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# Prayers for the Peace of the Christ Child this BISHOP LARRY J. KULICK As we approach the season of Advent and anticipate Christian

As we approach the season of Advent and anticipate the celebration of the birth of our Savior, our world is enveloped in turmoil. World events have us all concerned. We must continue to pray for all those affected by war, both in Eastern Europe and the Holy Land. In this time of Advent and in preparation for the celebration of the birth of Christ, more than ever we pray that the world will experience the peace of the Christ child, God's greatest gift to us all. May all God's children be afforded the hope that can only come through God's power and grace, and

the true peace that came on that first Christmas with the birth of our Savior.

My friend, renowned artist Pipka Ulvilden, knows well the turmoil and upheaval of war. Born in Slovakia, Pipka's family fled their homeland during World War II. It was because of the Catholic Church that Pipka's family was settled in the

United States. They
were forced to leave
behind extended
family members,
but Pipka kept in
contact with them,
and brought with
her Old World
traditions.

As an accomplished folk artist, Pipka had a strong desire to create a painting of an Old World Santa as a Christmas gift for her mother. The painting became known as "Midnight Visitor." Others saw the painting, and Pipka began to create more. The paintings were so well received that she was approached by a company that wanted to turn her paintings into collectible figurines. Pipka is now known for her collectibles that depict, in very detailed ways, St. Nicholas figures from around the world and of many different ethnicities. Pipka's art is

intricate, including many items in her interpretations of St. Nicholas. Many people tell me they will keep their "Pipkas" on display all year and just sit, in a quiet and peaceful way, and notice things they haven't seen before.

I am so delighted that Pipka will join us on Dec. 15 for KNOW HIM: St. Nicholas the Gift Giver and on Dec. 16 for the Christmas Night Market. Both events take place at Christ Our Shepherd Center. Please plan to join us to help prepare your heart for the coming of

Another way to spiritually prepare yourself during this season of Advent is to contemplate the birth of Christ as you sit peacefully in prayer or during Mass. Look at artwork of the Nativity. Notice the things that you may not have noticed before, and let the Lord speak to you of his love and peace.

Understand that the greatest gift we will receive this year came from God – Jesus Christ, who in return has given the world his light and eternal salvation.

the Christ Child.

Give thanks to God for the gift of peace in your life, and remember and pray for those who seek peace but have been displaced from their homes,

communities and families. And just as we prepare our hearts for the coming of the Lord during Advent, may we also, when possible, welcome our brothers and sisters in need with shelter and comfort.

The Most Reverend Larry J. Kulick, J.C.L. Bishop of Greensburg

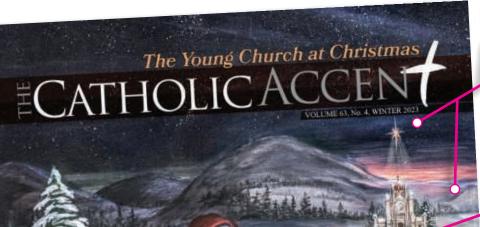
### ON THE COVER:

The Diocese of Greensburg Father Christmas created by artist Pipka Ulvilden

#### The Star

The star seems to be over the cathedral, but if you look carefully, in the distance is a Nativity, which reminds us of

Bethlehem. There is a connection here to how Bethlehem comes to life in the liturgy and God becomes present to us at holy Mass.



#### The Coat

The dark brown color of the coat is akin to the rugged outerwear popular during the Industrial Revolution. Underneath is a gold tunic patterned after a traditional Slovakian tablecloth with folk embroidery belonging to the artist's grandmother, symbolic of the many cultures who built Western Pennsylvania. The imperial green of the coat's lining and cuffs, and the lining on the boots, represent the Diocese of Greensburg.

#### **Crosier & Coat of Arms**

The crosier is a replica of the one Bishop Kulick uses today, the same one used by the first Bishop of the Diocese of Greensburg, Bishop Hugh L. Lamb, in the 1950s. Atop the sack is the Diocese of Greensburg coat of arms.

