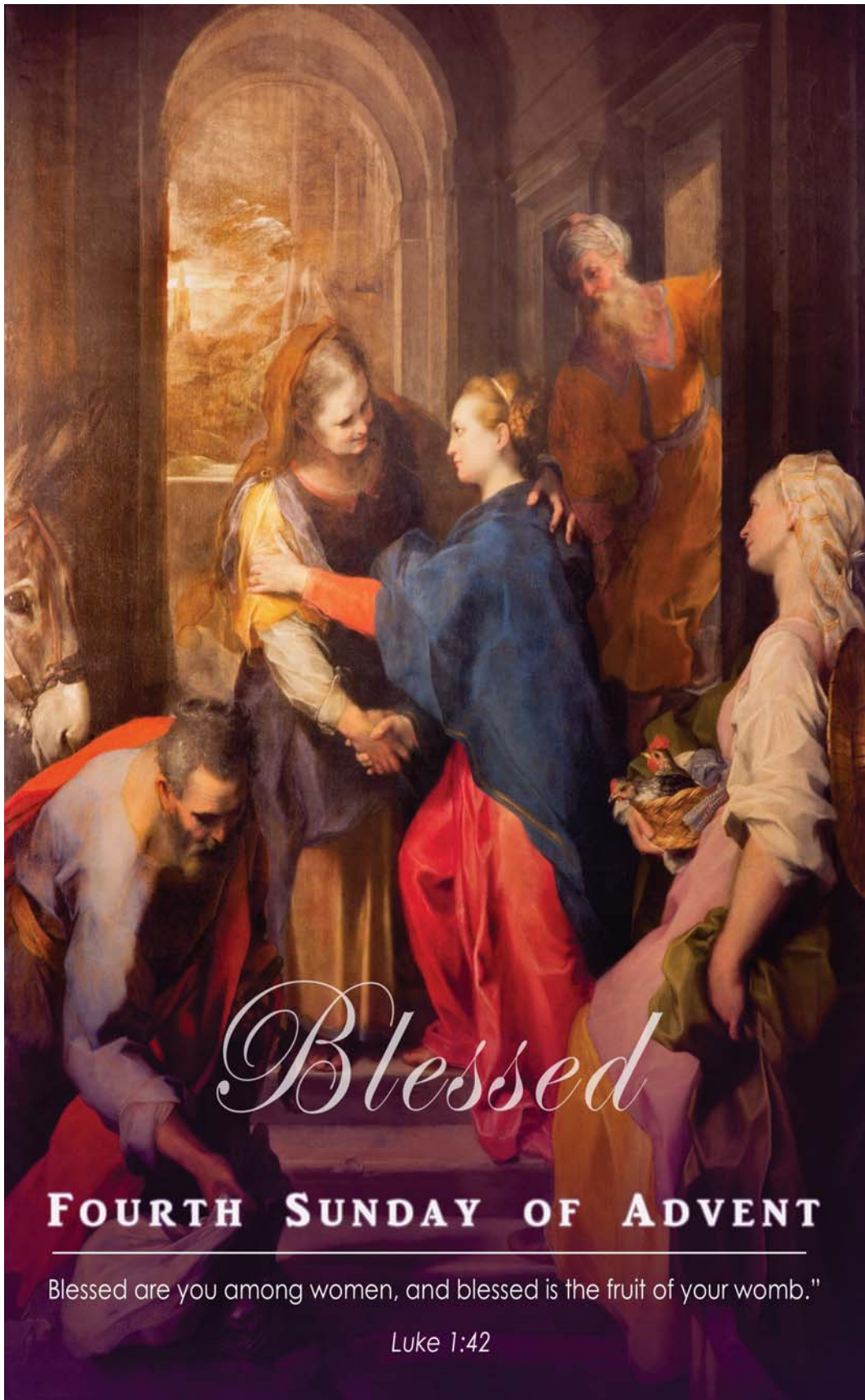


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December | 22 | 2024



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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb."

Luke 1:42

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Eucharist

Monday-Tuesday-Thursday &
Friday 8:00am

No Mass on Wednesday

Saturday 4:00pm (vigil)

Sundays 8:30am, 11:00am &
5:30pm

Connect with us:



Confessions:

Saturday 3:30-3:45pm or you
may call Fr. Chmil for an
appointment



Worship

Intention

Requested by

Monday, December 23

8:00am Ronnie Gibbons
Quinn

Sister, Pat

Tuesday, December 24 CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00pm (church) Intention of Presider (Fr. Grippe)
4:00pm (hall) Christmas Mass Intentions (Fr. John)
10:00pm Christmas Mass Intentions

Wednesday, December 25 CHRISTMAS DAY

8:30am Christmas Mass Intentions
11:00am Christmas Mass Intentions

Thursday, December 26

NO DAILY MASS

Friday, December 27

8:00am Anne Gagliardi

Denise Cremard

Saturday, December 28

4:00pm Joseph & Kathleen Kuhar

Daughters

Sunday, December 29

8:30am Christmas Mass Intentions
11:00am Christmas Mass Intentions

Prayer



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**Tuesday evenings from 5pm to 7pm
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SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS

