

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Come, Peaceable Kingdom

Almighty God,
you are the giver of peace,
the source of harmony.
Guide us to follow your will
so that we may be united

in thought and act
and look forward to a time
when the wolf is guest of the lamb.
and all the earth knows you.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

December 7, 2025

Kings Rule, God Reigns

Today's readings: Isaiah 11:1–10; Psalm 72:1–2, 7–8, 12–13, 17; Romans 15:4–9; Matthew 3:1–12. Isaiah's prophecy reinforces the vision that a new king will come from the "holy mountain" upon which Jerusalem will be built. The scene that Isaiah imagines is much like the Garden of Eden, where animals have no enemies and the kingdom is peaceful. The prophet puts forth the hope that one day God will reign over the earth and the will of God will bring true harmony and peace.

The refrain for Psalm 72 parallels justice and peace. Peace will result when a king governs with justice, when the poor are rescued and saved. To govern with integrity, the king must be blessed. From that blessing, "all the tribes of

the earth" can be blessed. Listen carefully to this psalm that proclaims that a leader protects and serves those who are defenseless, vulnerable, and victims of injustice. What better way to anticipate the second week of Advent than to find a way to treat with kindness a victim of injustice? What better way to "think in harmony," as St. Paul states in the second reading, than to seek reconciliation with a family member or friend? Keep in mind St. Paul's instruction to "welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomes you."

The reading from Romans today speaks of endurance, encouragement, unity, harmony, and hope. Each day this week, as you contemplate John the Baptist's call to repent, read Romans 15:4–9 and choose a different phrase to ponder.

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Saturday anticipated Mass 4:00 PM
Sunday Mass 11:00 AM

Sunday Mass 9:00 AM

Saturday anticipated Mass 4:30 PM
Sunday Masses 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 AM & 6:00 PM

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Sunday, Dec 07, 2025

Put aside your to-do list

Advent can seem like a wintery Lent—purple decor, sober worship, scripture about the end times. While it is about focusing on our inner life, it's not from the perspective of repentance but a passionate desire for God. Unfortunately, a quiet time like Advent is easily shouted down by the madness of a jump-started Christmas. Advent is not a to-do list; it's a gift tied in purple velvet ribbon. Unwrap it—it's "just what you always wanted!" Confront your use and abuse of time. Create and jealously guard little pockets of quiet. Go for a walk in the crisp air. Sit with your address book; picture, pray for, and bless each person you cherish. Turn off the TV, listen to the first part of Handel's *Messiah* and bask in its beauty. Be still. Know God.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Isaiah 11:1-10; Romans 15:4-9; Matthew 3:1-12 (4). *"The earth shall be filled with knowledge of the LORD."*

Monday, Dec 08, 2025

Have a grace-full day

What is grace? One way to think of it is anything that comes from God. We can think of it in terms of what we give to God: prayer and worship, service to others, doing God's will. Or what God sends to us: the gift of creation, love, inspiration, consolation, help, and much more. Mary had grace in abundance—both what she gave and received. Make today a day of prayer to her to intercede for us and inspire us to give and receive God's grace. Here is a simple prayer from Saint Teresa of Calcutta to get you started: "Mary, give me your Heart: so beautiful, so pure, so immaculate; your Heart so full of love and humility that I may be able to receive Jesus in the Bread of Life and love Him as you love Him and serve Him in the distressing guise of the poor."

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Genesis 3:9-15, 20; Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12; Luke 1:26-38 (689). *"The angel Gabriel was sent ... And coming to her, he said, 'Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you.'"*

Tuesday, Dec 09, 2025

Patron of new beginnings

When Juan Diego (1474-1548) was canonized in 2002, he became the first indigenous saint from the Americas. The farmer and mat weaver was in his 40s when Hernán Cortés led the conquest of Spain in 1521, and within three years the first wave of Franciscan monks arrived near Juan's village. Juan and his wife were among the first of the indigenous residents to accept Baptism. Despite their age, the couple opened their hearts to a new beginning and readily uprooted themselves to move closer to the missionaries in Mexico City. Pray to Juan Diego, patron of immigrants and indigenous people, to inspire each of us to redouble our efforts to stand with those seeking a better life in a new land.