#### Familiar Symbols of Western Pa.

The whitetail deer and the rabbit are present, as are homes grouped together in a coal patch village along with the company store. In the background is the image of Blessed Sacrament Cathedral.

#### The Children

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They are the next generation of Christ's disciples. One boy carries the crèche, representing faith. The other boy represents works, carrying a canary and lunch bucket; off in the distance is a coal tipple and pile of coal covered with a light snow, symbolizing the coal mining industry that helped to build the economy of Western Pennsylvania. In Pipka creations there is always movement, as is the case with this scene that depicts a journey toward church. This reminds us that our life is like a procession from this world to eternity. The youngest of all the children, a little girl, is properly dressed and carrying apples and oranges that were coveted during the Industrial Revolution. She reminds us that "a child shall lead them," as young people in their innocence can lead us on the right path.

Prints of this creation along with tumblers, mugs, blankets and stuffed animals with Pipka St. Nicholas creations are on sale now!

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# They Remember It Forever's

Mother of Sorrows Light Up Night fosters Eucharistic community

#### BY ELISABETH SMITH

Since the very first light flickered nearly a decade ago, Ali Bauer and her family have been a part of the Light Up Night tradition at Mother of Sorrows School and Parish, Murrysville.

Bauer and her children, Brynn, Jack and Claire, along with her parents, Terri and Tom Wubben, have watched this special Christmastime event grow tremendously since its start.

Launched in 2016 to help the entire community gather for the holiday, the event features beautiful lights around the school and student-created decorations throughout the building – including doors decorated in themes of the Christ Child.

"It's a great night full of joy for the Advent season," Bauer said. "It's so nice to see the families come together and the school decorated so beautifully."

This winter, Light Up Night returns on Dec. 2. The event has expanded over the years to become a joint venture between the school and parish. It now includes a living Nativity portrayed by students; an Advent Mass followed by a blessing of the school's Christmas tree; an intergenerational dinner; caroling; a gingerbread house village; a Santa shop; and a hot chocolate bar and cookies.

Visitors follow luminaria that light the way between each experience.

Light Up Night also now draws a larger crowd due to the combined efforts of the parish, which has more than 2,200 parishioners, and the school, which educates more than 400 children each year.

"There's a lot of unity, which is so nice to see in this day and age," Bauer said. "It's something we have continued, and I hope that it continues for many years to come."

Mother of Sorrows Principal Theresa Szmed said Light Up Night truly creates Eucharistic fellowship.

"This event really brings together the young people of the parish, the parishioners themselves and the community



Theresa Szmed







PHOTOS: JOHN and LUKE ZYLKA

Christ, we reach out and care for our brothers and sisters."

That sense of community is evident at Light Up Night not only due to the large participation, but in all the hard work that happens behind the scenes to make this annual event truly special.

Szmed notes that while the students and teachers work hard to bring it to life, there are also dozens of volunteers, custodial staff and others who make the event truly unforgettable.

"Our students and parishioners remember it forever," she said.



celebrate Advent when we are in the liturgy,"

"The challenge for us, especially in these years

community whereby we bring the presence of Christ

of Eucharistic Revival, is to become a Eucharistic

to others in all we say and do so that our words

he explained.

and actions are

Eucharistic - we

build up the



# Cranberry Mango Chutney

Recipe from Bishop Larry J. Kulick

#### **INGREDIENTS**

- 1 can whole cranberries in jelly
- 1 fresh mango
- 1 tsp. Chinese Five Spice
- · 2 tbsp. hot honey

