

St. John the Evangelist-St. Charles Borromeo Sunday Bulletin

First Sunday of Advent

St. John the Evangelist

31 E. Main Street

Pawling, NY 12564

Weekday Mass

M-F 8:00 AM

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM

Sunday 7:30, 9:30, and 11:00 AM

Holy Days of Obligation: TBA

St. Charles Borromeo

62 Mill Street

Dover Plains, NY 12522

Wednesday: Noon

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 9:00 AM *Misa en español*

Holy Days of Obligation: TBA

Full-Time Clergy

Rev. John F. X. Palatucci, Pastor

Rev. Clifford N. Aniefuna, Parochial Vicar

Deacon Jerry Cartwright

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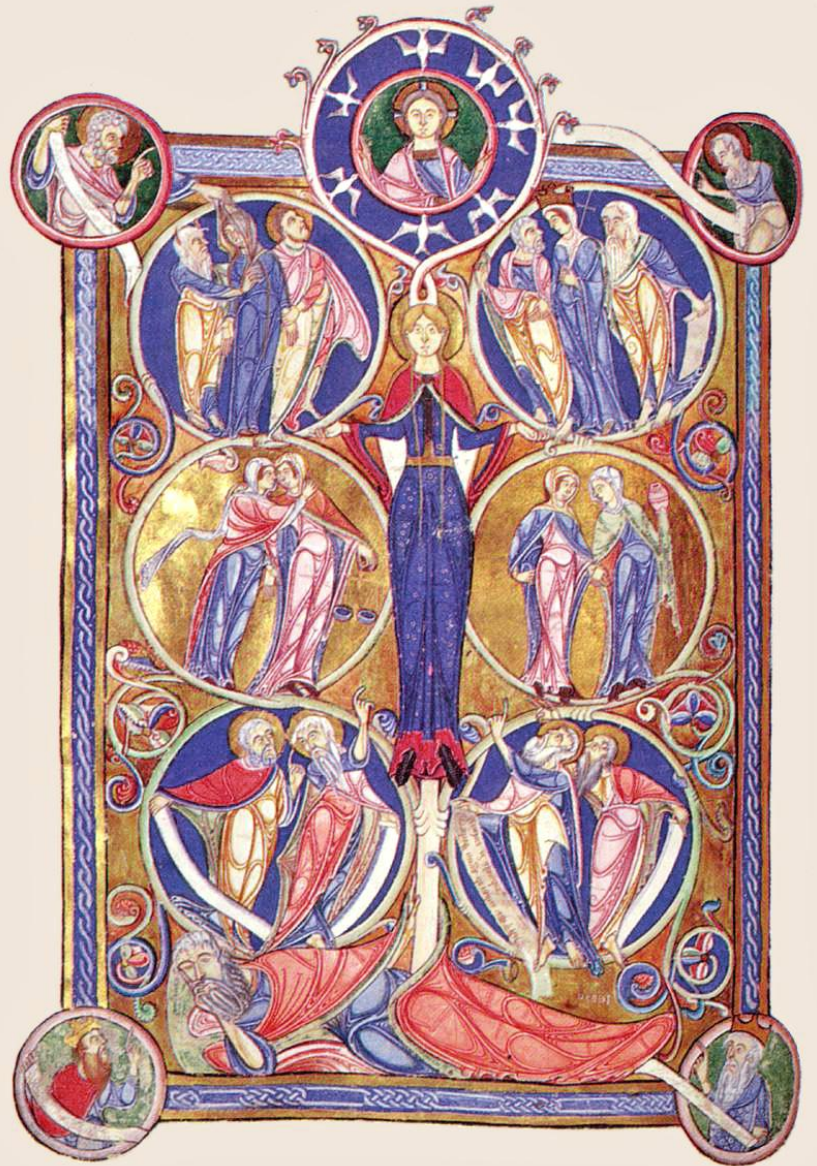
St. Charles: Sat. 2:30-3:30 PM, Gagnon Hall

St. John: Sat. 3:30-4:30, the Confessional

You may also call for a confession by appointment.

House calls for the homebound are available upon request.

November 30th, 2025



The Tree of Jesse; Unknown Miniaturist (English) c. 1140s

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! May those who love you prosper!
May peace be within your walls, prosperity in your buildings.
Ps 122:6-7

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Closed 12 PM – 1 PM for lunch. Closed Saturday and Sunday, national
public holidays, and Holy Days of Obligation of the Church.

