

## **2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**OUR**

**LADY OF LOURDES**

**DECEMBER 8, 2024**



### Parish Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday  
9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Thursday & Friday ~ Office Closed

### Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil ~ 4:00 p.m.

Sunday ~ 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,  
Friday ~ 9:00 a.m.

### Adoration

Monday ~ 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

### Confessions

Monday ~ 6:10 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.  
(during Adoration)

Friday after 9:00 a.m. Mass  
& 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Saturday 3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

### Pastoral Care of the Sick

Notify the parish office  
whenever someone is ill,  
hospitalized, or homebound, who  
wishes to receive Communion.

### Parish Membership

New parishioners are  
always welcome.

Please call the parish office  
to register.

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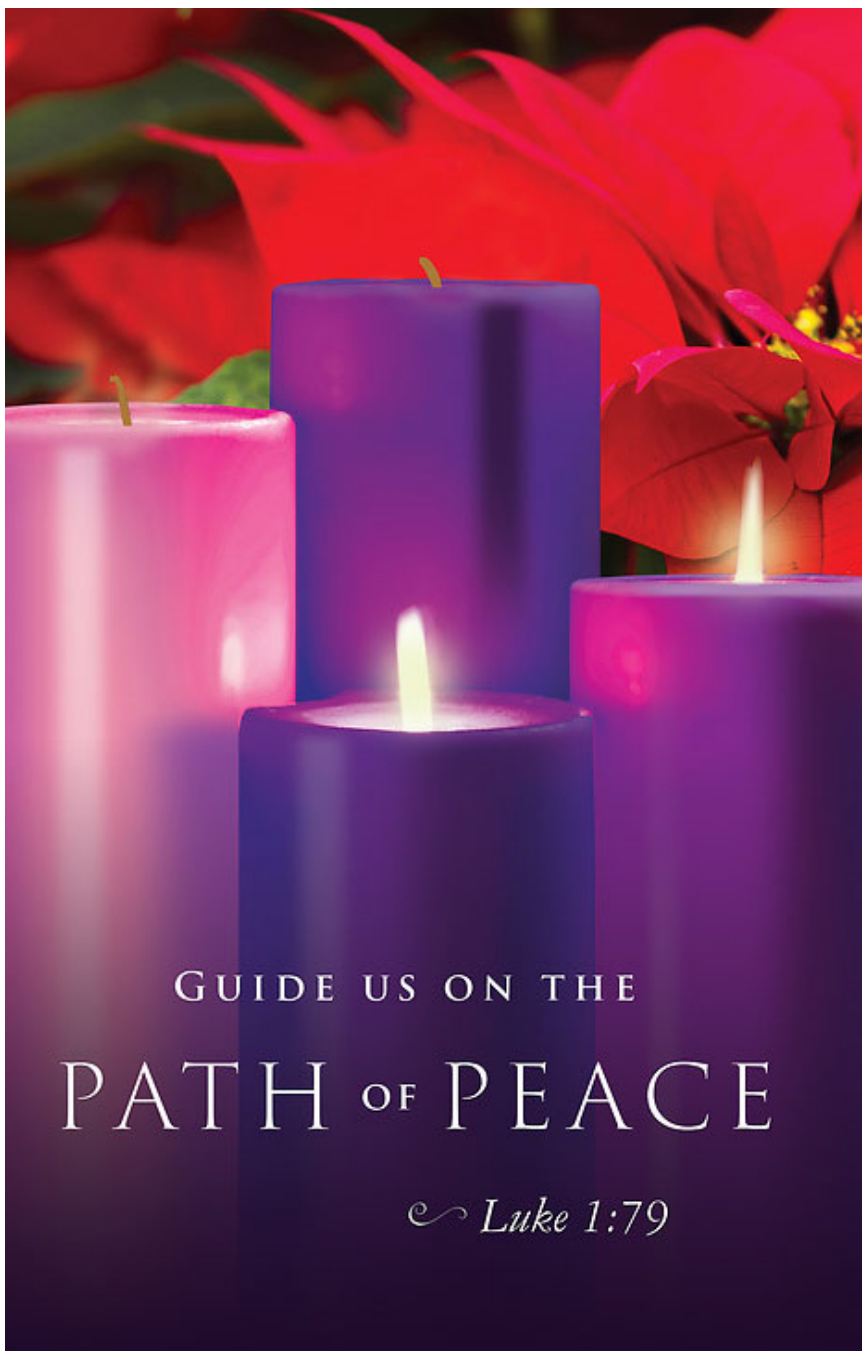
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### Mission Statement

We are a Christian Community rooted in Word and Sacrament  
striving to fulfill our Baptismal commitment  
by following the example and teaching of Christ.  
Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we endeavor to pass on our faith,  
through the Roman Catholic Tradition, to the next generation,  
for the greater glory of God through Christ Jesus our Lord.

