



St. Edward Catholic Church



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

Mary, the Holy Mother of God

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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

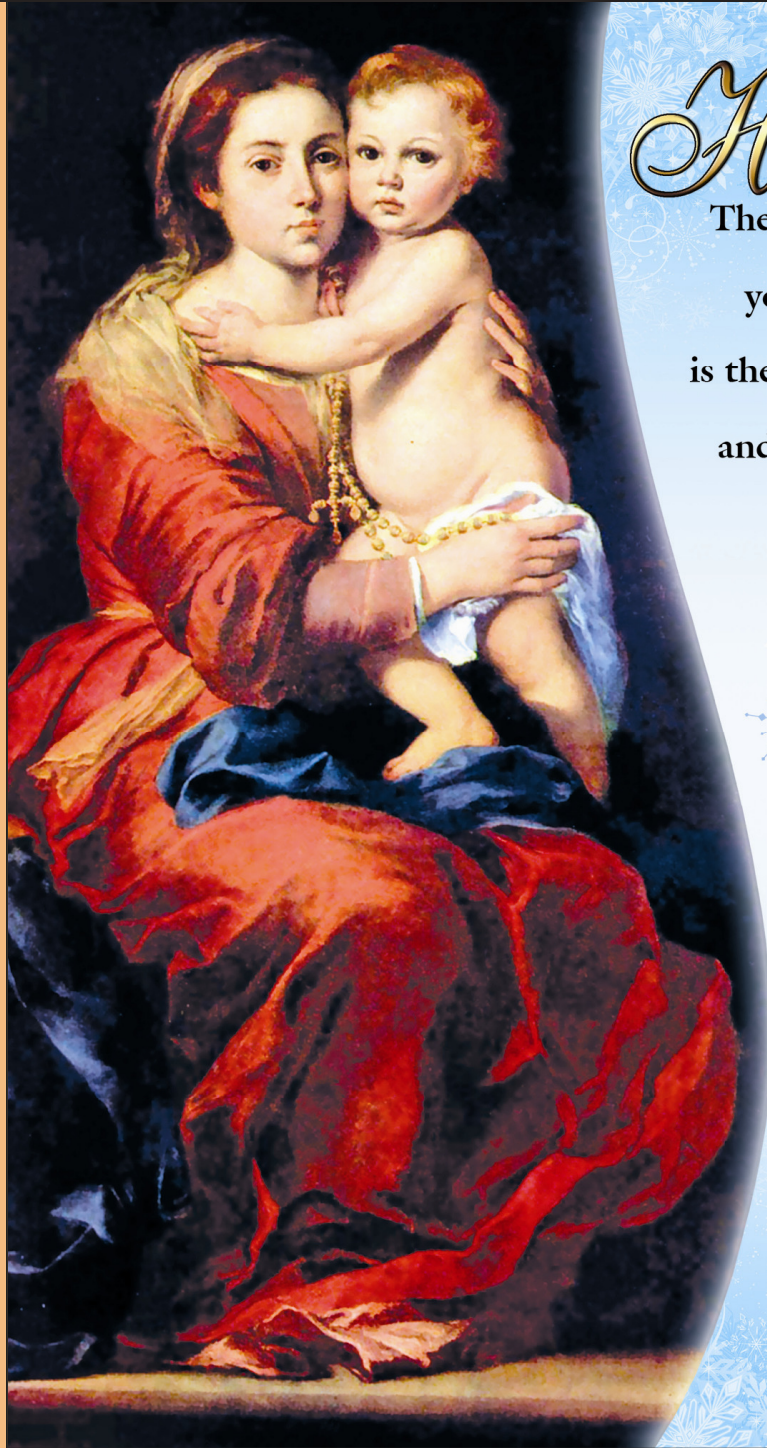
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Hail, holy Mother!

The child to whom

you gave birth

is the King of heaven

and earth for ever.

Sedulius

MARY,
MOTHER
OF
GOD

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 31
6:00pm	For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Edward Parish
SUN:	JANUARY 1
9:00am	† Jean Labuda (Anni) (Altar Rosary Society)
11:30am	† Mary Lou Tatsch (Anni) (Family)
MON:	JANUARY 2 - St. Basil the Great & St. Gregory Nazianzen
8:00am	† Martin Garcar (Anni) (Dennis & Georgia Yezerski)
TUE:	JANUARY 3 - Most Holy Name of Jesus
8:00am	† Rose Smarra (Month) (Family)
10:00am	Mass at Bristol House † Elizabeth Ometz (Genevieve Dreliszak)
WED:	JANUARY 4 - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton — No Mass Today —
THU:	JANUARY 5 - St. John Neumann
8:00am	† Margaret Huber (Month) (Family)
FRI:	JANUARY 6 - St. Andre Bessette
8:00am	† Martin Serro (Wife, Jennie Serro)
SAT:	JANUARY 7 - St. Raymond of Penafort
6:00pm	† Audrey Tomko (Janice & Barry Kopko)
SUN:	JANUARY 8 - The Epiphany of the Lord
9:00am	† Anna Trach (Anni) (Family)
11:30am	For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Edward Parish

TODAY'S READINGS FOR
MARY~THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

We are still in the midst of Christmas Time, and today we celebrate the solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. One of the most outstanding characteristics of Mary is her willingness to know and do God's will.

