



# St. Edward Catholic Church



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120 St. Edward Lane, Herminie, PA 15637  
A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg

## The Nativity of the Lord

## December 25, 2011

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### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil 6:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:00 & 11:30 a.m.

Weekday - no Wed. 8:00 a.m.

Holy Days—As listed in the bulletin

Reconciliation—Saturday at 4:30 p.m.

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Parents must attend a Baptism

Preparation Class. The Sacrament of Baptism is usually celebrated on the 1st and 3rd Sunday after 9:00 a.m. Mass. No baptisms during Lent.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confession on Saturday at 4:30 p.m.

### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Contact the pastor and arrange date at least 1 year in advance. Attendance at Marriage Prep. Program is required.

### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF

#### ADULTS (R.C.I.A.)

Adults interested in becoming Catholic or those who have not received all of the Sacraments of Initiation should contact the Faith Formation Office.

### MINISTRY TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

Communion calls to the sick and homebound and those confined in nursing homes are made regularly. Please notify the Pastoral Minister in the Faith Formation office.

### CONTACT US:

**Parish Office:** 724-446-5197

**Faith Formation Office:** 724-446-5381

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#### **Parish E-Mail:**

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**Diocesan Web:** www.dioceseofgreensburg.org

*For a child is  
born to us,*



*a son is given us.*

Isaiah 9:5

### **Parish Mission Statement**

We, of St. Edward, are a large parish family diverse in age, community and background. We are united by a shared Catholic faith, offering hospitality and opportunities for spiritual growth. Our baptismal commitment is continually renewed by living and proclaiming the word of God, through our celebration of the sacraments, especially the Eucharist. The proclaiming of our faith is found in our example and participation in the world. With the help of the Holy Spirit, we strive to grow in Christ during our journey of a lifetime.

Mass Intentions



SAT: DECEMBER 24  
5:00 PM Pastor's Intention  
MIDNIGHT Pastor's Intention  
SUN: DECEMBER 25  
10:00 AM Pastor's Intention

MON: DECEMBER 26 - St. Stephen  
— No Mass Today —  
TUE: DECEMBER 27 - St. John  
8:00am † Samuel Pirillo (Anni)  
(Family)  
WED: DECEMBER 28 - The Holy Innocents  
— No Mass Today —  
THU: DECEMBER 29 - St. Thomas Becket  
8:00am † John Hazlinsky (Anni)  
(Wife & Daughter)  
FRI: DECEMBER 30 - Feast of the Holy Family  
8:00am † Michael Trach (Anni)  
(Family)

BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

SAT: DECEMBER 31  
6:00pm For the Living & Deceased of  
St. Edward Parish  
SUN: JANUARY 1, 2012  
9:00am † Jean Labuda (Anni)  
(Altar Rosary Society)  
11:30am † Mary Lou Tatsch (Anni)  
(Family)



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE  
December 18, 2011

Adult Envelopes	\$5,945.00
Children's	\$ 40.00
Loose	\$198.67
Monthly	\$458.00
On-Line Giving	\$ 135.00
Total	\$6,776.67
Amount budgeted for the week	\$9,241.00
Over / (Under)	-\$2,464.33

Thank you for your generosity!!

Where is Jesus in your life? Have you made room for Him or is He still in the manger wrapped in rags? If we are living our lives like all the rest of the modern and commercial world, we may be leaving Jesus out. It might be time to pick up this Infant Child and make Him a priority in our lives.

Our Sunday Visitor is our On-line Giving provider. Visit the parish website [www.saint-edward.org](http://www.saint-edward.org) to sign up and begin donating to the parish automatically or you can even do a "quick give". Utilize the internet for the good of the parish through this secure, easy and convenient process.



A warm welcome to all who have come to worship with us this Christmas. Christmas presents all of us with the opportunity to renew friendships, to celebrate with family and to give thanks to our God who has blessed us so richly.

Please know that we are honored by your presence among us. Our parish serves the needs of the community in many different ways. We offer preparation for sacraments, education for children and adults, social activities, assistance to those in difficulty, comfort to the sick and those who mourn a loss. If we can be of service to you, please do not hesitate to call on us.

May the gift of Jesus Christ  
Fill your hearts and homes  
With Joy and Peace  
This Christmas Season

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY  
House Blessing Kits



On Sunday, January 8th we will celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany, the traditional day to bless homes. House Blessing Kits will be made available for families to bless their own homes next Sunday, January 1st. These kits include the prayer of blessing, a vial of Holy Water and a piece of blessed chalk with which you can write above the main door of your house 20 + C + M + B + 12 (C, M, & B stand for the names of the three wise men, Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar).

It also stands for the first letters of the Latin saying, *Christus mansionem benedicat*, "May Christ Bless this House!".

