

# Saint Mother Teresa Parish

## St. James Church

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### Website

www.BMTDepew.org

### Masses at St. James Church

#### Saturday

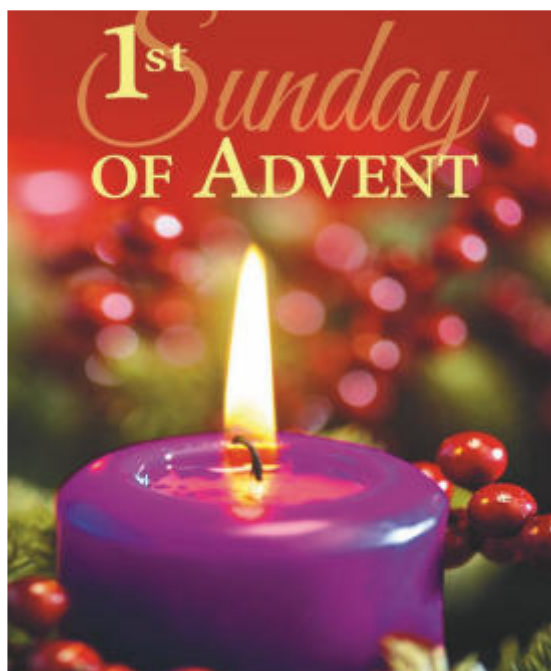
4:00 p.m.

#### Sunday

8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

#### Holydays

12:10 p.m.



### Our Vision Statement

“to be a blessing to one another.”

*Pope John Paul II*

### Our Mission Statement

Our goal is to bring people together to Christ with the help of our patron saint, Saint Mother Teresa.

Our current mission is to give life to our new parish.

Our strategy is to help all parishioners, especially our younger members, to discover their own personal calling and to share their talents and graces by becoming socially connected and a blessing to one another.

### Contacts:

**Pastor:** Rev. David Richards, 683-6522

**Parochial Vicar:** Rev. Aaron Kulczyk

**Deacon:** John Hendricks

**Trustees:** Robert Ruhland and Kenneth Eschberger

**Business Office:** Janet Corda, Ext. 200

**Parish Secretary:** Sandra King, Ext. 201

**Faith Formation Office :** Debbie Pirog, CRE, Ext. 208

**Faith Formation Secretary:** Jessica Damian, Ext. 207

**Building & Grounds:** Dale Earsing, Ext. 210

**Music Director:** Susan Loniewski, Organist

**Contemporary Music Ensemble Director:** Barbara Struebel

**Caring and Sharing Ministry:** Janet Corda ext. 200

**Prayer Shawl Ministry:** Beth Bauer, 681-5844

**Cemeterian:** Deacon John Hendricks, 683-5031.

### Rectory Office Hours

**Monday-Wednesday-Friday: 9:00 AM—2:00 PM**

**Tuesday-Thursday: 10:00 AM—2:00 PM**

If the rectory is closed, please leave a message. It will be answered in a timely manner.  
Thank You for your kind understanding.

### New Parishioners

You are more than welcome in our Catholic Community. Please call the rectory to register.

### Baptisms

Please call the rectory to schedule a Pre-Baptismal class. Ceremony at your pleasure, during or after Mass.

### Marriages

Please consult with the pastor at least six months before anticipated date.

### Confessions

Beginning December 1st on Wednesdays and Fridays at 6PM

### Letters of Recommendation

Issued to registered parishioners who support their church and have received the Sacrament of Confirmation and are

**Mass Intentions for the Week**



**Sunday, November 28, 2021—First Sunday of Advent**  
 8:30 AM Edward Bylina req. by Donna Oleszek  
 11:00 AM Walter Gnorek req. by Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Preston & family

**Monday, November 29, 2021—Advent Weekday**  
 6:30 PM Eugene and Dorothy Przybyl—70th Wedding Anniversary

**Tuesday, November 30, 2021—Saint Andrew, Apostle**  
 8:00 AM Charles Brooks req. by Thaddeus Kruczynski  
 7:00 PM Eucharistic Holy Hour

**Wednesday, December 1, 2021—Advent Weekday**  
 6:00 PM Confessions  
 6:30 PM All Souls Day Intention

**Thursday, December 2, 2021 —Advent Weekday**  
 8:00 AM Mothers’ Day Intention

**Friday, December 3, 2021—Saint Francis Xavier, Priest**  
 6:00 PM Confessions  
 6:30 PM Fathers’ Day Intention

**Saturday, December 4, 2021—Advent Weekday**  
 4:00 PM Wally Gnorek req. by Jim and Sharon Nusall

**Sunday, December 5, 2021—First Sunday of Advent**  
 8:30 AM Bernard & Charlotte McLaughlin req. by Jim & Barb Fox  
 11:00 AM Wallace J. Gawoski req. by Sr. Alisette

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<b>All Saints’</b>	<b>\$ 30.00</b>
<b>Catholic University</b>	<b>\$ 65.00</b>
<b>Fuel</b>	<b>\$ 240.00</b>

***“MANY THANKS FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION”***

**Split Club Results/Week #2**  
 Total: \$400.00 Split: \$200.00

**Bingo at  
 Blessed Mother Teresa Parish  
 Every Thursday @ 7:30 PM  
 Doors open at 6:00 PM**

**A Wonderful Christmas Eve Tradition**

The Christmas wafers consist of 3 white wafers and 1 pink wafer which measure 3 x 5-1/2 inches, embossed with beautiful Nativity scenes, cello wrapped and then placed in a Christmas envelope. The white wafers are traditionally passed around the table and shared with guests on Christmas Eve along with good wishes and blessings. The head of the house shares the pink wafer at midnight with any animals he has as a reminder that we are all God's creatures. We now have Christmas Wafers available at all the entrances of the church. A good will donation is greatly appreciated!