MEMORIAL OF JUAN DIEGO CUAUHTLATZIN

Isaiah 40:1-11; Matthew 18:12-14 (182). *"Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God."*

Wednesday, Dec 10, 2025

A song to lift your heart

Asked what liturgical song most fostered and nourished their spiritual life, the majority of respondents in any given online poll will cite "On Eagle's Wings" by Father Michael Joncas. The song, inspired by Isaiah's prophecy and Psalm 91, contains the beautifully crafted refrain: "And He will raise you up on eagle's

wings, Bear you on the breath of dawn, Make you to shine like the sun, And hold you in the palm of His Hand." Remember those words of solace whenever your burden feels too great.

ADVENT WEEKDAY

Isaiah 40:25-31; Matthew 11:28-30 (183). *"They that hope in the LORD will ... soar as with eagles' wings."*

Thursday, Dec 11, 2025

Found in translation

The pontificate of Damasus (366-384) occurred during a tumultuous period in the Early Church, with schisms and heresies on all sides. Perhaps Damasus' greatest contribution was his insight that a standardized version of the Bible was desperately needed. In 382 he commissioned a highly respected scholar named Jerome to revise the Bible into a more accurate and updated Latin version, working directly from the original Greek (New Testament) and Hebrew (Old Testament) versions. Saint Jerome's monumental effort came to be known as the Vulgate, meaning "translated into a native language." Even though Latin long ago stopped being a language of everyday use, the Vulgate still holds an honored position in the church. Take time for a little scripture reading today.

MEMORIAL OF DAMASUS I, POPE

Isaiah 41:13-20; Matthew 11:11-15 (184). *"I, the LORD, will answer them; ... That all may see and know."*

Friday, Dec 12, 2025

A labor of love

Artist J. Michael Walker produced his Virgin of Guadalupe series of paintings and sketches from 1995-2020. One of the most memorable portraits in the series is *Ironing, Thinking*, where we see Mary with a slightly careworn expression on her face as she irons her famous cloak of stars while balancing her crown on her head with simple dignity. In trying to capture the spirit of Mexico on canvas, Walker said, "It is only natural that I should have fallen under the spell—along with millions of other devotees—of the Virgin of Guadalupe, whom I portray as a real Mexican woman of Indian descent, going about the myriad tasks by which women hold the world together." Let the Virgin of Guadalupe inspire us to support the dignity of all who labor.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Zechariah 2:14-17 or Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Luke 1:26-38 (690A). *"A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars."*

Saturday, Dec 13, 2025

Adjust your vision of Christmas

One quality that many saints share is the capacity to look beyond the sometimes horrific circumstances of their lives and see the presence of God. They see with their hearts. Saint Lucy is certainly among those saints with this ability. Tradition tells us that she was raped then tortured and murdered for being a Christian, but she remained steadfast in her faith until the end. Her feast day comes at a good time. Now, midway through Advent, we might be feeling the pressure to conjure up the "perfect Christmas." Today take a moment to pause, adjust your spiritual lenses, and focus on the love that came into the world and continues to sustain us all through the darkest moments into the light.

MEMORIAL OF LUCY, MARTYR

Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11; Matthew 17:9a, 10-13 (186). *"Blessed is he who shall have seen you."*

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time



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MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

Middle School Youth Ministry will meet **Sunday, December 7** from 1:00 to 4:00 PM in the MOS Social Hall.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION MAKE-UP SESSION

A Confirmation Preparation make-up session will take place **Sunday, December 7** at 4:00 PM in the MOS Social Hall.



