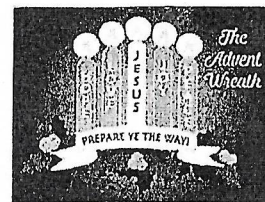




St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church Wyalusing

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Extends a Warm Welcome to All



Mission Statement: We bring together a parish family to worship God, to evangelize the community, to encourage participation of youth and young adults in parish life, to pass on our faith to the next generation, to respect life and be good stewards of God's gifts.

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Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

Bombarded with Christmas decorating and music for weeks now, we are undoubtedly already anticipating the celebration of our Savior's birth. But today we are reminded that Christ's coming was not a single one-time-only event. In the Gospel Jesus warns us that he will come again when we least expect. He is referring to the end of the world, but in truth he can also come to us in our hearts at any time during a traumatic event, in a chance encounter with a stranger, or even through someone who's prematurely spreading the Christmas spirit. May we remain vigilant for our Lord's coming in whatever way or whatever time it may happen.

ST. MARY'S SANCTURARY CANDLE WILL BURN IN LOVING MEMORY THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE MONTH OF DECEMBER FOR DOUGLAS & RITA COGSWELL AND JAMES AND ALICE ARMITAGE.
PLEASE REMEMBER THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS

First Sunday of Advent December 3, 2023

Mass Schedule at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Wyalusing

Saturday Vigil – 6:00 PM Sunday – 11:00 AM

Wednesday & Friday – 12:00 Noon

Holy Days: 12 Noon

Confessions: 5:30 PM Sat. & 10:30 AM Sun.

***OR AS SCHEDULED INSIDE BULLETIN

Mass Schedule at SS Peter & Paul Church, Towanda

Saturday Vigil – 4:00 PM Sunday – 9:00 AM

Monday- No Mass

Tuesday – 6:00 PM

Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday – 8:30 AM

Website: sspeterandpaulchurch.net -570-265-2113

READINGS

DECEMBER 4, 2023

MONDAY

ISAIAH 2:1-5

MATTHEW 8:5-11

DECEMBER 5, 2023

TUESDAY

ISAIAH 11:1-10

LUKE: 10:21-24

DECEMBER 6, 2023

WEDNESDAY

ISAIAH 25:6-10A

MATTHEW 15:29-37

DECEMBER 7, 2023

THURSDAY

ISAIAH 26:1-6

MATTHEW 7:21,24-27

DECEMBER 8, 2023

IMMACULATE

CONCEPTION OF

BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

GENESIS 3:9-15, 20

EPHESIANS 1:3-6, 11-12

LUKE 1:26-38

DECEMBER 9, 2023

SATURDAY

ISAIAH 30:19-21, 23-

26

MATTHEW 9:35-10:1,

5A, 6-8

DECEMBER 10, 2023

SECOND SUNDAY OF

ADVENT

ISAIAH 40:1-5, 9-11

2 PETER 3:8-14

MARK 1:1-8

PARISH BULLETIN CALENDAR

COMING EVENTS, MEETINGS, GATHERINGS, ETC.

EVERY FIRST FRIDAY: MASS TO END ABORTION, ROSARY AT 11:00 AM & ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT BEFORE THE 12:00 NOON MASS

EVERY FIRST FRIDAY & SATURDAY: MASS AT 8:30 AM AT SS PETER & PAUL, TOWANDA

DEC 3RD – SUNDAY – CCD CLASS FROM 9:45 – 10:55 AM

DEC 3RD – SUNDAY – CANCELLED GINGERBREAD HOUSE FELLOWSHIP

DEC. 8TH – FRIDAY – 12:00 NOON – ST MARY'S - FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

