

DECEMBER 7, 2025

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

WELCOME

Church Staff

Rev. Paul S. Siebert, *Pastor*
 Sr. Frances Therese Matia, SSJ, *Pastoral Minister*
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 Kimberly McFall, *Office Manager*

Contact Information

Rectory Office: 814-486-0569
 Monday through Thurs. 9:00a.m. to 3:00p.m.
 Friday, 9 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
 Faith Formation Center: 814-486-0784
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 814-486-2399

Sacrament of the Reconciliation

Wednesday at 6:00 pm, Saturday at 3:15 pm
 Anytime by appointment

Baptisms

At all Sunday liturgies and outside of Mass after
 9:00 am Mass. Parents and Sponsors must
 attend Baptismal Preparation Class. Call the
 rectory for arrangements.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Please call the rectory for arrangements six
 months prior to the wedding.

Prayer Requests

Margaret Burnside, 814-486-0344 or online @
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MASS INTENTIONS

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

MONDAY, DEC. 8

8:15 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES

(The Pastor)

5:15 PM CATHERINE & LARRY

KEENAN

(Ruth Drum)

(Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38)

TUESDAY, DEC. 9

8:15 AM THE SICK and SUFFERING

(Matthew & Regina Clark)

(Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14)

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 10

8:15 AM FELIX H. & MARY L.

SWIDERSKI

(Felix J & Nicki Swiderski)

(Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30)

THURSDAY, DEC. 11

8:15 AM JOHN B. CAMPBELL

(The Family)

(Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15)

FRIDAY, DEC. 12

NO MASS

(Zec 2:14-14; Lk 1:39-47)



SATURDAY, DEC. 13

4:00 PM PEOPLES OF THE PARISHES

(The Pastor)

SUNDAY DEC. 14

9:00 AM LOIS PICCIRILLO

(Pete & Lynn Lion)

(Is 35:1-6a, 10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11)

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**EXTRAORDINARY
MINISTERS:****LECTORS:****ALTAR SERVERS:****MONDAY, DEC. 8 ~ IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF VIRGIN MARY**8:15 AM Sister Therese &
T. Dresser

C. Dankesreiter

Mark Guido

5:15 PM L. Summerson &
V. Fragale

Stephanie Petty

Barrett & Bentley
Dixon**SATURDAY, DEC. 13****VIGIL MASS****4:00 PM**L. Zoschg, M. Dixon &
A. DeMatz

Ralph Grovanz

Andy & Eugenia Clark

SUNDAY, DEC. 14**9:00 AM**L. Lion, A. Slottje &
T. Dresser

Mary Meisel

Kamden, Beau &
Dominic Fragale**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS****SUNDAY (7th) 9:00 AM ~ SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

10:00-11:15 AM-EDGE & CONFIRMATION SESSIONS

MONDAY (8th) 8:15 AM & 5:15 PM ~ HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION*Immaculate Conception Of Virgin Mary***WEDNESDAY (10th) 3:30-5:00 PM ~ FAITH FORMATION Gr. 1-5**

6:00 PM-HOLY HOUR

Adoration Intention:

CONFESSION

*Legal Protection of
the Unborn Child*

7:00 PM-BENEDICTION

THURSDAY (11th) 6:30 PM-Rosary**SATURDAY (13th) 3:15 PM ~ Confession**

4:00 PM ~ VIGIL MASS @ ST. MARK

5:00 PM ~ CONFESSION & COOKIES

SUNDAY (14th) 9:00 AM ~ THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10:00 AM ~ CONFESSION & COOKIES

10:00-11:15 AM-EDGE & CONFIRMATION SESSIONS

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 3:1-12**JOHN THE BAPTIST****Question of the week:****Adult:** What do you need to change to
prepare for Christmas?**Youth:** How can you help other people
for Jesus?**ST. MARK MASS****ATTENDANCE**

SAT. NOV. 22 4:00 PM - 94

SUN. NOV. 23 9:00 AM - 127

SAT. NOV. 29 4:00 PM - 115

SUN. NOV. 30 9:00 AM - 139

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

(11/22-23/2025)

ST. MARK: \$4,364.00

ST. JAMES: \$40.00

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

(11/29-30/2025)

ST. MARK: \$2,829.00

ST. JAMES: \$35.00

*Thank you For returning
some of God's gift to you
back to His church!***2025****END-OF-YEAR GIVING
STATEMENTS**

All parishioners are encouraged
to print their own end-of-year
giving statements. Parishioners can access their
giving history through the Diocese of Erie website
using the Ministry Platform portal.

