



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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FACEBOOK Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish

Preparing for the Celebration

On this first day of December, this first day of the season of Advent, and this first day of a new liturgical year, we are reminded that our relationship with the Lord can always begin anew. Even as we prepare for the coming of Jesus as an infant on Christmas night, we can also make this season an opportunity to receive him more deeply into our hearts and make him more central to the way we live our lives. Let us resolve to give Jesus a new birth in our hearts as we prepare for the celebration of his birth into the world.

**First Sunday of Advent
December 1, 2024**

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 – 12:00 Noon** OR Scheduled Inside Bulletin

Confessions – 5:30 PM Saturday and 10:30 AM Sunday

Mass Schedule at SS Peter and Paul Towanda

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

Monday – No Mass

Tuesday – 6:00 PM

Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday – 8:30 AM

Confessions – 3:45 Saturday AND 7:45-8:15 Wed., Thurs., Fri.
And by Appointment #570-357-1619

Website: sspeterandpaulchurch.net (570-265-2113)

Readings

December 2nd
Monday
Isaiah 2:1-5
Gospel-Matt 8:5-11

December 3rd
Tuesday
St. Francis Xavier,
Priest
Isaiah 11:1-10
Gospel: Luk 10:21-24

December 4th
Wednesday
Isaiah 25:6-10a
Gospel:Mat 15:29-37

December 5th
Thursday
Isaiah 26:1-6
Gosp:Mat 7:21, 24-27

December 6th
Friday
Isaiah 29:17-24
Gospel:Matt 9:27-31

December 7th
Saturday
St. Ambrose
Isaiah 30:19-21,
23-26
Gospel: Matthew
9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

December 8th
Sunday
2nd Sunday of
Advent
Baruch 5:1-9
Philippians 1:4-6,
8-11
Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

PARISH BULLETIN CALENDAR
COMING EVENTS, MEETINGS, CATHERINGS, ETC.

EVERY FIRST FRIDAY: ROSARY AT 11:00 AM, ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AT 11:30, MASS TO END ABORTION AT 12:00 NOON

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

SUNDAY, DEC. 8TH: STS. PETER & PAUL ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE AT 4:00 PM

MONDAY, DEC. 9TH: SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION AT 12:00 NOON

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 11TH: PARISH COUNCIL MEETING AT 6:00 PM AFTER 5:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15TH: ST. BASIL THE GREAT, DUSHORE ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE AT 2:00 PM
CHURCH OF THE PEIPHANY, SAYRE ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE AT 4:30 PM

TUESDAY, DEC. 24TH: CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S MASS AT 6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 25TH: CHRISTMAS DAY MASS AT 11:00 AM

WEDNESDAY, JAN 1ST: NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS AT 12:00 NOON

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED –Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

THOSE ENTRUSTED IN OUR PRAYERS FOR HEALING: Jacob Hoffmann, Chris, Larry Burke, Tolise Otis, Leona Fitzgerald, William DiMascio, Frank Mucha, Ben Mueller, Terry Ruhf, James Schnure, Rafael Delgado, Dave Green, Glenn Layaou, Jr., Bob Franko, Ivette Gonzalez, Richard Bennett, Ginny Amoroso, William Walter, Jr., Chuck Bullock, Joan Abrey, Donna Elchin, Kelly Kulsicabage, Joe Friery, Joyce Hussong, Irene McMahan, Grace George, Marian Miller, Fred Storey, Stephanie McDevitt, Barbara Bodine, Cathy Stienbaugh, Sue Mullen, Robert Gaumer, Silver Dempsey, Jean Caine, James Perella, Paul & Sandra McIntyre, Keensley Middlecamp, Carmel Buneo, Tina Clapper, Mark Borel.

We pray that You restore Your Servant to health again. Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge Your holy will and know that whatever You do, You do for the love of us. Amen.

Sick, Hospitalized and Homebound, please call the office or notify Father Jose.

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE will burn in loving memory throughout the entire month of December 2024 for Douglas & Rita Cogswell AND James & Alice Armitage -- by John & Ellen Armitage. Please remember them in your prayers.