DONUT SUNDAY

All are invited for donuts and fellowship after all morning Masses at MOS on **Sunday, December 14** in the Social Hall.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

We will celebrate the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick on **Sunday, December 14** after the 11:30 AM Mass. If you are planning to have surgery, are experiencing health problems, or facing the challenges of aging, you are welcome to celebrate the sacrament.

BLUE CHRISTMAS LITURGY

As we approach the darkest night of the year, we are aware that the holidays can be difficult for any number of reasons. The Blue Christmas Liturgy allows people to acknowledge their sense of loss or pain and the shadow it casts over the holiday season.

Join us at Mother of Sorrows Parish on **Sunday, December 14** at 4:00 PM as we stand by one another during life's difficult seasons.

MOS LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Saturday 12/06

9:00 AM **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

4:30 PM † Jerry Burgman (*Donahoe Family*)

Sunday 12/07 Second Sunday of Advent

7:30 AM † Ed Peduzzi (*Larry Keller Family*)

9:30 AM † Joseph & Mary Aranowski
(*Mary Lou Rostand*)

11:30 AM † Frances & Marco Grado
(*Nick & Maria Grado*)

6:00 PM For the Parish

Monday 12/08 The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 AM † Philip Chiappetta (*Jim & Susan McLaughlin*)

10:30 AM † Chet Smolenski
(*Kathleen & Nick Masciantonio*)

Tuesday 12/09

8:00 AM † Jane Rodjom (*Barbara Jellison*)

Wednesday 12/10

8:00 AM † Jack Diehl (*Wife, Ginny*)

Thursday 12/11

9:00 AM † Elizabeth & Joseph McCormick
(*Stephen Vinosky*)

9:45 AM Eucharistic Adoration

5:30 PM Taizé

6:00 PM Benediction and Reposition
of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday 12/12 Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:00 AM † Fr. Dennis Sheehy
(*Sheehy, Melucci, Creenan & DeGroot Families*)

Saturday 12/13 Saint Lucy

9:00 AM **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

4:30 PM † Dolores Tomko (*Cala & Donahoe Families*)

Sunday 12/14 Third Sunday of Advent

7:30 AM † Stephen Gipson (*Denise, Grant & Meredith*)

9:30 AM † Frederick Certo (*Certo Family*)

11:30 AM † William O'Connor (*Martha O'Connor*)

12:30 PM **Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick**

4:00 PM Blue Christmas Service

6:00 PM For the Parish

OUR WEEKLY NUMBERS

November 22 and 23

MOTHER OF SORROWS

Attendance 1,850
 Offertory \$33,816.61
 Outreach \$ 4,447.00



November 29 and 30

Attendance 1,732
 Offertory \$31,872.66
 Outreach \$ 1,385.00

November 22 and 23

ST. JOHN

Attendance 308
 Offertory \$ 7,432.50



ST. MARY

Attendance 209
 Offertory \$ 5,004.00



November 29 and 30

ST. JOHN

Attendance 393
 Offertory \$ 6,423.26

ST. MARY

Attendance 154
 Offertory \$ 5,012.00

STEWARDSHIP NOTES

"Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire." Matthew 3:10

Do you bear good fruit for Jesus?
 Do you spend time in prayer or do you waste it with mindless activity?
 Do you use your talent to help others or are you too busy? Do you use your treasure to support the Church or do you buy more things that go unused. Our time, talent, and treasure are gifts from God. What we do with these gifts is our gift back to Him. What gifts are you planning to give to the Lord during this upcoming Christmas season?

A PEEK AT THE WEEK...

