





OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH, FARRELL, PA.

**Week of November 30, 2025, Calendar of Events**  
**Monday Dec 1: OFFICE CLOSED**  
**Tuesday, Dec 2: 9:00AM Making Fatima Cavatelli**  
**In the Good Shepherd Social Hall**  
**Wednesday Dec 3: 6:00PM PRAYER BOOK CLUB**  
**Downstairs in our Social Hall**  
**Thursday Dec 4: 9:00Am Making Fatima Cavatelli**  
**In the Good Shepherd Social Hall**  
**ALL DAY ADORATION 6:30AM TO 6:00PM**  
**HOLY HOUR 6:00PM TO 7:00PM**  
**FIRST Friday Dec 5: 7:00AM MASS**  
**Saturday, Dec 6: 4:00PM MASS**

11/15/2025	
# of Registered Families	380
# of Envelopes Used	
Local Needs Collection	\$
Offertory Collection	\$
Loose Offertory	\$

Thank you for your generosity to  
OUR PARISH



Intentions		Requested By
SATURDAY, Nov 29 at 4:00 pm MASS	Robert Ost Elizabeth “Liz” Cione	Wife, Mary & Family Veronica & David Rogers
Monday, Dec 1 at 6:30 am	Prayer Service	
Tuesday, Dec 2 at 6:30 am	Prayer Service	
Wednesday, Dec 3at 6:30 am	Prayer Service	
Thursday, Dec 4 at 6:30 am	Prayer Service	
FRIST Friday Dec 5 at 7:00am MASS	Scott Stefanish	Mom and Dad
Saturday, Dec 6 at 4:00 pm MASS	Deceased Horner Family Dorothy Mancino	JoAnn Horner Her Children

MINISTRY SCHEDULE	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS	GREETERS
SATURDAY 4:00 PM	Dolly Szugye	Christine Oberman Larry Masotti	Joe Perrico J.J. Ost	John Jarocki Jean Burke
DEC 6				

**Altar Candles the Week of**  
**NOV 30 thru DEC 6, 2025**  
**SANCTUARY LIGHT**  
**FELIX & SUGAR ZAPPA**  
**From Jerry & Denise Miller & Family**  
**PAULINE FERENCE**  
**From Bette Green**  
**BLESSED MOTHER ALTAR**  
**FRANK & AGNES AIELLO**  
**From The Family**  
**DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE**  
**HAAS & GUERINO FAMILIES**  
**From The Family**  
**ST. JOSEPH ALTAR**  
**ROBERT OST**  
**From Wife, Mary & Family**  
**PERRY TEMPLETON**  
**From Tracy Templeton & Family**  
***Blessed Virgin Mary Altar Flowers***  
***For this week were donated in memory of***  
***GEORGE, ROSE & KEVIN***  
***TATUSKO***  
***From The Family***



The First Sunday of Advent in 2025 falls on **November 30** and marks the beginning of the Christian liturgical year and a season of expectant preparation for the coming of Jesus Christ. The primary meaning of this day and the entire season is a dual focus on celebrating Christ's birth at Christmas and anticipating his second coming at the end of time.

**Key Meanings and Themes**

The First Sunday of Advent is characterized by several key themes and traditions:

- Hope:** The primary theme for the first week is hope. The first purple candle of the Advent wreath, often called the "Prophet's Candle," is lit to symbolize the hope of the Israelites for the coming Messiah, and the hope of Christians for Christ's return.
- Preparation and Watchfulness:** Scripture readings for this Sunday, such as those from Matthew 24, emphasize the need for spiritual vigilance and preparation, urging believers to "stay awake" and be ready for the Lord's unexpected return.
- A New Beginning:** Advent Sunday is the start of a new Church year, offering an opportunity for spiritual renewal and a fresh start in faith and discipleship.

- Repentance and Reflection:** The liturgical color for Advent is typically violet or purple, symbolizing prayer, penance, and reflection to prepare one's heart and mind for Christ's arrival, similar to a "little Lent".

**Traditions and Practices**

Common ways that Christians observe the First Sunday of Advent include:

- Lighting the Advent Wreath:** Families and churches light the first of four candles on the Advent Wreath. The circular shape of the wreath represents God's unending love and eternal life.
- Special Readings and Prayers:** Services often feature specific Old Testament prophecies (especially from Isaiah) and New Testament readings that focus on the themes of hope and watchfulness.
- Advent Calendars:** Many families use Advent calendars to count down the days to Christmas, often with small treats or scripture verses behind each door, as a fun way to build anticipation.
- Acts of Kindness and Charity:** The season encourages engaging in good works and giving to those in need, embodying the love and care that Jesus taught.

Ultimately, the First Sunday of Advent invites believers to pause amidst the holiday rush, reflect on their faith, and prepare their hearts for the profound mystery of God's arrival in the person of Jesus Christ.

## BRIGHTEN UP THE CORNER

The catechist asked her Religious Education class to draw pictures of their favorite Bible stories. She was puzzled by one boy's picture, which showed four people on an airplane, so she asked him which story it was meant to represent.

"The flight to Egypt," he said.

"I see," said the catechist. "And that must be Mary, Joseph and Baby Jesus. But who's the fourth person?"

"Oh, that's Punches the Pilot."