SS PETER & PAUL, THURSDAY VIGIL 6:00 PM & FRIDAY 8:30 AM

DEC. 10TH – SUNDAY – DEANERY PENANCE SERVICE 3:00 PM AT SS PETER & PAUL

DEC. 24TH – SUNDAY – CHRISTMAS EVE – MASS - 6:00 PM – ST. MARY'S
SS PETER & PAUL AT 4:00 PM & 10:00 PM

DECEMBER 25TH – CHRISTMAS DAY – MASS – 11:00 AM – ST. MARY'S
SS PETER & PAUL AT 9:00 AM

Please Pray for the Faithful Departed AND

THOSE ENTRUSTED IN OUR PRAYERS FOR HEALING: Joe Friery, Joyce Hussong, Irene McMahon, Grace George, Marian Miller, Ray Tenasco, Fred Storey, Stephanie McDevitt, Barbara Bodine, Cathy Stienbaugh, Sue Mullen, Mary Salay, Robert Gaumer, Silver Dempsey, Jean Caine, James Perella, Tammy Tragger, Paul & Sandra McIntyre, Keensley Middlecamp, Carmel Buneo.

PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE IF THERE ARE SICK, HOSPITALIZED, HOMEBOUND, OR ANY CHANGES TO THE LIST ABOVE – THANK YOU

INQUIRING ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH

Do you have questions about God or the Catholic faith? Do you know someone who does? If you are interested in entering the Catholic Church or Receiving Confirmation, or you're just curious about Catholicism, contact Mike Kilmer 570-721-0872 or mkilmer@thekilmergroup.com to get started. Classes will be held in Wyalusing.

MASS SCHEDULE FOR WEEK OF DEC. 4TH- DEC. 10TH

	INTENTION	OFFERED BY
Wed., December 6 th	Parishioners	Rev. Jose Kuriappilly
Friday, December 8 th Immaculate Conception 12:00 Noon	Repose of the Soul of Rita Peed	Larry & Marilyn Burke
Saturday, December 9 th 6:00 PM	Healing for Suky Burgess	Kilmer Family
Sunday, December 10 th 11:00 AM	Repose of the Souls of: Nancy & Joseph Tercavage	Josephine Solowicz

MINISTRY

Lector Schedule
Fri., Dec. 8th Noon
Lou Ann Kilmer
Sat., Dec. 9th
6:00 PM
Bill Prichard

Sun., Dec. 10th
11:00 AM
Justin Keglitsch

SERVERS

Neubers

Ministers of Communion

Sun. Dec. 10th
11:00 AM
Barb Fenton
Cathy Hagadorn

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP WEEK OF

11/26/2023

Loose 273.00

Offertory Env 1,760.00

Dues 21.00

All Saint's 15.00

Total Offering to Parish
General Fund

\$2,069.00

Additional Acct Depo
Cemetery

Building 39.00

Total 39.00

NAT'L COLLECT
FUNDS TO
DIOCESAN OFFICE
Care of Priests 10.00

Human Dev.

Total \$10.00

TOTAL DEPOSITS

\$2,118.00

OUR WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Monthly Financial Obligations - \$4,000.00

General Collection November 25TH & 26TH - \$2,069.00

Thank you for your continued generosity to our Parish!

GIVING TREES

The Endless Mountains Pregnancy Care gifts are due this weekend
and all other gifts are due next weekend.

If you are unable to shop and would like to donate, please put your donation
in an envelope marked "giving Tree" and drop it in the collection basket or
see Rose Repsher, Lou Ann Kilmer, Patti Ambs or Marilyn Burke.

Thank you all for your help making a child's life brighter this year.

DEANERY PENANCE SERVICE

December 3rd - 2:00 PM St. Michael, Canton

4:00 PM ST. Basil's, Dushore

December 10th - 3:00 PM SS Peter & Paul, Towanda

December 17th - 2:00 PM Sayre, Epiphany

ST. ANDREW CHRISTMAS NOVENA

(To be prayed 15 times every day from November 30th until Christmas)

HAIL AND BLESSED BE THE HOUR AND MOMENT IN WHICH THE SON OF GOD WAS BORN OF THE MOST PURE VIRGIN MARY, AT MIDNIGHT, IN BETHLEHEM, IN PIERCING COLD. IN THAT HOUR, VOUCHSAFE, O MY GOD! TO HEAR MY PRAYER AND GRANT MY DESIRES, THROUGH THE MERITS OF OUR SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST, AND OF HIS BLESSED MOTHER. AMEN.

