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TODAY. SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2025

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00 am - Holy Mass of the Eucharist

Prior to Holy Mass, the Fourth candle of Advent, the Candle of Love, will be lit.

10:00 am - Decorating our church proper for the Christmas season.

OPENING HYMN

"TO THEE, WE COME, O LORD OUR GOD"

To Thee we come, O Lord, our God,
Before Thine altar, Father

Thou knowest best our yearning hearts;
This supplication answer.

Lift up from want Thy people, Lord,
Bless us, O God; O Father, bless our toil.

Under Thy cross we stand prepared,
To serve Thee with devotion;

Be it with sweat of blood or tears,
Or humble resignation.

For we Thy people are, O Lord,
Save us, O God; O Father, bless our toil.

ENTRANCE HYMN

(Micah 5:1)

V. But you, Bethlehem-Ephrathah, too small to be among the clans of Judah

R. From you shall come forth for Me one who is to be ruler in Israel: Whose origin is from of old, from ancient times.

C. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,

R. As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

C. The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

C. Let us pray: Heavenly Father, You filled Your servant Elizabeth with Your Holy Spirit, as she greeted the Mother of our Lord. Fill us now with Your grace that we too may rejoice in Your salvation. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.



LITURGY OF THE WORD

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF MICAH

(Micah 5:1-4)

Thus says the LORD: You, Bethlehem - Ephrathah too small to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for Me, One who is to be ruler in Israel; whose origin is from of old, from ancient times. Therefore, the Lord will give them up, until the time when she who is to give birth has borne, and the rest of his kindred shall return to the children of Israel. He shall stand firm and shepherd his flock by the strength of the LORD, in the majestic name of the LORD, his God; and they shall remain, for now his greatness shall reach to the ends of the earth; he shall be peace.

C. This is the Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

(Micah 5:3)

C. He shall stand firm and shepherd His flock by the strength of the Lord, in the majestic name of the Lord, His God.

R. And they shall remain, for now His greatness shall reach to the ends of the earth.



A READING FROM THE LETTER OF SAINT PAUL TO THE HEBREWS
(Hebrews 10:5-10)

Brothers and sisters: When Christ came into the world, He said: "Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for Me; in holocausts and sin offerings you took no delight. Then I said, 'As is written of Me in the scroll, behold, I come to do your will, O God.'" First, He says, "Sacrifices and offerings, holocausts and sin offerings, you neither desired nor delighted in." These are offered according to the law. Then He says: Behold, I come to do your will." He takes away the first to establish the second. By this "will," we have been consecrated through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

C. This is the Word of the Lord.
R. Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE
(James 5:8)

C. Alleluia, alleluia.
R. Alleluia, alleluia.
V. You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand.
R. Alleluia, alleluia.



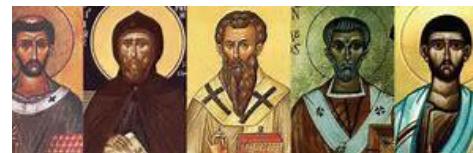
THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT LUKE
(Luke 1:39-45)

C. The Lord be with you.
R. And also with you.
C. A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke.
R. Glory be to You, O Lord.

Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit,

cried out in a loud voice, and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For, at the moment, the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."

C. This is the Gospel of the Lord.
R. Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.



THE NICENE CREED

I believe in One God, the Father, the Almighty,
 Maker of heaven and earth
 Of all that is seen and unseen.
I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
 The only Son of God,
 eternally begotten of the Father.
God from God, Light from Light, True God
 from true God, begotten not made
 Of one being with the Father.
Through Him all things were made
 For us and for our salvation.
 He came down from heaven:
 By the power of the Holy Spirit
 He was born of the Virgin Mary
 AND BECAME MAN.
 For our sake, He was crucified
 under Pontius Pilate
He suffered death and was buried.
 On the third day He rose again
 In fulfillment of the Scriptures.
 He ascended into heaven and
Is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again in glory
 To judge the living and the dead
And His kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 The Lord and Giver of Life
 Who proceeds from the Father,
 With the Father and the Son
 He is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in One, Holy, Catholic

and Apostolic Church
I acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
And I look for the resurrection of the dead
And the + life of the world to come. Amen.



OFFERATORY VERSE

(Numbers 24:17a)

V. I see Him, though not now; I behold Him,
though not near: A star shall advance
from Jacob, and a staff shall rise from Israel.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

O God, You showed the world the splendor of Your glory in the coming of Your Son, born of the Virgin Mary. May we worthily offer this Holy Sacrifice and celebrate the mystery of God-made-man. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.



ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Let us Pray: Most loving Jesus, I adore You in the Most Blessed Sacrament, in which You are truly present. I love You above all things and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot receive You sacramentally, I ask You to come spiritually into my heart and heal my soul. I embrace You and unite myself with You; may I never be separated from You. Inflame my heart with the fire of Your love, my Lord and Savior. Amen.