## The Second Week of Advent

*A voice of one crying out in the desert:  
"Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make straight His paths.  
Every valley shall be filled  
and every mountain and hill shall be made low.  
The winding roads shall be made straight,  
and the rough ways made smooth,  
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."*

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

In addition to this being the Second Week of Advent with its promise of salvation, we also have 3 wonderful Marian Feasts to celebrate: The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary (December 8), Our Lady of Loretto (December 10), and Our Lady of Guadalupe (December 12). Each of the feasts is extraordinarily important to our salvation. Mary, conceived without sin, provides a pure and perfect vessel for the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Our Lady of Loretto celebrates the miraculous transfer of the Holy Family's home by angels from Nazareth to Loretto on December 10, 1294 to protect the home from being plundered and destroyed by bandits. This miracle reminds us that the Blessed Mother is a protector of families and a source of grace and virtue in every home. As a bonus, we now have a patroness of aviators and air travelers. I find this to be quite delightful. I do think that humor is integral to salvation.

And finally, we have the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Her four appearances to St. Juan Diego in December of 1531 resulted in the conversion of thousands of indigenous people, practically the entire nation. She is now the patroness of the Americas. The cloak upon which Her image was imprinted is one of the most well studied miracles in the Catholic Church, perhaps only exceeded by the Shroud of Turin and the Eucharistic Miracle of Lanciano. She continues to be an inspiration to millions.

As always, our Blessed Mother helps us prepare for the coming of Her Son, during Advent and always.

*"The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy!" Psalm 12*

Joyfully yours,  
Fr. Michael



### *A Prayer to Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception*

O Most Holy Virgin, Immaculate in body and spirit, look kindly on me as I implore Your powerful intercession. O most Holy Mother, receive my prayers as I present them to God. O Mary, Mother of Jesus and our Mother, You intercede for us with Your Son. O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to Thee. Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, pray for us. Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us. Our Lady Queen of Christendom, pray for us. Amen.

### *A Prayer to Our Lady of Loretto*

*Our Lady of Loreto, within Your home, the Word became flesh and dwelt among us. You shared a pure and perfect love with Your Son and saw Him grow in grace and virtue there. Please pray that my home will reflect the grace and virtue that abounded in Your Holy House. Our Lady of Loreto, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You. Amen.*

### *A Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe*

Remember, O most gracious Virgin of Guadalupe, that in Your apparitions on Mount Tepeyac You promised to show pity and compassion to all who, loving and trusting You, seek Your help and protection. Amen

**The Week At A Glance**

**Sunday, December 8**

~2nd Collection: Retirement Fund for Religious  
 ~Emmary Elizabeth Long Baptism @ 11:30 am  
 ~Abel Justin Lomax Baptism @ 12:30 pm  
 ~Live Nativity at Morris, PA

**Monday, December 9**

~Transferred Celebration of The Immaculate Conception  
 Mass at 9:00 am & 6:00 pm  
 ~NO Holy Hour or Confessions

**Tuesday, December 10**

~Mass at We Care, 2:00 pm

**Wednesday, December 11**

~Christmas Play Rehearsal @ 6:00pm

**Thursday, December 12**

~Office Closed

**Friday, December 13**

~Confessions following the 9 am Mass & 5:00-6:00 pm  
 ~Love Never Ends Christmas Party @ Noon

**Saturday, December 14**

~Fr. Mike's Mother's Birthday (1933-2005)  
 ~Confessions 3:00-3:30 pm



**Special thanks to Marshalek's for their kind donation of 50 gallons of cider to benefit our youth program.**

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, December 7**

4:00 p.m. Joyce Hatlee (by Jay Dee Fuller)

**Sunday, December 8** *Second Sunday of Advent*

8:00 a.m. Arthur McClellan (by Family)  
 10:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish

**Monday, December 9**

**Celebration of The Immaculate Conception**

9:00 a.m. Nicole Selleck (by Jean & Mary Lou Fulginiti)  
 6:00 p.m. Rita C. Koch (by Rita A. Koch)

**Tuesday, December 10** *Our Lady of Loretto*

9:00 a.m. Timothy English (by Janet Jean)  
 2:00 p.m. Living Members of the Priest Purgatorial Society (We Care)

**Wednesday, December 11** *St. Damasus*

9:00 a.m. Christopher Mowrey (by Mickie Mowrey)

**Thursday, December 12** *Our Lady of Guadalupe* No Mass

**Friday, December 13** *St. Lucy*

9:00 a.m. Charles Jean (by Janet Jean)

**Saturday, December 14** *First Saturday*

4:00 p.m. Auditori Family (by Norma Stryker)

**Sunday, December 15** *Second Sunday of Advent*

8:00 a.m. John & Justine Catino (by the Catino Family)  
 10:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish

**Special Thanks to John and Mary Etta Legarski for donating the special insert to our bulletin.**

(If you are interested in helping defray the cost of printing, please contact the office at 570-368-8598)

**Upcoming Parish Events—Mark Your Calendars**

—December 8th Outing to see the Live Nativity in Morris, PA. RSVP requested: Jamie Wieder at 570-560-9999.