Mass Schedule for Week of DEC. 2ND – DEC. 8TH 2024

	INTENTION	OFFERED BY
Wednesday, Dec. 4 th 12:00 Noon	Our Parishioners	Father Jose
Friday, Dec. 6 th 12:00 Noon	End Abortion	Pro-Life
Saturday, Dec. 7 th 6:00 PM	Repose of the Soul of Dennis Frost	Michael & Ann Marie Kusmierz
Sunday, Dec. 8 th 11:00 AM	Repose of the Soul of Nellie Manarchuck	Michael & Ann Marie Kusmierz

MINISTRY
Lector Schedule
Dec. 7 th & 8 th
<u>Saturday – 6 PM</u> Eva Weaver
<u>Sunday – 11 AM</u> Connie Whren

SERVERS
Sunday- 11:00 AM Shaffers

OUR WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

WEEKLY Financial Obligations - \$4,000.00

General Collection Nov. 23rd & 24th = \$1,951.00

Thank you for your generosity to our Parish!

CCD PROGRAM – 2024/2025

The Diocese requires two years of religious education before the reception of the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion, and three years of religious education before the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation. If you have any questions about the CCD program, please contact Cathy Hagadorn, DRE at 570-250-2311 or cathyhagadorn@hotmail.com.

TIPS FROM A MOM OF 13

We never told our children what we wanted their futures to look like. They made their choices: teachers, engineer, MBA, general managers, nutritionist, business administrators, hard workers in manual labors. We are proud of whom they have become.

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP	
WK 11/24/24	
Loose	105.00
Offer Env	1,842.00
Dues	4.00
Total Offering to Parish General Fund	 \$1,951.00
Building	80.00
Total	\$80.00
National Collections	
Care & Ed	10.00
Human Dev.	75.00
Total	\$85.00
TOTAL DEPOSITS	
\$2,116.00	

GIVING TREES

A big thank you to all who donated to our Giving Trees. The gifts will spread some cheer to Wyalusing School children, Helping Hands Food Pantry clients, and Endless Mountains Pregnancy Care Center's little ones. Just a reminder to return the gifts to the church or office by the weekend of November 30th/December 1st. Thank you again for making someone's Christmas a little brighter this year.

33 DAYS TO EUCHARISTIC GLORY

Ministry of Mercy is sponsoring the 33 Days to Eucharistic Glory book for spiritual reading during this Advent or Christmas season. The suggested reading is one short chapter a day for 33 days. It's an amazing book so please be sure to pick up one today for you and for your family members. Jesus is the reason for the season. Let's open our hearts to Him this Advent/Christmas season.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

Sunday, December 8th

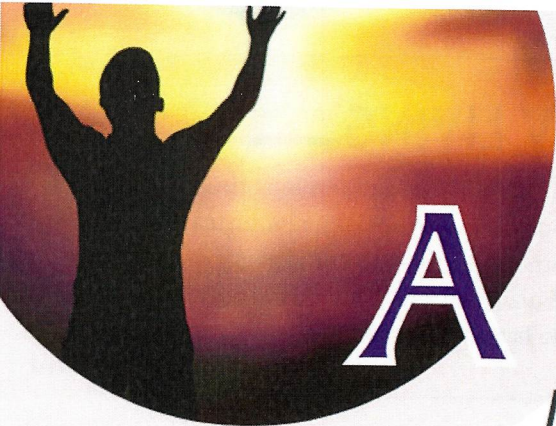
2:00 PM St. Michael's Church- 106 Nort Washington St., Canton #570-673-5253

