

"First Sunday of Advent"

Entrance Antiphon: "To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame." Cf. Ps 25(24):1-3

Communion Antiphon: "The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase." Ps 85(84):13

The Pope's Intention for the Month of December: For Pilgrims Of Hope, "Let us pray that the coming Church Jubilee Year 2025 strengthens us in our faith; helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in the midst of our lives, transforming us into pilgrims of Christian hope."

Reflection for this Sunday: As we begin a new liturgical year on this First Sunday of Advent, the Prophet Jeremiah reminds us of God's promise: a righteous branch will sprout from David's line, bringing justice and salvation. St. Paul encourages the Thessalonians to grow in love and holiness, preparing their hearts for the coming of the Lord. In the Gospel, Jesus speaks of cosmic signs and urges us to stand ready, lifting our heads with hope because our redemption is near. Advent invites us to live in joyful anticipation of Christ's coming—in history at Bethlehem, in mystery through the sacraments, and in glory at the end of time. Let us prepare our hearts by deepening our love for God and one another, living as children of the promise, ready to welcome the Lord who is faithful to His word.

A Heartfelt Thank You!

Dear Parishioners,

With deep gratitude and joy, I extend my heartfelt thanks to each of you for your generous contributions to St. Edmund's Rectory Boiler Fund. Your support has been truly inspiring, demonstrating the spirit of unity and care that defines our parish family. Thanks to your kindness, we are well on our way to ensuring a warm and welcoming rectory as we head into the colder months.

May God bless each of you abundantly for your generosity and your dedication to our parish. Together, we continue to build a strong and faithful community, rooted in love and service.

Gratefully in Christ,
Fr. Tojo Chacko

***Santa will be at the Lyon Mt. American Legion on Dec. 15th at 3pm.**

***Raffle Sale Dec. 7 & 8** will be held at the Masses to Benefit the Religious Ed Program.

Christmas Festival: St Ann & Holy Angels Parishes Christmas Festival. Location: Holy Angels Hall, Altona. Sunday December 8th 2024. Time: 9:00am to 4:00pm. Craft Fair 9-3 * Bake Sale * Gift Basket Raffle. Live Nativity 3pm-4pm. Christmas Concert * Food & Refreshments For Sale. An Event for the Whole Family To Enjoy!!! For More info: 518-236-5632

40 hour Eucharistic Adoration: In Preparation for Christmas we are having a 40 hour Eucharistic Adoration at St. Edmund's Church, Ellenburg Center starting December 16 at 6:00 PM and ending December 18 at 12:00 PM. **Can you Pray one hour with our Lord Jesus?** Sign up sheets are in the back of the Churches.

St. Bernard's Christmas Pageant rehearsal will be after 10:30am Mass. All students and Parents are welcome. For more information contact Mary Fortin 518-593-2838 or Mona Siskavich 518-593-1319

Cleaning & Decorating of St. Edmund's Church: We would like to invite all those who would like to Volunteer for decorating and cleaning the St. Edmund's Church for Advent. Please come join us on Saturday, December 14, 2024 at 9am. All are welcome.

End of Year Statements: If you would like a Statement of your contributions for 2024, please call the office and we will put you on a list.

***Festival of Lessons and Carols:** St. Alexander's Church in Morrisonville will be hosting the 2nd Annual Clinton-Franklin Deanery Festival of Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 8th at 3:00 PM at St. Alexander's Church, 1 Church Street, Morrisonville, NY. For more information, contact the St. Alexander's Parish Office at (518) 561-5039

***Christmas Candles and/or Wreaths** are available again at St. Bernard's. They will be \$10 each for either candle or wreath and will be up on Dec.16th, 23rd and 30th. Contact Mona & Mike Siskavich to make purchase! 518-593-1319 or 518-593-0873.

***December 8th Advent Family Movie:** You are warmly invited to a stress-free Advent Family Afternoon of Relaxation featuring the lovely 2006 film, "The Nativity Story." **Sunday, December 8th from 3 to 5:30 p.m.** Come and enjoy a beloved family movie with friends, refreshments, old-fashioned fun, peace and good will! At Our Lady of the Adirondacks House of Prayer, 7270 Star Road, Route 190, Ellenburg Center. Call Sarah at 518-534-9976 for more information.

