

# 3rd Sunday of Advent

December 17, 2023



And there will dawn a new Heaven and a new Earth...and let it begin with me...today

## World Peace Prayer

Lead us from death to life, from false-hood to truth,  
From despair to hope, from fear to trust.

Lead us from hate to love,

From war to peace;

Let peace fill our hearts, let peace fill our world,

Let peace fill our universe

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Saturday Vigil Mass - 4:00 PM  
Sunday Mass - 11:00 AM  
Weekday Mass - 9:00 AM on Tuesdays

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Saturday Vigil Mass - 6:00 PM  
Sunday Mass - 9:00 AM

## Liturgy Schedule

### Saturday

**December 16, 2023 - 4:00 PM**

† Donald Uveges

By: Betty Hayes

### Sunday

**December 17, 2023 - 11:00 AM**

† Alton Wolfgang

By: Kris Zedaker

† Mary McCaffrey

By: Bud & Pat Van Slyke

### Tuesday

**December 19, 2023 - 9:00 AM**

† Patricia Gillespie

By: Charlie & Kathleen Mack

### Saturday

**December 23, 2023 - 4:00 PM**

† Marie Burnett

By: Betty Hayes

### Sunday

**December 24, 2023 - 11:00 AM**

† The Troubled, Lonely and Addicted

### Christmas Eve

**December 24, 2023 - 4:00 PM**

† For Children Everywhere

### Christmas Day

**December 25, 2023 - 11:00 AM**

† For Peace in our Families

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### Tuesday

**December 26, 2023 - 9:00 AM**

† No Mass

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### This week at Our Lady of Fatima...

Date	Event	Time	Place
12/18	Friendship Café	11:00 AM - 1:30 PM	Hall
12/19	Mass	9:00 AM	Church
12/20	Friendship Cafe	11:00 AM - 1:30 PM	Hall
12/21	Winter Solstice Fire / BBQ	6:00 PM	Fox Creek
12/22	Friendship Cafe	11:00 AM - 1:30 PM	Hall
12/23	Mass	4:00 PM	Church
12/24	Mass	11:00 AM	Church
12/24	Brunch & Decorate	12:00 PM	Hall
12/24	Christmas Mass	4:00 PM	Church
12/25	Christmas Mass	11:00 AM	Church

### WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

#### Saturday, Dec 16

#### LECTOR

Jeannette Coppolo

#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Ruth Kulesa

John Hochmuth

Mary Ann Conway

#### Sunday, Dec 17

#### LECTOR

Anna Denney

#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

James Keller

Cathy Callahan

Janet Korwan

#### COUNTERS

Kathleen Mack

Charlie Mack

Janet Ingro

#### Saturday, Dec 23

#### LECTOR

Paul Reveal

#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Ruth Kulesa

John Hochmuth

Mary Ann Conway

#### Sunday, Dec 24

#### LECTOR

James Keller

#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Noel Luby

Addie Breitenstein

Ellen Snowdon

#### COUNTERS

TBD

#### Weekly Donations

12/ 4/23—12/10/23

Candles

Not Available Yet

Collections

Not Available Yet

Thank you for your generous contributions!



#### Please Pray for our Sick and Homebound

Bella Stuart, Charlotte Marks, Joan Williams, Lorraine Duffy, Carolyn Terrell, Mary Brewer, Bill Tindale, Jean Frisbee, Steve Mormando.

#### Our Lady of Fatima Mission Statement

At Our Lady of Fatima, Delanson, we are God's people sharing a responsibility to witness God's unconditional love and to bring God's healing presence to our world through our service to our community and beyond.

## Psalm of An Emerging Emmanuel

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel,"

I pray with upraised eyes.

Drop down, O Dew of Heaven,  
that God might walk and talk on earth,  
might heal and feed our sin-soaked world.

O Come, O Come Emmanuel,  
my prayers like searchlights  
comb the starry winter skies.

Descend from the black hole of some neighboring galaxy  
to green with your grace  
our barren earth.