Devotions

Divine Mercy Chaplet - St. Charles every Sunday prior to the 9:00AM Mass.

Holy Rosary - St. John after each 8 AM daily Mass. St. Charles before 4 PM Saturday vigil Mass.

Miraculous Medal Novena - St. John every Monday morning immediately after the 8:00AM Mass.

Litanies

Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary- Tuesday

Litany of St. Joseph—Wednesday immediately following daily Mass at both churches.

Litany of the Holy Name Of Jesus- Thursday

Litany of the Sacred Heart Of Jesus- Friday after Exposition Of The Blessed Sacrament

MASS INTENTIONS The Mass book for January, February, and March 2026 is now open. Only one family or individual's intention may be taken per Mass, depending on the family's preference. The stipend offering is \$15.

BAPTISMS take place on the first and last Sundays of the month immediately following the 11:00 AM Mass at St. John's. Please contact the office for more information.

O.C.I.A. The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults is a program for those wishing to become Catholic or complete their Sacraments. Please contact the Rectory Office for more information.

Baptisms

Sunday, November 23rd 2025

Eliana Beaumont Herrera

Matilda Sophia Vassallo

MEMORIALS: The Sanctuary Candles and Flower Bouquets may be offered in the memory of your loved one. **The donation for the Candles at both churches is now \$10;** the Bouquets are \$50. Please contact the Rectory Office for more information. Your memorial request will also be featured in our bulletin.

Mass Intentions

Saint Charles Borromeo

Saturday, November 29th

4:00 PM Nicholas Frankie
(Judith Frankie)

Sunday, November 30th

9:00 AM Arthur Levine
(Betty Lopez)

Wednesday, December 3rd

NO 12:00 PM MASS

Saturday, December 6th FIRST SATURDAY

4:00 PM Florence and John McEnroe
(Tara Meunier & Paige Falcon)

Sunday, December 7th 2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00 AM

Saint John the Evangelist

Saturday, November 29th

5:00 PM William Molloy
(The Noonan Family)

Sunday, November 30th

7:30 AM Bill Henry
(Paul Kelly)
9:30 AM Missa Pro Populo
11:00 AM Kathleen Gregorio and
Anthony Gregorio
(Donna & Joe Gregorio)
Joseph Maiolo
(Linda Maiolo)

Monday, December 1st

8:00 AM The Holy Souls in Purgatory
(Dr. Martha Bouchard)

Tuesday, December 2nd

8:00 AM Eugene Quarrie
(The Mahjong Club)

Wednesday, December 3rd

8:00 AM Philomena Maloney
(The Barrett Family)

Thursday, December 4th

8:00 AM Joseph Elluzzi
(The Elluzzi Family)

Friday, December 5th FIRST FRIDAY

8:00 AM Eugene Daniels
(Veronica Daniels & Family)
Ann Godesky
(The Glenister Family)

Saturday, December 6th FIRST SATURDAY

9:00 AM The Holy Souls in Purgatory
(Cathie Utter)

5:00 PM Missa Pro Populo

Sunday, November 7th 2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:30 AM Stephen Whelan
(Gemma & Michael Carioscia)
9:30 AM Christina & Michael Reynolds
(Catherine Reynolds)
11:00 AM Dr. Paul-Emile Dionne
(Dr. Martha Bouchard)

Please Remember in Your Prayers..

The deceased clergy of St. Charles Borromeo and St. John the Evangelist, Amanda Cannon, Vera Cirillo, Daniel Hamilton, Richard Stevens, Rev. Joseph Tran, William Vitro III.

THE INFIRMED: David Bloom, Peter Cris, Peter Federighi, Dorothy Galvin, Sara Hall, Alissa Macchia, Anthony Macchia, James Meunier, Joe Palatucci, Brandon Rojas, Brian Rojas, James Rooney, Frances Sands, Marie Stewart, Clare Sweet, Finn Vaughan, Gloria Wood.