OUR NEW LITURGICAL YEAR

Our new liturgical year will begin FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 3RD. The new 2024 Lector Workbooks are available in the Sacristy. Please pick them up after Mass.

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Your financial gift to the 2023 Diocesan Annual Appeal helps to support the ministries of our local church. We are thankful for all the blessings received from our parishioners in support of all our collections and special needs. May God continue to bless you all.

**** UPDATE AS OF 12/01/23

PARISH GOAL: \$10,000

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS: \$6,400.00

Parish Participation: 36 Families – Thank You!

Thank you to all who have already responded to this Appeal, either to the earlier letter from the Bishop or by kindly participating in our In-Pew Pledges last month. Additional Pledge Envelopes are available in the church, for your convenience; a donation of any amount is welcome, no matter how large or small: drop it in the collection basket, or the mail or go online at: Dioceseofscranton.org, "Giving."

POPE FRANCIS'S DECEMBER PRAYER INTENTION:

For: Persons With Disabilities

We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.



Meditations for Advent

HORIZON OF HOPE

The First
Sunday

You Do Not Know the Time

Mark 13:33-37

Jesus tells his disciples to "Be watchful! Be alert!" because they do not know when the Lord will come. As we begin the season of Advent, we are reminded that we, too, must be watchful as we wait for the coming of the Lord.

"The season of Advent, which we begin again today, restores this horizon of hope, a hope which does not disappoint because it is founded on God's Word. A hope which does not disappoint, simply because the Lord never disappoints! He is faithful!"

— Pope Francis,
Angelus, December
1, 2013

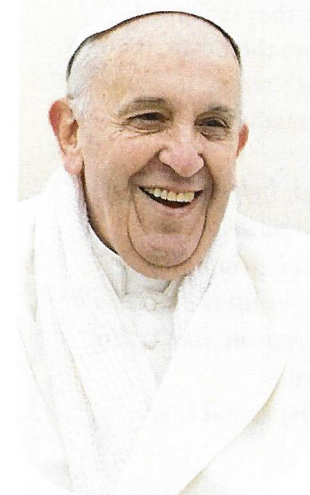


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POINTS TO PONDER

There are two temptations behind today's Gospel. The first is to presume that since we have been waiting for so long the Second Coming won't be anytime soon and that we have more than enough time to get ready. The other is to assume the Second Coming is imminent and to live in fearful predictions of the end of days. But neither of these is the Catholic position. As Catholics, we use the opportunities of our daily lives to grow in our relationship with God, while still being aware that this world is not our final home. The season of Advent calls us to live in the present while looking forward to the future. We both celebrate the season of waiting while anticipating the happiness of Christmas.

- What am I waiting for this Advent?
- How can I make this Advent season a new beginning?
- How can I pay full attention to the grace of the present, while remembering the past and anticipating the future?