Such an Advent waiting prayer  
can be a lifelong profession of patient longing,  
unless I know, with all my heart,  
that Emmanuel not only comes down  
but also comes forth and emerges.

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel,  
come forth from deep within me  
with Christmas luminous beauty.  
For my heart has become the sacred crib,  
the birthing place of God--among --us.

Peace on earth and justice for all  
will only become manifest in our lives  
when enough of your sons and daughters  
awaken to your divine design  
that has made each of us  
an emerging Emmanuel.

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### Ministry Availability

Lectures, Eucharistic Ministers & Counters, please notify your leader of your availability for Jan, Feb & March. We will soon be preparing the schedule for the 1st quarter. - Thank You

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### Advent Prayer & Gathering

Dec 17, - 12:00 PM - Brunch with St. Nick, OLF

Dec 21, - 6:00 PM - Winter Solstice fire and hot dog BBQ  
At Fox Creek Park, Schoharie

Dec 21, - 7:00 PM - Blue Christmas Prayer Service,  
Middleburgh Reformed Church

Jan 1, 2024 - 12:00 PM - First Day hike trekking along the  
wintry Schoharie @ Burtonsville

### Beatitudes of Christian Living

**"And if you have forgotten why you exist I will remind you once more, there is a heart that lives underneath your skin that holds the power to change everything in this entire world." ~ Dane Thomas**

God has a wonderful plan for our lives. His love for us will guide us to believe in ourselves and the impact we can have on each other, our community and our world



**Congratulations** to our teen disciples, Santino Bailey, Deniz Okyay, Tyler Castle, Matthew Newvine, Sarah Attanasio and Jennifer Patino, who were confirmed Monday, Dec 4th, at St. Madeleine Sophie parish with Bishop Edward Scharfenberger presiding.

The Winter Spring brochure outlining upcoming seasonal activities will be available shortly.

Please note that the **Liturgy of the Word newsletter** is available for our young disciples' grades 1 – 5. They are in plastic bags with crayons that can be used during Mass. Please return plastic bags and crayons and take the newsletter home to go over with your children to review each Sunday's Mass message.

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**Thinking of You.** If you know of anyone in our parish or your family, that is in need of sunshine (Birthday, Get Well, Thinking of You) Contact Barb Willoughby at (518) 469-4073. She will get a card out to them.

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**Prayer Ministry** prays for anyone in need of prayer. You can request prayers or join in this ministry. Call James Keller at (518) 295-7970 or e-mail him at jamesakeller@msn.com. From our lips to God's ears. Give your concerns to God and join your parish family in faith and love.

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### Seeking Wisdom

Are you willing to help our parish by becoming an active member of our Pastoral Council? Right now Addie, Jeannette, Patricia, Nancy, Paul, Janet and Mary Ann meet monthly with Fr. Tom Zelker to share insights about our parish and Diocese. Please consider ministering with the Council; your positive creativity is vital to our faith community. Contact Fr. Tom Zelker if interested.

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### Diocesan Appeal

Mailings have been sent out to parishioners for this year's appeal. Together, we continue the ministry of Jesus throughout the 14 counties of our Albany Diocese...together we care for the sick, educate our young people, house the homeless, feed the poor and train our seminarians. Thank you, for your support. This year our parish assessment is \$ 26,636.00. This is a decrease of 8.9% from last year. Please make sure you write "**Our Lady of Fatima**" on the contribution envelope.

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### It's Beginning to Look A lot Like.....

Our Christmas Schedule

Sunday, December 24th

4:00 PM Mass at Our Lady of Fatima

6:30 PM Mass at Our Lady of the Valley

Monday, December 25th

9:00 AM Mass at Our Lady of the Valley

11:00 AM Mass at Our Lady of Fatima

Monday, January 1st, 2024

11:00 AM Mass at Our Lady of Fatima

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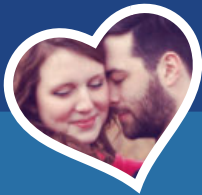
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