

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. Dec 2 (Is 2 : 1-5/Mt 8 : 5-11)
 5:30pm – (SM) Communion Service
Tues. Dec 3 (Is 11: 1-10/Lk 10: 21-24)
 8:30am – (SM) Susan Ward by the YaYa Sisters
Wed. Dec 4 (Is 25: 6-10a/Mt 15: 29-37)
 8:30am –(SM) Rosemary Gillotti by Joe
Thurs Dec 5 (Is 26: 1-6/Mt 7: 21, 24-27)
9:00am – (SP) Vincent Cuccari by Maria
Fri. Dec 6 (Is 29: 17-24/Mt 9: 27-31)
 8:30am – (SP) Paul Shaffer by family
Sat. Dec 7 (Is 30: 19-21, 23-26/Mt 9: 35-10: 1, 5a, 6-8)
 8:30am – (SP) Justin Bergin by Barb Maloney
 5:00pm – (SM) Nancy Milliman by Cathy & Tree Felber
Sun. Dec 8 2nd Sunday of Advent (Bar 5: 1-9/Phil 1: 4-6,
 8-11/Lk 3: 1-6)
 8:00am – (SP) Brian ‘Buzzy’ Black by Sara & Joan
 9:30am – (SM) Lou & Mary Ellen LeBrun by family
 11:00am – (SP) Larry Bertino by family

ST. MARY’S

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR 12/7 & 2/8/24

LECTORS/COMMENTATORS

5:00 pm –Lector: J Bells., Commentator: T Smith
 9:30 am –Lector: R Capozzi, Commentator: L Shipley

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:00 pm – C Felber, E Hughes, S Scarpa
 9:30 am – M Grillone, D Duprey, N Dinan

ALTAR SERVERS

5:00 pm – as per sign-up sheet
 9:30 pm – as per sign-up sheet

MONEY COUNTERS FOR 12/2**

Monday - Team #2

PANCAKE BREAKFAST CREW FOR 12/3

N Pluretti D Bender
 K Peters C Ralston
 R Costantino

COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR NURSING HOMES

December 5, 2024 - **Huntington** - 2pm
 Denise (P)
 Corky, Jackie, Kathy,Ed

CALENDAR

Monday Dec 2

RCIA - Min Ctr 7:00pm

Tuesday Dec 3

Free Pancake Breakfast – Min Ctr 8:30-10am

Wednesday Dec 4

Eucharistic Adoration - SP Church 5-6:00pm
 Rosary - Joyful, Sorrowful & Glorious Mysteries
 SM Church 7-8:00 pm

Thursday Dec 5

Eucharistic Adoration - SM Church 9:30am-4pm

Friday Dec 6

Saturday Dec 7

Real Christmas – Waterloo Rec Center 3-5pm

Sunday Dec 8 2nd Sunday of Advent

RE - Min Ctr 10:30-noon
 Children’s Choir rehearsal - SP Church 12:15-1pm
 Advent By Candlelight - SM Church 2:00pm

Confession - St. Mary’s - Saturday - 3:30-4:30pm
 St. Patrick’s - 1st Friday’s - 9:00-10:00am
 or by appointment

Real Christmas Searching for Living Waterloo & Seneca Falls Veterans in Our Parish...The Annual Real Christmas will be on Pearl Harbor Day, December 7 from 3-6:00 PM at the Waterloo Recreation Center. This year’s honorees will be living veterans from Waterloo and Seneca Falls. If you are or know of a living veteran, please call the Ministry Center and leave the name/s. Thank you.

Free Pancake & Eggs, Etc. Breakfast every Tuesday from 8:30-10:00 AM at St. Francis-St. Clare Parish's Ministry Center (former St. Mary's School), 35 Center Street in Waterloo. Parking is behind the church with the entrance to the breakfasts nearby. These breakfasts are held every Tuesday except for major holidays or a snow storm. For more information call 315-539-8006. ALL ARE WELCOME

There will be no pancake breakfast on Dec. 24th or Dec. 31 due to the holidays. We will resume on January 7th.

