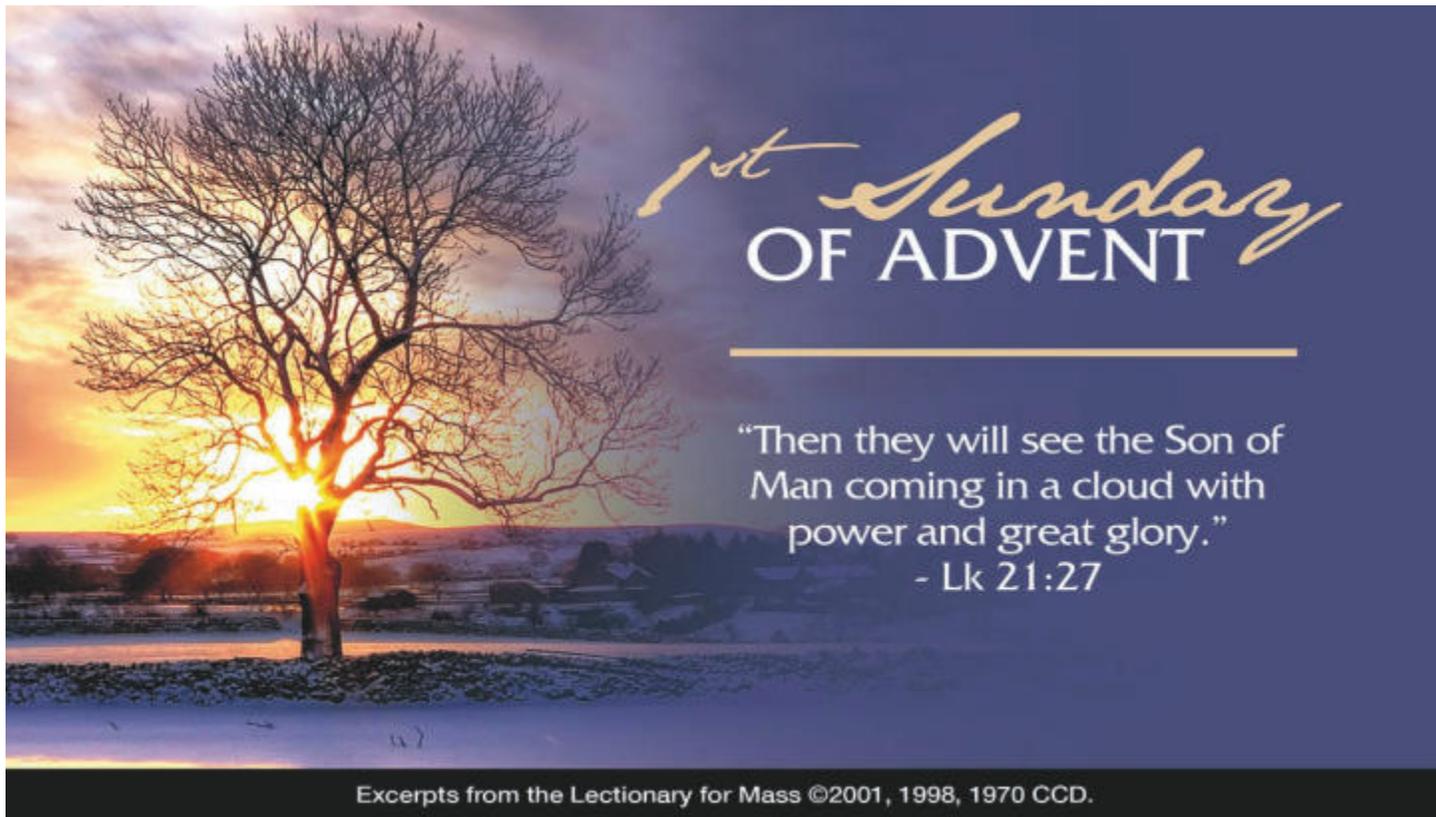


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November 28, 2021

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#### **Sacrament of Baptism**

Arrangements are to be made in advance at the parish office.

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Couples planning to marry need to talk to a priest at least six months in advance of the wedding.

