



Nov. 27, 2022



**First Week
of Advent**

Today's
reading

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: 11:30 a.m.
Or by appointment

All Sacraments:

Please call the office



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LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, November 26 — Vigil

4:00 PM † John and Catherine Kolansky by Family

Sunday, November 27 — 1st Week of Advent

8:30 AM † James Barron by Rene & Arthur Monciini

10:30 AM † Ed Monaghan by Ginnie, Melanie & Family

Monday, November 28

8:00 AM † Deceased Members of Foglia Family and Helen & Richard Bosch by Al & Phyllis

Tuesday, November 29

No Mass

Wednesday, November 30

No Mass

Thursday, December 1

8:00 AM † Michael J. Hazy by Jim, Hope, Kali and Tom

Friday, December 2

No Mass

Saturday, December 3 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Julius Ostetrico by Knights of Columbus

Sunday, December 4 — 2nd Week of Advent

8:30 AM † Damien Luti by Angelo Galante

10:30 AM † Jozwiak & Lenio Families by Pat

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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 — December 3 & 4

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 p.m.	P. Fantazuzzi	J. Dudas	L. Assenat
8:30 a.m.	K. Miller	A. Pastella	J. Smith B. Smith
10:30 a.m.	M. Sacco	T. Mazzei	T. Smith

Money Counters

Monday, November 28—Team #5— R. Croushore

Wreath Pick Up: Wreaths can be picked up in the garage (across from the hall) after Masses the weekend of **Nov. 26 & 27.**

Pierogi Sale: Pierogis will be sold after all weekend Masses **Nov. 26 & 27.**

Stay Awake and Work for the Peace of Christ

Christ comes to us, and during Advent-Christmas-Epiphany we celebrate the many comings of Christ. Always at the beginning of Advent the Lectionary invites to reflect on the end times. In our readings this Sunday we have alternate visions of what the end looks like.



Isaiah envisions this world will be transformed:

God will reign from Zion, people will live in peace, nations will not go to war, and people will “walk in the light of the Lord.” Paul envisions the Lord’s coming so near that he admonishes the people to “make no provisions for things of this world that lure us but walk as people who have “put on the armor of light.” Matthew envisions this world being carried away as in the days of Noah.

The readings and Advent call us to look forward to the future with hope and expectation. Many Jews of Paul’s and Jesus’ time believed that on a particular day in their not-too-distant future, God would quite suddenly and dramatically establish divine rule and authority over human affairs. The word Advent ultimately derives from the Latin *advenio*, which means “to arrive.” In this season the liturgy of the Catholic Church focuses both on the Christmas remembrance of the birth of Jesus and his second arrival at the end of time. Advent is a celebration of a hope that God’s promises will be fulfilled, that God can be born again, over and over in our hearts and in our world. Of all the seasons that make up our Church year, this is probably the busiest. With the celebration of Christmas so near, there are many things that we need to accomplish and there are many distractions that allow us to become sidetracked.

In the first reading we hear from the great prophet Isaiah who has been referred to as the “prince of prophets.” His writing is particularly fit for the Advent season. He was a great visionary, he clearly wrote about the social, political, and religious times of Jerusalem and Judah in the min-eighth century B.C. Isaiah’s dream for the future goes well beyond just the boundaries of Jerusalem; he expresses dreams and hopes for the wellbeing and peace of all nations. Today we are given one of his most memorable visions of peace.

St. Paul in the second reading is giving the people of the Roman Community a wakeup call that the time for salvation is now! There is no reason to wait any longer for the gift. He reminds us that salvation has been gained by the Resurrection of Christ, but it is up to us to make its fruits become a reality, here and now, in our own lives and in the world of today.

So, here we are after 2,000 years of Christianity and it seems that we Christians take the gospel too much for granted and do not seem eager to prepare for the second coming of Christ. We seem to be in no hurry to work for justice, reconciliation and peace. There is still so much to be done to make the Good News look like good news to the world around us.

The season of Advent is a great opportunity for us to refresh and strengthen our faith and our joy for the first coming of Christ and to refresh and strengthen likewise our “joyful hope” in the second coming.

Mass Book

The Mass Book for 2023 is open. There are forms in the back of the church. You may also print a form from the website (Home > Mass Intentions). As always, you are welcome to stop in the office and make the request in person. No Masses will be scheduled over the phone. Each registered household may make one Mass request for a weekend Mass and one request for a weekday Mass.

