



Our Lady of the Alleghenies

Lilly, PA

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Blessing of an Advent Wreath

Lord our God, we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ: he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples, he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us, he is the Savior of every nation. Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation. May he come quickly and not delay. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

-United States Conference of Catholic Bishops



Blessing of a Creche



Lord, bless all who look upon this manger; may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus, and raise our thoughts to him, who is God-with-us and Savior of all, and who lives and reigns forever and ever. **Amen.**

-United States Council of Catholic Bishops

<https://www.usccb.org/prayers/blessing-christmas-manger-or-nativity-scene>

Blessing of a Christmas Tree

Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we illumine this tree. May the light and cheer it gives be a sign of the joy that fills our hearts. May all who delight in this tree come to the knowledge and joy of salvation. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



<https://www.usccb.org/prayers/blessing-christmas-tree>

Blessing of Christmas Meal



Lord of All, we give you thanks for your abundance, and for all the great things you have given us, especially the birth of Your Son on this day. We ask your blessing upon this food, and upon our friends and family. We also pray that in your great mercy; you would look kindly upon all those in need this day. We pray in Jesus name, **Amen.**

— David Bennet

22 Best Christmas Dinner Prayers 2021 — Family Blessings for Christmas Dinner (womansday.com)

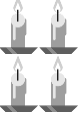
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
NOV. 30  1 st Sunday of Advent	1	2	3 2026 Festival Heads of Booths Meeting 6:00pm Hall	4	5 First Friday Adoration 8:30 – 9:30 am Confession 8:30 – 9am	6  Confessions 3:15 – 3:45 Vigil Mass 4:00 pm
7  2 nd Sunday of Advent Masses 8:00 am 10:00am 3:25 pm 4:00 pm Vigil Mass for Immaculate Conception	8 Immaculate Conception 6:00 am 8:00am 6:00pm Parish Council Meeting 6:45 – 7:45 in the Hall	9  St. Vincent de Paul Society (2 nd Tuesday) 2:00 PM Church Hall	10 Holy Day of Obligation December 8 – Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is the day we celebrate that Mary was conceived in St. Anne's womb without original sin.		11 12  Knights of Columbus Blood Drive 12:30 to 5:00 Church Hall	13 Mass 8:00  Confessions 3:15 – 3:45 Vigil Mass 4:00 pm
14  3 rd Sunday of Advent	15	16	17  Knights of Columbus 6:00 pm Church Hall	18	19 Church Decorating 6:00 pm Followed by Family Night Activities	20 Mass 8:00  Confessions 3:15 – 3:45 Vigil Mass 4:00 pm



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21  4 th Sunday of Advent	22	23 Confessions 6:00 pm <i>{several priests available}</i>	24  Children's Christmas Program 3:15 Christmas Vigil Mass 4:00 pm	25  Christmas Day Masses at: Midnight 8:00 AM 10:00 AM	26	27 Mass 8:00 Confessions 3:15 – 3:45 Christmas Social 5:30 – 10 
28	29	30	31 Solemnity of Mary Vigil Mass at 4:00 PM	January 1 Solemnity of Mary New Year's Day Mass 8:00 AM 10:00 AM 		

Church Decorating and Family Night Friday, December 19

6:00 pm in the Church Hall



All families of the parish are encouraged to bring their children and participate. Food and drink will be served afterwards, along with a movie for those not wishing to play any games.

If you are coming, please call Joy Eckenrode at 814-937-5770 so we can prepare enough food and drink for those wishing to come. Friends are welcome!

December 24th Vigil Mass
 4:00pm Christmas Vigil Mass is a "**Family**" Mass with the children of our parish participating in the roles of liturgical ministries such as Readers, Ushers, Gift Bearers, etc. Thank you to Mrs. Joy Eckenrode, Youth Minister, for organizing our parish's children's participation.



December

Happy Birthday



2 Barbara Bart
3 Anthony Ronan
4 Ryan Behe
Joseph Ditosti
Ilona Letzo
Colin Nesbella
5 Edward Myers
Joseph Phillips
Margaret Robine
7 Anne Noland
8 Mary Billick
Emma Sawinski
10 Charlotte Muldoon
11 William Dunmyer
Barbara Martino
Regina Robine

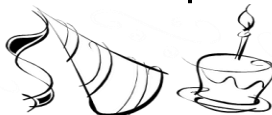
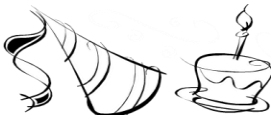
12 Sarah Barlick
14 Elizabeth Wilt
15 Helen Fordick
Cecelia Nadolsky
16 LeeAnn Cannonie
Teresa Kozak
Francis Russian
Beverly Wilk
17 John Craig Jr.
Francis Klayko
18 Nyla Robine
19 Kathy Cullen
Karen James
20 Emma Hazlett
Adam Nagy
Rocco Ricupero
Vincenzo Ricupero

22 Julie Crouse
Ken Leap
23 Ashton Courvina
Douglas Martynuska
24 Olivia George
25 Richard Burkhart
Robert Hazlett
James M. Martino
26 Linda Behe
Deborah Krug
Joyce Offman
27 Marilyn Nadolsky
28 Crystal Hite
29 Christopher Rowe
Mark Wilson
30 Jasmine Flores
31 Brian Behe

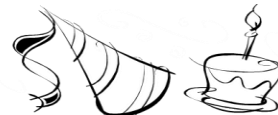
Special Birthday Celebrations

The following members of the parish family will be celebrating special birthdays in December.

