



December 21, 2025



4th 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



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Epiphany of Our Lord Catholic Church

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Scripture Reflection

The "O" Antiphons are ancient and poetic titles used in the Roman Church's liturgy during the last days of Advent, specifically from December 17 to December 23. They are traditionally sung as antiphons to the Magnificat during Vespers (Evening Prayer), but are known to most as the verses of the song "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel", and are a profound expression of longing for the coming of Christ. Each antiphon highlights a different divine attribute of the Messiah, drawing deeply from biblical imagery and Old Testament prophecy.

The antiphons are rich in theology, emphasizing Christ as Wisdom, Leader, Root of Jesse, Key of David, Radiant Dawn, King of Nations, and Emmanuel — each title embodying a facet of His divine mission. Their repeated invocation of "Come" captures the universal desire for salvation and the divine fulfillment of God's promises. These titles serve as a prayerful reflection on the messianic hopes fulfilled in Christ, who is the divine Wisdom guiding creation, the Savior descended from David, and the Emmanuel—God with us.

Through the "O" Antiphons, the Church invites the faithful to meditate on the multifaceted mystery of Christ's coming, recognizing Him as the fulfillment of Old Testament hopes and the answer to our present longing. Their enduring use underscores the timeless nature of this divine longing and the certainty that Christ's arrival will bring salvation and light to all who await Him with faith.

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.**

Ministry Schedule — Dec. 24 & 25, 2025

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 p.m.	D. DeCarlo	J. Brown D. Harkins J. Todd	M. Guiliford
8:30 a.m.	F. Petrosky	G. Pesì A. Punturiero Volunteer	T. Gigliotti
10:00 a.m.	M. Melvin	E. Yatchyshyn T. Mazzei P. Francowic	S. Yatchyshyn G. Yatchyshyn

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

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

Monday, December 22

8:00 AM † Mary Sowko by Family

Tuesday, December 23

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

Wednesday, December 24 — Christmas Vigil

4:00 PM For the Parish Family

Thursday, December 25 — Christmas Day

12:00 AM For the Parish Family

10:00 AM For the Parish Family

Friday, December 26

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

Saturday, December 27 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Anthony F. Manderino II by Tara & sons

Sunday, December 28 — Feast of the Holy Family

8:30 AM Pro Populo

10:30 AM † Charles Sungala by Family

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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. 27 & 28, 2025

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 p.m.	P. Fantauzzi	M. Dzurik R. Lucas J. Brown	G. Pesì
8:30 a.m.	K. Miller	T. Todd J. Todd L. DeFelices	Volunteer
10:30 a.m.	D. Yagodich	T. Mazzei P. Francowic A. Punturiero	T. Gigliotti

Money Counters

Monday, December 15 – Team #5 – M. Smith

Stewardship

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

Weekly Collection Dec. 1		St. Lucy:		
Votive Candles:	254	Children & Adult	2,434	5
Utility & Energy:	15	End of Year:	0	
Accent:	30	Online :	1,403	
Imm. Conception:	5	Total Collection:	\$4,296	
Christmas Flowers:	10	CRS:	20	
Advent Folder:	140	Total Collection:	\$4,316	

Weekly Collection Dec. 7		St. Lucy:		
Votive Candles:	161	Solemnity of Mary	13	45
Utility & Energy:	96	Children & Adult	5,256	
Accent:	50	End of Year:	1,970	
Imm. Conception:	608	Online :	2,620	
Christmas Flowers:	280	Total Collection:	\$11,409	
Advent Folder:	50	Children & Family:	120	
Christmas:	260	Total Collection:	\$11,529	

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.

Inclement Weather

Winter is here and with that comes the snow and ice. The following guidelines will be used throughout winter when the weather outside is extreme and/or unsafe. The safety and well-being of our parishioners is our priority. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office.

If the local school district has a 2 hour delay or cancellation, then the Daily Mass would be cancelled and the office hours would follow the same schedule as the school district.

Epiphany of our Lord would follow Monessen School District

Saint John the Baptist would follow Frazier School District

Saint Sebastian would follow Belle Vernon Area / St. Sebastian Regional School

Merry Christmas!

Faith

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.**

New Year's Day Mass Schedule

On January 1, we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. Mass will be held at:

Epiphany on Wednesday, December 31 at 4:00 p.m. and on New Year's Day, Thursday, January 1 at 8:00 a.m.

St. Sebastian on Wednesday, December 31 at 5:00 p.m. and on New Year's Day, Thursday, January 1 at 10:00 a.m.

St. John the Baptist, Perryopolis at 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 1



Christmas Greetings from Fr. Anthony Onoko

Dear brothers and sisters,

As we celebrate the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, I extend my heartfelt Christmas greetings to you all. May the light of Christ, born in Bethlehem, fill your homes and hearts with peace, hope and lasting joy.

Christmas reminds us that God is with us. In the midst of our challenges, uncertainties and daily struggles, Christ comes close to bless, strengthen and guide us. May His gentle presence renew your faith and deepen your love for God and for one another.

I pray that this holy season brings you blessings in abundance and that the new year ahead will be filled with God's favour.

A very happy and grace-filled Christmas to you and your families.

Fr. Anthony Onoko



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.