Sunday

December 7

9:00 AM	MOS	Craft Show, Social Hall
1:00 PM	MOS	Middle School Youth Ministry, lower narthex
4:00 PM	MOS	Confirmation Preparation Make-up Session, Social Hall
4:30 PM	MOS	Becoming Catholic, Ave Maria Room
5:00 PM	SJ	Delmont Christmas Pilgrimage
7:00 PM	MOS	High School Youth Ministry, Social Hall

Monday

December 8

6:30 PM	MOS	Cub Scouts, Social Hall
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Tuesday

December 9

10:00 AM	MOS	Staff Meeting, Conference Room
11:30 AM	MOS	Boomers and Beyond, Social Hall
1:00 PM	SJ	Support Ministry, St. John Social Hall
6:30 PM	MOS	Choir Practice, Church

Wednesday

December 10

9:30 AM	MOS	Women's Bible Study, Ave Maria Room
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Thursday

December 11

6:30 PM	SM	Baptism Preparation, St. Mary Church
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Friday

December 12

9:00 AM	MOS	Centering Prayer, Madonna Room
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Saturday

December 13

7:00 AM	SM	Catholic Men's Fellowship, St. Mary Social Hall
9:00 AM	MOS	Men's Renewal Group, Ave Maria Room
12:00 NN	MOS	Rosary Rally, lower parking lot

Sunday

December 14 - Donut Sunday

8:30 AM	MOS	Faith Formation for those with special needs, Ave Maria Room
7:00 PM	MOS	High School Youth Ministry, Social Hall

ROSARY RALLY

Our next outdoor Rosary Rally will be held on **Saturday, December 13** at 12:00 NN in the lower MOS church parking lot. It will be held outdoors rain or shine. Please call Mary Rita Turka at 412-848-5105 with questions.



We commend to your prayers June Kepple, Gary Laughlin and Bertha Mediate, who died recently. May God welcome them to the joys of Paradise and bring comfort and peace to their families.

PARISH OFFICES CLOSED

The Parish Offices will be closed **Monday, December 8** in observance of The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary and will reopen **Tuesday, December 9**.

SUPPORT MINISTRY FOR WIDOWS

Support Ministry welcomes recent widows or those who have been widowed for many years.

All widows are invited to join us on **Tuesday, December 9** at 1:00 PM in the St. John Social Hall for conversation, stories and laughter.

Lunch will be catered and will cost \$20 per person. Please RSVP to Sandy Martin at sandymartin112@gmail.com or 724-787-9305.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

The next Sacramental Preparation Session for St. John and St. Mary students will take place **Wednesday, December 10** from 6:30 to 8:00 PM at St. John Church.

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

If you are planning to have your child baptized at MOS, St. John or St. Mary, join us for our upcoming Baptism Preparation Class on **Thursday, December 11** at 7:00 PM at St. Mary Church.



In need of material assistance? Contact the St. John St. Mary St. Vincent DePaul Conference.
Call (724) 575-9888

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AVAILABLE, VISIT OUR PARISH WEBSITE
www.stjohnstmary.net

ST. JOHN AND ST. MARY LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Saturday 12/06

12:00 NN SJ **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

4:00 PM SJ † Maryanne Schavone
(*Rosalie & Bill Cosgriff*)

Sunday 12/07 Second Sunday of Advent

9:00 AM SM † Harry Whyel Jr.
(*Wife, Theresa and Children*)

11:00 AM SJ For the Parish

Monday 12/08 The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 AM SM † John Carl Cappa
(*Larry & Carol Ann Amenta*)

7:00 PM SJ † John & Catherine Makowski & Family

Tuesday 12/09

8:30 AM SJ † Fr. Stanley Markiewicz, OSB

12:00 NN SM Eucharistic Adoration

5:00 PM SM **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

6:00 PM SM Benediction and Reposition

Wednesday 12/10

8:05 AM SM Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

8:30 AM SM † Gerald Dunn & Margeanne Noel
(*Jim Dunn & Family*)

Thursday 12/11

8:10 AM SJ St. Joseph Novena

8:30 AM SJ † Helen Opsitnick (*Denise Lotinsky*)

Friday 12/12 Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:30 AM SM † Nicholas, Anna & Harry Chackan
(*Sandy Topolosky*)

Saturday 12/13 Saint Lucy

12:00 NN SJ **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

4:00 PM SJ † Ninette Limpo
(*Lorenza & Nick Grado*)

Sunday 12/14 Third Sunday of Advent

9:00 AM SM † Carolyn Thatcher
(*Mom & Dad*)

11:00 AM SJ For the Parish



On Sunday November 23, we joyfully began Liturgy of the Word with Children, a beautiful opportunity for our young parishioners to hear the Gospel in words they can understand and carry in their hearts. We also celebrated a special milestone as Fr. Dave blessed our newly renovated Faith Formation classrooms, a wonderful space where our children will learn, grow and encounter Christ.

