

Second Sunday of Advent

Entrance Antiphon: “O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.” Cf. Is 30: 19, 30

Communion Antiphon: Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God. Bar 5: 5; 4: 36

Reflection for this Sunday: The 2nd Sunday of Advent calls us to prepare for the coming of Christ through justice, repentance, and hope, as beautifully presented in the readings from Isaiah, Romans, and the Gospel of Matthew. Isaiah offers a powerful vision of a leader from the line of Jesse who will rule with wisdom, fairness, and peace, bringing harmony not only among people but even within creation itself—an image that inspires us to work for justice and peace in our own communities and relationships today. John the Baptist’s bold call to repentance in the Gospel challenges us to go beyond words and religious labels, urging a true change of heart that bears fruit in how we live, serve, and love others. He reminds us that faith is proven not by ancestry or status, but by how sincerely we live God’s will. Together, Isaiah and John point us toward Jesus as the true and perfect leader—one who leads not with power, but with mercy, truth, humility, and self-giving love. This Sunday invites us to examine who leads us, how we lead others, and whether our lives reflect the peace and justice of God’s Kingdom. As we continue our Advent journey, we are encouraged to prepare our hearts more deeply for Christ by living justly, repenting sincerely, choosing what is good, and allowing God’s hope to shape our daily lives.

Retirement Fund for Religious: 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.

***End of Year Statements:** If you would like a Statement of your contributions for 2025, please call the office and we will put you on a list.

***CDA#1548 Meeting Dec. 8th @6pm,** after meeting will prepare Christmas containers for 32 Shut Ins.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL: Holy Angels & St Ann's Parish Families invite you! (Altona) All Day Event on December 14: Bake Sale, Craft Fair, Gift Basket Raffle, Food & Refreshments Sale. 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Holy Angels Hall, Altona. Concert & LIVE Nativity Holy Angels Church 3 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Come & make memories with Family & Friends enjoy the day. Holy Angels, 522 Devils Den Road, Altona, New York 12910 **Contact for More Information:** Parish Offices **Phone Number:** 518-236-5632

CELEBRATION OF LIFE PLANNING EXPO: Bereavement and Community Support Committee Celebration of Life Planning Expo to Be Held at St. Edmund’s Parish Hall. Helping Families Prepare Faithfully for Life’s Final Journey. The Bereavement and Community Support Committee of Saint Bernard’s and Saint Edmund’s Parishes invites the public to a “Celebration of Life Planning Expo” on Saturday, January 17, 2026, beginning at 10 a.m. at Saint Edmund’s Parish Hall, Ellenburg. This free community event will provide helpful resources for families wishing to prepare for their end-of-life needs—spiritually, practically, and with peace of mind. Participants will include grief counselors, estate planners, legal and financial advisors, funeral directors, clergy, musicians, caterers, florists, monument and memorial specialists, cemetery and mausoleum representatives, and local organizations that assist families during times of loss. “Planning ahead is a loving gift to our families,” said a spokesperson for the Bereavement Committee. “It allows us to make thoughtful choices and prepare our final celebration of life with faith and dignity.” Refreshments will be available, and attendees will have the opportunity to meet local service providers, ask questions, and gather information. In case of inclement weather or a blizzard, the event will be rescheduled for Saturday, January 24, 2026, at 10 a.m. **Contact for More Information:** Mary Ellen Tomo **Phone Number:** 518-569-4447 **Email:** tomo_mary@yahoo.com
*****Parish Notice:** Fr. Tojo Chacko, our Pastor, will be traveling to India to visit his family for one month during January and February. During this time, there will be **no weekday Masses**. Any scheduled intentions will be **moved to the next available date**. Please keep Fr. Tojo in your prayers for safe travels.

Christmas Mass Schedule
December 24, Wednesday: Christmas Vigil
4 : 00pm at St. Edmund’s Church, Ellenburg
6 : 00pm at St. Bernard’s Church, Lyon Mountain
December 25, Thursday: Christmas Day
8 :00am at St. Edmund’s Church, Ellenburg

Mass & Envelope Schedule

Saturday 12/13	Sunday 12/14
4:00pm (SB) (L) Jessica Charland (EM) Jessica Charland	8:00am (SE) (L) Barb LaBombard (EM) Peggy McNeil (EM) Doug Trombley
6:00pm (SE) (L) Donna Curry (EM) Judy Bombard (EM) Betty Bulriss	10:30am (SB) (L) Mike Chase (EM) Mike Chase (EM) Joe Varin
Counters (Week 2)	Janet & Dan Waldron
December 7	December 14
Regular Collection Fuel Collection	Regular Collection Religious Retirement

40 hour Eucharistic Adoration: In Preparation for Christmas we are having a 40 hour Eucharistic Adoration at St. Edmund’s Church, Ellenburg Center starting December 15 at 6:00 PM and ending December 17 at 9:00 AM. Can you Pray one hour with our Lord Jesus? Sign up sheets are in the back of the Churches.

