

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MAKE STRAIGHT HIS PATHS.

— MATTHEW 3:3 —

Parish Stewardship

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POPE'S INTENTION FOR DECEMBER
For Christians in Areas of Conflict

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.



Pray the Rosary everyday to obtain peace for the world. Join us at St. Joseph Church each Tuesday at 6 p.m.

Baptismal Training Sessions 2026

January 06 6:30 pm Queen of the World 814-834-4701

Faith Formation: Students in grades K-5 will meet for class in the Faith Formation bldg. on Sunday, Dec. 7th, following the 9:15 am Mass. No Edge and No Purpose.

AREA PENANCE SERVICES

Thurs., Dec. 11	6:00 pm	Holy Rosary, Johnsonburg
Tues., Dec. 16	6:00 pm	Queen of the World
Thurs., Dec. 18	6:00 pm	St. Leo, Ridgway
Sunday, Dec. 21	2:00 pm	St. Joseph, Force
Mon., Dec. 22	6:00 pm	Sacred Heart, St. Marys

Advent Penance Service at St. Joseph Church will be on Sunday, December 21st, beginning at 2:00 pm. We will have visiting priests to assist with the confessions.

COME TO ENJOY THE BEAUTIFUL CHRISTMAS MUSIC!



Christmas Eve beginning at 4:00 pm with the Adult Choir.

Children's Program begins at 4:15 pm

Mass to follow at 4:30 pm



Please arrive early to be seated before the choir starts at 4:00 pm.

Season 5 of The Chosen will be shown after the 5:30 pm Mass (Saturday evening Mass). We will meet in the Faith Formation Center. Refreshments will be provided.

Exposition, Adoration, and Benediction will be on Sunday evenings at 6:00 pm and will continue each Sunday, up to and including, Sunday, December 21st.

Second Sunday of Advent
Be Reformed

Ever since the time of our Baptism, in some way, our faith has been **formed**. We learned our prayers. And, in Faith Formation classes, we learned about Jesus Our Lord and His Gospel Message of love and holiness. We also continued to learn about the teachings and traditions of our Church as recorded in the Bible and the Catechism of the Catholic Church. We learned about the Sacraments of the Church and that we receive the three Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist. Even today, we are constantly **BEING FORMED** in our faith.

There is a time in all of us when we may question aspects of our faith, doubt our belief in God, blame God for causing illness, think that God will not forgive us, get used to not praying and not attending Mass as regularly as before. Or, we may simply be struggling silently in our faith against the temptations of discouragement, selfishness, and worry. It is in these moments that John the Baptist's words in our Gospel Reading today speak to us directly to "Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand." (Matthew 3: 2)

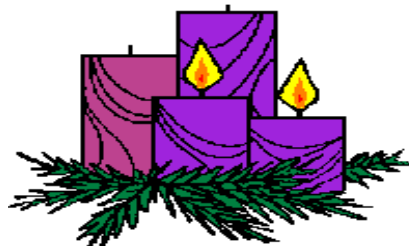
In other words, we have been **formed** in our faith. Now it is time to recall what we have learned and go further in our faith and love for God to **Be Reformed**.

In what ways can we **be reformed**?

- ✠ Go to Confession. Saturdays at 4:45 pm or attend our Advent Penance Service on Sunday, December 21st at 2:00 pm.
- ✠ Read daily the Little Blue Book for Advent
- ✠ Attend Sunday Mass
- ✠ Come to Adoration and Benediction on Sunday evenings at 6:00 pm.

My hope is for all of us that in the midst of the busyness and stressfulness of this time of the year, that doing the above and just sitting quietly and still, while in thought and prayer, can bring peace to all of us.

God Bless,
 Father Mark



We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, December 08, 2025 9:00 a.m. Mass 7:00 p.m. Mass HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION	Living & Deceased members of St. Joseph Church Helen Mitchell anniversary	Mitchell Family	THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	Gn 3: 9-15, 20 Eph 1: 3-6, 11-12 Lk 1: 26-38 (689)
Tuesday, December 09, 2025 8:30 a.m. Mass	Donald Dudley birthday	Kitty	Advent Weekday <i>Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin</i>	Is 40: 1-11 Mt 18: 12-14 (182)
Wednesday, December 10, 2025 No Mass			Advent Weekday <i>Our Lady of Loreto</i>	Is 40: 25-31 Mt 11: 28-30 (183)
Thursday, December 11, 2025 8:30 a.m. Mass	Gerald Klaiber	cousins-Peggy Lou and Bernadette	Advent Weekday <i>Saint Damasus I, Pope</i>	Is 41: 13-20 Mt 11: 11-15 (184)
Friday, December 12, 2025 8:30 a.m. Mass	Betty Agosti	Joe Sexton	Our Lady of Guadalupe	Zec 2: 14-17 or Rv 11: 19a; 12: 1-6a, 10ab Lk 1: 26-38 or Lk 1: 39-47 (690A)
Saturday, December 13, 2025 No a.m. Mass			Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr	Sir 48: 1-4, 9-11 Mt 17: 9a, 10-13 (186)
Saturday, December 13, 2025 5:30 p.m. Mass	Living & Deceased members of St. Joseph Church		Vigil of Third Sunday of Advent	(see below)
Sunday, December 14, 2025 9:15 a.m. Mass	Tom Winkler 6th anniversary	Chris & Family	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Is 35: 1-6a, 10 Jas 5: 7-10 Mt 11: 2-11 (7) Gaudate Sunday

St. Joseph Church

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Rev. Mark J. Mastrian..... Pastor
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 17764 Bennetts Valley Hwy., P. O. Box 124, Force, PA 15841-0124
OFFICE HOURS: Monday thru Thursday 9a.m. to 4 p.m.

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 pm Sunday: 9:15 am Holy Days: 9:00 am & 7:00 pm Daily: Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. 8:30 am No Mass on Wednesday

THE ADVENT WREATH A very important symbol that is set up in the Sanctuary during the Advent Season is the Advent Wreath. The four candles, set on a circular frame and surrounded by evergreens, symbolize our waiting for the Light of Christ to come into our shadowed, sinful world.

We light the first candle at the end of the Universal Prayers on the First Sunday of Advent, when we pronounce a blessing on the candles. We will light the other candles, before the Opening Prayer, for the next three Sundays of the Season of Advent. The purple candles symbolize our anticipation of Christ's Light to shine even brighter in our own lives, so we can be ready for His Coming to us at Christmas. The rose candle symbolizes joy. You can also make your own Advent Wreath for your home.

May each of us strive to receive and have a greater joy during this Advent Season as we prepare for a joyous Christmas to come!



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St. Joseph Church

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