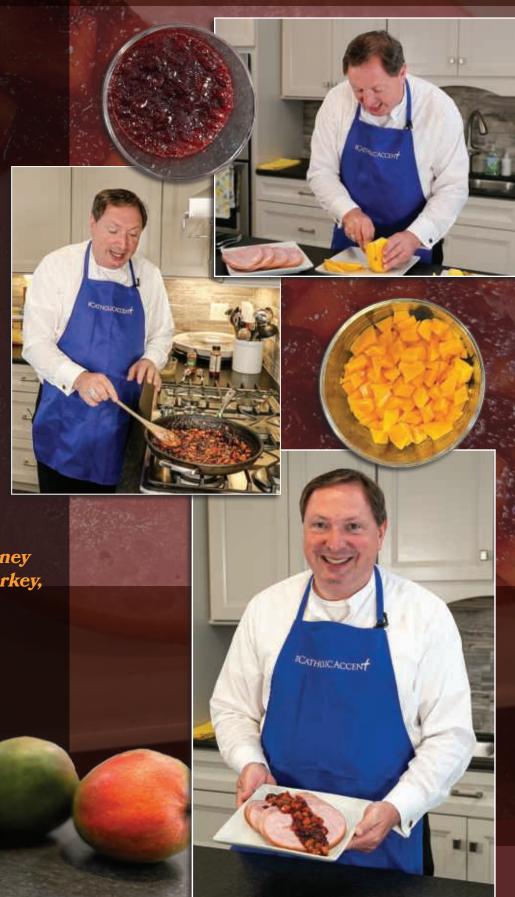
#### **INSTRUCTIONS**

- 1. Dice mango into small 1/4-inch pieces.
- 2. Add mango to pan over medium heat for 1 minute.
- 3. Add cranberries and mix in with mango.
- 4. Add 1 tsp. Chinese Five Spice.
- 5. Add 2 tbsp. hot honey.
- 6. Bring to a simmer for 4-5 minutes, or until mango is softened, stirring regularly.

Can be made a day ahead of time and reheated for service.









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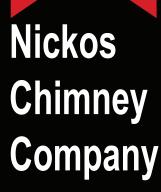
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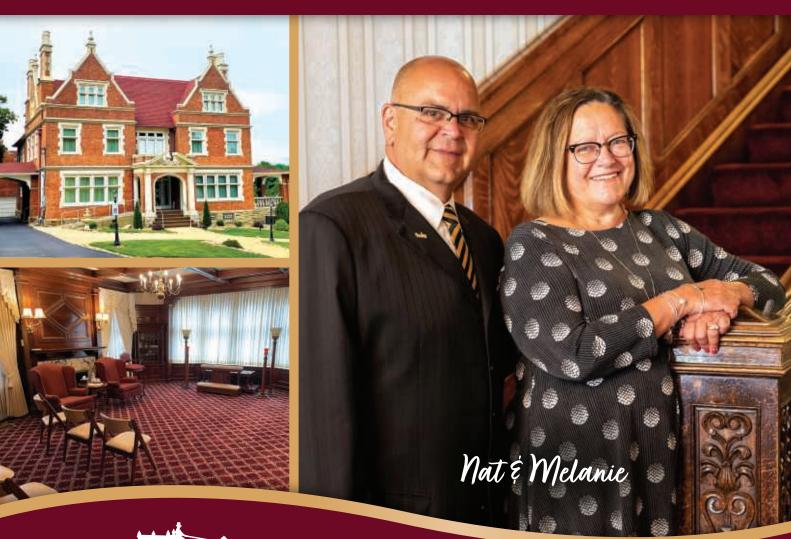
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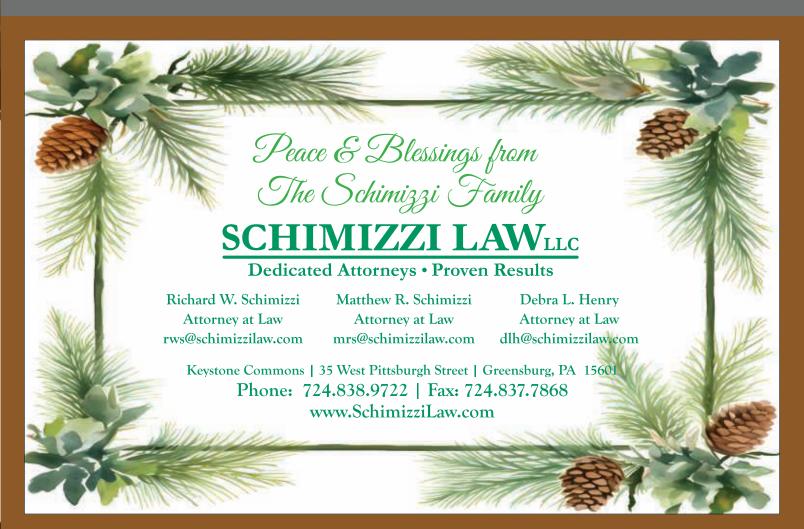