Week of 11/30– 12/6/24

St. Mary's – SANCTUARY LAMP

Marv, Tony & Mom
Offered by: Carol

ALTAR BREAD & WINE

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Offered by: Carol

St. Patrick's – SANCTUARY LAMP

Tony Costantino
Offered by: Rosemary & family

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ANGELUS BELLS

12/2	SM SP	
12/3	SM SP	
12/4	SM SP	
12/5	SM SP	
12/6	SM SP	
12/7	SM SP	
12/8	SM SP	Bob & John Bennett

The cost to have the Angelus bells rung in memory of a relative or an occasion is \$10. There are many dates available.

Pray for our sick & homebound...Lee Patchen, Elizabeth Martin, Thomas P. Callaghan, Paul F. Deal, Matthew Enger, Dave Russell, Edith Greene, Helen Boenigk, H.A.D., Mila Rae, Frank & Joyce Tedesche, Christopher Podgorny, Richard Daugenti, Doug & Rosemary Plank & family, Bob & Dolly Steinhouse, Barbara Crosby, Joanna Gould, Dr. Steven Ryan, Amy Marie Maloney Farr, Dan Hogen, Sr. Catherine Judge, Judy, Glenn Paul, April Lanphear, Hannah & her family, Tenley Gurreri, Kensel McClenathan, Jayden Jensen, Kendra, Christopher Jones, Doris Crawford Mitchell, Brian Oddi, Elizabeth Babiarz, Kay & family, Lisa, Anna Boise, Nancy Versteg, James Pokrzywa, Bonnie Jones, Bruce Gilbert, Pat Panek, Todd Gaglianese, Sandy Lopez, Bill O'Hora, Georgine Rosata, Vince & Bonnie Piscitelli, Timothy Youngs, Margaret Mitchell, Linda Arichiello, Randy Doty, Don, S.M., V.C, Mary Emilius, Tish Zepp, Michele V., Parker Fisher, Anna Wilkes, Jimmy Lamson, Scott Jones, Marsha Ryck, Terri M., AMM, LMM, JAM, Madeline DiManno, Betty Bellomo Levesque, Fran Barbieri, Kaydi Heins, Kathy Harper, Keith Stahl, Bob Sandroni, Marylou Murdock, Laura Worden, Anna Ellis, Holly Jones, Judy Ellis, Stacey Jansen, David Vacca, Stanley Fisher, K.M., Patty Lewis, Cheryl DeMillo, Jeff Page, T.H., E.B.L., Joel Rivera, Kay Eighmey, Richard Schweitz Jr., Barb Twist, Megan Seneca, Jim Mooney, Gene Lopez, Dorothy Rizzo, Anne Cannuli, Keith Gibbs, Jeremy Andrews, Michele, Alexis Eldrige, Roxanne Starry, Mary Ann Dambrosia, Ellen Moon, Barb C, Bob B, Kathleen Talcott, Dolores Boeticker, Marie Ramson, Jonah Decory, Marcella Hill, Eleanor Jackson, Karen Jenkins, Jayden Moone, Loretta C, Dorothy & John Euchlund, R.C., Mary Jo Semler, Ron Barnhart, Joseph Lotto, William Cathy, Dale Trout Jr., Ellen Clark, Kathy Cole, LM, Jesse Alcott, Amber Moses, Eric Gelsomino, Felicia Strong, Asa Poorman, Marjorie Edmeston, William Johnson Jr., M. Claire M, Miranda Y, Colleen VanCamp, Cathy Woods, Tyler Sheldon, Marilyn, Amy Roepnack, Cindy Brown, Orion, John Gnell, Julia Kennedy, David Smith, Judy Walczak, Mary Harrin, Maria C. Norman, Judy Hoffman, Ann Passifione, Gianna, Ashley Stillwell, Lucille Cook, Mary Lou's Intentions, Kathy, Judy Bauer, Michael Cunningham, Judy Wheaton, Carol Eck, Mary Ebers, Rose Nehring, Margaret Nardi, Tim O'Mara, John Bennett, Kathleen Deal, Cory Steinbacker, Robin Ryan, Jarrod Ticconi, Cindy Schlegel, Emily, Venturelli, Wendy Goodman, Bonnie, Lauren, Maureen Jusko, Neal Wood, Robin Jock, Zachary M., Kelly, Jay Colin, Rebecca Carson, Rebecca Tuccio, Trevor Cauler, Judy, Patricia L., Gerald Goodman, Cheryl Lewis, Marilyn Dickinson, Lainie Forde, Seitz Family, Misty Clark, Kitty Allenza, Jesse Pardee, Pat Battley & all of our sick **Please note:** I am trying to keep the prayer list updated – if you would like to be added to or **deleted from** the list, please call the parish office at 539-2944 or 651-4349.

