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

**CONFESSIONS**

15 minutes before every Mass

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Wednesdays & Fridays 12 - 4pm, Blessed Sacrament Chapel

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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  
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Jubilee 2025  
Pilgrims of Hope!



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

**December 21, 2025  
4th Sunday of  
Advent**

**Upcoming Events**

**Simbang Gabi**

December 15 - 23  
Mass at 6:30 pm

**Legion of Mary**

December 21 - 1:15 pm  
In Fatima Hall

**Christmas Eve**

Wednesday - Dec 24  
4:00 pm (Vigil)  
12:00 pm (Midnight)

**Christmas Day Masses**

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

**Legion of Mary**

December 28 - 10:00 am  
In Fatima Hall

**Tagalog Mass**


Sunday, December 28  
1:30 pm in the Basilica  
Celebrant: Fr. Albino Vecina, CRSP  
Social afterwards in Fatima Hall

**To Jesus Through Mary**

Saturdays Evenings  
@ 5:30 pm in the Basilica.



# Mass Intentions for the Week

<b>Sat. Dec. 20</b> 8:00 am	<b>Late Advent Weekday</b> Lourdes Lario
11:30 am	The Boisclair & Laurie Families
4:00 pm	Harry & Stella Pratt
<b>Sun. Dec. 21</b> 9:00 am	<b>4th Sunday of Advent</b> Anthony Gatas & Ignatius Gatas
12:00 Nn	Deceased Members of the Konieczka & Trojanowski Families †
5:00 pm	Carol Kilmer
<b>Mon. Dec. 22</b> 11:30 am	<b>Late Advent Weekday</b> <i>Perpetual Mass</i>
4:00 pm	Rose & Michael Mastropaolo
<b>Tues. Dec. 23</b> 11:30 am	<b>St. John of Kathy, Priest</b> Louis & Josephine Tavano
4:00 pm	John William Wolcott
<b>Wed. Dec. 24</b> 11:30 am	<b>Christmas Eve</b> Fredrick Daranjo †
4:00 pm	Vocations to the Barnabite Order 
12:00 Midnite	Shrine Benefactors
<b>Thur. Dec. 25</b> 9:00 am	<b>Christmas Day (Nativity of our Lord)</b> Promotion of the Gospel of Life
12:00 Noon	Visitor's of the Fatima Shrine
<b>Fri. Dec. 26</b> 11:30 am	<b>St. Stephen, the First Martyr</b> Jerome Poplowski & Family
4:00 pm	The Poplowski Family
<b>Sat. Dec. 27</b> 8:00 am	<b>St. John, Apostle and Evangelist</b> Carol Berry †
11:30 am	Tony Grasso †
4:00 pm	Nicholas Abel
<b>Sun. Dec. 28</b> 9:00 am	<b>The Holy Family (Jesus, Mary &amp; Joseph)</b> Adam Connor
12:00 Nn	Catherine Boslet
5:00 pm	John & Kathy Mikitka

## A Spiritual Meditation on the 4th Sunday in Advent - Year A

The scripture readings for the 4th Sunday of Advent are interesting. God has kept his promise to his people by sending his only Son Jesus Christ, God - with - us into the world. The coming of Jesus Christ is the exemplary sign of our salvation. This was God's plan from the beginning of time - and "in the fullness of time God sent forth his Son, conceived and born" by the Virgin Mary, whose "yes" makes Emmanuel possible.

In the first reading, it is God himself who tells Ahaz, King of Judea, to ask for a sign, but Ahaz refuses - lest he tempt the Lord. Nevertheless, God does send the sign to be heard among the people as the injunction to convert and by faith to participate fully in our commitment to the redemptive activity of God.

The Apostle Paul wrote his letter to the Romans to a community that he neither established nor ever had visited. Consequently, knowing in advance the Christian community in Rome has strong Jewish roots, he wants his kergma to embrace the importance of receiving the grace of apostleship and obedience to the gospel of Jesus, Son of God and a descendant of the house of David. From the Jews to the new people of God, the promise made to King Ahaz is fulfilled in the birth of Jesus, the eternal Son and then publicly manifested in the resurrection of Christ.

"Let the Lord enter; he is the king of glory." The intention of Psalm 24 is not to exclude people who are sinners. Rather, the story of God is an unmistakable call to live a virtuous life. And through conversation, in Christ, to receive the grace of apostleship.

Are we ready to accept what was offered to King Ahaz? As the season of Advent draws to a close, we are like, Mary and Joseph, to put aside any fears and preparations and enter into a completely new reality, a new way of life. Has Advent prepared us to be fully committed to Jesus, the Holy One? Mimic the words of Mary. "May it be done to me according to your word." The Lord comes - his glory envelopes us in the love of God. Fiat!



### THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTION FOR

**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.

**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)

### Christmas Masses

Dec. 24 (4 pm Vigil & 12 Midnight)  
Dec. 25 (9:00 am & 12:00 noon)  
Merry Christmas from the Barnabite Fathers



### KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS

Council #14622  
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### † Bible Reflection Group †

Every Monday @ 7:30 PM in the Fatima Hall  
This Week we are Discussing  
December 28th Readings (The Holy Family)  
DO YOU WANT TO WATCH REMOTELY?  
Via zoom: Meeting ID: 936 8091 2873,  
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### 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

*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:*



### Living Rosary - Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God Thursday, January 1st at 5:00 PM

Join us at either location:

\*\*Our Lady of Fatima Shrine: 1023 Swann Road, Youngstown, NY 14174

\*\*Our Lady Help of Christians Maria Hilf Chapel: 4125 Union Road, Cheektowaga, NY 14225

Participate as a "living bead" (holding a candle while praying) or pray along with us. We'll focus on prayers for Healing, Hope, and Peace. Info/To Participate: Fr. John Adams | [frjohnbestill@hotmail.com](mailto:frjohnbestill@hotmail.com) | 716-276-9288



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