Stewardship

Christmas Giving Tree



I would just like to remind you that **this week** starts the Advent Season, and you will all have the opportunity to take a name from our “Giving Tree.” The tree will have names of

local children who need our help to celebrate Christmas this year. I know that you will be as generous this year as you were last year. We ask that you choose a tag from the tree, wrap the gift and attach the tag and return it to Church on the weekend of **December 11-12.** If you have any questions about this year’s Giving Tree you can contact the office.

Due to the bulletin transmission date, the collection will be listed next week.

Thank You

Last week we celebrated our “**Turkey Bingo.**” It was a tremendous success and all that came certainly had a good time.



I would like to thank the **Epiphany Ladies** for all of the work that went into making this day possible for us, **Pat Godla** who chaired the event, and for everyone who came and helped make the day the success that it was.



On **Sunday, December 18 from 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.** we will once again celebrate **Breakfast with Santa.** The Holy Name Society will provide breakfast consisting of French Toast Sticks and Sausage, juice and coffee. **The cost is \$5.00 per adult and all children will be free.** There

will be treats for all the children along with a visit with Santa! I hope that you will be able to schedule this into your calendars and spend some time with us.

Day of Recollection

The Greensburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will join in an **Advent Day of Recollection at St. Emma’s Monastery, Greensburg, on Thursday, December 3.** The day begins at 9 a.m.; registration opens at 8:15 a.m. Monseigneur James Gaston will be the speaker.

The cost of the program is \$35. Registration is due by Tuesday, November 29. To register, or for more information, contact Kathy Byron, GDCCW president at 724-787-2415, or St. Emma’s at 724-834-3060.

Little Things

The Little Things for Little People program is sponsored by the Belle Vernon Ministerium. For the entire month of November they are collecting new blankets and toys (\$15 and under) for Santa to pass out at our December 13th pass out. They also collect diapers, wipes, baby clothes, toys, books and small furniture; items which are typically distributed the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month. If you would like to contribute, items can be dropped off at the United Methodist Church, 200 State St., Belle Vernon, or call Laura at 724-797-3959.

Faith

Confirmation

Congratulations to our youth who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday, November 22.



Marco Jude Guiliford

Salvatore Joseph Punturiero

Jaxson Luke Smith

Victoria Rose Duda

Joseph Louis Saluino

May the Holy Spirit strengthen you and guide you!

Regional Advent Penance Service



Advent is the time to prepare for the greatest gift God has given us, the forgiving love we find through his Son. In celebrating this forgiveness we will offer the sacrament of Reconciliation throughout our region. The dates and times for our Penance Services are listed below:

December 6	Epiphany (6:30 p.m.)
December 7	West Newton (6:30 p.m.)
December 12	Yukon (6:00 p.m.)
December 13	Rostraver (6:30 p.m.)
December 15	Perryopolis (6:30 p.m.)
December 16	Herminie (6:00 p.m.)
December 17	Belle Vernon (Saturday Afternoon 12:00)

Throughout December the Saturday confessions will be canceled in lieu of the services.

I hope that you mark these dates down and make an effort to come and bring your family to this life-giving sacrament.

Around the Diocese

Craft/vendor show St. Anne Parish

The Christian Mothers of St. Anne Parish, Rostraver, will hold a craft/vendor show on **Saturday, Dec. 3, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.** The Holy Name Society will sell homemade ravioli, and lunch and snacks will be available. For information, contact Maty Kovscek at mkovscek@comcast.net.ion.

Christmas craft/bake sale

The Ethnic Craft Club of St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church, Uniontown, will hold a Christmas craft/bake sale **Saturday, Dec. 3, from noon-5 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 4, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.** in the upstairs social ministry room. The sale will feature decorations, wood crafted items, folk crafts, religious articles, parish cookbooks, imported items, homemade candy, baked goods, and many other items. Raffles will be held. There is no admission fee, and the building is handicapped accessible. For information, call 724-438-1382.

‘Sparkling Christmas Show’

Alabaster Performing Arts will present its “Sparkling Christmas Show” **Sunday, Dec. 4, at 2 p.m. St. Bruno Parish hall and Monday, Dec. 5, at 1 p.m. at Giannilli’s II, Greensburg.** Renaissance-style performers will sing carols, and Santa Claus will visit. For tickets, call 724-516-5189.