THOSE WHO DEFEND US: Senior Airman Abigail Blake, USAF; Sonar Technician (Submarine) Benjamin Burdick, USN; Private Dylan Christian, USMC; Ryan Christian, USAF; Technical Sergeant Ashley Carey, USAF; Major Robert Dugan, USMC; Lieutenant Colonel Joseph Luchetta, ARMY; Paratrooper Connor Maile, ARMY; Lance Corporal Savion Newman, USMC; Corporal Luis M. Panzer, USMC; Lance Corporal Wyatt T. Panzer, USMC; Chaplain (Captain). Fr. Peter Pomposello, ARMY; Lieutenant Colonel Kevin Smith, ARMY; Senior Chief Petty Officer Kevin Walsh, USN; Army Ranger Christopher Warren; Staff Sergeant Matthew Warren, National Guard.

To add or remove a name from our prayer list, please call or e-mail the Rectory office at sjescb@protonmail.com or call (845) 855-5488

ANOINTING OF THE SICK/LAST RITES

Please contact the Rectory office to request the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick for those who are ill, homebound, or dying. In an emergency, please do not hesitate to call the Rectory office 24/7 to request this vital Sacrament at (845) 855-1273.



December Month of the Immaculate Conception

MEMORIAL ✚ December 3rd
St. Francis Xavier; Priest

“Prayer is powerful! It fills the earth with mercy, it makes the Divine clemency pass from generation to generation, right along the course of the centuries. wonderful works have been achieved through prayer.”



First Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

The words of Isaiah urge all people to forsake war and to live in peace forever. The tone reaches a climax in the words, “One nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again.”

Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14

Paul invites us to put away all the things of darkness and sin and to prepare for the coming of Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44

A comparison is made between the destruction caused by the flood in Noah’s time and the need to be prepared for the second coming of Christ. “You must be prepared in the same way. The Son of Man is coming at the time you least expect.”

Primer Domingo de Adviento

Primera Lectura: Isaías 2:1-5

Las palabras de Isaías instan a la gente a abandonar la guerra y a vivir en paz para siempre. El tono alcanza el clímax con las palabras: “Ningún pueblo volverá a tomar las armas contra otro ni a recibir instrucción para la guerra.”

Segunda Lectura: Romanos 13:11-14

San Pablo nos invita a dejar todo lo malvado y el pecado y a prepararnos para la venida de Cristo.

Evangelio: San Mateo: 24:37-44

Se hace una comparación entre la destrucción causada por el diluvio en tiempos de Noé y la necesidad de estar preparados para la segunda venida de Cristo. “Manténganse ustedes despiertos, porque no saben a qué hora va a venir su Señor.”

Weekly Readings

Monday: Is 4:2-6; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27

First Friday: Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31

First Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35—
10:1, 5a, 6-8



The Catholic Daughters in partnership with Catholic Charities of Dutchess County will be hosting our annual Giving Tree drive at both churches. This drive of toiletries and small clothing items for adults and children, i.e. hats, gloves, socks etc will begin the **weekend of November 8th and run through the weekend of December 6th**. These gifts will be distributed to those in need in our local and surrounding communities.

Please take a gift tag from the Giving Tree at the entrance of the churches and return the item indicated UNWRAPPED by December 8th.

THE 2026 MASS BOOK IS NOW OPEN!

Requests may be taken only three months out in advance, so only January, February, and March may be reserved as of September 2nd. Double intentions will no longer be accepted without permission of the first family or individual who reserved the Mass. The offering for each Mass is \$15.

USHERS NEEDED: Father is looking for men and women to volunteer as ushers at our parish. It's easy work. The usher has two primary functions: to help people find pew seats when necessary and to help take up and bag the weekly collection. We could use at least 8 more to help. *If interested, please contact the Rectory at sjescb@protonmail.com.*

St. Joseph's Seminary Schola Cantorum presents
an Advent & Christmas Concert
on December 6th and 7th at 4:00 pm
in the historic
St. Joseph Seminary Chapel
 St. Joseph's Seminary Schola Cantorum will perform their heavenly music of hymns and Christmas favorites amidst poinsettias and firs at their annual Advent & Christmas Concert this December 6th & 7th in the historic St. Joseph's Seminary Chapel in Yonkers, New York. Ticket price includes a hot buffet reception following the concert.

Date and Time: Saturday, December 6th and Sunday, December 7th at 4:00 pm

Location: St. Joseph's Seminary Chapel, Yonkers, New York

Tickets: VIP seating \$150, adults \$40, children 12 and under \$25

For more information and to purchase tickets go to:

www.dunwoodie.edu/2025scholachristmas or
[SJS2025Concert.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com/SJS2025Concert)
 or call (914) 968-6200, x8201

TAX SERVICES: Erio Joseph, CPA (Parishioner): Income Tax preparation and Financial Advising **P:** (845) 527-6512 **P.O. Box 18, Wingdale, NY 12594**





WINTER COAT DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus Winter Coat Drive will begin on



Sunday, December 14TH
and will run until
Sunday, January 4TH 2026

Please bring new or lightly used adult or children's coats, hats, and gloves in all sizes to Mass on any of these dates, or make a financial donation and the Knights will purchase coats for you.

