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### Parish Staff

Administrator..... Rev. Felix Nyambe, OMI  
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 Pastoral Associate ..... Mr. Ron Thaler  
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 Secretary..... Cheryl Walters  
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 Trustees..... Harriet Tabu; Joseph Sawmtun  
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**Letters of Recommendation:** Are given to registered parishioners who attend Mass and support the parish. Please call the office for assistance.

**Penance (Confession):** 1/2 hour before all weekend Masses and by appointment, call 716-885-2469.

**Baptism:** Please see Mr. Ron to make arrangements.

**Anointing of the Sick:** If you would like to be anointed, or receive communion, please call the office 716-885-2469.

**Marriages:** Engaged couples should contact their church 6 months prior to the wedding.

**Pre-Marriage Requirements:** All couples are required to attend a pre-cana program. Contact the Diocese of Buffalo at 716-847-2203 for more information.

### Third Sunday of Advent—December 15, 2024

#### Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

**Saturday, December 14, 2024**

4:00 pm Donald Angrisano (A) by Wife & Family

**Sunday, December 15, 2024 3rd Sunday of Advent**

9:00 am For Mothers Living & Deceased  
 11:00 am Parents of Elias and Majed Families by Majed Family

**Monday, December 16, 2024**

11:30 am Mary Moo Ear (B) by Kya Doo Family  
 7:00 pm Novena— Mothers Living & Deceased

**Tuesday, December 17, 2024**

11:30 am Erin M. Murphy by Aunt Cheryl, Uncle Ron & Your Cousins

**Wednesday, December 18, 2024**

11:30 am For The Restored Health of Klaw Reh by Family

**Thursday, December 19, 2024**

11:30 am Benefactors Living & Deceased of the Sisters of St. Mary of Namur by SSMN

**Friday, December 20, 2024**

11:30 am Charles Didio by A Friend

**Saturday, December 21, 2024**

4:00 pm All Souls Intentions

**Sunday, December 22, 2024**

9:00 am Josette Covert by Husband, Darrell  
 11:00 am Margarita Agosto by Deacon Roberto

The Sanctuary Light for the week of  
 Sunday, December 15th—December 21st  
 Is Burning

In Loving Memory of  
 Erin M. Murphy  
 By Aunt Cheryl, Uncle Ron  
 And Your Cousins



**REMINDER:** The Christmas Flower envelope is scheduled for Sunday, December 15th. Please help us to prepare our Church for the celebration of Christmas. Be sure to print names clearly. We will publish them in the bulletin.



**ADVENT RECONCILIATION**  
 (Confession) will be offered next Sunday following each of the Morning Masses in the church for all those who are looking to receive the Sacrament before Christmas. You may also call the office at 716 885-2469 for an appointment.

Our Bulletin is Provided  
 Courtesy of Lombardo Funeral Homes

**Stewardship, our partnership with God**  
**December 8, 2024**

|                                   |             |
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| Regular Sunday Collection . . . . | \$ 2,534.00 |
| Insurance . . . . .               | 384.00      |
| Monthly Fuel . . . . .            | 253.00      |
| Christmas Flowers . . . . .       | 449.00      |

Total . . . . . \$3,620.00

Stewardship Is Our Partnership with God—Your attention to the weekly offering is very much appreciated. We cannot maintain our buildings, utilities and ministry without your generosity

RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT FUND \$551.00

**FESTIVAL OF KINGS** will be celebrated on Sunday, January 5, 2025. This festival celebration representing our great diversity will continue in the hall immediately following the mass. Because we need to plan for this unique celebration, reservations are a **MUST**. Plan now to make this a family celebration. Reservations begin next Sunday.

**OUR ROAD TO RENEWAL UPDATE:** This weekend, every family in our east and west side parishes (Family 21 & 23) is invited to take a candle and a prayer card home as a reminder to pray for and with each other for the future blending of our parishes and a strong, continuing catholic presence in our parts of the city and neighborhoods. The candle (i.e., list at dinner time or some other time when it will be central in our day) reminds us of our trust that it is the Light of Christ who leads the way, shines our path forward, and fuels our journey together. And, so, we move—step-by-step—through Advent days of waiting and preparing into the Christmas Days that are all about the inbreak of the ultimate LIGHT that draws us together as one in Christ! All parishes will be asked to pray the prayer together, at weekend masses on the Feast of the Holy Family (December 28 & 29), and then to bring their candles with them for an evening of Christmas Caroling at Holy Cross Church on Friday, January 10, 2025 at 7:00 PM followed by a light reception. Wishing everyone the Blessing of these most special days!

**RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS:**

Our men and religious express their sincere gratitude for your generosity. If you were unable to give last week there is still time to provide your gift. Your gift will make a difference in the lives of our elderly religious. To learn more about how your gift helps visit [Retiredreligious.org](http://Retiredreligious.org).



**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

On this third Sunday of Advent, the church reminds us to be joyful at what God has done for us. We rejoice because our celebration of Jesus' coming is also a celebration of all that God has promised and will accomplish through Jesus his Son. Pray today and in the coming week for all those who have lost hope and are filled with sorrow such as those who have fled their homeland due to war or who have been unjustly imprisoned. This week as we draw closer to Christmas perhaps it might be good to thank someone in your community who works quietly and diligently to help others without seeking attention or recognition. This will help you to get into the spirit of what Christmas is all about.

**THE NEXT SCHEDULED BAPTISM** will take place on Sunday, January the 12th The celebration of the Lord's Baptism. Parents are reminded to contact Mr. Ron to make arrangements. A Pre-Baptism Class and practice for parents and godparents will take place on the day before, January 11th at 11:00 am in the church.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES FOR 2024-25** for grades one—eight will continue this Saturday, December 21st at 10:00 AM in O'Brien Hall. **PLEASE, CHILDREN NEED TO ARRIVE AT LEAST 10 MINUTES BEFORE CLASS BEGINS.** Children need time to gather their supplies and begin promptly at 10:00 AM in order to be prepared.

**ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS** Confirmation class continues in O'Brien Hall on Thursday, January 2, 2025 at 6:30 PM. Please make every effort to be on time. Reminder: Classes are held every other week. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the coordinator of the Confirmation program, Andrew Sember at 716-308-1546.

**ATTENTION LECTORS:** Copies of the Lector workbooks are available in the sacristy. These books provide practical help to lectors to better their skills at proclaiming the Word of God. The New Church year began on November 30th.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES:** Give the gift of food. Catholic Charities runs nine food pantries, seven in Erie County and a pantry in both Franklinville in Cattaraugus County and Wellsville in Allegany County. Your donation of non-perishable food items can help feed hungry individuals and families in our community. To schedule a time to drop off donations, call 716-218-1450, ext. 2005. To find nearest pantry, visit [www.ccwny.org/food](http://www.ccwny.org/food).