

A tall, narrow stained glass window on the left side of the image. It is divided into several panels. The top panel shows an angel in a blue robe with wings, holding a scroll. The middle panel shows a woman in a pink and green robe, possibly Mary Magdalene, holding a white cloth. The bottom panel shows a group of people in various robes, some looking up in awe. The background of the entire image is a fiery, orange and red gradient.

Let us  
*rejoice*  
in the  
house  
of the  
Lord.

PSALM 122

Parish Stewardship

Weekly collection for 11/16/25. .... \$2,569.00  
 Weekly budget goal ..... \$3,425.00  
 Difference ..... \$856.00  
 CSA 2025 Assessment Goal ..... \$30,504.00  
 CSA Pledges to date ..... \$30,845.00

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**POPE'S INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER**  
**For the Prevention of Suicide**

**Let us pray that those who are tempted to commit suicide might find the support, care, and love they need in their community and be open to the beauty of life.**



Pray the Rosary everyday to obtain peace for the world. Join us at St. Joseph Church each Tuesday at 6 p.m.

**Season 5 of The Chosen** will begin after 5:30 Saturday evening Mass beginning Saturday, November 29th. We will meet in the Faith Formation Center. Refreshments will be provided.

**Exposition, Adoration, and Benediction** will be starting on Sunday, November 30th at 6:00 pm and each Sunday evening up to and including Sunday, December 21st.

**AREA PENANCE SERVICES**

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

**Advent Penance Service** at St. Joseph Church will be on Sunday, December 21st, beginning at 2:00 pm. We will have visiting priests to assist with the confessions.

**THANK YOU** for the generous donations of money and food that were collected at the Thanksgiving Eve Mass. All of the donations will be given to the St. Marys Food Bank.

**Kersey K of C Monthly Breakfast** Sunday, Dec. 7th, from 8 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. or until sold out. St. Boniface Social Hall. \$10 for adults; \$5 for 16 and under. All are invited to come and enjoy this "all you can eat" breakfast buffet!

**The Concert Choir of Elk County** presents:  
 "O Come and Sing of Christmas"

Tues., December 2nd @ St. Leo Church in Ridgway and  
 Sat., December 6th @ Sacred Heart Parish in St. Marys.

BOTH concerts will begin at **7:00 p.m.** and will be followed by refreshments and fellowship in the parish cafeteria.

Please come and help usher in the Christmas Season!

**ADVENT**

**Prepare, Do It, and Be It**

We do a lot of things to prepare for the winter months. There is the final mowing of the grass, cleaning out the gutters, hanging up all of the garden tools that are used for trimming, and sharpening the blades to ready them for the next summer. We store away lawn furniture, bicycles, motorcycles, and even certain cars for the next several months. In addition, we also get out our winter clothing of warm jackets, sweaters, hats, and gloves. We are now ready for cold temperatures. We also prepare our homes with decorations and make a grocery list to prepare for people, friends, and relatives who are coming for dinner and those who will stay for a couple days.

This Holy Season of Advent is a time to prepare. Just as we naturally respond to all of the necessary preparations for winter months and as we prepare to celebrate Christmas with significant people in our lives, what are you doing in order to prepare for Christ's Coming into your heart and lives during this Holy Season?

Jesus says in the Gospel Reading "...you also must be prepared for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." (Mt 24: 44) Ways that we can prepare for Jesus' Coming into our lives are the following:

1. Offer your prayers each day and when you are done, sit quietly and just BE in the Lord's Presence. Wait silently for about 5 minutes or more, then conclude by making the Sign of the Cross slowly.
2. Have a special intention that you want to pray for during this Advent Season, including at least one other person and praying for their intention.

My brothers and sisters, I believe that many of us have special practices that we do during this Holy Season. Let Advent be a more fulfilling experience of preparing for Christ's Coming by doing kind acts for others and simply by being in God's Presence.

God Bless,  
 Father Mark





# We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, December 01, 2025 <b>8:30 a.m. Mass</b>	Ann Michelini 5th anniversary	Children	Advent Weekday	Is 4: 2-6 Mt 8: 5-11 (175)
Tuesday, December 02, 2025 <b>8:30 a.m. Mass</b>	Raymond & Victoria Gornati wedding anniversary	Family	Advent Weekday	Is 11: 1-10 Lk 10: 21-24 (176)
Wednesday, December 03, 2025 <b>No Mass</b>			Saint Francis Xavier, Priest	Is 25: 6-10a Mt 15: 29-37 (177)
Thursday, December 04, 2025 <b>8:30 a.m. Mass</b>	Aldo Zuchelli 1st anniversary	A Force neighbor	Advent Weekday <i>Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church</i>	Is 26: 1-6 Mt 7: 21, 24-27 (178)
Friday, December 05, 2025 <b>8:30 a.m. Mass</b>	Leo Brown 16th anniversary	Family	Advent Weekday	Is 29: 17-24 Mt 9: 27-31 (179)
Saturday, December 06, 2025 <b>8:30 a.m. Mass</b>  <b>FIRST SATURDAY</b>	Paulette Winkler 5th anniversary	Family	Advent Weekday <i>Saint Nicholas, Bishop</i>	Is 30: 19-21, 23-26 Mt 9: 35--10: 1, 5a, 6-8 (180)
Saturday, December 06, 2025 <b>5:30 p.m. Mass</b>	Leonard Lovenduski	Bernadette & Rob Iddings	Vigil of Second Sunday of Advent	(see below)
Sunday, December 07, 2025 <b>9:15 a.m. Mass</b>	Living & Deceased members of St. Joseph Church		<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	Is 11: 1-10 Rom 15: 4-9 Mt 3: 1-12 (4)

## St. Joseph Church

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## Saint Andrew Christmas Novena

(The Catholic Novena App)

**Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in piercing cold.**

**In that hour, vouchsafe, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires,  
(mention your intentions here) through the merits of Our Savior, Jesus Christ, and of His Blessed Mother. Amen.**

The St. Andrew Christmas Novena, also known as the Christmas Anticipation Prayer, begins on the feast day of St. Andrew the Apostle on Nov. 30, and lasts until Dec. 24. Tradition says the prayer should be recited 15 times each day. It is intended to help the faithful prepare spiritually for Christmas, reflecting on the anticipation of Christ's birth.

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## St. Joseph Church

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