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#### BY CLIFF GORSKI

For more than 50 years, the faithful have gathered at Shields Farm for the annual Delmont Christmas Pilgrimage, this year set for Dec. 2-3 from 5-9 p.m.

On the weekend the pilgrimage begins, thousands begin their journey at the historic log cabin at the farm, and then walk the field where they encounter eight live-action scenes portraying the Christmas story. They witness the encounters that Mary and Joseph had with the angels, experience their journey to Bethlehem, hear a recreation of the Good News being told to shepherds and Wise Men, and, finally, rejoice in the birth of Christ.

During the pilgrimage, camels and other live animals dot the field, accentuated by dramatic music and soft lighting. At the end of the pilgrimage, visitors see and can interact with Mary and Joseph and the Christ Child in a barn that serves as a manger.

As part of the pilgrimage, five churches in the area offer different activities and food. Among them is St. John Baptist de La Salle Parish.

When you drive into the parish parking lot, you are warmly welcomed by the glowing luminaria and an Advent wreath that symbolizes the anticipation of His birth. Inside the church vestibule, an oversized Advent calendar and "Jesse Tree" decorated with biblical characters in Jesus' family tree stand with a welcome message for all.

For those attending the pilgrimage, Mass is celebrated at the parish at 4 p.m. St. Nicholas greets those leaving Mass with small treats for children.

The parish hall is decorated with the theme of "Lighting Our Way to Christ," with music, food for purchase and a chance to do some Christmas shopping. Secular Franciscans are on hand to talk about how St. Francis of Assisi began the custom of a live Nativity in the 1220s.

Attending the annual pilgrimage is a tradition for Betsy Ahearn, a parishioner of St. James Parish, New Alexandria. In 1974, after the birth of her son, Ahearn brought him to the pilgrimage each year. Now she brings her granddaughter. She said she feels the event demonstrates the true meaning of Christmas, especially for young people.

"It's a time they can truly reflect and really know what Christmas is about," Ahearn said.

Free bus transportation will take pilgrims to Shields Farm and return them to the parish parking lot.

Activities at St. John Baptist de La Salle Parish are free. Tickets and information about the pilgrimage are available at **DelmontPilgrimage.com** 





Christmas. These magical scents bring us back to the memories of our childhood or put us in the mood to bake delicious new memories.

It's an important holiday tradition for Monsignor Raymond E. Riffle, Vicar General and rector of Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg. He gathered his beloved great-nephews and great-niece into the kitchen at the rectory for a memorable Christmas cookie-baking session.

The faces of 8-year-olds Joseph Carpenter and Tommy Boyer, 7-year-old Anna Carpenter, and 5-year-old Jesse Boyer reflected the joy of the season as they spent a cold December morning in the warmth of the rectory kitchen. The room was full of smiles and giggles as they rolled cookie dough and cut out heart-shaped cookies, then decorated with icing and chocolate morsels. All four anxiously waited for the oven timer to signal that they were able to sample a few of the sweet treats.

Cookies symbolize the spirit of giving and are a bitesized emblem for generosity, solidarity and seasonal joy.