“Advent is thus a favourable time to pray with greater intensity, to reserve to the spiritual life the important place it deserves.”

~Pope Francis, Angelus, 10th December 2017

Christmas Craft Show

The St. Francis and St. Clare Parish Christmas Craft Show went very well last week. There were many people throughout the day who visited almost 50 vendors and had a chance to win just over 100 gift baskets. Many thanks to Sharon Geraci who oversaw the whole Craft show. She was helped by Sue and Bart Carbone in the kitchen, Jackie Gantz and Pam Leeber with the gift baskets, and many others who worked the cookie walk. They in turn were helped by many other volunteers. Many thanks go to the many parishioners who baked cookies and pies as well as those who donated items to be used in the gift baskets. Of course, many thanks go to all the people who came to the show and spent money on the wonderful food and crafts.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Last Sunday at the 11am Mass at St. Patrick's we celebrated the Rite of Acceptance and Welcome for our Catechumens and Candidates in our RCIA program.

This Rite offered the congregation the opportunity to see those men and women who are seeking to join Christ's Church at the Easter Vigil, and it's an opportunity for the Catechumens and Candidates to see the congregation joyfully welcome them to the community they hope to join.

Please pray for these seven men and women as they journey forward in faith with their Godparents, Sponsors, and Catechists:

Jay Lynn Tolbert, Heidi Kidd, Cadie Kidd, Adam Brower, Joseph MacDonald II, Jason Kidd and Cody Alexander.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

While this won't take place for a couple of weeks, I just wanted you to know about the Feast this year. This year, Dec. 8 is the Second Sunday of Advent, and so has liturgical preference over the Immaculate Conception. Because of the significance of this Marian feast, its observance is moved this year to Monday, Dec. 9, 2024, which ordinarily would not be a holy day of obligation, however, according to a response from the Holy See to an inquiry from the U.S. bishops, the obligation is also transferred. This is a new interpretation of the church's law. So, Dec. 9, 2024, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is now always a holy day of obligation.

This presents a number of possible situations for fulfilling the obligation for both the 2nd Sunday of Advent and the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, which can be somewhat confusing.

Therefore, to make it simple, St. Francis and St. Clare parish is going to do the following. The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception will be celebrated on Monday December 9 with two Masses. The first will be at St. Patrick's Church at 8:30am and the second will be at St. Mary's at 5:30pm. The 2nd Sunday of Advent will be celebrated on the weekend of December 7th and 8th as normal. The Immaculate Conception will be celebrated only on Monday December 9. Both celebrations are days of obligation

MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION

St. Francis & St. Clare Parish will again be following a food collection schedule developed by several area churches. Each church will collect specific items for the House of Concern and CAP each month. Although we are given specific items to collect, we will graciously accept **any** food or personal hygiene items. For the month of **December**, we will be collecting the following items for the House of Concern and CAP: **canned vegetables & shampoo**. Thank you so much for your continued support. Social Ministry Committee

Spirituality of the Prayers at Mass EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER II

The Lord be with you
And with your Spirit
Lift up your hearts
We have lifted them up to the Lord
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
It is right and just

It is *right* because this is exactly what the Lord has asked of his Church, "Do this in memory of me." When we say it is *just*, however, we are talking about the *purpose* and the *effect* of the Most Holy Eucharist. It is *just* because the Eucharist is the *justice* of the New Law. It is the sacrifice through which sinners are *justified*. It is the sacrifice that unites us with the Father, in the Son, by an action of the Holy Spirit. It is, therefore, both *right and just*

HELP IS NEEDED AT ST. PATRICK'S!!

