



THE CATHEDRAL VOICE

HOLY MOTHER OF THE ROSARY CATHEDRAL

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Welcome to Holy Mother of the Rosary Cathedral!
Whether you are a member, seeking a new spiritual home,
or just stopping in to visit, you are welcome here.

Mass is at 5 PM Saturday and 10 AM Sunday

Sunday, December 7, 2025

Second Sunday of Advent – Cycle A

- 9:30 AM Choir warm up
9:50 AM General confession & absolution
10:00 AM Holy Mass
Lector: Tammy Lightcap
11:15 AM Coffee Hour, Congregational Budget Meeting, Adult Bible Study, SOCL

Monday, December 8, 2025

Solemnity – Conception of the BVM

- 11:00 AM Holy Mass
11:30 AM Bingo
7:00 PM Choir rehearsal

Tuesday, December 9, 2025

Leocadia, V, M

- 8:00 AM +Rodney Dean Wilk, by Family

Wednesday, December 10, 2025

Miltiades of Rome, Bp

- 8:00 AM +William & Mary Osenkarski and brother Bill, by Mary Ann & Leonard Osenkarski

Thursday, December 11, 2025

Damasus of Rome, Bp, M

- 9:00 AM Mass of Thanksgiving – 40th Ordination anniversary, Bp. John, req. Sherry Mack
9:00 AM Fish Fry prep
10:00 AM Seniors Gathering

Friday, December 12, 2025

Solemnity – Our Lady of Guadalupe

- 9:00 AM Holy Mass
4:00 PM Fish Fry

Saturday, December 13, 2025

Lucy, V, M

- 9:00 AM Advent penitential service & retreat
4:30 PM Choir warm up
5:00 PM Holy Mass

Lector: Michelle Voytovich

Sunday, December 14, 2025

Third Sunday of Advent – Cycle A

- 9:30 AM Choir warm up
10:00 AM Holy Mass
Lector: Jenna Lightcap
11:15 AM Coffee Hour, Adult Bible Study, SOCL

PARISH COMMITTEE COUNTERS

**DECEMBER: Janice Jones, Sherry Mack,
Arlene Madigan, Mary Ellen Sanfilippo**

Dear Parish Family,

Please be aware that I am available for: spiritual direction, private confession, blessing of homes, visitation of the sick, visitation of the homebound, and other pastoral ministrations. Please call the office at 716-685-5766 for an appointment.

Love and blessing,

Fr. Joseph Pasquella

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday: Solemnity – Conception of the BVM
Proverbs 8:22-35 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12
Luke 1: 26-38

Tuesday: Isaiah 40:1-11 Matt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Isaiah 40:25-31 Matt 11:28-30

Thursday: Isaiah 41:13-20 Matt 11:11-15

Friday: Solemnity – Our Lady of Guadalupe
Genesis 3:9-15, 20 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12
Luke 1:26-38

Saturday: Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11 Matt 17:10-19



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This Week's Team:

Team 2

Invitation to learn more about our parish

For those interested in joining our parish or learning more about us: please contact our administrative assistant Cheryl at our parish office so as to set up an appointment to meet with Bishop John or Father Joe.



**The parish office will be
closed this Wednesday,
December 10.**

United YMSR Clothing Drive

The United YMSR is sponsoring a winter clothing drive from now until January 4, 2026. Parishes are asked to collect gently used winter clothes for the needy. Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 parishes. Boxes for your items are being provided in the vestibule of the church. Thanks for your help and your concern!

Advent Penitential Service & Retreat



Our Advent Penitential Service and Retreat, entitled Behold the Wonder: The Coming of Christ through Mary's Eyes, is scheduled for December 13. The penitential service will begin at 9:00 AM followed by the retreat at 10:00 AM. A sign-up sheet for the retreat is in the vestibule. Please prepare for Christmas by honoring Advent.

Prayer for the Sick

Heavenly Father of mercy and love, hear our prayers for the sick members of our community and for all who are in need. May they find consolation, lasting health, and deliverance in Your healing presence, and we thank You for all Your gifts. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We pray for Raul & Debbie, Margaret, Dennis Drzewiecki, Cheryl Eckert, Bob Giczowski, Tom Heftka, John LoDeco, Fr. Joe Pasquella, Autumn Peterson, Vicki Rencewicz, Yvonne Seekins, Fr. Sr. Joseph Soltysiak, Denise Swantek, and Louise Szpila.

Congregational Meeting after Sunday Mass!

Our annual budget and calendar meeting is **this Sunday, December 7**, following the 10:00 AM Mass. Please join us!

Fish Fry News Update

We are still looking for one more co-chairman for the monthly fish fry. We also need help with the following tasks during the week:

- Monday/Tuesday
 - Defrost fish
- Wednesday
 - Cook macaroni
 - Bake cakes
 - Prepare eggs & veggies for salads
- Thursday
 - Peel, dice, & cook potatoes
 - Make salads
 - Ice cakes
- Friday Morning
 - Set up kitchen
- Friday Evening
 - Clean kitchen

Veggie Team Volunteers Wanted

Jim & Tina Crane are looking for someone to take over the veggie part of the fish fries. The job entails purchasing four items—eggs, peppers, celery, & carrots—and then prepping them for the fish fry salads.

Please call Tina for details at 716-864-9742 (cell) or 716-681-7450 (home).

Free Cards Available

We have received a collection of Christmas cards (and a few 2026 calendars) which are free for the taking! If you could use some, stop by the office!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Seniors Gathering: December 18, 10:00 AM

Christmas Masses: Vigil December 24, 4:00 PM;

Midnight December 24, 11:00 PM; Day December 25, 10:00 AM

Thank You All!

Words of sincere gratitude are expressed to all who planned my 40th Anniversary of Ordination celebration. May God bless all who planned, worked, attended, and gave thanks to God on this day. May God bless you in your love and care.

Bp. John

Christmas Giving Tree



The Christmas Giving Tree is up and we encourage you to take a tag and purchase a gift for a needy child in our community. The Lancaster Youth Bureau has asked that we **do not wrap the gifts** but rather place them in bags or boxes along with a gift tag from our Giving Tree. The **deadline** to place your unwrapped or bagged gifts under the tree will be **this Tuesday, December 9**. The gifts will be distributed in plenty of time for Christmas by the Lancaster Youth Bureau.

COMMUNITY EVENTS - CONCERTS



Choir Concert

The Alden Area Ecumenical Choir is holding a concert titled *A Christmas Blessing* this Saturday, December 6 at 7:00 PM and Sunday, December 7 at 3:00 PM. The Saturday event will be at Akron First United Methodist Church, while the Sunday event will be right here at HMR Cathedral! Proceeds will benefit White Whiskers.

Handbell Concert

The Buffalo Bells are holding a handbell concert this Friday, December 12 at 7:00 PM. *Ring We Now of Christmas* is free and family-friendly, and will feature traditional songs and holiday favorites. The concert will be at Faith Lutheran Church (1230 Bowen Rd, Elma), and refreshments will be served after the concert.

MASS SCHEDULE – DAILY 8 AM

WEEKEND: SATURDAY 5 PM & SUNDAY 10 AM

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