No one should go without
a coat in our area!
Please help us
help people in need!
THANK YOU!



The Catholic Daughters would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to all the parishioners of St. John the Evangelist and St. Charles Borromeo for making the Fall Bake Sale such a huge success!

Notice: Super 50/50

The last chance to enter our second annual Super 50/50 Drawing will be **Sunday, December 21st**.

The winner will be announced in the 12/28 bulletin!



Eucharistic Revival

"It is His Eucharistic Heart that is making me realize a little His inconceivable love. I hear every moment His divine sigh: 'I have desired with great desire to eat this Passover with you.'"

He always yearns to give Himself.."

- Bl. Dina Bélanger

EucharisticRevival.org

YOU ARE CALLED – JOIN TODAY!

Join online today for FREE

Use Promo Code
BLESSEDMCGIVNEY

Scan the QR
code
or visit
KoC.org/JoinUs



**Meetings the First
Wednesday
of the Month at 7:00 PM**

**UNITY + CHARITY +
FRATERNITY + PATRIOTISM**



CATHOLIC APOLOGETICS TRAINING FOR YOUNG MEN:

For any young men interested in joining a meetup at the church to learn more about their faith, please contact Reid McGrath at the email below. **The plan is to meet once a week around 7:00 PM at the Fr. Moriarty Center.** We will be reading a chapter or two of *Why We're Catholic*, by Catholic Answers' Apologist Trent Horn, each week, as well as slowly going through the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, as well as memorizing key Bible verses to help us explain, defend, and spread the Catholic faith. **Contact mcgrath.reid@gmail.com if you are interested in attending.**

December Second Collection

Weekend of
12/13-12/14

**Retirement Fund
For Religious**

The annual appeal for the Retirement Fund for Religious is taken up the second Sunday of each December in most US Catholic parishes and helps hundreds of religious communities provide for the current and future needs of senior members.

**Priest Schedule for 2nd Sunday
December 7th, 2025 in Advent**

*Schedule is subject to change without notice

St. John the Evangelist

Saturday

5:00 PM Fr. John F.X. Palatucci

Sunday

7:30 AM Fr. Clifford N. Aniefuna

9:30 AM Fr. Clifford N. Aniefuna

11:00 AM Fr. John F.X. Palatucci

St. Charles Borromeo

Saturday

4:00 PM Fr. Clifford N. Aniefuna

Dcn. Jerry Cartwright

Sunday

9:00 AM Fr. John F.X. Palatucci

Bi-lingual

JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR THE UNBORN

NATIONAL NIGHT OF PRAYER FOR LIFE



Monday, December 8th

5:30-6:30 PM

Holy Hour and Rosary for Life

7:00 PM

Mass

St. John's

Respect Life News

Thank you to all who prayed the Spiritual Adoption Prayer for 9 months for the baby/babies they named and adopted. Please continue to pray for these babies and their families who are now among us!

40 Days for Life: Since 2007, the 40 Days for Life Campaign has saved 25,795 lives, seen 182 abortion centers close, and 275 abortion workers quit. The last campaign ran from September 24 - November 2. It runs all across the United States and has been closing abortion facilities in over 1000 cities in 64 countries. It currently has 1,000,000 volunteers, 20,000 churches and 13,721 campaigns.

*It was on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception (then celebrated on Dec 9) that Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the unborn and of the Americas, first appeared to St. Juan Diego. **The National Night of Prayer for Life** bridges these two feasts to honor Our Blessed Mother and to pray for the Lord's mercy and restore life, liberty, faith and peace.*

For the Defeat of Physician-Assisted Suicide in NY

Bill A136 would allow physicians to prescribe lethal doses of medication for the express purpose of ending a patient's life. Unlike every other state, there is no waiting period. There is not even a requirement for a mental health evaluation and nothing to prevent doctor shopping. Disability-rights groups oppose this bill because they know it will create pressure on people to end their lives if they don't have full bodily autonomy. Assisted suicide is dangerous for patients, caregivers, and vulnerable populations such as the elderly and people with disabilities. Suicide is not medical care.

