

OUR LADY OF GRACE PARISH

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 7, 2025

Sat	December 6	5:30 pm	M	For the People of the Parish
Sun	December 7	8:00 am	R	McCullough, Campbell & Fleming families
		9:30 am	H	Simone Ayotte by the family
		11:00 am	M	Deceased members of Bishop family by Debbie and David Murray
Mon	December 8	5:30 pm	M	Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tues	December 9	5:30 pm	M	Glenn, Virginia, and Gary Watson by S.P.F. (5:10 Rosary)
Wed	December 10	5:30 am	M	Louis and Mary Gerrish by S.P.F. (5:10 Rosary)
Thurs	December 11	8:00 am	M	Richard Snyder by S.P.F.
Friday	December 12	8:00 am	M	The Martinchek Family by S.P.F.
Sat	December 13	5:30 pm	M	For the People of the Parish
Sun	December 14	8:00 am	R	McCullough, Campbell, and Fleming families
		9:30 am	H	Victor De Condo by Howard and Rosemary Demick
		11:00 am	M	Jeanne Wright by Donna Burns

The Saturday 5:30pm Mass in Morristown is livestreamed on YouTube - Search "Our Lady of Grace, Morristown, N.Y".

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE: Saturday – 4:45 pm to 5:15 pm at Morristown and

1/2 hour before Sunday Masses at Rossie and Hammond & upon request

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Please contact our Parish Priest

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY: Please contact our Parish Priest at least 6 months prior to wedding date.

PARISH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Envelopes \$2,786.00 Plate \$181.00 Votive Candles \$48.30 Human Development \$55.00

Total \$3,070.30

Counting for December 14 Team 2



Gospel Reflection: “The kingdom of heaven is at hand,” John proclaims. The Liturgy today paints us a vivid portrait of our new king and the shape of His kingdom. The Lord whom John prepares the way for in today’s Gospel is the righteous king prophesied in today’s First Reading and Psalm. He is the king’s son, the son of David—a shoot from the root of Jesse, David’s father. He is the Messiah, anointed with the Holy Spirit, endowed with the seven gifts of the Spirit—wisdom, understanding, counsel, strength, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord. He will rule with justice, saving the poor from the ruthless and wicked. His rule will extend not only over Israel—but from sea to sea -- to the ends of the earth. He will be a light, a signal to all nations. And they will seek Him and pay Him homage. In Him, all the tribes of the earth will find blessing. The covenant promise to

Abraham, renewed in God’s oath to David, will be fulfilled in His dynasty. And His name will be blessed forever. In Christ, God confirms His oath to Israel’s patriarchs, Paul tells us in today’s Epistle. But no longer are God’s promises reserved solely for the children of Abraham. The Gentiles, too, will glorify God for His mercy. Once strangers, in Christ they will be included in “the covenants of promise.”

DECEMBER SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

December 7 – Christmas Flowers

December 14- Retirement Fund for Religious

December 25 – CHRISTMAS

December – Parish Maintenance Projects

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS: Second Collection, December 13 and 14.

On **December 13–14**, our Diocese will join in the Retirement Fund for Religious collection, supporting sisters, brothers, and priests who have spent their lives serving in classrooms, hospitals, missions, and parishes with little financial compensation. Now, many face the challenges of aging and rising healthcare costs, yet their prayers continue to sustain the Church. Your gift is more than financial help—it is a message of gratitude and care. It ensures they receive the dignity they deserve while supporting younger members who carry forward their mission. Please give generously and keep our consecrated religious in your prayers.

PARISH COUNCIL RESULTS

“Thank you to all those willing to run for Parish Council. We would like to congratulate Annamarie DeStefanis, Ellen Pluta and Matthew Klimasauskas who were elected in a very close election. The members of the Parish Council for the 25/26 year are: Annamarie DeStefanis, Amy Emrich, Nicholas Gardner, Matthew Klimasaukas, Jane Kring, Michael Lonsbery, Bernie Martin, Ellen Pluta, Lisa Proven, and Thomas Young Jr. They are joined by our Parish Trustees Robert Lightfoot and Michael Sherry”

Thank you, FRCCC

VIRTUS TRAINING

12/13/25 – St. Peter’s Parish (Massena) with Susan Kocsis. Contact Office of Safe Environment, Diocese of Ogdensburg for further information. 315-393-2920

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS NEW AMERICANS HOTLINE: New York State resources available to everyone.

Information and resources at dos.ny.gov/know-your-rights. Hotline 1-800-566-7636 M-F 9am – 8pm Eastern Time, multi-lingual and anonymous, for support for all citizens including immigrants.

Contact for More Information: Deacon James Crowley **Phone Number:** 315-393-2920

FOOD AND GIFT COLLECTIONS

Our Lady of Grace holds a Christmas season food collection at our three churches. The food collected goes to stock the shelves of the Hammond Food Pantry. Our parish also features our Annual Giving Tree, and name tags for Boy/Girl and age of child are available.

The organizers would like all donations for Food Bank and for Giving Tree by Sunday December 21st, for distribution. Please contact Fr. Chris or Mary Truskowski for more information. Thank you!

ADVENT: Prepare to celebrate well!

To inspire families to Celebrate Advent, the Diocese of Ogdensburg Family Life Office posts resources and tips. The **Celebration of Advent** is rich in rituals and symbolism and is one of the best times for parents to help their families grow closer to God. The traditions that families establish during Advent build lasting memories and are a way for parents to catechize their children.

Formed.org offers free daily reflections via email or text. Signup is at <https://daily.formed.org/advent> . This is a 25-day journey through advent, based on the Jesse Tree. There is a companion book available as well as downloadable coloring sheets which can be used as ornaments on your Christmas Tree. Enjoy!