Do you have an hour to spare each week? Or every other week?

We are in desperate need of volunteers to clean at St. Patrick's Church. For the past 5 years, volunteers have been faithfully cleaning weekly or bi-weekly at St. Patrick's. A few of those volunteers are no longer able to manage the cleaning or are in need of a break. Others are looking for a substitute when they are out of town. The tasks are not time consuming and can be done at your leisure. You can work alone, with a friend or even with your family. Please call or email me if you are able to help out. My phone # is 315-568-2424 and my email is Lemcully@yahoo.com. Thanks so much for your help in keeping our church looking beautiful!

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

December 1, 2024

1st Sunday of Advent

"But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." (LUKE 21:28)

We celebrate Advent each year in preparation for the birth of Jesus, His first coming, as we await His second coming. What will you do differently this Advent season to grow in friendship and love with Jesus? How will you inspire others to do the same? Start by sharing your God story with others, especially those that are closest to you. Invite and accompany them on their faith journey this Advent.

FREE MOVIE AFTERNOON

Free Movie Afternoon will be Thursday, December 12 at 1:00 PM in the Ministry Center (former St. Mary School), 35 Center St. in Waterloo. This month's movie is Room for One More, an older movie which was first shown in 1952. Poppy (Cary Grant) and Anna Rose (Betsy Drake) have a soft spot for young people in need. Despite having three children of their own, they can't help but take action when they meet a pair of troubled young orphans. Young Jane (Iris Mann) is horribly depressed, while Jimmy (Clifford Tatum Jr.) is physically disabled and has a long history as a troublemaker. As they welcome the pair into their home, the Roses use love and understanding to help the orphans get to the bottom of their problems. The movie is 1 hour and 38 minutes long. Parking and entrance are in the parking lot behind the church. Refreshments will be served. For more information call 315-539-8006.

FAMILY SPIRITUALITY WEEKLY TIP FOR:

12/1/24 1st Sunday of Advent


Gospel: Luke 21: 25-28, 34-36

After Mass, discuss these questions & brainstorm ideas & ways to implement them this week!

Adults: What have been the strengths of your prayer life? What habit of prayer could you strengthen during this Advent season?

Children: What prayers will you say each day and each week during Advent?

LET'S LIVE THE GOSPEL!!!!!!!



Knights of Columbus

4th Annual

Euchre Tournaments

GAME DATES:

- Saturday, January 11th, 2025
- Saturday, February 8th, 2025
- Saturday, March 8th, 2025
- Saturday, April 12th, 2025

LEARN TO PLAY TABLE AT EVERY TOURNAMENT

Registration from 12:15- 12:45 PM

Game begins at 1:00 PM

LOCATION:

- St. Mary's Gym, 35 Center St., Waterloo

COST:

- \$10 buy-in and \$10 donation- total \$20
- 6 games played on each game date
- Cash payouts for 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th places
- Bring quarters for Euchres/Loners (tinkles go to K of C)

CONCESSIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

Questions? Call John at 315-651-8698

The Sunday 8:00am Mass as well as daily Masses are live streamed on Facebook which is accessible on the website at sfscrc.org

Total number of people at all the Masses on November 23 & 24 was approx. 486

The parish appreciates your attendance and support!!

Don't forget that we survive on the offerings of our parishioners. If you do not feel comfortable attending Mass, you can still send in your envelope or drop it off at the Ministry Center office. Online giving is also available now at <https://www.osvhub.com/sfscrs/funds> God bless you for your support.

*The Mass, mail-in & online contributions for the week of **Nov 23 & 24, 2024** was \$10,390.61
We thank you for your generosity!*

SFSC Catholic Ministries appeal update as of 11/25/24

of donors-136 YTD Pledged-\$36,638 goal-\$82,000 % to goal-44.7%



SAVE THE DATE!