We welcome all children ages 4 through 2nd grade to join us for our next Liturgy of the Word with Children on **December 14** during the 9:00 AM Mass. May this ministry continue to inspire our little ones as they discover the wonder of God's Word!

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

On **Monday, December 8**, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary, nine months before we celebrate the Birth of Mary (September 8). It was in 1854 that Pope Pius IX solemnly declared that Mary was kept free from sin from the first moment of her conception. Although the Bible is silent on this dogma, our faith affirms our belief that Mary was a faithful woman who always sought to do God's will. On this festival we gather to pray that the spirit of God might overshadow us and strengthen our faith as we strive to do God's will.

Mass times for the Immaculate Conception are:

Monday, December 8	8:00 AM	MOS
Monday, December 8	8:30 AM	St. Mary
Monday, December 8	10:30 AM	MOS
Monday, December 8	7:00 PM	St. John

ADVENT TAIZÉ PRAYER

Taizé is a distinctive style of meditative prayer developed by an ecumenical community of monks in rural France. This quiet, moving, reflective prayer combines elements of the Church's traditional Liturgy of the Hours with elements of contemplative meditation.

All parishioners from St. John, St. Mary and MOS are invited to join us at Mother of Sorrows Church at 5:30 PM on **Thursday, December 11, and 18.**

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Jesus entrusted the ministry of reconciliation to the Church. The Sacrament of Penance is God's gift of mercy to us so that any sin committed after Baptism can be forgiven. In this sacrament we have the opportunity to repent and recover the grace of friendship with God. It is a holy moment in which we place ourselves in God's presence and honestly acknowledge our sins. Receiving absolution, we are reconciled to God and the Church.

As we anticipate the Jubilee Year in 2025, parishes in the region will no longer have a communal Penance Service prior to the celebration of the Sacrament. Instead, there will be several priests hearing confessions from 6:00PM – 8:00 PM (12:00 NN to 2:00 PM at St. John). It is our hope that allowing more time for confession, we might be better able to experience the joy that comes from being freed from whatever separates us from God, who seeks to lavish upon us the same forgiveness and love lavished on the prodigal son.

Renewed, refreshed and reconciled in this sacrament once more, we are once more we are made new. It is this newness of spirit and soul that we hope that all of us will experience time and again in the sacrament of Penance. All are invited to celebrate the gifts of God's mercy this Advent at the following times and places.

Thursday,	December 11	6:00 – 8:00 PM	Ascension, Jeannette
Tuesday,	December 16	6:00 – 8:00 PM	St. Regis, Trafford
Wednesday,	December 17	6:00 – 8:00 PM	Mother of Sorrows, Murrys ville
Thursday,	December 18	6:00 – 8:00 PM	St. Barbara, Harrison City
Saturday,	December 20	12:00 – 2:00 PM	St. John, Delmont

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

December 24	Vigil of Christmas	4:00 PM (Church) & 4:00 PM (Hall) - Mother of Sorrows
	Vigil of Christmas	4:00 PM - St. John, Delmont
	Vigil of Christmas	6:00 PM - Mother of Sorrows
December 25	Mass at Night	12:00 MN - Mother of Sorrows
	Mass at Night	12:00 MN - St. Mary, Export
	Mass at Dawn	9:00 AM - St. Mary, Export
	Mass at Dawn	9:30 AM - Mother of Sorrows
	Christmas Mass	10:00 AM - St. John, Delmont
	Christmas Mass	11:30 AM - Mother of Sorrows

THE GIFT OF TIME- PARISH CALENDARS

Parish calendars for the year 2026 are now available after Masses this weekend. Many thanks to the Hart Funeral Home and Creenan and Baczkowski, Attorneys, for donating this gift to our MOS parishioners and Vaia Funeral Home for donating this gift to our St. John and St. Mary parishioners.

