

December 7, 2025



2nd 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.

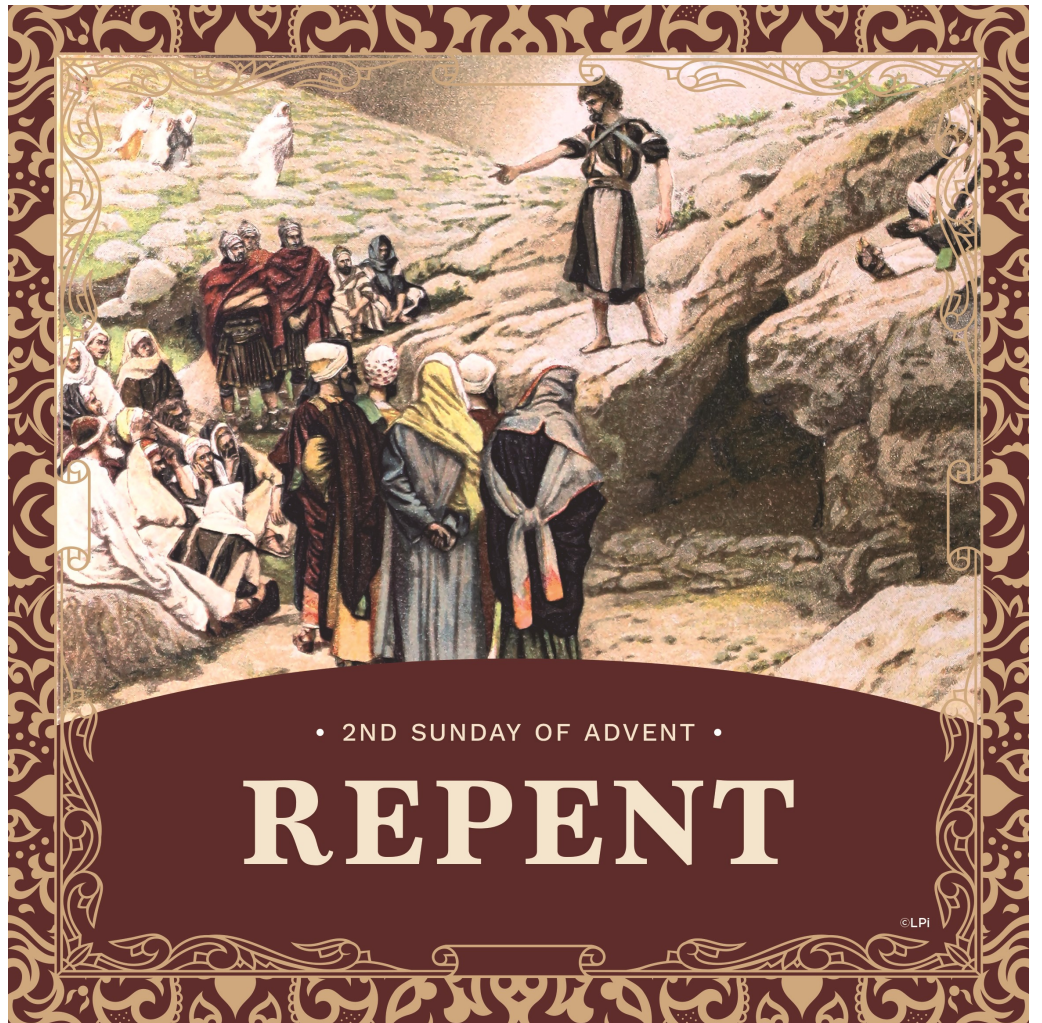
Sunday:
8:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m.

Confession:

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

All Sacraments:

Please call the office



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Scripture Reflection

Reflecting on the prayers we use at Mass for the second week of Advent, both this Sunday and throughout the week, I am struck by the consistent call to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ. The antiphons and collect emphasize that the Lord will come to save and enlighten, urging us to await His arrival with vigilance and hope. The themes of spiritual nourishment and divine mercy remind us that our efforts alone are insufficient; it is God's grace that prepares us for salvation.

The prayers over the offerings and communion highlight our humility—recognizing we have no merits to plead, only seeking God's mercy and protection. They also teach us that participation in the Eucharist is a means of spiritual renewal, guiding us to judge rightly the things of earth and to cling to the enduring truths of heaven.

Furthermore, the emphasis on light—"a great light," "scattered shadows," "children of light"—symbolizes Christ's presence illuminating our darkness. The prayer that we may love the things of heaven and hold fast to what endures encourages us to focus on eternal life, not passing worldly pursuits.

In sum, these prayers call us to active preparation, repentance, and hope, trusting in God's mercy and the promise that Christ's coming will bring salvation and light to all who await Him with sincere hearts.

Prayer for the Week

Good morning and welcome to the last month of the year. God will answer your prayers and bless you with good health. His Grace will lead you through the remaining days of this year and beyond.

You will have access to heavenly blessings and peace of mind. God will open all doors locked against your progress and happiness. He will protect you and your loved ones from seen and unseen dangers.

Every evil manipulations over your household shall be subdued. Your home will remain a source of happiness and peace in the Mighty Name of Jesus. Amen. Happy new month.