**BREAKFAST
WITH
SANTA**

DECEMBER 14TH, 2024,
ST. MARY'S 35 CENTER ST
WATERLOO, NY

**TICKET INFORMATION TO FOLLOW
PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT ST. FRANCIS- ST. STEPHEN
SCHOOL**

QUESTIONS? PLEASE CALL PAULA AT 315-789-1828 X 102



Advent By Candlelight:

An Afternoon for Women

Sunday December 8th, 2024, 2pm

St. Mary's Church and Ministry Center

We will start our afternoon in the church for an advent program then move to the ministry center for coffee, tea, dessert, and fellowship.

Do not miss out on this beautiful event.

Call today to reserve your seat: It is not too late!

Sara Ryan 315-539-3394, Celeste Trickler 315-237-1887 or

Pam Kane 315-651-4351

St. Francis & St. Clare Youth Group

Now meeting monthly in the basement youth room of St. Patrick's Rectory.

Help Us make this a wonderful place to gather.

The kids have asked to set up a coffee bar and gather some more comfortable seating. We are in search of:

3 bean bag chairs

Coffee pods & coffee supplies including hot chocolate.

Snacks: individual chips, crackers, or candy so that the kids can start a snack cupboard- (snacks will purchased by the teens for a small price.) The money will be used for a special event, trip etc.

We also need a couple 20- 40-year-olds who could be energetic Catholic witnesses on our team.

Please call 315-651-4351 for donation or questions.

There are No Religious Education Classes 12/1. Be sure to observe Advent with your family. Classes resume 12/8/24 which will be the only class in December.

Confirmation Classes- Reminder Year 2 Candidates are to attend the Advent by Candlelight or Tacos with Fr. Jim, events.

Year 1 Candidates are to provide service. Check your emails for further information.

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Please, don't throw them away!

SFSC VBS planning is starting early. If you Are planning to purchase a new Christmas tree this year We could use your old one. Our hopes are to create a forest in gym as VBS travels to Alaska: Summer 2025.

No lights needed. Call 315-651-4351 for information.





SAVE THE DATE!



The Youth Choir is Rehearsing for the Christmas Eve Mass at St. Patrick's!

Rehearsal dates are: **SUNDAYS** December 1st,
December 8th,
December 15th, December 22nd

at:

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH!!

at 12:15pm-1pm!

Children in grades K-12 are welcome to sing!

*Hope to see you all there!
Any questions or for more information, please call the Office*

-Miss Jen 😊

St. Francis December 2024 St. Clare

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 1st Sunday of Advent Children's Choir rehearsal 12:15-1pm	2 RCIA - 7pm Min Ctr	3 Free Pancake Breakfast 8:30-10am - Min Ctr	4	5	6	7 The Real Christmas Waterloo Rec Center 3-6pm
8 2nd Sunday of Advent Advent by Candlelight 2pm - SM Church Children's Choir rehearsal 12:15-1pm - SPC RE Min Ctr 10:30-noon	9 Immaculate Conception 8:30am Mass at SP 5:30pm Mass at SM	10 Free Pancake Breakfast 8:30-10am - Min Ctr	11	12	13	14
15 3rd Sunday of Advent Children's Choir rehearsal 12:15-1pm - SPC	16 RCIA - 7pm Min Ctr	17 Free Pancake Breakfast 8:30-10am - Min Ctr	18 Youth Group SP Rectory Basement 6:15-7:45pm Bldgs & Grounds Mtg 6:30pm - SP Rectory	19	20	21
22 4th Sunday of Advent Children's Choir rehearsal 12:15-1pm - SPC	23 RCIA - 7pm Min Ctr	24 Christmas Eve PARISH OFFICE CLOSED Masses SP - 4pm Children's choir SM - 5:30pm SP - Midnight No Pancake Breakfast	25 Christmas PARISH OFFICE CLOSED 10am Mass at SM	26 PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	27	28
29	30 NO RCIA	31 No Free Pancake Breakfast				

Food collection for this month:
Canned vegetables & shampoo