4:00 PM Sts. Peter & Paul Church – 106 3rd St. Towanda #570-265-2113

Sunday December 15th

2:00 PM St. Basil the Great, Dushore #570-928-8865

4:30 PM Church of the Epiphany – 304 S. Elmer Ave. Sayre #570-888-9641



A LIGHT

IN THE DARKNESS

The First
Sunday

The Kingdom of God Is Near

Luke 21:25–28,34–36

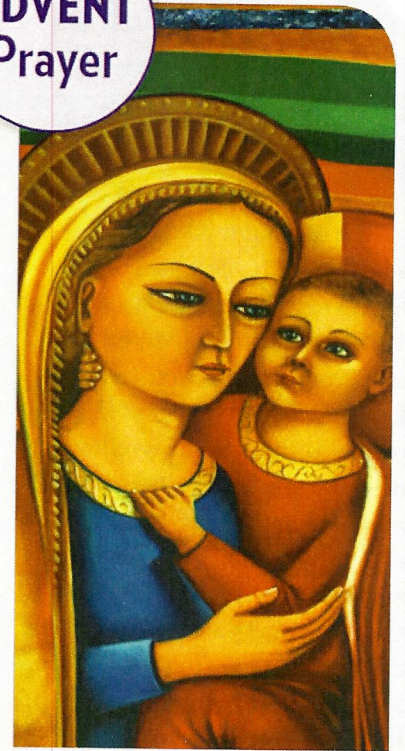
What if you made this Advent season radically different?

This is a very busy time of year. There's shopping, baking, social commitments at work and with family and friends, decorating, special events to attend ... but as Jesus reminds us in this week's Gospel, the Son of Man is coming. And there's no date set in stone and no Google Calendar reminder to announce the Second Coming. We have to live like we're ready, all of the time. "Beware that your hearts do not become ... [anxious] of daily life, and that day does not catch you by surprise like a trap" (v. 34).

Running from commitment to obligation doesn't leave much room for joy and praise, peace and prayer. So this Advent, start your planning with a blank slate. Will Christmas still come even if you don't exchange presents with your siblings? Who says you have to have a tree? What are your Advent essentials?

Then, with great deliberation, write in only those activities and traditions that are most precious — the things that make your heart feel full of love for God and for your neighbor. Do only these, and do them with joy. During Advent, live as if you were going to meet Jesus each and every day.

ADVENT
Prayer



**“For you I wait
all day long”**

— Psalm 25:5

*Dear Lord, please flood
me with your peace*

*so that when I'm
surrounded*

*by the busyness of the
Christmas season,*

*I can remain ready to
meet you.*

Amen

INSPIRATION FOR THE SEASON



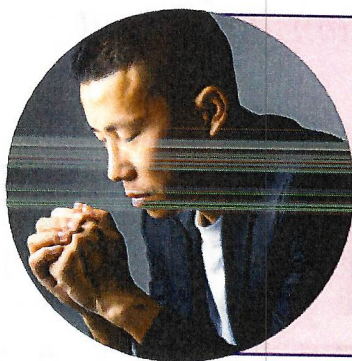
Saint Nicholas – December 6

The real Saint Nicholas was a bishop in the first part of the fourth century in what is today Turkey. He was known to be kind and generous to people in need: Legend has it that he tossed a bag of gold coins into the window of a poor merchant's home one night so that the merchant's eldest daughter would have a dowry and could marry. He did the same the next year for the middle daughter, and again the following year for the third daughter. Many families today celebrate Saint Nicholas' feast day on December 6. Children set out shoes the night before, hoping to find them filled with coins (or gold-foil-wrapped chocolate coins).

Catechism CONNECTION

"Though already present in the Church, Christ's reign is nevertheless yet to be fulfilled 'with power and great glory' by the king's return to earth."

— *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 671



Daily LIVING

"Advent is here. What a marvelous time in which to renew your desire, your nostalgia, your real longing for Christ to come — for him to come every day to your soul in the Eucharist. The Church encourages us: *Ecce veniet!* — He is about to arrive!"

— *Saint Josemaría Escrivá*

FAMILY FOCUS

Shine a Light for Christ

Traditionally, Advent begins on the first of the four Sundays before Christmas, with the lighting of a purple candle set in a wreath, accompanied by prayers and, sometimes, song. On the Second Sunday of Advent, two purple candles are lit. On the Third Sunday of Advent, two purple candles and a pink candle are lit. And on the fourth Sunday, all four candles burn.

Make time each day during Advent to light the candle(s) for that week. Pause to meditate on and pray about the day ahead or behind you. As you watch the flame leap and dance, consider whether you live as a light in the world, shining Jesus' bright and steady love through the clutter and consumerism.

ADVENT Wreath Prayer

Say this prayer every time you light your Advent wreath throughout the season.

*Come, Lord Jesus!
Fill us with your love.*



FOR REFLECTION:

If Jesus were coming today, would he look at our actions and say, "Well done"? What have we done for the least of our brothers and sisters, and thus for him?