Baking Christmas cookies is a long-standing holiday tradition that many take on weeks or months before the hustle and bustle of parties, meal preparation and more.

As you spend time celebrating the birth of Jesus, our Savior, with your family and friends this Christmas season, take a moment to enjoy the scents, smiles, laughter and joy the days and nights bring ... creating memories that last a lifetime.

Heavenly Father, thank You for all we have in our lives. We are especially grateful this time of year,

as we reflect on Your provision, all You have given us and the love You have placed in our lives. Thank You for Your love and guidance. In the name of Your son Jesus, Amen

### Peanut Butter Christmas Mice

Total Time: Prep, 35 minutes plus chilling;

bake, 10 minutes/batch plus cooling

Yield: About 5 dozen

#### Ingredients:

- 1 cup creamy peanut butter
- ½ cup butter, softened
- ½ cup sugar
- ½ cup packed brown sugar
- 1 large egg
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 1½ cups all-purpose flour
- ½ tsp. baking soda

#### Decorations

- · Peanuts, split in half
- Brown m&m's minis
- Miniature semisweet chocolate chips
- Black shoestring licorice, cut into 2-inch pieces

#### **Directions**:

#### Step 1

Beat peanut butter, butter and sugars until well blended. Beat in egg and vanilla. In another bowl, whisk together flour and baking soda; gradually beat into peanut butter mixture (dough will be soft). Refrigerate until firm enough to shape, about 1 hour.

#### Step 2

Preheat oven to 350°F. Shape dough into 1-inch balls; taper one side to resemble a mouse. Place 2 inches apart on ungreased baking sheets. Add peanuts for ears, m&m's for noses and chocolate chips for eyes.

Bake until set, 8-10 minutes. Immediately insert licorice pieces into warm cookies for tails. Remove from pan to wire racks to cool.



# Santa Sugar Cookies





Total Time: Prep, 1 hour plus chilling;

bake, 10 minutes/batch plus cooling

Yield: About 4 dozen

#### **Ingredients for cookies:**

- 1½ cups butter, softened
- 1½ cups shortening
- 1½ cups sugar
- 1½ cups confectioners' sugar
- 4½ tsp. vanilla extract
- 3 large eggs, room temperature
- 6¾ cups all-purpose flour
- 1½ tsp. baking soda
- 1½ tsp. cream of tartar
- 1½ tsp. salt

#### **Ingredients for frosting:**

- · 2 cans (12 ounces each) whipped vanilla frosting
- · 2 tbsp. butter, softened
- 2 cups confectioners' sugar
- Brown and red m&m's minis
- Red colored sugar
- Red jimmies

#### **Directions:**

#### Step 1

Cream first four ingredients until light and fluffy. Beat in vanilla and eggs, one at a time. Whisk together flour, baking soda, cream of tartar and salt; gradually add to creamed mixture. Divide dough in half; shape into disks. Wrap in plastic; refrigerate until firm enough to roll, 1-2 hours.

#### Step 2

Preheat oven to 375°F. On a lightly floured surface, roll each portion of dough to 1/4-inch thickness. Cut with a floured 3½-inch heart-shaped cookie cutter. Place 1 inch apart on ungreased baking sheets. Bake until firm, 8-10 minutes (do not overbake). Remove from pans to wire racks; cool completely.

#### Step 3

For frosting, beat canned frosting, butter and confectioners' sugar until well blended. Cut a hole in the tip of a pastry bag or corner of a food-safe plastic bag; insert 16 star tip and fill with frosting. Placing hearts point side up, use a small amount of frosting to attach brown m&m's for eyes and red m&m's for noses. Use remaining frosting to pipe hats, beards and mustaches. Sprinkle hats with red sugar; add jimmies for mouths.





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# The Gift of

#### BY ROBIN MULL

Students from St. Sebastian Regional Catholic School in Belle Vernon shared their Christmas spirit with those who live at Country Care Manor in Fayette City. The students, as part of their outreach program, lifted their voices and opened their hearts to bring the joy of Christmas by singing carols and sharing the gift of caring and compassion with the residents.