The blessing should take place before the close of the Christmas season, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord which is Monday, January 9th. May this special door of your house be a reminder of all the Blessings and Graces that this New Year can bring. We ask our parishioners to return the Holy Water vials when finished so we can use them again next year. A box will be placed on the bulletin table for these Holy Water bottles.



**ARE YOU AN "ACTIVE" MEMBER OF YOUR PARISH?  
Being a Sponsor for Confirmation or a Godparent for Baptism**

To be a sponsor for Confirmation or a Godparent for Baptism you need to be actively practicing your faith. The parish has a responsibility to verify this. This is done with a sponsor certificate that says you are practicing your faith. Here are some basic requirements that the church gives us to consider a person to be an "ACTIVE MEMBER":

- 1 - practice your faith by celebrating the Sacraments on a regular basis (goes to Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of obligation and goes to confession at least once a year.)
- 2 - provide the opportunity for religious education for your children and pursue an understanding of the faith for yourselves.
- 3 - follow the teachings and the law of the Church. If married, were you married in the Catholic Church?
- 4 - support the parish both through contributing to the parish financially (recordable offertory donations with parish envelopes, your own envelopes, or a check) and help in the work of the parish by being involved in ministries, organizations, and projects.

Just because you were baptized in a Catholic Church does not make you an Active Member. We all need to take responsibility for ourselves and live our faith personally and communally to be truly Catholic. The parish also needs its members to financially support it. Stewardship is spoken about throughout the Scriptures. We are called to share what God has blessed us with. Your generosity helps our parish grow and fulfill our Mission and responsibilities.

**REMEMBER OUR MEMBERS IN THE MILITARY**

**Peace**



**on Earth**

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need, We ask this in the name of Jesus, Our Lord and Savior. Amen.

**CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES APPEAL** - The second collection at all Masses this weekend of Christmas will help Catholic Charities assist those in need. Poverty never takes a holiday. Thank you for your caring generosity.

**NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES** - Students will not attend class on December 26th and January 2nd. Classes resume on January 9th. Merry Christmas!

**ALTAR SERVERS** - If you have not picked up your Christmas Gift, please stop by the priest sacristy after Mass this weekend.

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** - Kathryn Newhouse, Rose Lang and Roy Bricker, all of our parish, who died this past week. Funeral Liturgy Service and Masses were celebrated on December 20, 21, 22. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS** - Remember your deceased loved ones this Christmas season through the Christmas Flower donations. Additional envelopes are available on the bulletin table.

**2012 RELIGIOUS CATHOLIC CALENDARS** - Through the courtesy of Nickels Funeral Home, the 2012 Catholic Calendars are available this weekend in the church vestibule. Please thank them for their generosity.

**THANK YOU FOR CARING & SHARING!** - The St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank all of our parishioners and friends who dropped off winter coats, jackets and accessories this fall season to clothe the poor and needy in our area. God bless you!

**BAPTISM CLASS** - As we begin the New Year, we remind new expectant parents of the necessary Baptism Preparation Class. The next class is scheduled for Sunday, February 5, 2012. Please call the parish office to register at 724-446-5197. Reminder: No baptisms will be scheduled during the season of Lent (February 22 - April 7).

**THANK YOU PARISH FAMILY!** - Bill Gilchrist and the members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank you for your generosity towards the St. Vincent de Paul Collection held in October. A total of \$2,428.11 was received to help the many families in our parish and community with emergency needs during the year. May God bless your generosity once again.

**THANK YOU PARISH FAMILY!** - Jim Smith and the Food Bank volunteers would like to thank you for your generosity towards the Food Bank collection on December 4<sup>th</sup>. A total of \$4,048.20 was received. This generous amount will help feed many families this winter season. May God bless your generosity.

**SPECIAL THANK YOU** - The St. Edward Youth Ministry students would like to express their appreciation to the many parishioners and friends who supported their Poinsettia Sale and Nut Roll Sale. A special thanks to Chef Bruno Marroncelli who donates his time and talent to support our students and parish.

**CHURCH TAX DEDUCTION** - We close our financial books for 2011 on December 31<sup>st</sup>. If you wish to make a donation to your parish for your 2011 Income Tax purposes, please make your offering as soon as possible. Thank you.

**DOES YOUR MARRIAGE NEED A RE-BIRTH?** - Begin the New Year by making a new effort to renew your marriage. Retrouvaille has helped many couples experiencing marriage difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. For more information or to register for the upcoming program beginning with the weekend of January 13<sup>th</sup>, please call 412-277-3434 or visit [www.helpourmarriage.com](http://www.helpourmarriage.com).



**The Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, December 26-28. Wishing you a beautiful Christmas that is bright with promise and blessed with peace and joy.**