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**CAFETERIA HOURS**

Fridays 11:00 am to 7:00 pm  
(Every First Saturday) 10:00 am to 3:00 pm  
Sundays 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

**MASSES**

MON thru FRI: 11:30am & 4:00pm  
SATURDAY: 8:00am, 11:30am & 4:00pm  
SUNDAY: 9:00am, 12:00pm & 5:00pm

**CONFESSIONS**

15 minutes before every Mass

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Wednesdays & Fridays 12 - 4pm, Blessed Sacrament Chapel

**FIRST SATURDAY**

Rosary at 11:00 & 3:30 and Adoration 12:15

**ROSARY & BENEDICTION**

Every Sunday at 3pm

**Tagalog Mass @1:30 pm Every Fourth Sunday**

The Fatima Shine is  
Designated as an  
Official Site for the  
Jubilee 2025  
Pilgrims of Hope!



See the Display in the Blessed Sacrament  
Chapel and at the East Doors.

**November 30, 2025  
1st Sunday of  
Advent**

**Upcoming Events**

**Legion of Mary**

November 30 - 1:15 pm  
In Fatima Hall

**Aquinas School of  
Philosophy**

December 4 - 7:00 pm  
In Fatima Hall with Dr. Bonnette

**1st Saturday Devotions**

December 6 - Men's Breakfast  
Guest Speaker - Rosary  
Mass - Adoration/Benediction

**Buffalo Wind Symphony  
Christmas Concert**

December 10 - 7:30 to 9:30 pm  
Admission is FREE

**Christmas Day**

Thursday - December 25  
Masses: 9am & 12 Noon (Only)

**To Jesus Through Mary**

Saturdays Evenings  
@ 5:30 pm in the Basilica.



## Mass Intentions for the Week

<u>Sat. Nov. 29</u>	<u>Weekday</u>
8:00 am	Frank & Mary Mihalik †
11:30 am	Jennifer Lombardi †
4:00 pm	Irene Frosolone †
<u>Sun. Nov. 30</u>	<u>1st Sunday of Advent</u>
9:00 am	John & Frances Sikora
12:00 Nn	Edward Berry †
5:00 pm	Marck & MJ Casãnas
<u>Mon. Dec. 1</u>	<u>Advent Weekday</u>
11:30 am	<i>Perpetual Mass</i>
4:00 pm	Vincenzo, Guiseppe & Maria Tassone
<u>Tues. Dec. 2</u>	<u>Advent Weekday</u>
11:30 am	Jane Burns & Family
4:00 pm	Danette Lolonek
<u>Wed. Dec. 3</u>	<u>St. Francis Xavier, Priest</u>
11:30 am	Savino DiBenedetto / Lucra Festa
4:00 pm	Pina Carchdi
<u>Thur. Dec. 4</u>	<u>St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church</u>
11:30 am	Philip & GERALYN Perea
4:00 pm	Rose Sickler
<u>Fri. Dec. 5</u>	<u>Advent Weekday</u>
11:30 am	Susan LaMonto
4:00 pm	Antonio Mangat †
<u>Sat. Dec. 6</u>	<u>St. Nicholas, Bishop</u>
8:00 am	Fatima Shrine Volunteers & Employees
11:30 am	Dennis J. Hunt
4:00 pm	Bayerl & Pettit Families
<u>Sun. Dec. 7</u>	<u>2nd Sunday of Advent</u>
9:00 am	Steve Neville (Birthday)
12:00 Nn	Joseph & Josephine LaBarber
5:00 pm	Carol Kilmer



## A Spiritual Meditation on the 1st Sunday in Advent - Year A

As we begin the Advent season, eagerly we await the fulfillment of our hope in the glorious coming of our Savior. It is now the beginning of Liturgical Year A, the year of Matthew's gospel. Moreover, Advent is the time to sober up and be alert, for we do not know when the Lord will come. "Show us, Lord, your love, and grant us your salvation." (cf Ps 85,8). As we await the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem - and his returning in glory in the end of time - this is our salvation. And so, Advent, all four weeks, is meant for us to prepare our hearts for the three comings of Christ: his birth in Bethlehem (which we celebrate in the Christmas Season); his return at the end of time, the Parousia; and his in-dwelling among us here and now.

Advent means the arrival of Christ as the infant born in Bethlehem. Our Advent preparations include prayer, reception of the sacraments, good works, and sacrifices. Although everyone's preparation may seem different, they are all meant to cleanse us from sin thus to teach us to welcome Christ with love and joyful expectation.

Advent is a prophetic moment as Isaiah describes a visionary time of peace. The Apostle Paul urges the faithful to be ready, for the time of salvation is nearer at hand now. Jesus teaches his disciples to stay awake, to be prepared as salvation history unfolds.

As a specific time of preparation, Advent is an opportune occasion to discipline ourselves to be prepared, for we do not know how much time we have. Therefore, we must always be cognizantly prepared. Acknowledging the transience of life - and the end - we must live today as if it were the last day of our lives.

Finally, prayer, patience, and perseverance are not meant to be a morbid pastime or an exercise in frustration. Rather, Advent and all its preparations/expectations are a celebratory journey to eternal peace with our Lord in heaven. "Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord." Advent establishes the joy of being God's people. Making the journey creates the momentum. And remember, the journey is the thing, an odyssey of faith-filled hope!



## THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTION FOR

**NOVEMBER:** FOR THE PREVENTION OF SUICIDE  
LET US PRAY THAT THOSE WHO ARE STRUGGLING WITH SUICIDAL THOUGHTS MIGHT FIND THE SUPPORT, CARE, AND LOVE THEY NEED IN THEIR COMMUNITY, AND BE OPEN TO THE BEAUTY OF LIFE.

**DECEMBER:** FOR CHRISTIANS IN AREAS OF CONFLICT  
LET US PRAY THAT CHRISTIANS LIVING IN AREAS OF WAR OR CONFLICT, ESPECIALLY IN THE MIDDLE EAST, MIGHT BE SEEDS OF PEACE, RECONCILIATION, AND HOPE.

## Vocation View—Answer The Sacred Call

At every Mass, just as John the Apostle witnessed in Revelation, angels surround the altar as Heaven and Earth unite through the miracle of the Eucharist! This divine moment can only happen through our priests. Feeling called to this extraordinary vocation? Father Albino awaits your call at 716-754-7489!



**Advent begins!** "At an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." When our Savior returns, we want Him to find us carrying out His will.

**What is Jesus asking of you?** If it's a call to ordained ministry, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit [buffalovocations.org](http://buffalovocations.org)

## † Bible Reflection Group †

Every Monday @ 7:30 PM in the Fatima Hall  
This Week we are Discussing  
December 7th Readings (2nd Sunday of Advent)  
DO YOU WANT TO WATCH REMOTELY?  
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Password: 863876



## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wed. & Fri. 12:00noon - 4:00pm  
In the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

Adorers are always needed... inquire at the shrine office or call 716-754-7489

St. Padre Pio had an extraordinary devotion to Eucharistic Adoration.

## St. Anthony M. Zaccarian Apostolate Prayer

**November:** May the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Divine Providence, and all our Confreres who have concluded their pilgrimage here on earth, be for all of us intercessors before God, our Father, so that we can become models of faithfulness, hope and service to those most in need, we pray.

**December:** May we, like Mary in her singing of the Magnificat, be able to thank the Lord for our existence, our call to consecrated life as Barnabites and for all the graces and benefits we received throughout the Jubilee year, we pray.



## Intercession for Life

May our parish community come together to become a place of welcoming and assistance for all mothers in need; let us pray to the Lord:



## OPEN HOUSE REGISTRATION

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