

St. John the Baptist

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Church of the Holy Family

14918 State Highway 30, Downsville

December 14 to 20		Lector	Sacristan
Saturday	4 pm	Eileen	Doreen
	5:30 pm	Anna	Judy
4 th Sunday	9:30 am	- - -	Emi
of Advent	11:15 am	John	Doreen

Masses	Tuesday	Wednesday	Saturday	Sunday
St. John	9:30 am	9:30 am	4 pm	11:15 am
Holy Family				8 am
St. Peter	8 am	8 am	5:30 pm	9:30 am

Pray for the following on their anniversary of passing~

- 14 William Session, John J. Kelly
- 15 Margaret Meinke, Charles Passarella, George Warsh
- 16 Maria Lupia
- 17 Timothy Crowley
- 18 Gerald Dragotta, Michael John Froehlich
- 19 Edward T. Noonan, Paul Martin, Bernie Gagen, John O'Keeffe
- 20 Myers William Collins

Scripture

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Psalm 25; Mt 21:23-27 - St John of the Cross
Tuesday: Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23; Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday: Isaiah 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Luke 7:18b-23
Thursday: Genesis 49:2, 8-10; Psalm 72:3-4, 7-8, 17; Matthew 1:1-7
Friday: Jeremiah 23:5-8; Psalm 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Matthew 1:18-25
Saturday: Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a; Psalm 71:3-4a, 5-6b, 16-17; Luke 1:5-25
4th Sunday of Advent 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Psalm 89:2-5, 27, 29; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38

December 14 to 20 Mass Intentions

Tuesday
8:00 am - - - - -
9:30 am Charles Passarella the Family
Lucille Courtney Nancy Greene

Wednesday
8:00 am - - - - -
9:30 am Ray Schick Mary Schick
Margaret Barriger
Loretta Smith Elise & Judy

Saturday
4:00 pm Adam Oles Doreen & Bill Oles
Shanee Rickburg Jacqueline Yuzzi
5:30 pm Rose Schwinn Rosemarie
Henry Hoffman Hilda Hoffman

4th Sunday of Advent
8:00 am Missae ProPopulo
9:30 am deceased members of Hamilton Peter & Jane Hamilton
and Vasisko Families
11:15 am Joe Tubridy Anne Tubridy
Dominic Milazzo Milazzo Family

December

- 13 Faith Formation in Church: 8:30 am at St Peter; 10 am at St John.
Topic: Advent & Christmas. Plan to have at least one adult from your family attend.
- 14 St. Peter Communal Reconciliation, 7 pm
- 15 St. Peter Individual Reconciliation, 7 pm
- 21 St. John the Baptist Communal Reconciliation, 7 pm
- 22 St. John the Baptist Individual Reconciliation, 7 pm
- 24 Christmas Eve Masses: 4 pm at St. John; 6 pm at St. Peter; and 8 pm at Holy Family
- 25 Christmas Day Masses: 9:30 am at St. Peter; 11:15 am at St. John

Remember those in special need of prayer~
Tami, Paul Burns, Brian Lacey, Evelyn Anderson, Ann, Fran B., Gabby Bass, Bob Fasanaro, and the Tassitanos.

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The Season of Christmas ~ God is with Us

For the Church, Christmas is not just a one-day event but a full 12-day season that begins with the Christmas celebration of God's incarnation in Jesus of Nazareth and then progresses to the Epiphany as He is gradually manifested to John the Baptist, to his disciples, to the magi, and finally to us and the whole world.

Christmas is thus not just about a baby in a manger but about how the God who promised to be with us comes to be with us in Jesus, our "Emmanuel, which means God is with us," and even more how God continues to be with us by dwelling in us and in our community, the Body of Christ. Christmas is about God's call to men and women, children and adults, to become "divinized" persons.

By uniting divinity and humanity in Himself, Jesus invites us to participate in this incarnational mystery. Our lives are Christmas in miniature. We are invited to let God be born in us so that we become "divinized" persons, full of the divine life, and called to realize God's vision of a world of justice, love, and peace. Through us, God makes an appeal to all humanity to enter into this new life.

During this blessed season, then, we are constantly reminded of God's love and desire to be with us so that we can share in the divine life and also share this life with others. Celebrating the full Christmas season provides us with a period of calm in which the spiritual meaning of the manifestation of Jesus, God With Us can be explored.