BAKERS NEEDED

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to bake for the Christmas Cookie Fundraiser. Our goal is 100 dozen of each type of cookie. If you are able to bake any of the following cookies at home, please contact Vicki McGuire at 412-848-6821 or xmascookiefundraiser@gmail.com.

Cookies needed are chocolate chip, peanut butter blossom, sugar cookies, snickerdoodle, ladylocks, thumbprints, and chocolate cookies.

ST. JOHN AND ST. MARY CHRISTMAS ANGEL GIVING TREES

Thank you to all who have taken a tag from the Christmas Angel Giving Trees. Please remove the price tags and return the unwrapped gifts by December 8 so that the gifts can be delivered to the different centers.

THANK YOU

The St. John and St. Mary Community Outreach team would like to thank everyone who donated to families in need of Thanksgiving meals. Your generosity exceeded the need and we will again be able to give back for Christmas as well!



ANNUAL Christmas COOKIE FUNDRAISER
4 dozen Cookies for \$30
 LAST DAY TO ORDER IS *DECEMBER 7TH*
 PROCEEDS BENEFIT ALL 3 PARISHES ACTIVITIES

EACH TRAY CONTAINS 6 OF EACH:
 CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES
 PEANUT BUTTER BLOSSOMS
 SUGAR COOKIES
 LADY LOCKS
 SNICKERDOODLES
 THUMBPRINTS
 CHOCOLATE COOKIE
 RICE KRISPIE TREAT

Orders will be taken after weekend masses 11/ 29 & 30th and 12/6 & 7th OR Venmo \$30 to the attached QR code with the message "cookies".

Pick up date:
Dec 21st from 10am-1pm @ St John's Social Hall

Additional cookies on trays & bagged by the dozen will be available the day of pick-up but they may have a different assortment

Contact Dina Colangelo for more info xmascookiefundraiser@gmail.com or cell 410-300-1244



BOOMERS AND BEYOND

Join us on **Tuesday, December 9** at 11:30 AM in the Mother of Sorrows Parish Social Hall for a presentation on “Cognitive Impairment,” presented by Ellen M. Whyte, MD.

What is normal cognitive aging? What are the causes of abnormal cognitive aging? When is it time to see your PCP or specialist concerning cognitive changes? Questions such as these will be answered by Dr. Ellen M. Whyte, a UPMC psychiatrist who is board-certified in psychiatry as well as geriatric psychiatry. Join the discussion as Dr. Whyte describes treatment of abnormal cognitive aging, in general terms, as well as prevention and how to stay cognitively strong.

Boomers and Beyond is a ministry serving the ‘baby boomers’ and all adults of Mother of Sorrows Parish and the surrounding communities. Lunch and learn sessions are held on the second Tuesday of each month. Topics are varied and reservations are not required. Participants gather at 11:30 AM and are encouraged to bring a ‘brown bag’ lunch and a friend. Presentations follow from 12:00 - 1:00 PM.

WOMEN’S RETREAT

All women of MOS, St. John and St. Mary Parishes are invited to the annual Women’s Retreat **January 16 - 18, 2026** at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center in Pittsburgh.

This year’s theme is Pray Always/ Pray All Ways. This Women’s Retreat provides a wonderful opportunity to step away from your busy life and spend a weekend focused on God.

The Retreat begins with a Friday evening Mass and ends Sunday at noon. Activities include daily Mass, speakers, and workshops or you may choose to spend solitary time in prayer and reflection. You will have the opportunity for Reconciliation, Adoration and fellowship.