—December 9 **Feast of the Immaculate Conception (Transferred)**  
 9:00 am & 6:00 p.m. Mass  
**(No Holy Hour or Confessions due to the Holy Day)**

—December 13th Our annual *Love Never Ends* Christmas Party will be held in the Hall at Noon. All who have lost a spouse, recently or in years past, are invited to offer support and to encourage one another with faith and friendship.

—December 19th Christmas Play Rehearsal @ 6:00pm

**Prolife Corner...by Deb Steinbacher**

Advent, a time of reflection and anticipation, has given us pause to realize that the Word Incarnate could just have easily presented as a fully grown human. He did not need to enter into this world in the same manner He created for all of us! In doing so, we learn that He chose our Blessed Mother to be the Ark of the New Covenant. We learn that He chose to come, not as a mighty King, but as a little baby born in the humble surroundings of a manger! We learn that when Mary approached her cousin Elizabeth, the baby in Elizabeth's womb leaped at the presence of our Savior! Our Lord is teaching us that we are all His creations, human from conception! His gift of salvation comes with the lesson that all life is precious! Let us reflect on the sanctity of life that our Lord chose to present to us by beginning His earthly sojourn in the womb! God bless you!

**Prayer List for the Month of November**

Dave Bonus, D. Jane Brown, Mark Brumbach, Gayne Campbell, Ann Dorin, Carisa Foulds, Margie Foulds, Cliff Hales, Michael Hook, Janet Jean, Lois O'Malley, Kathleen Maiolo, Al and Karen Marlett, Jessie McDevitt, Jason Mifsud, Aaron Murray, Mary Shuhler, Carl Ulsamer, Jim Wilson, Debbie Winterer

**Offertory Collections: Weekend of December 1**

(Includes on-line contributions)

Loose	\$	1340.97
Offertory	\$	5295.00
Maintenance	\$	306.00
Utilities & Fuel	\$	7.00
Christmas	\$	25.00
Christmas Flowers	\$	755.00
Religious Education	\$	1.00
Votives	\$	229.35
Immaculate Conception	\$	25.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>7984.32.</b>

**Diocesan Collections**

CHD	\$	30.00
Religious Retirement	\$	5.00
Care and Education of Priests	\$	140.00
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>8159.32.</b>

**Faith In Action** *Giving Tree* for the month of December.

Please place your Weis gift card in the envelope provided & place in the box under the Christmas tree by 12/22/24. Please place the activation notice with the gift card or write the amount on the card itself. Thank you for your donation.

**Collection Counter Schedule**

Dec 09: Group 4 M. McNamara, B. Fry, K. McGee  
 Dec 16: Group 1 D. Simms, B. Fry, W. Marshalek

**SUPPORT THOSE WHO HAVE GIVEN A LIFETIME**

Women and men religious have dedicated their lives to service—praying, teaching and caring for those in need—usually for little to no pay. Today their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Your donation provides for the essential care, medicine and daily needs of thousands of senior women and men religious. Please give generously to those who have given a lifetime.



Around the Deanery

**Advent Festival of Music & Carols** @ Resurrection in Muncy.  
Dec. 15th at 7:00pm Ryan Workman. Tenor & Friends  
Dec. 22nd at 7:00pm Williamsport Flute Choir  
**Lessons & Carols @ St Joseph the Worker** Dec. 15 at 7:00 pm

**Williamsport Deanery Rosary Rally** Saturday, December 14th, beginning with 10:00 am Mass at St. Joseph the Worker Parish. More information coming soon.

**~End of Year Retreat** Sponsored by *Lycoming County Catholic Young Adult Group*, the retreat is on Dec. 21, 2024 at St. Joseph The Worker Parish starting at 8:00 a.m. The topic is "Intimacy with the Holy Spirit". The cost is \$12.00. RSVP by 12/6: HRAINEY65@GMAIL.Com

**~Advent Reconciliation Services~**

**SJNRA** (St. Boniface Church) December 12 at 1:00 pm  
**Immaculate Conception** December 15 at 2:00 pm  
**St. Joseph the Worker** December 18 at 6:30 pm  
**Holy Child** December 22 at 4:00 pm



***Are you called to be a female or male religious, or to the Priesthood? Consider this:***

*"The word offers you comfort. But you were not made for comfort. You were made for GREATNESS."* Pope Benedict XVI  
*"The place that God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's hunger meet."* Fredrick Buechner

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