COMMUNION VERSE

(Isaiah 7:14)

V. Therefore, the Lord Himself will give you this sign: the virgin shall be with child, and bear a son, and shall name Him Immanuel.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

C. The Lord be with you.
R. And also with you.
C. Let us pray. O God, most gracious Father, the mystery of Your eternal Word took flesh on earth when the Virgin Mary placed her life in Your service. Through this Eucharist, may we receive the Spirit to help us prepare for His coming in truth, faith and love. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen



CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

2025-2026

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2025

THE VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS

9:00 pm – “**Pasterka**” – Mass of the Shepherds

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2025

SOLEMNITY- THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

9:00 am - Holy Mass of the Eucharist to celebrate in the birth of the Lord, Jesus Christ.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2025

FEAST - STEPHEN, PROTO-MARTYR

9:00 am – Holy Mass to remember St. Stephen

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2025

JOHN, APOSTLE & EVANGELIST

9:00 am – Holy Mass with the blessing and distribution of wine to the faithful.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2025

SOLEMNITY – HUMBLE SHEPHERDS

9:00 am – Holy Mass of the Eucharist to remember the shepherds of Christmas.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT – LOVE

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” – John 3:16

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

On this, the 4th Sunday of Advent, we light the 4th candle on our Advent wreath: the Candle of Love. Over the past three weeks, we lit candles that represent Hope, Peace and Joy, three great pillars of Christianity. Today, we light and reflect on the fulfillment of these great Christian pillars; that being “Love.”

It has been said that is no greater power than love, for it has also been said that love can conquer all. I am reminded of a song that the rock group, the Beatles, wrote back in 1967, with a title of 4 simple words: “All You Need is Love.” In its lyrics, we find that nothing is impossible as long as you have love.

There have been millions of words spoken and thousands of books and poems written about love. Love is simply defined as: “an intense feeling of deep affection.” I believe that when one finds love, one clings to that power of love, for it changes, transforms, and makes an individual find a higher self, based on loved as expressed in the Ministry of Jesus the Christ

I would teach children in catechism of two words: physical and spiritual. I explained that when we speak of love, love can be experienced in life through the five human senses, but true love is not just experienced through the senses but rather felt. Although the physical heart is not directly associated with the spiritual power of love, there have been countless writings that say that love comes from the heart.

I think one of the greatest thoughts that I can share is found in this simple statement: “If you collected all the things that you have experienced as being love, it is only a “scratch on the eternal glass” of the love that God has for each of us.

While I am no expert on the subject of love, I have felt love in my life, as we all have. I would like to share with you, the thoughts of two Early Christian writers, who had great spiritual insight and who wrote and experienced divine love. They were Saint Paul and Saint John.

In Corinthians 13:1-3 Paul speaks of love. He writes:

“If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing” Paul says that without love, one is empty, one is nothing and one gains nothing in life.

In the First Letter of John, He speaks of love. He writes:

“Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves, has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love, does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed His love among us: He sent His one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is made complete in us”. In just these 6 scripture passages, love is mentioned 15 times.

Today’s Gospel brings us to know the depth of God’s love. It is found in a young virgin named Mary, who was righteous and truly loved her Lord. She was devoted to the love she shared this with her Lord in prayer and God in return, chose this love and her prayers and choose her to bear His only begotten out of love.

My brothers and sisters: If but for a moment we could reflect upon the significance of the relationship that God had for this young virgin named Miriam or Mary, and in her innocence, the love and devotion she had for her Lord, we begin to understand the reason why it would be her to carry His only begotten Son, who offered eternal life in Him, you will come closer to understand that spiritual love which comes from within. It is a gift, called “Grace” that God has placed inside each of us ; for it comes from the One who gave us Life. It is in the Good News of Jesus Christ that we see love. That birth that took place that night in Bethlehem

was given out of love and through our willingness to follow the Lord Jesus Christ in our lives we become as Paul writes perfected in His love.



MARY – THE MOTHER OF THE LORD

Mary (Aramaic, Hebrew: מִרְיָם, Maryām, Miriam; Arabic: مريم, Maryam), venerated in the Catholic, Orthodox, Anglican, Lutheran and many other Christian denominations as "Saint Mary", "Mother Mary", the "Virgin Mary", the "Blessed Virgin Mary", or "Mary, Mother of Jesus".

Mary was a Jewish woman that lived in the town of Nazareth in Galilee, and who lived from the 1st century BC to 1st century AD.

According to the Gospels of Matthew and Luke as found in the New Testament, Mary as a virgin and according to Christian theology she conceived Jesus through the Holy Spirit while still a virgin. This miraculous conception took place when she was already betrothed to Joseph and while traveling to Bethlehem with Joseph for a census, she gave birth to her first born, Jesus, or in Aramaic, Yeshūa.