As the students gathered, the sound of Christmas carols and bells jingled through the halls, warm cozy blankets covered the laps of residents, and everyone in the room wore heartwarming smiles.

Upper grade religion teacher Maureen Ruschak, who organized the outreach event, said along with the singing, students brought gifts and a special craft-making activity.

"The students had fun planning the crafts and activities for the residents," Ruschak said. "Living out the Gospel message

of Jesus to love our neighbors becomes a reality when the kids sit and visit with the lovely people we meet at Country Care."

Fifth-grader Evan Wolfgang was excited to spend quality time with the residents.

"They are going to be joyous, because some of them don't get visitors," he said.

Under the direction of music teacher Lance Russell, the students sang familiar Christmas carols with residents. Russell

reminds his students daily that "God's just not in the song – he's everywhere."

Fifth-grader Emilia Fouch enjoys singing and believes it

brings her closer to God.

"If I'm having a rough day, I can sing, and the stress just kind of goes away," she said.

The outreach ministry provided by students in grades 3-7 continues throughout the school year. At Christmas, they also visit with residents of Center on the Hill in Belle Vernon.



Evan Wolfgang

Emilia Fouch







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### Breakfast with St. Nicholas 9:30 AM

Enjoy a faith-focused event for children and families this Christmas that puts Iesus at the center of the season! Breakfast with St. Nicholas will include a delicious buffet and a visit from many cultural versions of St. Nick. Bishop Kulick will lead a prayer and children will make a craft with St. Nicholasinspired artist Pipka Ulvilden. Families can enjoy the St. Nicholas workshop filled with St. Nick goodies and gifts.

Register today at DioceseofGreensburg.org/StNickBreakfast \$25/adults, \$15/children 12 and under.



### Mass with Bishop Kulick

and Keynote Address from artist

Pipka Ulvilden 4:00 PM

# **Christmas Night Market**

**SATURDAY • DECEMBER 16 • 3:00 - 8:00 PM** 

The Christmas Night Market is a festive, fun and faith-filled event! Stroll the outdoor attractions under the twinkle of Christmas lights and warm yourself with hot chocolate by the fire, or, head inside to enjoy more than 40 food and craft vendors. Explore collectables created by St. Nicholas-inspired artist Pipka Ulvilden, on display for this event! Carolers, St. Nicholas and Christmas cookies are all part of the experience. Admission and parking are free!

#### ChristmastNightMarket.org



#### Christmas Wine Tastings!

Our Spiritual Drink: The History of Wine and The Catholic Church is hosted by sommelier Joe Bello. The 45-minute tasting includes five samples of wine paired with Christmas cookies. The Catholic connection to winemaking has its foundations in Scripture. Testaments old and new are filled with references to vineyards, grapes and wines. Must be 21 or older, \$25 per person. Three sessions available. Visit ChristmasNightMarket.org for registration.



Blessings & Beer: The History of Brewing and The Catholic Church is hosted by Vincent Reilly. The 45-minute tasting includes five samples paired with snacks. Historically, the Catholic Church has a long and tasty relationship with beer. In fact, monasteries around the world have been welcoming guests for hundreds of years with their very own home brewed beer. Monks have taught today's brewing companies a thing or two about advances to brewing techniques and technology. Must be 21 or older, \$25 per person. Three sessions available.





Help Santa guide his sleigh to your home this Christmas by creating a Red Nose Reindeer craft! Hosted by Chrys Johnson-Sebula, Owner of the Curious Cat & Painted Dog in Irwin, this hour-long family crafting event is a great way to slow down before the rush of the season and create a memorable project together. Each participant will make a pair of Red Nose Reindeer decorations. Seating is limited, so register today! \$25 per person. Recommended for ages 7 and up. One session available at 3:00 p.m.





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