Mass & Envelope Schedule

Saturday 12/7	Sunday 12/8
<u>4:00pm (SB)</u> (L) Patrick Chase (EM) Jessica Charland	<u>8:00am (SE)</u> (L) Christine Gregory (EM) Deryl Gregory (EM) Matt Sylvester
<u>6:00pm (SE)</u> (L) Erin LaClair (EM) Matt LaClair (EM) Betty Bulriss	<u>10:30am (SB)</u> (L) Diane Barber (EM) Diane Barber (EM) Mike Chase
Counters (Week 1)	Mona Siskavich Barbara laDuke
December 1	December 8
Regular Collection Fuel Collection	Regular Collection Religious Retirement



Charity Event -The Angel Tree- for local Children & Seniors. As of Nov. 30th - Angel Tags will be on the tree at the entrance of St. Bernard's & St. Edmund's Churches. Please take a tag and return an unwrapped gift with the tag by Dec.15th. For more information contact Shar Stanley at 518 - 594 - 3858.

***Catholic Daughters** will be selling tickets for **MX Fuel Raffle**, 100 gals. \$5 per ticket or 5 for \$20. Drawing will be on December 8th @ 10:30 Mass.

***Wreaths Across America** is on Dec.14, 2024, We are looking for donations for the wreaths. Anyone wanting to donate please contact Peter Siskavich, 32 Trudeau Rd. Cadyville, NY 12918

Pray for the Sick: Betty Gregory, Shirley Guerin, Baby Walter, Frieda Whitfield, Bill LePage, Brian Lashway, Rolland Magoon, Fred Cayea Jr., Marguerite Colgan

Offertory Collections for Weekend of 11/24/24

Regular Collection:	\$ 3,094.00	<i>Thank You</i>
Human Development:	\$ 524.00	
Boiler Fund:	\$14,530.00	

"First Sunday of Advent"

Saturday, November 30th, 2024:

4:00pm(SB) Rita & Pete Kwetican by Claire & Bernadette Kowalowski
6:00pm(SE) Eunice Silver by Norma & Lawrence Nichols

Sunday, December 1st, 2024

8:00am(SE) Barbara McDonald by Betty & Martin Gregory
10:30am(SB) Ken Davies by Donna & Pat Curry

Monday, December 2nd, 2024

5: 30pm (SE) Eunice Silver by Christine & Deryl Gregory

Tuesday, December 3rd, 2024

9: 00am(SB) Francis Kowalowski by Claire & Bernadette Kowalowski

Wednesday, December 4th, 2024

No Mass

Thursday, December 5th, 2024

9:00am (SE) Eunice (Dupuis) Roberts by Family

Friday, December 6th, 2024

9: 00am(SB) Allen & Shirley Oehler by George & Karen Oehler

Next Weekend

"Second Sunday of Advent"

Saturday, December 7th, 2024:

4:00pm(SB) Pauline & Walter Kowalowski by Claire & Bernadette Kowalowski
6:00pm(SE) Donald Barnaby by Linda Barnaby

Sunday, December 8th, 2024

8:00am(SE) Lester Peets by Family
10:30am(SB) For the People of the Parish

SANCTUARY CANDLE (Week of December 1st, 2024)

St. Bernard's	St. Edmund's
Edward Layton By Julie Welch & Family	Chad Brunell By Jim & Mary LaBombard

Christmas Mass Schedule

December 24, Tuesday: Christmas Vigil

4 : 00pm at St. Bernard's Church, Lyon Mountain
6 : 00pm at St. Edmund's Church, Ellenburg

December 25, Wednesday: Christmas Day

10 :30am at St. Bernard's Church, Lyon Mountain


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Schedule of Holy Mass

Saturday	Sunday
4:00pm (SB) 6:00pm (SE)	8:00am (SE) 10:30am (SB)

St. Edmund's Church
 Est. 1883
 5526 Route 11
 Ellenburg Center, NY

Office Hours:
 Monday, Tuesday,
 Wednesday:
 9:30am to 1:30pm or
 by appointment

The sacrament of penance and reconciliation is available 20 minutes prior to each Saturday Evening masses, or anytime by appointment.

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Abuse Reporting: If you have a complaint of suspected misconduct involving diocesan clergy, religious, employees or volunteers, contact: Victim Assistance Coordinator, Terrienne Yanulavich, 5050 Route 374, Merrill, NY 12955; Email: terriannyanulavich@yahoo.com Phone: (Day time) 518-358-3145 ext. 7179 (Evenings) 518-569-0612; or Father Christopher Carrara, the Episcopal Vicar for Clergy; ccarrara@rcdony.org Phone: 315-393-2920 ext. 1340.



First Sunday Of Advent
"Prophet's Candle" or the "Candle of Hope"

Advent Wreath Prayer

Dear Jesus, you are the hope in our messy world.
 This Advent, help us slow down, listen to your voice, and focus on what's really important.
 We place our hope in you as we prepare our hearts to celebrate your birth on Christmas.
 Amen