

ST. ANNE'S CHURCH

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December 1, 2024

First Sunday of Advent

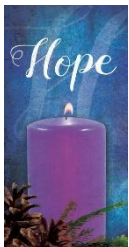
Today's Scripture Readings

FIRST READING: The days are coming when the LORD will fulfill the promise made to Israel and Judah (Jeremiah 33:14-16).

PSALM: To you, O Lord, I lift my soul (Psalm 25).

SECOND READING: May the Lord make you increase and abound in love that you may be blameless in holiness; conduct yourselves so as to please God (1 Thessalonians 3:12 – 4:2).

GOSPEL: There will be signs and you will see the Son of Man coming with power and great glory. Be vigilant (Luke 21:25-28, 34-36).



LITURGICAL REFLECTION: Jumpstarting Jubilee 2025 – Advent Hope The first Advent candle symbolizes hope. Every 25 years the Church celebrates a special Holy Year called the Jubilee Year. This Jubilee will begin with the opening of the Holy Door of Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome on Christmas Eve, 2024. The theme of the Jubilee Year is HOPE. It is a time for us to realize that "hope does not disappoint" when it is rooted in the knowledge that God has committed himself to us in Emmanuel, "God with us."

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

5:30PM Saturday – Dec 7th
Lector Ed Olshefski

9:00AM Sunday – Dec 8th
Lector: Denise Lakatos

Mass Intentions for the Week: (Dec 2nd – Dec 8th)

MON	12/02	7:00AM. . .+ Vivian McDevitt – (Eleanor Beltz & Family)
TUES	12/03	7:00AM. . .+ For Deceased Members of the Family of Cirilia Graicar
WED	12/04	7:00AM. . .+ Nancy Sunchick (3 month mind)– (Mary Jo Gardill)
THURS	12/05	7:00AM. . .+ Robert Wilks – (Eleanor Beltz & Family)
FRI	12/06	7:00AM. . .+ For Deceased Members of the Family of Cirilia Graicar
SAT	12/07	5:30PM. . .+ Vivian McDevitt (one month mind) – (St Anne's Parish Family)
SUN	12/08	9:00AM. . . Christian Mothers



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Stewardship Reflections:

We have arrived at the powerful season of Advent, a season to prepare with awe and gratitude for the Feast of the Incarnation of Jesus, born to us as Savior and Brother. A season to prepare for His return at the end of time. It is also a moment to remind ourselves that our individual judgement day is coming too – the moment when we will be called to give an account for all the love God has shown us and the gifts He has given us during our lifetime.

‘God reveals His perfect and infinite love for us most visibly in His son, Jesus Christ. A steward makes God’s love visible by imitating Jesus ... Stewardship is the response of the disciple to God’s unconditional love for us. Stewards bask in the wonder and awe of God’s love’, from *The Pillars of Parish Stewardship*. In other words, Advent is a steward’s season!

Get ready Christian stewards! He’s coming! Let us prepare with awe and wonder.

**LAST WEEK’S COLLECTIONS
Nov 23rd & Nov 24th, 2024**

Collection:

Weekly	\$ 1,443.00
Monthly	\$ 20.00
Flowers	\$ 5.00
Catholic Charities	\$ 20.00
All Saints	\$ 15.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 5.00
Christmas	\$ 20.00

Thank you for your continued support of St. Anne’s Parish! Please remember in your prayers the deceased parishioners and benefactors of our parish. God Bless!

Happy Birthday

Fr. Balestino’s Birthday Open House is today, Sunday, Dec 1st from 11:30 AM – 1:30PM in the St. Therese Social Hall. Be sure to stop by and wish him a Happy Birthday!!



The Christian Mothers will be wrapping Christmas gifts on the second floor at Boscov’s on **Dec 14, & Dec 20.**

We are looking for volunteers. Any help would be greatly appreciated. For more information or to volunteer call Janet Knapp at 814-241-6198

KOC Council #10409 – meeting will be held Tuesday, Dec 3rd at 7PM in the St. Therese Church Hall.

Advent Reading Material - Advent begins today, Dec 1st. You will find some excellent reading material for the Advent season in the vestibule and are encouraged to select some for home reading.

Important Notice – Please do not park in the service station on the corner of Woodland & Ohio St or block the alley behind during mass. Cars will be towed!

Blessing of the Advent Wreath:
(by laypersons)

O God, by whose word all things are sanctified, pour forth thy blessing upon this wreath and grant that we who use it may prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ, and may receive from thee abundant graces. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen,

**ADVENT WREATH PRAYER
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



(Light the first purple candle on your wreath)

Prayer: Stir up thy power, O Lord, and come, that by thy protection we may be rescued from the dangers that beset us through our sins; and be a Redeemer to deliver us; Who livest and reignest with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

All: Amen.

“Now spend a few moments in silent prayer, thinking about where in your life you most need the loving touch of Christ.”



Congratulations to Bill & Bernadine Mishler who are celebrating the 50th Wedding Anniversary. May God grant them many more happy years together.

Retirement Fund for Religious – Aging Religious need your help! “Your support acknowledges that we continue the mission of Christ even in our retirement,” says Mission helpers of the Sacred Heart Sister Celeste Burgos, 80. Donations provide for the care, medicine and daily needs of over 24,000 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who have dedicated their lives to service. Please give to the Retirement Fund for Religious.

Families and the Gospel Luke 21:25-28
At this time of the year we are very conscious of our family as we make preparations for Christmas. Today’s gospel warns us not to be consumed by all the consumer activity. This Advent, appreciate the gift of people in your life. The best gift this season might be your appreciation of others.

Community News & Events

Come see the Live Performance...
From the cast and crew of A Christmas Carol, now comes a live performance of this 75-minute family beloved and classic in Bedford Falls

It’s a Wonderful Life

December 5, 6, and 7th at the **Greater Johnstown Christian Fellowship**
3429 Elton Road

Doors open at 6pm, performance starts at 7 Nightly. **Free Admission/ No ticket needed**
Good will offering