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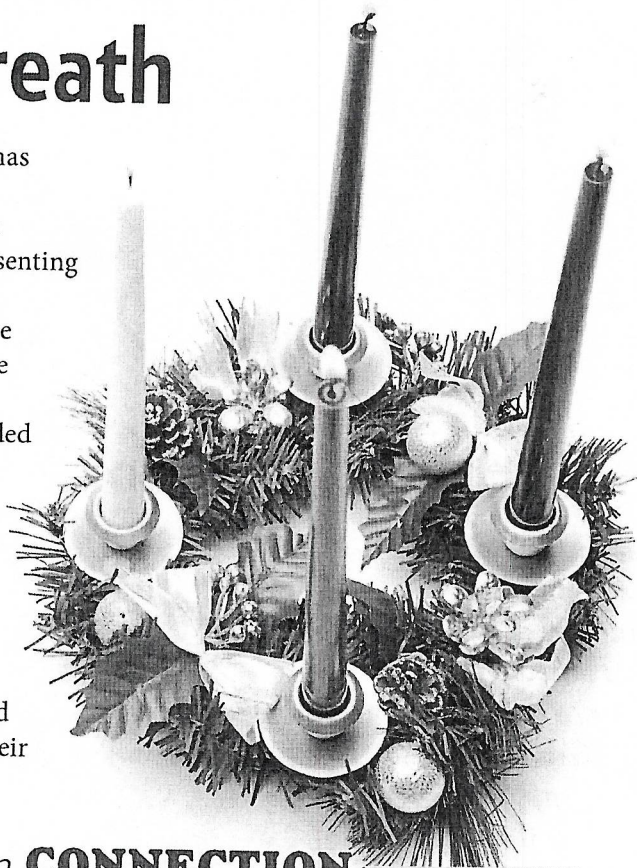
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

The Immaculate Conception

During the First Week of Advent this year we celebrate one of the holy days of obligation — the Immaculate Conception on December 8. Commemorating Mary's conception without the stain of original sin, this feast is an ideal time to renew our baptismal promises — and remember that through our baptism we are brought into new life with Christ.

FAMILY FOCUS Advent Wreath

An Advent wreath customarily has three purple candles, symbolizing penance and waiting, and one pink candle (for the third Sunday) representing hope. This year, consider adding a different-colored pillar candle in the center of the ring each week. On the first week, use a blue candle for the Old Testament prophets who heralded the coming of the Messiah. On the second Sunday, place a white candle for the angel Gabriel who announced the virgin birth. On the third Sunday, use a green candle for the shepherds who were watching their flocks in the field. Then, on the last Sunday, light a gold candle for the Magi who brought their precious gifts to the Christ child.



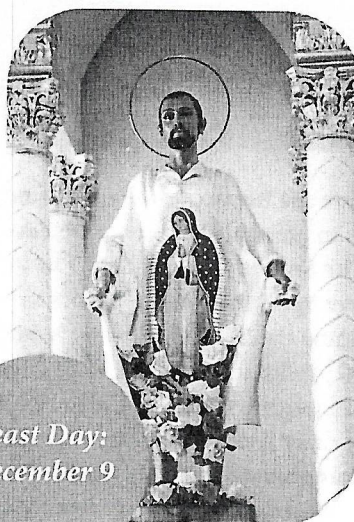
Catechism CONNECTION

“When the Church celebrates *the liturgy of Advent* each year, she makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Savior's first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for his second coming (cf. *Rev 22:17*). By celebrating the precursor's birth and martyrdom, the Church unites herself to his desire: ‘He must increase, but I must decrease (*Jn 3:30*).’” — *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 524

HEROES OF HOPE

SAINT JUAN DIEGO

Saint Juan Diego never expected to see the Virgin Mary as he walked the 15 miles to attend Mass on December 9, 1531. Much to his shock, a beautiful young woman dressed like an Aztec princess appeared to him and, speaking in his own language, told him to go to the bishop and request that a chapel be built on the hill where she was standing. When the bishop resisted, the young woman gave Juan Diego a sign — roses blooming in winter — which he gathered into his *tilma*, a long cloak. When he presented them to the bishop, an image of Our Lady miraculously appeared on the *tilma*. The image, which has not deteriorated over the centuries, is called Our Lady of Guadalupe. *Saint Juan Diego, pray for us!*



*Feast Day:
December 9*

ADVENT PRAYER *Come, O Lord!*

“For they see directly, before their eyes, the Lord's return to Zion.” — *Isaiah 52:8*

Lord, help us to wait with patience and anticipation, not caught up in the rush of the season, but resting in your ever-present love.