It is in the Gospel of Luke, that we read of her Annunciation, the time when the angel Gabriel appeared to her and announced that she would bring forth a son. We read how she traveled, while she was pregnant, and stayed with her cousin, Elizabeth, who was many years older than Mary. Elizabeth would bore John the Baptist.

One of the most beautiful of all readings as found in the New Testament is the song of praise of Mary, upon hearing that she would be the Mother of the Jesus the Christ. It is known as The Magnificat.

Mary has been venerated since early Christianity and is venerated by millions of Christians to be the most blessed of all saints and is a Patron saint of many countries. She is claimed to have miraculously appeared to believers many times over the centuries. She is believed to be the mother of Jesus, is the Mother of God, (Greek:Θεοτόκος. *Theotokos*,

lit. 'God-bearer') and is venerated in the Eastern and Oriental Orthodox, Catholic, Anglican, and Lutheran churches. It should also be known that Mary is highly revered in Islam, where one of the longer chapters of the Quran is devoted to her.

In Holy Scripture, we find that Mary was present in the life of Jesus and was present at the crucifixion and among those who went to the His tomb. She is depicted as a member of the early Christian community in Jerusalem and according to Catholic and Orthodox teachings, at the end of her earthly life, her body was raised directly into Heaven. This is known in the Christianity as the Assumption of Mary.



PRAYERS FOR HEALTH AND HEALING

“And He sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.” - Luke 2:9

May we pray for the health and healing for all those, who we remember in our prayer:

Fr. Sr. Joseph Soltysiak, Vincent Stankiewicz, George Sadowski, Wayne Shaw, Linda Puchalski, Richard Foster, Carolyn Rapalye, Karen Herzig, Paula Winn, Stefanik Gadecki, Marge Sanderson, Brandon Poe, baby James, Liam & Evelyn Spatcher, Jennie Harrington, Eric Rose, Lori Lukomski, C.J. Panell, Mick Szumski, Tosia, Toka and Larry Bara Jr., Laurie Lis, Bp. Paul Sobiechowski, Todd Odell, David Moskin, Laurie Lis, Renata Wos, Jan Clark, Zoe Kinnunen, as well as all our own personal intentions

Let us Pray: O Lord, God of mercies, in Your kindness, stretch out Your hand and heal all our brothers and sisters who are in any way are ailing. Deliver them, according to Your will, from all their present sicknesses and illnessness, and grant them recovery in Jesus' holy name. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, and are One God. Amen.

**ED MISSION & EVANGELISM COMMISSION
WEDNESDAYS AT NOON – CALL TO PRAYER**

In the month of December, our Eastern Diocese has called upon all its members and others to offer prayer at 12:00 noon each Wednesday:

Into Your hands, O God, we commend ourselves and all who are dear to us. Fill us with the Holy Spirit and strengthen us for the work You have given us to do. May we complete that work with glad hearts. As we serve and walk before You, help us to live in holiness and righteousness all our days. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name; Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. Amen.



OPLATEK – CHRISTMAS WAFER

Oplatek, the traditional Polish Christmas wafer, is now available and may be found in the vestibule of our Church.



ADOPT-A-FAMILY OF FRANKLIN COUNTY

At our most recent Parish Committee meeting that was held this past last Saturday, we received a report from Peg Kostiuk and Alice Maiewski who have been in contact with Libby Kolasinski, who heads up the Adopt-A-Family of Franklin County, I want to thank Peg and Alice for their help.



PIEROGI FOR SALE

We currently have **Cabbage** as well as **Potato & Cheese pierogi** available for the holiday season at \$12.00 per dozen. Please see Fr. Koerber or a member of the Parish Committee for purchase.



OUR PARISH OUTREACH PROGRAMS

“Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others.” - Philippians 2:4

Our Food Ministry: “To Feed the Hungry”

“I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat.” - Matthew 25:35

Our next grocery **“give-a-way”** date will be this **Saturday, January 17, 2026** from 10:00 am until supplies last.

We also wish to thank all those who have donated to our food ministry. Donations of items needed as well as monetary gifts will be greatly appreciated.

We are still in need of the following:

- Cereals and instant oatmeal.
- Fruit juices, - V8, Apple and Cranberry juices.
- Powder milk / condensed milk.
- Hot chocolate and tea bags.
- Pasta and spaghetti sauce.
- Boxes of Mac-n-cheese.
- Canned tuna in water.
- Canned meats- chicken, salmon, etc
- Ramen noodles.
- Soups- all varieties.
- Canned veggies and fruits.
- Children’s snack packs

Please note: Also, through our Parish ministries, we are continuing to collect “full sized” containers of **personal care items and cleaning items** to aid others in need.

- Bar soaps and body wash, shampoo, toothpaste and toothbrushes, deodorant, hand sanitizers, toilet paper, and personal products for incontinence (pads & panty liners, baby powder, baby wipes and diapers).
- Liquid dish soap, laundry detergent, paper towels, bathroom and kitchen cleansers,