Francis Klayko 85
Ilona Letzo 83



Helen Fordick 81
LeeAnn Cannonie 80



Please call Fr. Matthew, the Pastor, if there are any necessary corrections.



December Wedding Anniversaries



The following members of the parish family will be celebrating anniversaries this month.

1	Rick and Marilyn Nadolsky	22	Stanley and Barbara Kukla
3	Thomas and Brenda Orr	27	Ron and Cindy Segada
6	Howard and Susan McIntosh	29	John Jr. and Michelle Craig
20	Frank and Lisa Scott	30	Patrick and Mary Jo Rainey



Anniversary Milestones

Congratulations to the following couples celebrating special anniversaries this month.

Patrick and Mary Jo Rainey	58
Howard and Susan McIntosh	50

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Lost and Found



Are you looking for something?

Maybe it is in our Lost and Found box located at the ramp door exit of the Church building.

Some items available include: rosary, umbrella, hats, sunglasses, & baby carrier.



Spotlight on the Knights of Columbus

Council 11084 - Lilly, PA

For more information, contact these leaders of our local council:

Officers for 2025-2026

Grand Knight Gary Nagy
Deputy Grand Knight..... Deacon Sam Albarano
Chaplain..... VACANT
Financial Secretary James R. Secriskey
Chancellor..... Robert Kunrod
Treasurer..... Patrick J. Rainey
Recorder George W. Nesbella



Bloodmobile 2025

Our Council will be sponsoring a blood drive.

Friday December 12

12:30 – 5pm



Adult Christmas Social

December 27, 2025

You are invited to our Adult Christmas Social on Saturday, December 27th.

- Doors open at 5:30 pm.
- Light Appetizers from 5:30-6
- Dinner 6:00-7:00.
- Live Band - Hot Wax will be playing from 7-10.
- \$25.00 - Single ticket
- \$45.00 - Couple tickets
- B.Y.O.B. & **MUST BE 21 TO ATTEND**
- Contact Anna Leahey at 814-935-4501 for tickets



Special Mass Schedule

December 6, 7, & 8

For the 2nd Sunday of Advent

December 6, 2025

Saturday Vigil at 4:00PM

December 7, 2025

Sunday 8:00AM

10:00AM

3:25PM

2nd Sunday
of
Advent

For the Immaculate Conception Holyday of Obligation

December 7, 2025

Sunday Vigil at 4:00PM

December 8, 2025

Monday 6:00AM

8:00AM

6:00PM



You can satisfy **both** Masses of Obligation for Sunday and the Holyday by attending the **3:25pm** Mass on Sunday which will be immediately followed by the Vigil for Immaculate Conception at **4:00pm**.

At our Active Shooter Presentation Bubba Fatula emphasized three options we have if ever faced with an active shooter.

1. Fight
2. Flight
3. Hide

- In this presentation he focused on fleeing the situation as the number one option for safety.
- If a shooter is present indoors then the danger we face is indoors. Do all you can to leave the building and run to a safe place off church property.
- Trying to stay and save people can actually be an obstacle for others to get to safety.
- His true stories were an eye opener of how to do things and how not to do things. Thank you to Bubba for making this presentation available to our parish and community.



Bubba Fatula



Bubba Fatula



42 people attended

Parish Christmas Card List



While you are working on your Christmas card list, please remember our fellow parishioners who are either Homebound or reside in a Nursing Home Facility.

Ava Campagna

Maple Winds
4112 Springhill Rd.
Portage, PA 15946

Michael Felus

Garvey Manor
1037 South Logan Blvd.
Hollidaysburg, PA 16648

Donna Glass

212 Laurel Ave.
Apt. 1
Cresson, PA 16630

Debra Hartline

1032 Cemetery St.
Lilly, PA 15938

Evelyn Hutsky

115 2nd Street
P.O. 54
Cassandra, PA 15925

Donna Jackson

231 Wood Street
Lilly, PA 15938

Gertrude Leap

328 Farmers Turnpike
Lilly, PA 15938

Dorothy Obester

206 Railroad St.
Lilly, PA 15938

Mary Sabol

4 Mountain Rd.
Lilly, PA 15938

Anne Wolfe

228 Park Rd.
Lilly, PA 15938

*Please inform Fr. Matthew directly
if there are any needed corrections at
814-886-2504 ext. 101 Thank you.*



Family Ritual

This year, decorate for Christmas more than you ever have before.

- Consider decorating your Christmas Tree in Jesse Tree fashion. Put up one decoration a day and say a prayer or read an Advent reflection as you do so.
- Set up a Nativity Scene in your home, but with only the animals in the scene. Put the other characters – Mary and Joseph, the Wise Men, and the Shepherds – in different parts of your home.
- Each week throughout Advent (or every day if you choose), move them a little closer to the crèche until they arrive there at Christmas.