*These self-service statements are secure, easy to
use, and help reduce printing and mailing costs for
the parish.*

To link directly to the diocese portal, use:

www.eriecd.org/portal.html.

If you've not already used this portal, it's easy to
sign up and view your information.

As always, if you do not have access to the internet,
we will happily print your giving report for you.

If you have any questions, please call Kim at the
rectory, 814-486-0569.

**2025 CSA ~ WE'RE OVER THE GOAL!**

Any monies collected now goes
100% to St. Mark/St. James!
Thank you for your generosity!

**Don't miss COOKIES & CONFESSION!**

We'll welcome Msgr. Kaza who will hear
confessions with Fr. Paul and have
4:00 PM Mass next Saturday, Dec. 13th
as part of Cookies and Confessions.



*We are in need of Eucharistic Minister volunteers
(3) and one Altar Server volunteer for Christmas
Eve Mass @10:00 PM. If you can serve, please
call the rectory @ 486-0569*

Be Ready

Matthew 24:36-44

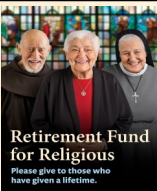
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The season of Advent stands at the beginning of the liturgical year and, like John the Baptist, points a finger forward. One might ask: How will this entire year prepare us for Christ's coming at the end of time? The year ahead is full of potential, challenge, and opportunities for decision. How will our lives this year help to make the world a more just and loving place? Advent interjects a note of tension and anticipation into our spiritual lives.



NEXT WEEKEND... ST. MARK HOLIDAY COOKIE: Fundraiser

We're asking parishioners to donate at least two dozen of your favorite holiday cookies to be dropped off at O'Connell Hall, Sat., Dec. 13th prior to 4:00 PM Mass; and Sun., Dec. 14th Prior to 9:00 AM Mass. Cookie will be available AFTER EACH MASS, One Dozen for \$9.00. You pick what cookies you want!



RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

A lifetime of service deserves care in return. "Thanks to your generosity, we can provide the very best care to the sisters in our community." says Sister M. Stephanie Belgeri, 73, a member of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George in Alton Ill. Donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious provide housing, medical assistance, and essential support for thousands of aging religious. Please consider giving next weekend. We will have a 2nd collection Dec. 13 & 14 for this special need.

ST. MARK ADVENT CONFESSIONS



Every Wed. at 6:00 PM and Every Sat. at 3:15 PM

SPECIAL CONFESSION OPPORTUNITY W/MSGR. KAZA AT ST. MARK SAT. DEC. 13th FOLLOWING 4:00 PM MASS FR. PAUL WILL HAVE CONFESSIONS ON SUN. DEC. 14TH AFTER 9:00 AM MASS OTHER AREA PENANCE SERVICES:

Thurs. Dec. 11th 6:00 PM: Holy Rosary, Johnsonburg
Tues. Dec. 16th 6:00 PM: Queen of the World, St. Marys
Thurs. Dec. 18th 6:00 PM: St. Leo, Ridgway
Sun. Dec. 21st 2:00 PM: St. Joseph, Force
Mon. Dec. 22nd 6:00 PM: Sacred Heart, St. Marys



ST. MARK CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

WED. DEC. 24TH:
4:00 PM CHILDREN'S MASS with St. Mark Folk Group
10:00 PM CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS
THURS. DEC. 25TH:
9:00 AM CHRISTMAS DAY MASS with St. Mark Choir



IN YOUR CHARITY, Please pray for the soul of **HELEN NEWTON**, May her soul and the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen



The Sanctuary Lamps burn before the Blessed Sacrament this week
IN LOVING MEMORY of: ROBERT LINDSEY
From: Joann & Rita



HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Day of Obligation Mass: **MONDAY, DEC. 8th @ 8:15 AM and 5:15 PM**

The Catholic Church teaches that Mary was conceived by normal biological means in the womb of her mother, but God acted upon her soul, keeping it "immaculate".

DATES TO REMEMBER:

SUNDAY, DEC. 7th:
COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING/ADVENT/CHRISTMAS SERVICE 6:00 PM
THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Pastor Ken Bailey will be preaching and delivering a Special message.
MONDAY, DEC. 8th:
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION: Immaculate Conception of Virgin Mary
DECEMBER 13-14
RETIRED RELIGIOUS COLLECTION



WELCOME THROUGH BAPTISM

TODAY, DEC. 7, 2025 we welcome into our faith: **CREW LUCA SONGER & MOSS LOREN SONGER**, children of Joseph & Tasha Garrigan Songer
May this day be the beginning of a lifelong journey with You, rooted in grace, growing in love, and crowned with the hope of eternal life.