To register, call 412-381-7676 or visit our website at motherofsorrowschurch.org and click on the image of the ad under the ‘Upcoming Events’ section.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ULTRASOUND PROJECT

There is an urgent need to replace four ultrasound units at three of the Life Choice locations within the Diocese of Greensburg. Each unit costs \$28,000. 80% of women who have an ultrasound end up going to full term.

The Knights of Columbus will be selling raffle tickets for \$10 for a chance to win \$5,000 at Donut Sunday on December 14. The drawing will take place January 1, 2026.

If you would like to make a donation to the Ultrasound Project, please contact Don Granata at 724-468-1808.

ST. ANNE HOME LOTTERY CALENDARS

St. Anne Home Lottery Calendars are available for sale. There is a chance to win any day of the new year from \$30 to \$500. The calendars are available for \$30 in the MOS Parish Office, or by calling Don Granata at 724-468-1808.

MOS OUTREACH

WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE

The Catholic Men's Fellowship of Western PA is organizing a winter clothing collection for homeless men. Items needed include men's jeans, hoodies, boots, winter coats, wool caps, socks and gloves. Donations will benefit homeless men served at the Red Door at St. Mary of Mercy Catholic Church in Pittsburgh. Please place the men's clothing in the deck boxes outside the Social Hall from December 8 until December 22.

PEN PAL MINISTRY

Do you enjoy writing letters? Would you like to make a difference in someone's life? The MOS Pen Pal ministry is in need of 8 individuals or families to send a monthly note or card to a local nursing home resident. For more information, contact Raissa at rsvpfederline@gmail.com or 412-953-8206.



This week on FORMED:

What Is the Immaculate Conception?

Join Drs Tim Gray and John Sehorn as they examine Mary under her title of the Immaculate Conception. This dogma of the Catholic faith, promulgated in 1854 by Pope Pius IX, speaks of Mary's conception and what it means to the Church.

Guadalupe: The Miracle and the Message

Enjoy this film narrated by Jim Caviezel that walks us through our Mother's miraculous appearance to Juan Diego, an encounter that has influenced the conversion of millions of people.

COMPLIMENTARY DINNER WITH
BISHOP LARRY J. KULICK



St. Andrew Dinner

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CONGRATULATIONS



Nine young boys and girls recently celebrated the reception of First Holy Communion. Congratulations to and God's blessings upon Carter Jesse, Austin Dennis, Giorgio Alessandro, Giuliana Marie, Luca Antonio, Sonny Rowe, Abigail Mary Ellen, Alexis Dawn and Ashley Ann.



We rejoice with Joshua Andrew Delligatti as he enters into full communion in the Catholic Church and celebrates his Confirmation and First Communion.

Congratulations to the Helmuth Family as they celebrate the baptism of Joseph Alexander, the Jenkins Family on the baptism of Chloe Grace, and the Tavella Family on the baptism of Anthony Joseph.



The Helmuth Family



The Jenkins Family



The Tavella Family

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

All High School Youth are invited to join us on **Sunday, December 7** for this semester's final Evening of Encounter, when our topic of discussion will be *service*, and there will be an opportunity for adoration and confession. We will meet from **7:00 to 9:00 PM** in the lower narthex.

On **Sunday, December 14**, we will hold our annual Christmas Party with lots of fun and games, a crazy gift exchange and good things to eat. Please come and bring a friend! We will gather in the Social Hall from **7:00 to 9:00 PM**.



At their last meeting, High School Youth Ministry enjoyed a movie night as they gathered with the weary pilgrims who had returned from the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis earlier that day. The students watched the new movie entitled *Triumph of the Heart*, a powerful film about St. Maximillian Kolbe, who offered his life in exchange for another man's life in Auschwitz. It is a beautiful story of love, sacrifice, faith and hope in the face of death.



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Eighth graders enjoyed taking some time to read with first graders on a recent afternoon. The younger students were proud to share their favorite books.

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