Cleaning & Decorating of St. Edmund’s Church: We would like to invite all those who would like to Volunteer for decorating and cleaning the St. Edmund’s Church & St. Bernard’s Church for Advent. Please come join us on Saturday, December 20, 2025 at 9am at SE, Ellenburg & December 21, 2025 after 10.30am Mass at SB, Lyon Mountain. All are welcome.

Wreaths Across America Ceremony December 13, 2025 at 12:00 noon. There will be a full Honor Guard along with Military Honors. The Ceremony will start off inside of St Bernard's church. A luncheon will be held at Lyon Mountain Post 1623 after Wreath placement.

Lyon Mountain Mining & Railroad Museum Holiday Open House: Saturday, December 13th 10:00am-5:00pm, Museum Gift Shop will be Open!! LM Apparel, Local Books, T-Shirts, Sweat-shirts Baseball Hats, Museum Memberships, Memorial Plaques & More!! Holiday Bake Sale Refreshments with a Special Musical Performance By Marjorie Kelting 3:00 4:30, Guided Tours, Holiday Cheer, 2914 Standish Rd; Lyon Mountain, NY.

***Altar Rosary Meeting Monday De. 8th after Mass.**

Schedule of Holy Mass & Devotions

Second Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 6th, 2025
4:00pm(SB) For The People of the Parish
6:00pm(SE) Margo Rounds by Carol LaClair Monette
Sunday, December 7th, 2025
8:00am (SE) Rose Oliver by CDA #1300
10:30am(SB) Jeannette Dubrey by Sherry & Joe LaClair

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Monday, December 8th, 2025: Novena & Adoration
5:30pm (SE) Marguerite Colgan by Debbie & Delbert Hart
Tuesday, December 9th, 2025:
9:00am (SB) Bernard Grogan by Scott & Leasha LaPoint
Wednesday, December 10th, 2025:

No Mass
Thursday, December 11th, 2025:
9:00am (SE) Carl Tourville by Linda Barnaby
Friday, December 12th, 2025:
9:00am (SB) Reggie Owen by Francine Poitras

Next Weekend
Third Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 13th, 2025
4:00pm(SB) Joan Farrell by Family
6:00pm(SE) Gerald Trombley by Jesse & Shar Stanley
Sunday, December 14th, 2025
8:00am (SE) Lester Peets by Family
10:30am(SB) Vivian Boucher by Jan Ryan

In addition to mass dedications, sanctuary candles which remain lit on the altar for a full week can be dedicated for your prayer intentions.

SANCTUARY CANDLE (Week of December 7th)

St. Bernard’s	St. Edmund’s
Alex & Shelly Benware By Claire & Bernadette Kowalowski	Wilfred & Ida Cayea By Lillian Cayea

Pray for the Sick: Betty Gregory, Shirley Guerin, Baby Walter, Bill LePage, Fred Cayea Jr., Veronica Demers, Amy Wilson,, Jimmy Kowalowski, Mary Denton, Michael Burleigh, Tom Lavery, Janet Collins. Jeanne LaMare, Pat Cayea, Caroline Varin, Bob Siskavich

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St. Bernard's Church Est. 1875
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Schedule of Holy Mass

Saturday	Sunday
4:00pm (SB) 6:00pm (SE)	8:00am (SE) 10:30am (SB)

St. Edmund's Church Est. 1883
 5526 Route 11
 Ellenburg Center, NY

Office Hours:
 Monday, Tuesday,
 Wednesday:
 9:30am to 1:30pm or
 by appointment

The sacrament of penance and reconciliation is available 20 minutes prior to each Saturday Evening masses, or anytime by appointment.

For the sacraments of baptism and RCIA please contact Deacon Lushia (518) 493-6671 or lushiak@westelcom.com. For the sacraments of marriage and anointing of the sick, please contact Father Tojo.

Abuse Reporting: If you have a complaint of suspected misconduct involving diocesan clergy, religious, employees or volunteers, contact Victim Assistance Coordinator, Terrianne Yanulavich, Ph.D., LMHC, 5050 Route 374, Merrill, NY 12955; terrianneyanulavich@yahoo.com Phone: 518-569-0612; or Father Christopher Carrara, the Episcopal Vicar for Clergy; ccarrara@rcdony.org Phone: 315-393-2920 ext. 1340. If you have a complaint of suspected sexual abuse or related misconduct by the bishops, contact the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service at 800-276-1562 or www.ReportBishopAbuse.org

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Second Sunday Of Advent
"Bethlehem Candle" or the "Candle of Peace"


Advent Wreath Prayer
O God of Peace, come~
 Form us into your Peace-makers.
 Enable us to look within ourselves,
 to make straight our crooked hearts,
 to patiently and lovingly await changes
 in ourselves and others.
 As you gather us tenderly,
 and hold us close, may we also show
 that same compassion to the world.
 Fill our hearts with your peace,
 and our lives with your love,
 that these may flow from our lives
 and into our world.
 We ask this through Christ,
 our Savior and our peace. **Amen**