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Please call a priest immediately in case of illness.  
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**FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT**

- Monday, November 29th**  
7:00 AM + Caroline & Joseph Snyder
- Tuesday, November 30th**  
7:00 AM + Clare Hoffman
- Wednesday, December 1st**  
7:00 AM + Alyce Prechtl
- Thursday, December 2nd**  
7:00 AM L&D Hoffman & Shuttleworth Families  
5:00 PM *Evening Prayer & Benediction*
- Friday, December 3rd**  
7:00 AM + Mary Jane Johnson
- Saturday, December 4th**  
7:00 AM + Denny Fritz

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

- 5:15 PM - Sat. Vigil - + Ken Ullman and Nancy Levensgood
- 7:30 AM + Walter & Allen Herbstritt
- 10:00 AM L&D People of the Parish



**THE SANCTUARY LAMP** for the week of November 28th burns in memory of Mary Jane Johnson

**Preparing the Manger...**

“Christmas-songs-in-November” — do you like them, tolerate them? 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*. Advent is an opportunity for penance, preparation, and reconciliation to God. 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, “so that your hearts are not weighed down... 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.

**Gospel Summary & Question of the Week**  
Read Sunday’s Gospel, Lk 21:258-28, 34-36

**1st Sunday of Advent - Cycle C**

**Gospel Summary:**

Staying awake can often be a challenge, especially when we are exhausted. Life’s demands have a way of zapping every last bit of energy out of us. When we are tired it affects us not only physically, but psychologically and spiritually as well. All of our senses are dulled and diminished. We can overlook details, become disinterested, lethargic and apathetic, and detached. Getting sufficient physical rest only helps so much. We need to be rejuvenated, refreshed, and reenergized in other ways. If we are psychologically exhausted, we need to understand what is draining our emotions and taxing our relationships. If we are spiritually tired, we need to find the necessary “shot in the arm” to put us back in touch with God. Unfortunately, exhaustion is seldom limited to just one part of who we are. When we lack energy and zeal it is usually the case that everything suffers. We not only are affected physically, but psychologically and spiritually as well. In short, when we run out of gas the engine stops.

And yet, our Lord’s directive is clear, “Be vigilant at all times.” Even Jesus knew what “the anxieties of daily life” can do to us. One day pours into another and time quickly flies by. Any one of us can take a moment and reflect on how many wonderful, creative opportunities we miss because there is always so much “stuff” to do and so little time to do it. Usually these are missed moments of love, and if we are missing love encounters we are also missing God. Sleepwalking through life, we check the boxes next to our list of “must and have to dos” and justify it all by convincing ourselves that tomorrow is another day and there’ll be more time. It may surprise us, but tomorrow is here, and time is running out. While we may like to believe that we have an “eternity” of time to do all those things that require the focus, energy, and desire we do not currently have, we don’t. We’re on a limited ride and time is short.

Jesus is also clear on another point. “That day [will] catch you by surprise like a trap.” If we are going to be judged on love and so easily justify not having all that much time to do so, then it seems we must shift focus a bit. St. Teresa of Calcutta tells us, “We desire to be able to welcome Jesus at Christmas-time, not in a cold manger of our heart, but in a heart full of love and humility, a heart so pure, so immaculate, so warm with love for one another.” Getting to this place doesn’t “just happen.” It requires vigilance and discipline both with a knowledge of what is really of importance and what really needs to be the focus of our energy and time. Pray, starting now and not tomorrow, that we can stay alert, be strengthened in our faith, and prepared for whatever will come. Don’t miss another opportunity to love.

**Questions of the Week:**

How do you keep focused on your spiritual life amongst the many daily challenges we face?  
What have been the strengths of your prayer life? What habit of prayer could you strengthen during this Advent season?



<b>MINISTERS’ SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 4th &amp; 5th</b>			
<b>Altar Servers</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>		<b>Lectors</b>
5:15 PM Gerianne Vogt	Terry Pontzer, Virginia Sorensen, Suzanne Wortman		Ann Caskey
7:30 AM Amelia Meyer	Sue Shaffer, Diane Shuttleworth, Barb Taylor		Fran Levensduski
10:00 AM Lillian Belsole	Mary Lynn Carnovale, Amy Rupprecht		Eileen Erich

*Please Note: Minister schedules can be found in Church if you didn’t receive a copy by email*

Children’s Liturgy of the Word has resumed and is held at the 10:00 AM Sunday Morning Mass. If your child is under the age of 8, consider, having them participate in this special Children’s Liturgy.



**BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSIONS**

Nov. 29 St. Mary's Church 814-781-1019

**Note:** Nov. 29th is the last session until 2022.

Please call St. Mary's Church to pre-register.

