

Area Advent Communal Penance Services

Sunday, December 10, 3:00 p.m.	SS. Cosmas & Damien Church, Punxsutawney
Monday, December 11, 7:00 p.m.	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church, Sykesville
Tuesday, December 12, 7:00 p.m.	Immaculate Conception Church, Brookville
Wednesday, December 13, 7:00 p.m.	St. Tobias Church, Brockway
Sunday, December 17, 3:00 p.m.	St. Catherine of Siena Church, DuBois

What is a Communal Penance Service?

A communal penance service begins with a scripture reading and a brief reflection by a priest. This is followed by an examination of conscience, and then the entire community prays the Act of Contrition together. Sometimes a single general penance is assigned to everyone participating; at other times, the assignment of a penance is done during the individual confession.

After the communal part of the service, those present privately and individually confess their sins to one of several priests in attendance and receive absolution. If a penance has not been assigned in the communal setting, the individual will receive one then.

The Act of Contrition is not repeated privately because it has been part of the communal section of the service. Note that the words of absolution are said by the priest individually over the penitent.

There will be **NO CONFESSIONS** heard on Saturday, December 23 or December 30 at St. Catherine's.

Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and Christmas Week Mass Schedules

	St. Michael Church	St. Catherine Church
Christmas Eve	10:00 p.m.	4:30 p.m. 9:00 p.m.
Christmas Day	9:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.

There will be no daily 7 a.m. Mass at St. Catherine on Dec. 26-27, nor an 8 a.m. Mass on Dec. 30.

There will be no daily 8 a.m. Mass at St. Michael on Dec. 26, 27, 28, or 29.

January 1

Monday, January 1, is not a holy day of obligation this year; however, there will be an

8:00 a.m. Mass	St. Michael and a
9:00 a.m. Mass	St. Catherine.