

## Mass Intentions for the Week

12/22 Mon 9:00 AM	John Elbrecht By Pat Elbrecht
12/23 Tues 9:00 AM	Jim Suriano By Marge Suriano
<b>Christmas Eve</b>	
12/24 Wed 4:00P M	Theresa Pickens By The Family
<b>Christmas Day</b>	
12/25 Thurs 10:30AM	Raymond & Raymond Joseph Keckeisen, and Msgr. James Cox By Lorraine Keckeisen
12/26 Fri 9:00 AM	No Communion Service
12/27 Sat 4:00 PM	Joseph Geisler By Sheryl Geisler
12/28 Sun 10:30 AM	Madeline DeFalco Franzo By Joseph L. Franzo

### Christmas Flowers

In your packet of envelopes there is one for Christmas Flowers. There are envelopes available in the vestibule if you do not use offertory envelopes. Donations can be made in honor or memory of your loved ones by writing their name(s) on the back of the envelope. A list of names that flowers are given in memory of will be in the Christmas bulletin. Please place your envelopes in the collection basket.

### 2025 Schedule of Masses for Christmastime

#### Christmas Eve – Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>

4:00 pm – Mass

Gospel Narrative presented by Youth of Parish

Lector: Jane Artis

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#### Christmas Day –Thursday, December 25<sup>th</sup>

10:30 am Mass

(Please note that this is the only Mass on Christmas Day)

Lector: Kathy Saludo

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#### New Year's Eve Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>

5:00 pm Mass

Lector: Ginni Brandt

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#### New Year's Day –Thursday, January 1, 2026

10:30am Mass

Lector: Bill Babbage

### **4th Sunday of Advent: Embracing Divine Interruptions**

We all make plans and hold hopes for the future, yet life often interrupts even our best intentions. What feels like disruption can become a sacred invitation, a moment to pause, listen, and allow God to redirect our path. In these interruptions, His wisdom guides us, and His grace reshapes our journey in ways we could never have imagined. On this final week of Advent, the Gospel turns our attention to Joseph, whose hopes for marriage collapse when he discovers that Mary was expecting a child who is not his. The future he had carefully imagined suddenly falls apart, leaving him confused, disappointed, and wounded. Yet Joseph responds not with anger or condemnation but with compassion. He steps back, reflects and seeks God's guidance. In that quiet openness, God reveals through an angel that the child is conceived by the Holy Spirit and that Joseph himself has a role in His saving plan. With faith, courage, and humility, he obeys God's command and takes Mary into his home.

Joseph's story mirrors our own. We, too, face moments that unsettle us, and force us to rethink our path. These experiences test our faith and our trust in God. Do we cling to fear, do we allow God to lead us into something new? Joseph shows us the way of faithful obedience. He listens, he trusts, and he acts. Through his "yes," Emmanuel, God-with-us, enters the world.

The first reading contrasts Joseph with King Ahaz, who faced crisis but chose fear over trust, relying on human strength instead of God. Joseph, however, places his hope in God's word, even when it disrupts everything familiar. As Christmas approaches, we are invited to do the same: to welcome God's presence in the unexpected, to trust when the way is unclear, and embrace God's dream for our lives.

Like Mary, Joseph, and Paul, may we strive for holiness, for faithful witness, and for the joy of sharing the good news that God is with us. May this final week of Advent renew our courage, deepen our trust, and open our hearts to God's plan.

Wishing you a blessed and grace-filled Christmas season!

**Fr. Dr. Ben**

### Wisdom of the Saints

Give something, however small, to the one in need. For it is not small to one who has nothing. Neither is it small to God, if we have given what we could.

~ St. Gregory Naziansen

### Christmas Flowers

Many thanks to all who donated flowers.

A complete list will be available at the Christmas masses.

### **Weekend of December 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

First Reading- Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

Second Reading- Colossians 3:12-21

#### **Saturday 4:00 PM**

**Celebrant:**

Father Ben

**Lector:**

Nancy Kahane

**Eucharistic Ministers**

Jane Artis, Bill Babbage, Gene Walsh

**Altar Servers**

Anderson & Garrett Callender

### **The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**

Gospel: Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

#### **Sunday 10:30AM**

Father Ben

Paula Ciborowski

Pat Smith, Lorraine Keckeisen, Kathy Saludo

Jack, Henry & Ella Grigoli

Offerings from Dec 13 & 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025: Regular, \$2123.00; Repairs, \$50.00; Immaculate Conception, \$227.00; Christmas, \$596.00; Votives, \$49.00



### **Religious Education 2025-2026**

Classes for Pre-K-10<sup>th</sup> grade  
No Classes – Christmas Break

12/28

## **Adult Faith FORMATION**

### **Advent Bible Study**

There is still time to join for our Bible Study for Advent~  
Joseph, Husband of Mary.  
Tuesday Dec. 23 – 10AM to Noon in the Parish Center.

### **2026 Calendars**

Calendars are available to be picked up at each of the exits after Mass. Thank you to C.H. Landers and Mirabito Energy Products for generously sponsoring our 2026 calendars.



### **Mass Intentions**

The 2026 Mass Intention book has arrived. If you have Masses that you would like scheduled for 2025 please call or stop by the office or send your in writing to the Parish Office.