*Don't wait until you are old to start becoming a saint. Begin right now. Cheerfully and joyfully, by fulfilling the duties of your work and of your everyday life.*

*-St. Josemaria Escriva*

## READINGS FOR THE

### WEEK OF

Nov 30 to Dec 6

**Sunday** Is 2: 1-5  
Rom 13: 11-14  
Mt 24: 37-44 (1)

**Monday** Is 4: 2-6  
Mt 8:5-11 (175)

**Tuesday** Is 11: 1-10  
Lk 10: 21-24 (176)

**Wednesday** Is 25: 6-10a  
Mt 15: 29-37 (177)

**Thursday** Is 26: 1-6  
Mt 7:21, 24-27 (178)

**Friday** Is 29: 17-24  
Mt 9: 27-31 (179)

**Saturday** Is 30: 19-21, 23-26  
Mt 9: 35—10:1,5a,  
6-8 (180)

## FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

"FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT", NOVEMBER 29, 2025

### FROM THE PASTORS DESK

***"THEREFORE, KEEP WATCH...BE READY!"***

One day the dramatic story of humanity will end, as life inevitably ends for each one of us. The Gospels mention a discourse of Jesus on the end of things, and they always highlight his warning to be watchful, to be alert, to stay awake. The first generations of Christians gave great importance to this watchfulness. As the end of the world did not come as quickly as some expected, they saw the risk of slowly forgetting Jesus and did not want him to find them asleep one day.

Since then many centuries have passed. How do Christians live today? Are we awake or have we slowly gone to sleep? Are we deeply attracted to Jesus or are we distracted by all sorts of side issues? Do we follow him or have we learned how to live like the rest of the world? To watch is first and foremost to awaken from unawareness. We have an illusion of being Christian, when in fact, quite often our interests, attitudes and way of living are not those of Jesus. This illusion shields us from seeking our personal conversion and that of the church. Without "awakening," we will continue deceiving ourselves.

To watch is to live with the awareness of reality; to listen to the groaning of those who suffer; to know the love of God for life; to live more in touch with his coming into our lives, into our

society, into this world of ours.

Without this sort of sensitivity, it is not possible to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

We live immune to the challenges of the gospel. We do have hearts, but our arteries have hardened. We have open ears, but we do not hear what Jesus heard. We have eyes wide open, but we do not see life as Jesus saw it; we do not see people as Jesus saw them. Could what Jesus wanted to avoid happen among his disciples? Are they/we seen like "the blind leading the blind?"

If we do not awaken, could it happen that we too would ask with those people at the last judgment who in the parable said, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or naked, a stranger, sick or in prison and did not help you?"

"Whatever you did to the least sister or brother..." Fr. Glenn & Fr. Frank

### **CONFESSIONS ON SATURDAY**

**Father Frank will now be hearing confessions on the right side of the altar at 3:30pm Saturday**





### **A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE**

Today's gospel reminds us the Kingdom of Heaven is not like Disney's Magic Kingdom. Admission to Christ's Kingdom is paid with the currency of acceptance, forgiveness, attention to the poor, and love of one's enemy.

### **PARENTING POINTERS**

While family reunions are about reconnecting and playing together, it does take a lot of work to feed and house visitors. Yes, pay attention to relating with your family, but there are times to be a "Martha" (Lk 10:41) and help with the tasks of hospitality also. How can you help out today? Clean-up? Entertain young ones for a change? Fix something that's broken?

### **MARRIAGE MOMENTS**

In Advent we prepare for the coming of Jesus. How do you prepare for the coming of your spouse after an absence? Do you have any customs that help you reunite at the end of the day or a longer time apart? Anticipation is important.

### **ENGAGED COUPLES**

Planning your wedding in 2026? An Engagement Encounter is scheduled for February 6-8 at St. Mark Catholic Center in Erie. Call the Family Life Office at 814-824-1261 or email [familylife@erieRCD.org](mailto:familylife@erieRCD.org). Visit <https://www.erieRCD.org/familylifeoffice/> for more information and registration. EE satisfies diocesan requirements for marriage preparation. Catholic and Interfaith couples are encouraged to attend. Remember, "A wedding is one day, but marriage is for a lifetime."

### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

#### **OUR LADY OF FATIMA HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 2025**

**DEC 5 FIRST FRIDAY 7:00am**

**DEC 8 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
12:15pm**

**DEC 24 CHRISTMAS EVE 4:00pm**

**DEC 25 CHRISTMAS DAY 10:00AM**

**DEC 31 NEW YEARS EVE 4:00PM**

### **CHRISTMAS TREES**

We will be purchasing our 3 LIVE Christmas Trees for the Altar this year.

It has been suggested by our Parish Council that we do something special this year to honor our loved ones.

So, with that thought in mind, if you would like to donate directly to our trees in memory of your loved one, we will have decorative tags or floor signs that can be purchased.

**\$50.00 to \$100.00—Floor Sign**

**OR**

For every \$5.00 you get one Decorative tag that will be put on the tree.

Please call the office for more information 724-346-3359



### **Blue Army Feast of Our Lady of Gaudalupe**

Please join the Blue Army in celebrating the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Friday, December 12th with an hour of prayer following the 9:00AM mass at Notre Dame Parish.

### **HELP NEEDED!!!!**

HOUSEKEEPER WANTED: Fr. John Hindman and Fr. Frank DiCristina are in need of a housekeeper one day every two weeks. Work would entail dusting and cleaning.

If you are interested, please contact Fr. John at 951-236-8024.