

OUR LADY OF GRACE PARISH

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 21, 2025

Sat	December 20	5:30 pm	M	Robert and Anne Kingsley by Scott and Pat Kingsley
Sun	December 21	8:00 am	R	Ed Hutton and Laurie Lynn Hutton by the Hutton family
		9:30 am	H	For the People of the Parish
		11:00 am	M	Betty McLellan by the family
Mon	December 22			NO MASS
Tues	December 23	5:30 pm	M	Myra Pitcher by David and Debbie Murray (5:10 Rosary)
Wed	December 24	4:00 pm	M	Deceased Members of Procida and Carrara families
		7:00 pm	R	For the People of the Parish
Thurs	December 25	11:00 am	H	Deceased Members of Rizzuto families
Friday	December 26			NO MASS
Sat	December 27	5:30 pm	M	For the People of the Parish
Sun	December 28	8:00 am	R	Linda Gardner by the Gardner family
		9:30 am	H	Simone Ayotte by George Ayotte
		11:00 am	M	Matt Holleran by the Holleran-Spilman family

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

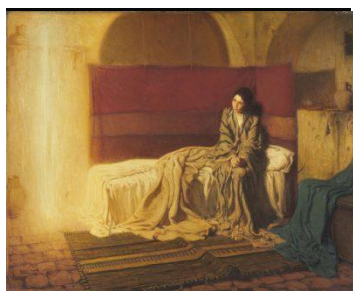
1/2 hour before Sunday Masses at Rossie and Hammond & upon request

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 \$2,747.00 Plate \$130.00 Maintenance \$50.00 Flowers \$15.00
Immaculate Conception \$5.00 Religious Retirement \$1,502.00 Christmas \$10.00
Total \$4,459.00 Counting for December 28 Team 4



Gospel Reflection: The mystery kept secret, promised through His prophets in the holy Scriptures, is today revealed. This is the Gospel of God that Paul celebrates in today's Epistle—the good news that “God is with us” in Jesus Christ. The sign promised to the House of David in today's First Reading is given in today's Gospel. In the Virgin found with child, God Himself has brought to Israel a savior from David's royal line. Son of David according to the flesh, Jesus is the Son of God, born of the Spirit. He will be anointed with the Spirit, and by the power of Spirit will be raised from the dead and established at God's right hand in the heavens. He is the “King of Glory” we sing of in today's Psalm. And as God swore long ago to David, His Kingdom will have no end. In Jesus Christ we have a new creation. Like the creation of the world, it is a work of the Spirit, a blessing

from the Lord . In Him, we are saved from our sins, are called now the beloved of God. He has made our hearts clean; He has made us worthy to enter His holy place, to stand in His presence and to serve Him. In the Eucharist, the everlasting covenant is renewed, the Advent promise of Virgin with child—God with us—continues until the end of the age.

DECEMBER SPECIAL COLLECTION

December 25 – CHRISTMAS COLLECTION
December – Parish Maintenance Projects

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION FOR PRIEST RETIREMENT

Seventy-five percent (75%) of our parish's annual Christmas collection will be contributed to the priest's religious order to provide for the needs of our retired priests and others who will retire from active ministry in the future. Please be generous to the Christmas collection and show your appreciation to your priests through your gift. Thank you so much!

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Thank you for supporting sisters, brothers, and priests who have spent their lives serving in classrooms, hospitals, missions, and parishes with little financial compensation. Your gift is more than financial help—it is a message of gratitude and care.

FOOD AND GIFT COLLECTIONS

The organizers would like to thank you for your generous response to the Annual Giving Tree and Food Pantry collections.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS

Thank you for your thoughtful contributions to the seasonal decoration of our three churches. Names of the remembered were published in last week's bulletin.

THE CHOSEN SEASON 5

For those who have been waiting for it: Deacon Bill will present The Chosen – Season 5, starting Tuesday, January 13, 2026 at Bishop Brzana Hall at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg. Each evening from 6-8:30 pm for 8 episodes will include discussion and refreshments. Please contact Deacon Bill O'Brien to sign up, email billob315@gmail.com or text 315-528-0461 with your name, phone number, and email. We hope to see you there!

BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS LETTER

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

At our Christmas Vigil Mass, we will hear St. Luke (Luke 2:6-7) tell us that God was born in a manger because there was no room for Him in the inn. As we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Savior this year, the conditions of today's world beg us to reflect on the question: **Is there room for God in my heart? Is there room in my heart for the scared migrant, the unborn child, the terrified Ukrainian?**

Today, it seems that the list is endless: those suffering from mental illness, the elderly, the addicted, the lonely, the imprisoned, indigenous peoples, the abused, the terror-stricken refugee. So many women, men and children are hurting. They are members of our families.

We enter this Advent Season, preparing for the celebration of the birth of Jesus, grateful for blessings received, but also keenly aware of our Christian duty to be the hands and tender heart of Christ to those who currently warrant scarce attention from us. Pope Leo XIV, in his Apostolic Exhortation, *Dilexi Te*, reminds us that “contact with those who are lowly and powerless is a fundamental way of encountering the Lord of history. This Christmas, let us resolve, inspired by our own time spent with Jesus, to see His Face in our sisters and brothers who we too often neglect. We yearn to make room in our hearts for the hurting. Their human dignity demands. Our Christian dignity impels us.

We pray that the beautiful acts of generosity that characterize the Christmas Season will be transformed from seasonal gestures of charity to lifelong acts of justice and mercy. Such personal transformation will give tangible evidence that we are *Christ-led, Christ-fed, and Hope-filled*. We can do great things in Christ Jesus, the Savior whose birth we celebrate with such joy and gratitude. Our God's unconditional love and boundless mercy became flesh and bones in the Person of Jesus Christ so that we might extend God's compassion and love. May the Christ Child bring you and your loved ones the Gift of Love, the Blessing of Hope and the Promise of Peace. A blessed Christmas and joy-filled New Year!

Faithfully yours in Christ, Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley, Bishop of Ogdensburg