**Catholic Charities**

This weekend marks the beginning of Advent—a time of reflection, prayer and great anticipation for Jesus, the Light of the World, to arrive. During this special time, you can act as a light and beacon of HOPE for those in need. This Advent, consider a donation drive to help our neighbors in Western New York. Good items for consideration are non-perishable and unexpired food items, toiletries, diapers, menstrual products, paper towels and cleaning supplies. Food items can be dropped off at any of Catholic Charities 9 food pantries during regular pantry hours, which can be found at [www.ccwny.org](http://www.ccwny.org). All other items can be dropped off by appointment at Ladies of Charities, 1122 Broadway, Buffalo. Call 716-895-4001 to schedule an appointment. If someone you know needs help, go to [www.ccwny.org](http://www.ccwny.org) or call our Helpline at 716-218-1419.



### First Sunday of Advent

Today's gospel warns us to be ready to meet Jesus. When Jesus will come again no one knows. It could be in our time, but it could be a million years from now. It doesn't really matter because we need to be ready today. We could die today or tomorrow. We can never know. How can we be ready?

Well, in the simplest sense, we need to love God and neighbor. We also need to be attentive to God's plan for us each day. We need to listen to God, especially through scripture. St. Jerome says that ignorance of scripture is ignorance of God. God will speak to us through scripture and to each of us in a unique way. We need to meditate and contemplate what God is saying to us and then act on it. The Holy Spirit will guide us on how and when to act. Maybe we need to forgive someone, pray for our enemies, be a servant in some way to someone in need, or pray more from the heart.

In conclusion, we need to be vigilant in serving God and neighbor.

### Holy Land Pilgrimage

Join Fr. David Richards and Our Lady of Pompeii Parish on a Holy Land Catholic Pilgrimage, October 17-26, 2022. Starting at \$3,049 (Land Only), Airfare will be additional once air schedules are confirmed. Your price include: Basic Tour & Guided Sightseeing, Admin. Fees, Entrance Fees, Hotel Gratuities, Program Fees, Daily Breakfast & Dinner, Deluxe Motor coaches, First Class Hotels and much more! If interested, Brochures regarding the trip can be found on the table at the break of the church.

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### Happening at Saint Martha's Parish



Since the year honoring St. Joseph ends on December 8, 2021, it would be wonderful to hear St. Joseph talk about "God's Son, My Son", presented by Impersonator, Mike Sacilowski. He will do the program at St. Martha Church, 10 French Rd., Depew, NY on **Monday, December 6, 2021 at 7:00 PM.**

### **Preparing the Manger**

Where do you fall in the "Christmas-songs-in-November" debate — do you like them, tolerate them, or outright hate them? There's no theological problem with Christmas songs in November outside of worship, even if it's not everyone's cup of tea. But there is a problem with getting so caught up in the baggage of the season — the trimmings, the gifts, the celebrations, all of which are marvelous in their own way — that you forget to prepare the manger.

Every good Catholic knows that Lent is a penitential season. It's hard to miss that point — Lent doesn't even have any fun songs you can groove to on the radio. We are pretty good at recognizing that Lent calls us to examine ourselves. To deny ourselves. To give of ourselves. And most of all, Lent calls us to prepare, as a good steward does, for the return of our master.

It's harder for us to remember that with Advent, but Advent is just as much of an opportunity for penance, preparation, and reconciliation to God — and just as much reason, too. The very name of the season — "advent" — encourages us to focus on what is coming, not what is already here. Be on guard, the readings tell us today, "so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and (the coming of the Lord) catch you unexpectedly, like a trap."

So let us not forget — our master's advent is upon us. And let us ask ourselves: how can we prepare the manger?

*Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS*

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**Advent:** The first Sunday of Advent begins a new liturgical year. It speaks to us of the hope we have which will be completely fulfilled when Christ comes and we enter the kingdom of heaven. The wreath is the symbol of eternity, the evergreens, eternal life, the purple candles penance and the rose candle, joy. During the first week we are called to wait in hopeful anticipation not only of Christ's promise to redeem us from sin, but also to come again at the end of time. "Hope builds bridges between faith and love, between present and future, between earth and heaven" Peter Kreeft. At the beginning of each Saturday, 4 PM Mass and Sunday at 8:30 AM and 11 AM Mass we invite a parish family to light the candle.

### **Please Remember In Your Prayers All Those Who Are Ailing Especially:**

Robert Loniewski, Gery Killian, Theresa Little, Greg Kozurkiewicz, Jim Purpora, Brian Menckl, Sharon Thompson, Joe and Laureen Enright, Jennie Taylor, Carmela Kosobucki, Susan Lauricella, Elaine Bylina, Wendy Dobbins, Stephanie Kasza, Joan Nierit, Lottie Grzybek and Elizabeth Opoka.



We wish to extend Our Deepest Sympathy to the family of:

Helen Pirog whose Funeral Liturgy was celebrated on Monday, November 22nd. Helen was 95 and will be sadly missed!



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