### **Question of the Week**

When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the lord commanded him, he took Mary as his wife. (Matthew 1:24)

*Adults: Whom do you find it difficult to welcome in your life?  
What can you do to overcome that?*

*Kids: What could you do this week to make someone feel welcome, as Joseph welcomed Mary?*

### **Old Church Repairs**

Since the pipe break during Columbus Day weekend, the damaged materials have been removed, the areas have been dried out, contractors and suppliers have submitted their bids. We met with the insurance adjuster 12/16 Tuesday, and all repairs have been approved and scheduling will soon begin to sign contracts. We are hoping for completion between February and March 2026.

### **December Bulletin Quotes**

“Perhaps one of your friends has become pregnant unexpectedly. As someone who has been there, I encourage you to support your friend in her new journey of being a mother.”

Learn how at [respectlife.org/support-her](http://respectlife.org/support-her).

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

“10 Ways to Support Her When She’s Unexpectedly

### **Diocesan Appeal 2026 - Update**

If you have not received your Diocesan Appeal mailing at home, there are envelopes at each of the exits for you to use to make your pledge/donation. Our assessment increased \$8,658.00 this year to \$19,152.00. We have collected as of 11/19/25 \$11,706.00. Please prayerfully consider how you can support Sacred Heart in meeting our assessment. Please be aware that all donations to the Diocesan Appeal should be mailed Directly to Albany. Donations are no longer processed through individual parishes.



### **2026 Envelopes**

Please pick up your envelopes in the vestibule this weekend. If your number changed your name is

highlighted on the list. A contribution of \$5.00 in the initial offering envelope will help defray the cost of the envelopes. After January 1, 2026 all remaining boxes will be in the office. **If your number changed please do not begin using the new number prior to January 1, 2026 in order to properly credit donations.**

### **Justice for Orphans**

“Pope Leo reminds us that as disciples of Christ we are called to care for the less fortunate and marginalized. An opportunity to help children in need is coming to our Sacred Heart family. On **Tuesday evening, January 13 at 6:30pm** Gene Knoth, coordinator for Delaware County, will give a presentation on Justice for Orphans. We will have an opportunity to join with area churches to provide for the needs of children. Please come and learn about this program.

**Please pray for the following people, who have requested our prayers:** Gussie Shifflett, Joe LaFave, Ginni Roe, Gabi Bakeman, Kimberlee Roe, Kevin, Michael Bell, Barbara Bennett,

Grady Charles Weigand, Daniel Rickard, Mark & Andrea, Kim Sumski, Dorothy Kashuda, Alyson Sabillon, Linda Falk, Debra Barnard, Diane, Bonnie La Voie, Doug Williams, Faith Williams, Don Butler, Debra Patterson, Ed Nicol, Dawn Maruszewski, Carey, Madlyn Sumski, Alex Roberts, Paul J. Hamilton, Sr., Mary Munetz, Jazmiers Moore, Bruce Allen, Kimberly Bosket, David Rivera, Jackie Bargher, Matthew Baxter Darline Smith, Joseph Dermody, Alice Anderson, Sandy Kemp, George Walters Lorraine Keckeisen, Maria LaBar, Patrick, John McCann, Natalie Stone, Marian Heeps, Mary Kolermous, Terri Cristofaro, Liliana, Nancy Daugherty, Mark Morotwe, Sharon Guenther, Kira Cronk, Terry Yackel, Jack Yackel, Jim Mylotte, Alice Walters, Rev. Steve Deckard, Terry Nicolini, Nick Gibson, Andy Woods, Bob Jenks, Jane, Dolores Storzing, Alexis Spencer, Ines Warlock, Susan Chidester, Bob Oliver, Rose LoCasci, Eugene & Yvonne Cutler, Timothy Bell, Ruth Glaum, Holly North, Dixy Pflug, Celeste Hartman, Aidan Burns, Bill, James Jennings, Marge Suriano, Marlena Keath, Marian Agyemang, Frank Holley, Nicholas Gaedeke, Gary Maraia, Rachel Feyh, Marge LaFave, Olivia Ross & family, Joe Maggio, Eric Roll, Barbara Haynes, Renee Joseph, Susan Pondolfino, Charlie Washburn, James Rattrie, Sean Granan, Marge Ramsey, Beverly Pierce, Fran Groshans, Marion Kiselic, a dear friend, Pat Nabinger, James Stanley, Chris Smith, Bonnie De Salvo, Lori White, Ellen Reuter, Jaxson Beadle, Francis Duguay, Joan Rice, John MacDonald, Rowan DeCocker, Stephanie Soldingier, Bonnie Tabone, Daniel, John Gilmore, Will Sterchak, Donna Khan, Anthony Barber, Jr., Payton Lakin, Joan & Tony Barber, Mathias Mietzelfeld, Maggie Hoffman, Marybeth Modinger, Jacqueline Richardson, Celeste Aber, Teri Frallich, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, Bill Babbage, Sarah Pressler, Bobbie August, Chris West, Dawn Cronin, Stephen, Josephine Materazzo, Avery Maggio, Barb & Jerry Patrick, Paisley Halbert, John MacDonald, Anne Klopchin, Gloria Parsons, Anthony Naple, Ruling Family, Cumming Family, Danielle Spry

**Please Note: All names will remain on our list and will be prayed for unless our office is notified to remove an individual**