Contact Governor Hochul: In addition to prayer and becoming informed, we strongly encourage you to contact the governor. Even if you have already contacted her, we encourage you to continue to reach out. She needs to continually hear that many of her constituents are opposed to this legislation and deeply concerned about its widespread implications. Contact Governor Hochul to voice your opposition to this dangerous and deadly practice! Make your voice heard - please call or write today. **Take action at** <https://tinyurl.com/BillA136>.

The Google document for a letter template to send directly to Governor Hochul may be found here: <https://tinyurl.com/A136Letter>.

A Litany for Life: <https://www.usccb.org/prayers/litany-life>

It is not in man's power to stop the spirit, neither hath he power in the day of death, neither is he suffered to rest when war is at hand, neither shall wickedness save the wicked.

Ecclesiastes 8:8





The Knights of Columbus
Council #545 are hosting

Breakfast with Santa

All ages are welcome
to our pancake breakfast!



After the 7:30 am
& 9:30 am Masses
on December 14th, 2025
in St. John's Parish Center

Pancakes,
Games for the Kids,
and Joy for all!



St. Andrew Christmas Novena



DATES: November 30 - Christmas Eve.

Traditionally prayed 15 times daily for a particular
intention. Pray this novena for 25 days.

*Hail and blessed be the hour and moment
in which the Son of God was born of the
most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in
Bethlehem, in the piercing cold. In that
hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, O my God,
to hear my prayer and grant my desires
through the merits of Our Savior Jesus
Christ, and of His blessed Mother.
Amen.*



IMPORTANT RESOURCES

Catholic Charities of NY Helpline

(888) 744-7900

(<http://catholiccharitiesny.org/find-help> for
various agencies of assistance)

Crisis Pregnancy

Gianna's House (845) 279-8165

Hopeline Pregnancy Center (203) 540-5225

Birthright Dutchess County (845) 897-2288

Carenet Pregnancy Center (845) 471-9284

Addiction Issues

Franciscan Friars Of The Atonement

<https://stchristophersinn-graymoor.org/>

St. Christopher's Inn (845) 335-1000

Hudson Valley AA 24/7 Hotline

(845) 452-1111

Mid-Hudson NA Helpline (855) 994-4673

Mid-Hudson Problem Gambling Resource

Center (914) 215-6440

Al-Anon Family Groups (845) 432-4710

Mental Health

Mental Health America of Dutchess County

(845) 473-2500

Grace Smith House (Shelter and services for
women & child victims of domestic abuse)

(845) 471-3033

Dutchess County Stabilization Center

24/7 Crisis Helpline (845) 485-9700

Mobile Crisis Intervention Team (845) 372-5500

Veterans

Dutchess County Division of Veterans Services

(845) 486-2060 / Crisis Line 1-800-273-8255

Carmel VA Clinic (845) 228-5291

Community Resource Centers

(Food pantries, transportation, other services)

