

**“Second Sunday of Advent”**

**Entrance Antiphon:** O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart. Cf. Is 30:19,30

**Communion Antiphon:** Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God. Bar 5:5; 4:36

**Reflection for this Sunday:** Isaiah’s prophecy of the shoot from the stump of Jesse is a powerful reminder of God’s ability to bring life from what seems dead. This promise of the Messiah fills us with hope as we await the Lord’s coming. Paul echoes this hope in the second reading, encouraging us to live in harmony and welcome one another as Christ has welcomed us. The Gospel introduces John the Baptist, who calls us to prepare the way of the Lord through repentance. His message is urgent and uncompromising: the kingdom of heaven is at hand, and we must bear fruit that reflects true conversion. Advent is a season of preparation, not just for Christmas but for Christ’s transformative presence in our lives. Let us heed John’s call, examining our hearts, clearing away the obstacles of sin, and making room for the Savior who comes to bring peace, justice, and renewal.

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

**\*CDA # 1300 Court Little Rose** will be doing Christmas Baskets on Dec. 13th @ 9am.

**Advent Day of Prayer:** Come and enjoy a relaxing Time before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, Along With Praise and Worship And A Time of Soaking Prayer When: Wednesday December 11; Where: Notre Dame Chapel, Malone; Two Sessions: 1Pm to 3PM Or 6PM to 8Pm. Led By: Eve McGill: Living Waters Healing Ministry.

**Christ's Coming! Annual Advent Concert:** Saturday, December 21st at 1:00 pm at Notre Dame Church (Malone, NY) for the fourth annual Christ's Coming Advent Concert! This afternoon of Advent and Christmas music is presented by Madonna Champagne & Braden Jarosz, featuring talented musicians from the North Country. The recital will include a variety of musical styles and instruments all in preparation to welcome our Lord's birth. Donations will benefit St. André's Good Samaritan Food Pantry and refreshments will follow. Please join us as we anticipate Christ's coming- all are welcome!

**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

**\*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.

**\*Town of Dannemora and Friends Santa Visit** Sunday December 15th 3-5pm at the Lyon Mountain American Legion. Open to Children of all ages...Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren are welcome.

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**Mass & Envelope Schedule**

Saturday 12/14	Sunday 12/15
<b>4:00pm (SB)</b> (L) Mona Siskavich (EM) Mona Siskavich (EM) Karen Oehler	<b>8:00am (SE)</b> (L) Peggy McNeil (EM) Doug Trombley (EM) Sharlene Stanley
<b>6:00pm (SE)</b> (L) Nancy Miller (EM) Andy Miller (EM) Delbert Hart	<b>10:30am (SB)</b> (L) Bill Chase (EM) Bill Chase (EM) Diane Barber
<b>Counters (Week 2)</b>	JoAnn McNeil Peggy McNeil
December 8	December 15
Regular Collection Religious Retirement	Regular Collection Build. & Maint.



**Charity Event -The Angel Tree-** for local Children & Seniors. 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.

**\*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.

**\*Wreaths Across America** will be holding a full ceremony with Military Honors on Dec. 14th at St. Bernard’s and United Methodist Cemeteries. Come and help place 190 wreaths for our fallen veterans. Luncheon will be held at the Lyon American Legion after ceremony.

**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 12/1/24**  
Regular Collection: \$ 4,378.00 *Thank You*

**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

**Monday, December 9th, 2024:**  
**The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

5: 00pm (SE) Altar Rosary Honorary Members  
**Tuesday, December 10th, 2024**  
9: 00am(SB) Luva LaMare by Bill & Robin Chase

**Wednesday, December 11th, 2024**  
**No Mass**  
**Thursday, December 12th, 2024**  
9:00am (SE) Mike McNally by Christine & Deryl Gregory

**Friday, December 13th, 2024**  
9: 00am(SB) Joan Ferrell by John & Family

**Next Weekend**  
**“Third Sunday of Advent: Gaudete Sunday”**

**Saturday, December 14th, 2024:**  
4:00pm(SB) Carol Blaine by Albert & Jane Blaine  
6:00pm(SE) Eileen Bosley by Debbie & Phalon Miner

**Sunday, December 15th, 2024**  
8:00am(SE) For the People of the Parish  
10:30am(SB) Charles & Marie Tremblay by Carol & Jum Dumont

**SANCTUARY CANDLE**  
**(Week of December 8th, 2024)**

St. Bernard’s	St. Edmund’s
Francis Kowalowski By Claire & Bernadette Kowalowski	Clarence, Victoria, Robert & Rosemary LaBombard 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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# St. Bernard's & St. Edmund's Parish

**St. Bernard's Church**  
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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.

**Fr. Tojo Chacko HGN**  
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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, Terriane Yanulavich, 5050 Route 374, Merrill, NY 12955; Email: terrianeyanulavich@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.

## Second Sunday Of Advent "Bethlehem Candle" or the "Candle of Peace"



## Advent Wreath Prayer

**O God of Peace, come~**  
 Form us into your Peace-makers.  
 Enable us to look within ourselves,  
 to make straight our crooked hearts,  
 to patiently and lovingly await changes  
 in ourselves and others.  
 As you gather us tenderly,  
 and hold us close, may we also show  
 that same compassion to the world.  
 Fill our hearts with your peace,  
 and our lives with your love,  
 that these may flow from our lives  
 and into our world.  
 We ask this through Christ,  
 our Savior and our peace. **Amen**