**VOCATION CALENDAR** Please consider joining the Parish 31 Club for Vocations to the Religious Life.

29<sup>th</sup> Kathy Meyer, Cathy Olson, Vivian Schlimm  
 30<sup>th</sup> Hunter Samick, Tom Stauffer, Violet Vollmer  
 1<sup>st</sup> Dave & Char Gerber  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Vicki Whiteman, Maria & Terry Pontzer  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Laura & Madalyn Ehrensberger, Delores Frey  
 4<sup>th</sup> Rose Ann, Steve & Juliana Silveri  
 5<sup>th</sup> Ann, Matt & Becky Avery, Rita Peterson

**A LIVING NATIVITY TREE**

Will be placed in the Sacred Heart Church the week-end of November 27/28 to support the Maternity Closet. This was well received last year and was very helpful to the needs of those who visit the Maternity Closet. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

**THE GIVING TREE 2021**

As we are still dealing with the COVID virus this year, so, the Giving Tree will again be offering gift cards at the Food Bank. After conferring with Food Bank staff, it became apparent that that was very much appreciated by the families, so they could go shopping for their children. If you would like to make a "monetary" donation, make your check payable to: **The Giving Tree** and mail to Queen of the World, 134 Queens Road, St. Marys, PA 15857 or you can drop into the collection. Thank you in advance for your generosity to make Christmas happy for the kids!

**WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA**

"Live up to their Legacy" is the theme for this year's fundraiser, with our goal of nearly 2,300 wreaths. We owe it to our veterans to say "Thank You" for serving our country and protecting our community. Please help to continue to honor all veterans. For more info, call Dolly at 814-781-7247. Make checks payable to: Wreaths Across America" and mail to PO Box 364, St. Marys. **Deadline is Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>**. Please help us to continue to honor all veterans. Thank you for remembering our Veterans!

**ST. MARYS AREA CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER**

For reservations for delivery (Deliveries ONLY this year) call 814-781-7401 by Dec. 22nd. To volunteer and for food donations call 814-594-8063. Make monetary donations to CNB Bank.

**ADVENT WEEKEND AT BETHANY RETREAT CENTER**

An Advent centering prayer weekend will be held at the Bethany Retreat Center in Frenchville Dec. 3-5, featuring *Bridges to Contemplative Living with Thomas Merton: Traveling Your Road to Joy*. This retreat, led by Sister Ruth Ann Madera, CA, is designed for those with an established daily practice of centering prayer who wish to deepen the transforming love of God in the midst of silence and solitude. The weekend includes centering prayer, conferences with contemplative dialogue, personal time, meals and Sunday liturgy. The cost is \$235. For more information or to register, call 814-263-4855 or go to [www.bethanyretreatcenter.org](http://www.bethanyretreatcenter.org).

**AREA HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK**

- **Sunday, 11/28: 12:00 noon - Adoration** of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's Church until 8 pm.
- **Monday thru Saturday: 8:00 am - Adoration** of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Mary's Church until 8 pm.
- **Tuesday, 11/30: 6:30 pm - That Man is You** program in Ridgway K of C Bldg. Any questions, 814-772-4111.
- **Wednesday, 12/01: 4:00 pm - Bowls of Love**, a free meal is served at First United Methodist Church until 5 pm. Everyone is welcome.
- **Wednesday, 12/01: 6:00 pm - Rosary prayed at Sacred Heart Church**, for the Poor Souls and the Seminarians.
- **Friday, 12/03: 7:00 am - Adoration** of the Blessed Sacrament at Sacred Heart Church until 4 pm.
- **Sunday, 12/05: 12:00 noon - Adoration** of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's Church until 8 pm.

**SPECIAL RETREAT FOR ENGAGED COUPLES**

Engaged couples are invited to attend an Engagement Encounter this January 28-30, 2022. Engagement Encounter is a restful retreat designed to provide a meaningful environment for deepening the conversations and habits necessary in a happy, holy, and lasting marriage. Here is what a past participant had to say: "I cannot thank you enough for an amazing experience this weekend. My fiancé and I will never forget it and all of the special moments." Learn more or register at <https://www.eriecd.org/familylifeoffice/ee.html>. We would love to welcome you this January!

**MEALS ON WHEELS - NEEDS A COORDINATOR**

If interested in becoming the new Coordinator, please call St. Mary's parish office at 814-781-1019. The coordinator sets up the new schedule, calls volunteers before doing the schedule and then as a reminder of their shift.