Dover Center for Compassion (845) 877-9076

Pawling Resource Center (845) 855-3459

Gather Round the Table

<https://gatherroundthetable.org/>

Calendario de Adviento 2025

| Domingo | Lunes | Martes | Miércoles | Jueves | Viernes | Sábado |
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| 30 Noviembre Enciende la primera vela violeta en la corona de Adviento por la Esperanza. Si te preguntan, ¿cuál es la razón de tu esperanza en Cristo? | 1 Diciembre ¡Sé intencional! En cuanto suene tu primera alarma, levántate de la cama y arrodíllate ante un crucifijo. Ofrece tu día —y esta temporada— a Dios. | 2 Elige cómo te acercarás más a Cristo este Adviento mediante la oración intencional, la penitencia, la limosna o los Sacramentos. | 3 Lee Lucas 1:26-38, el momento en que el “Sí” de María abrió el camino para la venida de Cristo. Ora por la gracia de poder dar tu propio “Sí” a la Voluntad de Dios en tu vida. | 4 Coloca el pesebre y el establo vacío para la llegada del Rey. Agrega el resto de las figuras a lo largo del Adviento. | 5 Asiste a la Misa del Primer Viernes, en honor al Sagrado Corazón de Jesús. “Oh Sagrado Corazón de Jesús, haz mi corazón semejante al tuyo.” Y Él lo hará. | 6 San Nicolás de Mira Si está disponible, participa en el Árbol de Regalos de tu parroquia para comprar un presente para un niño necesitado. Si no, pregunta en la oficina parroquial por ideas. |
| 7 Enciende la segunda vela violeta por la Paz. Ora por la “paz que sobrepasa todo entendimiento” (Filipenses 4:7) para ti y para quien más la necesite. | 8 Inmaculada Concepción Dios preservó a María del pecado para que fuera la madre de Jesús. Asiste a Misa y ora por nuestro país. Es un día de precepto. | 9 Haz un pequeño sacrificio hoy, ofrecido únicamente a Dios. Tiene aún más valor si lo haces en secreto, como se recomienda en Mateo 6:18. | 10 Prepara tu corazón y tu alma para recibir al Rey. Participa en el Sacramento de la Reconciliación y experimenta la misericordia transformadora de Dios. | 11 El Adviento es una temporada ocupada para las parroquias. Considera llamar o enviar un correo electrónico a la oficina parroquial para preguntar cómo puedes ofrecer tu tiempo y apoyo. | 12 Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe La imagen milagrosa de María revela un misterio profundo de la Navidad (Juan 1:14). Tómame un momento hoy para orar por las madres embarazadas y el don de la nueva vida. | 13 “Si tienes dos túnicas en tu armario, una te pertenece a ti y la otra al hombre que no tiene ninguna” (San Basilio el Grande). Dona ropa en buen estado que no necesites. |
| 14 Domingo de Gaudete Enciende la vela rosa por la Alegría para marcar la mitad del camino hacia el nacimiento de Cristo. | 15 Ofrece la limosna de la paciencia cuando estés irritado, una sonrisa cuando estés cansado y una palabra amable en lugar de un juicio. Tocarás corazones de maneras que quizás nunca llegues a comprender por completo. | 16 Guardar rencor carga el corazón y perturba la paz interior. Ora por la gracia de perdonar, para poder avanzar con libertad y sanación. | 17 Solo quedan nueve días para la Navidad. Coloca una lámpara o una vela en la ventana como señal de bienvenida al Niño Jesús. | 18 Visita el Santísimo Sacramento, donde Jesús cumple su promesa de permanecer con nosotros (Mateo 28:20). Aprovecha este momento para renovar tu fe en Su amor inquebrantable. | 19 Hoy, abstente de usar pantallas con fines recreativos entre las 12:00 p.m. y las 3:00 p.m. Ofrece este sacrificio por quienes luchan con adicciones relacionadas con las pantallas. | 20 Comparte la alegría del Evangelio: reúne a un grupo de amigos y sal a cantar villancicos para llevar la Buena Nueva a los demás a través del canto. |
| 21 Enciende la última vela violeta, símbolo del Amor, mientras aguardamos la venida de Cristo, la máxima expresión del amor del Padre (Juan 3:16). | 22 El Rey viene—preparate para recibirlo. Tómate el tiempo para preparar tu hogar como reflejo de la alegría y la reverencia en tu corazón. | 23 Discierne cuáles de tus prácticas de Adviento sientes que estás llamado a continuar después de la Navidad. ¿Cuáles profundizaron tu relación con Dios? ¿Cuáles fortalecieron tu capacidad de vivir la caridad? | 24 ¡Alégrate! Esta noche, coloca al Niño Jesús en el pesebre y ¡alégrate! | «Por aquellos días se promulgó un edicto de parte del emperador César Augusto, ordenando que se empadronara todo el mundo. Este primer censo se hizo siendo Cirenio gobernador de Siria. Todos iban a empadronarse, cada uno a su ciudad. También José subió desde Galilea, de la ciudad de Nazaret, a Judea, a la ciudad de David llamada Belén, por ser él de la casa y familia de David, para empadronarse con María, su esposa, que estaba encinta. Y mientras estaban allí, le llegó el tiempo del parto, y dio a luz a su hijo primogénito. Lo envolvió en pañales y lo recostó en un pesebre, porque no había lugar para ellos en la posada» (Lucas 2:1-7). | | |

