiphany, Sunday, January 5
Saturday, January 4: 5:30 PM
Sunday, January 5 :
8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday, December 21,
1:00 pm,
Monday, December 23
at 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm



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