**BENEDICTINE GIFT SHOP**

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**DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS****Monday, November 29th**

Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11

**Tuesday, November 30th**

Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10]/Mt 4:18-22

**Wednesday, December 1st**

Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Mt 15:29-37

**Thursday, December 2nd**

Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27

**Friday, December 3rd**

Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Mt 9:27-31

**Saturday, December 4th**

Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-6/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

**Sunday, December 5th**

Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

**FAITH FORMATION - LIFE TEEN - YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS**

Mary Lynn Carnovale, Secretary/Administrative Assistant  
 Kathy Cheatle, Elementary Coordinator  
 Samantha Nedzinski, Middle School Coordinator  
 Nick Heise, Life Teen, Confirmation Coordinator,  
 and Youth Ministry 

For more information, call 781-1042.

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**FAITH FORMATION CLASSES**

- ◆ Elementary Level Grades: Wednesday, Dec. 1st - meets 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. Note: 5th Grade will have Family Night.
- ◆ Middle School (Grade 6 - 8) This Sunday, Nov. 28th - NO class this week - Thanksgiving Break.
- ◆ Life Teen (Grade 9-10) This Sunday, Nov. 28th - NO class this week - Thanksgiving Break.
- ◆ Confirmation Grade 11 - No class this week.

All Classes are held at the St. Mary's Church Parish Center, 325 Church Street.

If you have any questions, call 814-781-1042 or send an email [sminterparishff@gmail.com](mailto:sminterparishff@gmail.com)

**ECC PTO HOLIDAY CLUB TICKETS**

The PTO is giving away \$480 a week for 50 weeks!!  
 \$1,000 on Easter, 4th of July, Labor Day and Christmas!  
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 Your ticket can win multiple times - Donation \$60/ticket.  
 Drawings begin January 2, 2022.  
 To get a ticket, contact Becky Gabler at 814-335-3034 or by email at [beckygabler@yahoo.com](mailto:beckygabler@yahoo.com)



**REQUESTING CHRISTMAS STORE DONATIONS**

The St. Mary's Catholic Elementary School is currently requesting donations for their Annual Christmas Store. They need: Wrapping Paper, Tissue Paper, Craft Items, etc. Items can be dropped off at the Elementary School office during school hours.

**Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments -**

**The Digital World:** The digital world is constantly evolving with new social media platforms, apps, and devices, and children and teens are often the first to use them. Sometimes with negative impacts such as cyberbullying, sexting, or the posting hateful messages or content. Parents need to become aware and stay up-to-date on the latest apps, social media platforms and digital slang used by children and teens. Parents should monitor their child's social media sites, apps and browsing history regularly. Visit <https://www.eriecd.org/childprotection/> to see what the diocese is doing to help maintain safe environments for children and youth.



**PARISH BUDGET**

July 1, 2021 thru June 30, 2022.....\$957,306

Parish Budget to Date.....\$250,762

OFFERTORY INCOME for weekend of Nov. 13/14, 2021

Regular Envelope .....	\$7,577
Loose .....	\$1,336
Children.....	\$0
School Support .....	\$377
Utilities & Maintenance.....	\$93
Memorials.....	\$50
All Saints.....	\$59
All Souls.....	\$19
Solemnity of Mary.....	\$80

Total Received.....\$9,551

**DESIGNATED COLLECTIONS OF THE DIOCESE**

Campaign for Human Dev.....	\$3
Good Shepherd.....	\$20
World Mission.....	\$35

**Thank you !**



**PRO-LIFE PERSPECTIVE** — We have deluded ourselves into believing that people don't know that abortion is killing. So any pretense that abortion is not killing is a signal of our ambivalence, a signal that we cannot say yes, it kills a fetus. - So, any woman who has felt a baby stir inside her (and) any man who has seen the tiny heart pulsing on an ultrasound screen, knows that abortion is about ending a life.