Fr. Anthony Onoko

Inspiration for the Week

The story of Advent is a story of repentance. John the Baptist held up a mirror to the chosen people. He urged them to look at what they saw there. This Advent, will we look in the mirror? Will we choose repentance

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, December 6 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Angeline & Albert Weathers by Temoshenka and McCarthy Families

Sunday, December 7 — 2nd Sunday in Advent

8:30 AM Pro Populo
10:30 AM † Deceased Members of the Nick Mascetta Family by Family

Monday, December 8—Feast Immaculate Conception

8:00 AM † Loretta DiBiasco by Virginia Davis

Tuesday, December 9

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

Wednesday, December 10

9:00 AM Mass at St. John the Baptist

Thursday, December 11

8:00 AM † Jackie Zelinsky by Hopkins Nida Sungla

Friday, December 12

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian
10:15 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

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 Daughter, Lisa Anderson

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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. 13 & 14, 2025

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 p.m.	A. Punturiero	J. Elias M. Dzurik R. Lucas	Volunteer
8:30 a.m.	S. Stein	F. Petrosky L. DeFelices K. Imbrescia	Volunteer
10:30 a.m.	D. Yagodich	T. Mazzei E. Yatchyshyn K. Byron	S. Yatchyshyn G. Yatchyshyn

Money Counters

Tuesday, December 9 – Team #3 – K. Byron

Stewardship

Weekly Collection Nov. 23	Christmas:	400
Votive Candles:	238	Children & Adult 3,181
Utility & Energy:	50	End of Year: 100
Accent:	14	Online : 1,029
Imm. Conception:	50	Total Collection: \$6,037
Christmas Flowers:	150	CRS: 538
Advent Folder:	825	Total Collection: \$6,575
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Weekly Collection Nov. 30	Christmas Flowers:	10
Votive Candles:	254	Children & Adult: 2,434
Utility & Energy:	15	Online : 1,432
Accent:	30	Total Collection: \$4,325
Imm. Conception:	5	CRS: 20
St. Lucy:	5	Total Collection: \$4,345
Advent Folder:	140	

Angel Tree

Tags are ready for the Angel Tree this weekend. Your generosity to children, especially this time of year, will long be remembered by them.

Groups

The **Holy Name Society will not meet** on December 14. They, along with Epiphany Ladies, will be hosting the Breakfast with Santa event. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on January 11 following the 8:30 Mass.

Save the Date

Ladies of Faith of St. Sebastian Church as you to **Save the Date** for the "*Gathering in Faith - Meet & Greet*" for **Saturday, January 17, 2026** at St. Sebastian Parish Hall. More information to follow in the coming weeks.

Turkey Bingo Thanks

This year we had another successful Turkey Bingo bringing together friends and families. A shout out to **Pat Godla** for chairing the event. So many people worked very hard to make this happen. Thank you to the numerous volunteers: the callers, runners, kitchen crew, bakers, and all those who donated door prizes, and not least of all those who participated!

An expanded version of the bulletin is available on the website.



With Deepest Sympathy — Condolences are extended to the family of BETTY JANE LESPILETTE. May God grant her eternal rest, and comfort to her family. We commend her soul to rest in the peace of Christ.

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. 9, St. Sebastian, Belle Vernon
Wednesday, Dec. 10, Epiphany of Our Lord, Monessen
Thursday, Dec. 11, St. John the Baptist, Perryopolis
Tuesday, Dec. 16, St. Edwards, Herminie
Wednesday, Dec. 17, Seven Dolors, Yukon
Thursday, Dec. 18, Holy Family, West Newton
Friday, Dec. 19, St. Anne, Rostraver

Oplatki will be available in the back of the church and the office. They are \$2.00 per pack. Sharing Oplatki is a Polish custom that is now more widely used. Just before the Christmas Eve meal, the eldest member of the family breaks off a piece of the wafer and passes it to the next person with a blessing, which can simply be a wish for good health or happiness for the coming year.

Breakfast with Santa

All children are invited to have **Breakfast with Santa** on **Sunday, December 14** in the Epiphany Church Hall. The event is sponsored by the Holy Name Society and the Epiphany Ladies. Breakfast begins at 9:30 a.m., and will be served until 11:30 a.m. Breakfast cost is \$5.00 for adults; children eat for free. Santa will be available to hear Christmas wishes from the children. FCSLA will provide treat bags for all kids.

Cookie Walk

The Epiphany Ladies' Cookie Walk is next weekend: Saturday, December 13, 2025 from 12N-3PM in the Church Hall! **All Epiphany bakers are being asked to choose their favorite 'holiday cookie' recipes and to donate 4-5 dozen cookies per recipe to the Walk.** Boxed cookie donations can be brought to the Hall on either Friday, December 12 from 9AM to 3PM or on Saturday, from 8AM-10AM. From Noon—3 p.m. Come and select your favorite home-baked cookies from the wide array provided. Filling either a \$5 (1/2-pound bag) or \$10 (1 pound) bag is a delicious way to start the Holidays. The walk is open to the public so spread the word to family, friends and neighbors!

Ministry Schedule — Dec. 8, 2025

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
8:00 a.m.	F. Petrosky	J. Brown M. Dzurik R. Lucas	D. Harkins