

December 14, 2025



3rd Sunday of Advent

Today's readings

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass

Monday & Thursday:
8:00 a.m.

Tuesday, Wednesday,
and Friday:
No Mass

Weekend Mass

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday:
8:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m.

Confession:

Saturday: 3:00 p.m.
Or by appointment

All Sacraments:

Please call the office



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Scripture Reflection

From Fr. Anthony Onoko:

SOLID FOUNDATION OF GOD'S WILL, DECEMBER 4, 2025
WEEK 1, ADVENT
Is 26:1-6; Ps 118; Mt 7:21, 24-27

The Gospel today invites us to a deep and honest look at our relationship with God. Jesus says, "It is not those who say to me, Lord, Lord, who will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the person who does the will of my Father in heaven." These words remind us that faith is not simply something we speak with our lips, it is something we live from the heart.

Jesus is teaching us that God sees beyond outward appearance. He sees what is hidden. He sees what is true. He is not deceived by empty devotion. What He desires is a heart that is sincere, a heart that is willing to listen, a heart that loves His will more than personal preference or comfort.

Isaiah tells us in the First Reading that God keeps in perfect peace the one whose mind is steadfast because that person trusts in Him. This is the difference between a faith that is only on the surface and a faith that shapes our choices, our habits and our priorities. Real faith leans on God. It is an act of complete trust in the presence, love, power, wisdom and goodness of God. It is an act of complete obedience to God.

Dear friends, Advent is a season of truth. It is a gentle invitation to ask ourselves:

Am I truly seeking or doing the will of God in my home, in my work, in my studies, in my relationships, in my vocation, in my life?

Is my faith something genuine and rooted or is it unstable?

Do I turn to God with trust or do I seek alternative paths when life becomes difficult?

In Jeremiah 17:10, the Lord says, "I search the heart and probe the loins." He knows the truth about us. He calls us to faith that has depth, faith that can endure the winds and storms of life. Jesus says that the house built on rock can stand because its foundation is solid. That foundation is obedience to God. It is complete trust in God.

Today, let us ask for the grace to trust Him, to do His will, to be steady and honest in our devotion and to be kept in His perfect peace.

We end again by meditating on the words of the Prophet Isaiah:

You keep him in perfect peace
whose mind is stayed on you,
because he trusts in you.

Trust in the Lord for ever,
for the Lord God is an everlasting rock.

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, December 13— Vigil

4:00 PM † Evelyn Kowell by Daughter, Paula

Sunday, December 14 — 3rd Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM † James & Mary Zimmaro by Ken & Linda

10:30 AM † Evan Anderson by Mother, Lisa Anderson

Monday, December 15

8:00 AM † Christopher Salotti by Family

Tuesday, December 16

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

Wednesday, December 17

9:00 AM Mass at St. John the Baptist

Thursday, December 18

8:00 AM † Rita Stedeford by Dan Harkins

Friday, December 19

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

10:15 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

Saturday, December 20 — Vigil

4:00 PM † James Barron, Sr. by Carol Sepesky

Sunday, December 21 — 4th Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM Pro Populo

10:30 AM † Gene Yatchyshyn by wife and Children

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OFFICE HOURS :

Monday –Thursday: 8:30 a.m. –12; 1 p.m.– 3 p.m.

Friday: 8:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Ministry Schedule — Dec. 20 & 21, 2025

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 p.m.	G. Pesi	W. White L. Henry D. Harkins	Volunteer
8:30 a.m.	D. DeCarlo	J. Todd L. DeFelices S. Campus	V. Watkins
10:30 a.m.	W. Vlasic	K. Byron K. Imbrescia P. Fantauzzi	M. Guiliford

Money Counters

Monday, December 15 – Team #4 – J. Petritis

Stewardship

Due to the bulletin deadline, last week's collection will be listed next week.

Children & Family Services

As you are aware, every year the second collection at all Christmas Masses has been for those people living within our own diocese who are less fortunate than we are. This collection is titled the "Children and Family Services Appeal." Your support of this collection allows those touched by poverty, violence or brokenness to look beyond their present conditions and find the hope to work toward better circumstances. Please be generous and know that your contribution helps change the future of a family or child.

Breakfast with Santa



This Sunday, **December 14**, is our Breakfast with Santa. You're never too old. The event is sponsored by the Epiphany Ladies and the Holy Name Society and runs from 9:30 a.m. —11:30 a.m. Breakfast is \$5 for adults; children eat for free. FCSLA will provide treat bags for the children.

Catholic Calendar

It's hard to believe that we are looking at the end of the year! Every year, we are privileged to hand out calendars that have been donated by local businesses. It is because of their generosity that these calendars are made available. If you see those responsible, please be sure to thank them: **Janosik's Pharmacy,, Franks Service Garage, Dalfonso-Billick Funeral Home and Robert A. Billick Funeral Home.**

Nata Nox

St. Vincent Camerata presents "Nata Nox — At the Manger with Mary" on Sunday, December 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Vincent Archabbey Basilica, Latrobe. The concert will include classic Christmas carols and works ranging from the elegant polyphony of Hassler, Victoria and Sweelinck to the powerful contemporary sound of Górecki's "Totus Tuus," Biebl's beloved "Ave Maria" and Mack Wilberg's stunning setting of "O Holy Night." Admission is free, but a goodwill offering will be accepted.

Sunday Doughnuts

Our Sunday coffee and doughnuts will be on hiatus beginning December 14. It will resume on our feast day, January 4.

Faith

Advent Penance Service

As we begin the Advent Season, let us take time to make room for the infant and prepare our hearts. We will hold regional penance services at 6:00 p.m. on the following dates:

Tuesday, Dec. 16, St. Edwards, Herminie

Wednesday, Dec. 17, Seven Dolours, Yukon

Thursday, Dec. 18, Holy Family, West Newton

Friday, Dec. 19, St. Anne, Rostraver

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Masses will be held at 4:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve, Midnight Mass and at 10:00 a.m. on Christmas Day. Please note there will only be one Mass on Christmas Day.

Oplatki will be available in the back of the church and the office. They are \$2.00 per pack.

Inspiration for the Week

"Go and tell what you have seen and heard," Jesus says. When it comes to proving who he is, he always lets his actions do the talking. We have heard. We have seen. We must go and tell. Let's let our actions do the talking. Who do we think Jesus is?

Christmas Choir

Choir for Midnight Mass



We welcome any choir members (both old and new) to sing together for Midnight Mass. There will be one rehearsal on **Wednesday, December 17** at 7PM in the church. For any questions, please contact Dan Godla at 412-737-

7332. Please join us! All are welcome!

Snowball Party

When the holidays are over, the festivities continue. The Knights of Columbus, Council 954 will be holding their annual **Snowball Party on January 10, 2026**. Widows of deceased Knights are invited to attend at no cost. The cost is \$35.00/person, for active members and their guests. Reservations required by Wednesday, December 31. Please call Gary at 724-989-1424 for your reservation.

Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities provides volunteer services to older adults (60+) including supportive and regular visits, telephone calls and mailings to prevent loneliness and isolation. To become a client, contact Deborah Klinvex at dklinvex@DioceseofGreensburg.org or call 724-837-1840.