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Dear Parishioners,

Before we leave November, the month of All Saints and All Souls, I want to share something a bit difficult with you. I've been writing about our membership in the Communion of Saints, hoping you are reflecting on and praying to our heavenly helpers. Today, I feel a need to focus on the many deaths we have experienced this past year, the wonderful people, our family and friends, who have gone home to the Lord. We had approximately 33% more funerals in the past year than a more typical year. COVID is partly to blame, for sure, including its residual effects of people unwilling or unable to go to the doctor, the hospital, the ER, etc. Plus, we are an ever-aging community, saying good-bye all too frequently to our elderly. So many of you have lost loved ones - in some cases, more than one. So many of you have been with us at funeral Masses to say farewell to extended family members, neighbors, friends, and co-workers. I have come to a great appreciation for our funerals - it often seems like the person we are giving back to the Lord has touched so many lives. Not every parish has the kind of turnout we experience for funerals, with people making the effort to be present. This is a wonderful blessing at a time when it is very much needed. Still, I feel we have to acknowledge the sadness that has blanketed us. There are inexplicable deaths; untimely deaths; tragic deaths; and far too many deaths. As we move into December, please don't stop praying for our faithful departed. Pray for those in mourning. Pray for an end to the pandemic, for cures for diseases, for strength for the ill and all caregivers. We must acknowledge our mortality. And, we must face it, in ourselves and in others. This also brings us, I hope, a deeper faith in the Lord, who says, "*I am the God of the living, not the God of the dead. In Me, all are alive!*" None of us knows what Eternal Life looks like. But our faith invites us to use our imagination about where our beloved dead are and what they are doing. That same imagination can help us look past our own suffering and impending death to new and glorious Life with the Lord and, yes, the whole Communion of Saints. In his letter to the Romans, Paul is reflecting on Jesus' own Passion. He writes that "*Christ died for us; or rather has risen!*" It's as if he has to remind himself, and then us, that death is "not the end," as our funeral prayers remind us. Life has changed, we pray; changed for the better. Sometimes, we have to admit, we just don't look at it that way. --- fr jeff



### SET ASIDE AN ADVENT EVENING

For the first time in a couple years, we are able to gather once again for an Evening of Prayer for Advent. Mark Tuesday, Dec. 7 on your calendar. We will gather at Church at 6:30 pm and spend some time in prayer, reflection, and in quiet. This beautiful season calls for an extra effort amidst the frantic preparations for the holidays to appreciate the meaning of both Advent and Christmas. Join us for this special time. The time together will last a little over an hour.

### WELCOME TO ADVENT, HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Today we begin the Season of Advent, that time of preparation for the celebration of Christmas. It is a season of preparation, prayer, penance, and anticipation. We reflect on Christ's coming to us. We will come to that celebration of His coming in the flesh long ago, at Christmas. We experience His Presence in the Eucharist, in Penance, and in other ways in the present moment. And, we make ourselves and our world ready for His coming in glory. All these themes are part of this holy season. It's difficult to observe Advent with the pressure of the holidays. But do your best to pray, to make time for the Sacraments and other Advent opportunities.

Advent begins a new church year for us. This is Year C in the Sunday cycle, with its focus on the Gospel of Luke.

### CHANGES IN THE LITURGY

This weekend we begin a few basic changes for Mass. We observe the Bishop's decree to kneel from after the Lamb of God is sung until we rise to join the procession forward for Holy Communion. When you return to your seat, you have the choice to kneel or sit until the Presider returns to the chair, whereupon we all sit for a brief moment of reflection before the conclusion of Mass.

The Breaking Bread hymnal and missal is back in the pews. If we have extra after their placement, we will put them out for you to take home.

Also, we are returning to the practice of the Ushers taking up the collection(s) at the time of Preparation. We will continue with the Preparation Rite while this takes place, since there is still no Presentation of the Gifts.

### ADORATION, EVENING PRAYER, BENEDICTION

Join us Thursday for Adoration, from after 7 am Mass until its conclusion at 5 pm with Evening Prayer and Benediction. This time of prayer is a great gift for our parish - stop by to spend some time with the Lord during Eucharistic Exposition.

### FIRST FRIDAY

This Friday, Dec. 3, is First Friday. Join us for Mass at 7 am.

Confessions will take place Thursday, Dec. 2 at 4 pm.

Fr. Jeff and Fr. Kevin will visit the homebound throughout the week. We will call those on our lists with the day and approximate times of our visit.

### ST. HUBERT MEDALS

We distributed blessed St. Hubert medals last weekend since deer season has already begun. Any medals we still have will be available near the baptismal font. Enjoy hunting and please be safe. Let St. Hubert remind you that, like all things, this is a sacred endeavor, a gift from the Lord.



### ATTENTION LECTORS

All Lectors should have a new copy of the WORKBOOK for your ministry. If you have not picked one up yet, they are available in the Sacristy or at the Rectory.

### WELCOME AND WELCOME HOME!

As the Thanksgiving holiday continues, we welcome everyone joining us for Mass. We are grateful that you are with us. Our parish is joined by visitors and by people who have come home for the holidays. And, we are always glad to see our college students. Thank you for praying with us! Have an enjoyable weekend and be safe in your endeavors and travels.

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