2025 Advent Calendar

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|---|---|--|---|---|
| 30 November Light the first violet candle on the Advent wreath, symbolizing Hope. Reflect on the source of your hope in Christ and what it means in your life. | 1 December Be intentional. As soon as your alarm goes off, rise and kneel before a crucifix. Offer your day—and this entire season—to God with purpose and reverence. | 2 Decide how you will draw closer to Christ this Advent—through intentional prayer, acts of penance, charitable giving, or participation in the Sacraments. | 3 Read Luke 1:26–38, where Mary’s “Yes” made way for the coming of Christ. Ask for the grace to respond with your own “Yes” to God’s will in your life. | 4 Set out your empty nativity scene as a sign of anticipation of the coming of the King. Gradually add the remaining figures throughout the Advent season. | 5 Attend First Friday Mass, in honor of Jesus’ Sacred Heart. “O Sacred Heart of Jesus, make my heart like yours.” And He will. | 6 St. Nicholas of Myra Call or visit your parish office and ask who needs help this Christmas. Then do something about it — quietly, as St. Nicholas did. |
| 7 Light the second violet candle for Peace. Pray for the “ <i>peace which surpasses all understanding</i> ” (Philippians 4:7) for yourself and whoever needs it most. | 8 Immaculate Conception God preserved Mary from sin so that she could be the mother of Jesus. Attend Mass and pray for our country. It is a holy day of obligation. | 9 Make a small sacrifice today, offered solely to God. It is even more meaningful if it’s done in secret, as encouraged in Matthew 6:18. | 10 Prepare your heart and soul to welcome the King. Participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and encounter the mercy of God. | 11 Advent is a busy season for parishes. Consider calling or emailing your parish office to ask how you can offer your time and support. | 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe Mary’s miraculous image reveals a profound mystery of Christmas (John 1:14). Take time today to pray for expectant mothers and the gift of new life. | 13 “If you have two shirts in your closet, one belongs to you and the other to the man with no shirt” (St. Basil the Great). Donate gently used clothing you don’t need. |
| 14 <i>Gaudete Sunday</i> Light the rose candle for joy to mark the halfway point to Christmas. | 15 Offer the alms of patience when you’re irritated, a smile when you’re weary, and a kind word in place of judgment. You will touch hearts in ways you’ll never fully realize. | 16 Harboring unforgiveness burdens the heart and disrupts inner peace. Pray for the grace to let go, so you can move forward in freedom and healing. | 17 Only nine days remain until Christmas. Place a lamp or candle in a window as a sign of welcome for the Christ Child. | 18 Visit the Blessed Sacrament, where Jesus fulfills His promise to remain with us (Matthew 28:20). Take this time to renew your faith in His unwavering love. | 19 Today, refrain from recreational screen use between 12:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Offer this sacrifice for those who struggle with screen-related addictions. | 20 Share the joy of the Gospel—gather a group of friends and go caroling to bring the Good News to others through song. |
| 21 Light the final violet candle, symbolizing Love—awaiting the coming of Christ, the ultimate expression of the Father’s love (John 3:16). | 22 The King is coming—prepare to welcome Him. Take time to ready your home as a reflection of the joy and reverence in your heart. | 23 Discern which Advent practices you feel called to carry beyond Christmas. Which ones deepened your relationship with God? Which ones strengthened your capacity for charity? | 24 <i>Rejoice!</i> Tonight, place the Christ Child in the manger and rejoice! | “In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town. And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn” (Luke 2:1-7). | | |



Flower Memorials

Help us beautify our church in honor of the memory of your loved one. Please contact the Rectory office for more information. **The offering is \$50 for two floral arrangements** for the week for the Crucifix, The Blessed Mother, or St. Joseph. You may request certain flowers or colors to customize your request.

The memorial will be featured in our weekly bulletin.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



Fridays at St. John's
8:30 am – 4:00 pm



The Catholic Cartoon by Joshua Masterson: <https://www.the-catholic-cartoon.com/>

Penance and Reconciliation At Other Churches in Our Area

✙ St. Kateri
Tekakwitha
Lagrangeville:

Monday
7:00 – 8:15 pm,
Wednesday
9:30 – 10:30 am,
Saturday
4:00 – 4:45 pm

✙ Immaculate
Conception
Amenia
(English and
Spanish):
Saturday
3:45 – 4:15 pm

✙ St. Columba
Hopewell
Junction
Saturday
8:30 – 9:00 am;
4:00 – 5:00 pm

✙ St. Denis
Hopewell Junction:
Saturday
8:00 – 8:45 am;
3:30 – 4:30 pm

First Saturdays Devotion

9:00 AM Mass at St. John's on the
First Saturday of the Month



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