FIRST READING: We hear the words the Lord gave to Aaron, his priest, to use in blessing the Israelites. How truly these words are fulfilled in the Christ event, as the face of the Lord shines upon us in and through Jesus. In his humanity, he possesses the fullness of the divine radiance. Peace — the Hebrew *shalom* — connotes the fullness of well-being, God's preeminent gift in Christ. All who follow Christ bear now his name.

"May God bless us in his mercy."

SECOND READING: Jesus' birth happened at the fullness of time, ordained by God for the revelation of his salvation. The text emphasizes Jesus' humanity and his Jewish identity as well as his divine sonship. What is more, it proclaims our adoption as children of God through him. Jesus' Spirit dwells in our hearts, crying out *Abba* — the Aramaic word for "Daddy" — to the Father.

GOSPEL: The visit of the shepherds to the manger is center stage in today's Gospel. These people, so receptive to the Good News they received from the angels, in turn become bearers of the Good News themselves. What is significant on this solemnity is the Gospel's comment about how Mary reflected in her heart on all that was said. She is truly one who "listens" to God in all of life. There is also a brief reference to the eighth-day celebration of Jesus' circumcision according to the Law of Moses and the conferral of his name.




PARISH STATISTICS FOR 2011!

As we begin the new year, we thank God for his goodness to us as a parish family.

Baptisms	16
Marriages	4
Deaths	39
First Communion	28
Confirmation	6
Religious Education Students.....	87
Youth Ministry Students	86
Central Catholic Students.....	14
New family registrations	17

The annual Financial Report will be printed after the end of the fiscal year (from July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2012). We thank all of you for your sacrifices, your generosity and your commitment to St. Edward Parish.



Jesus is God's ultimate gift of love to us. When we dedicate our lives to sharing all the many gifts that God has placed within our hands, the peace of Christ truly will control our hearts. We will know Christmas joy every day.



20 + C + M + B + 12
Feast of the Epiphany
House Blessing Kits

Next Sunday, January 8th we will celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord, the traditional day to bless homes. House Blessing Kits will be made available for families to bless their own homes this 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.**

If you do not receive the parish offertory envelope packet, please consider making a donation to these additional collections this month of January:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Monthly Offering | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Initial Offering |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debt Reduction | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Holy Name Society |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Church Improvement | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Solemnity of Mary |

Simply place these donations in a regular envelope with your name, collection name, and amounts written on the envelope. Thank you for supporting the parish!

WELCOME BACK...

We welcome back to the Catholic Church and our parish any in attendance today who have been away from the Church for a while. We have missed you! Many of you may have "come home" because of the commercials being aired by Catholics Come Home. The goal of this advertising effort is to bring a message of hope and invitation. We encourage you to contact the parish office at 724-446-5197 if you have any questions, would like to make an appointment with Father John, or would like to register in the parish.



NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES - Students will not attend class on Monday, January 2nd. Enjoy the beginning of 2012 with your family.

YOUTH MINISTRY ADULT ADVISORS - Will meet on Tuesday, January 3rd at 6:15pm in the meeting room.

FOOD BANK - Distribution of food on Wednesday, January 4th at 10:30am in Edwardian Hall.

PRAYER SHAWL MINSITRY - Continues on Wednesday, January 4th from 1-3pm in the parish meeting room. Please bring your knitting or crocheting supplies with you and join in!

RCIA SESSION - Continues on Wednesday, January 4th at 7:00pm in the meeting room

YOUTH MINISTRY MASS & MEETING - All students from the parish in grades 6-12 are invited to gather next Sunday, January 8th at the 9:00am Mass, please sit in the reserved front pews. Following Mass, students will meet in Edwardian Hall for a continental breakfast, activities, and small group discussions. *Youth Ministry is for all students who attend Catholic School, Public School, Private School and those who are Home Schooled.* New students are always welcome!

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR FIRST CONFESSION - All second grade students and their parents are required to attend 2 Sacramental Preparation Sessions on Tuesday, January 10 and Tuesday, January 18 from 6:00-8:00pm in Edwardian Hall. Please do not bring other siblings with 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).

2012 ENVELOPES FOR TEENS/CHILDREN - Learning about Stewardship is important for children. Teach your children to be thankful for God's many gifts to them and to share their love with others. Additional envelopes are available by calling Lisa in the Faith Formation office at 724-446-5381.

THANK YOU BULLETIN SPONSORS! - The parish wishes to express its gratitude to the business people who choose to advertise on the back of our bulletin. Because of their generosity, the bulletin is printed 52 weeks a year free of charge to the parish. Best wishes to them in 2012! Please be sure to patronize them in 2012 and thank them for their generosity to YOUR parish!!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ST. JUDE COUNCIL 9019 - Will meet on Monday, January 23rd at 7:15pm at St. Agnes Parish.

8TH GRADE STUDENTS - If you are planning to attend Greensburg Central Catholic for 9th Grade, you must take a Placement Test on January 14 or 16 from 8:00am - 11:30am. The fee is \$25.00. Please call Mrs. Sherman at 724-834-0310 ext. 205 or complete application at www.gcchs.org.

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 13th, please call 412-277-3434 or visit www.helpourmarriage.com.

HERMINIE METHODIST CHURCH FRUIT SALE - Our neighbors at the Herminie United Methodist Church are selling Grapefruits for \$14.75 a box or Oranges for \$15.50 a box. Orders needed by January 8th. Please call 724-446-7200.

The Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, January 2nd. Happy New Year 2012!