~~In Memory of~~ **Lou Michaels**~~ offered by Family
~~In Memory of~~ **Stephen & Jule Pacovsky** offered by
Marion & Jerry Pacovsky

PRAY FOR ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

*May the souls of all the Faithful Departed, through the Mercy of God,
rest in peace. Amen.*



BREAD & WINE OFFERING THIS WEEKEND

In Memory of ~~Frank & Anna Duzen~~ offered by
daughters, Paula Matthews & Donna Gustave

BAPTISM SUNDAY

Congratulations & God's blessings upon
~~Ugo Thunder Sue Nolan Tirelli~~
*and his family. Ugo will be baptized after the 11am
Mass today.*



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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Classes will resume on Saturday, January 4th & Monday, January 6th.

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

Our parish office will be closed on Tuesday & Wednesday, December 24th & 25th, and also on Tuesday & Wednesday, December 31st & January 1st, in observance of the Christmas & New Year's Holidays. Emergency calls for Fr. John will be attended to as soon as possible.



DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

The Appeal is in progress. Envelopes are on the tables at the church entrance, if you haven't already donated. If you already received a letter in the mail, please respond. Gifts of any size are welcome and participation is important. God bless you for your kindness. Please check the updates on Page 5.



ROSARY FOR VOCATIONS--The Rosary will be prayed for vocations after daily mass.

Please note: Due to the early bulletin deadline, our Christmas Flower Offerings list will be in next week's bulletin.

TODAY---HELP US GET THE CHURCH READY FOR CHRISTMAS!!

Help up put up the trees and wreaths, garland, and manger TODAY, SUNDAY, December 22nd. Report to the gym at 12:00 to help us bring boxes of trees and figurines over to the church. If you can't come then, come around 12:30 directly to the church. Lots of hands will mean light work. Please lend a hand if you can! 7th & 8th grade Confirmation students, this is a great opportunity for church service hours.



ST. PAUL CENTER FOR BIBLICAL THEOLOGY

By Dr. Scott Hahn

A Mother's Greeting

Fourth Sunday Advent (Year C)

Micah 5:1-4

Psalm 80:2-3,15-16,18-19

Hebrews 5:5-10

Luke 1:39-45

On this last Sunday before Christmas, the Church's Liturgy reveals the true identity of our Redeemer:

He is, as today's First Reading says, the "ruler...whose origin is from...ancient times." He will come from Bethlehem, where David was born of Jesse the Ephrathite and anointed king (see [Ruth 4:11-17](#); [1 Samuel 16:1-13](#); [17:1](#); [Matthew 2:6](#)).

God promised that an heir of David would reign on his throne forever (see [2 Samuel 7:12-13](#); [Psalm 89](#); [Psalm 132:11-12](#)).

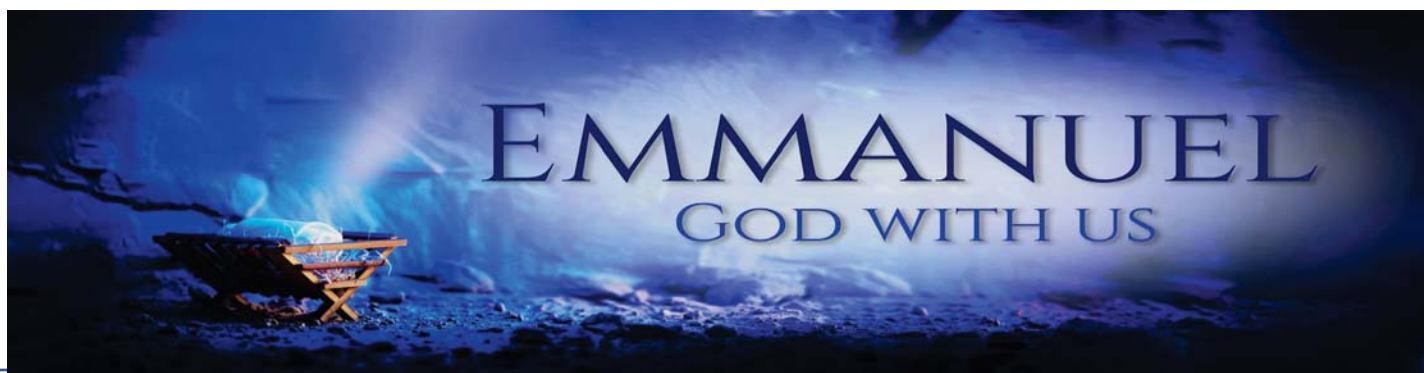
Jesus is that heir, the One the prophets promised would restore the scattered tribes of Israel into a new kingdom (see [Isaiah 9:5-6](#); [Ezekiel 34:23-25,30](#); [37:35](#)). He is "the shepherd of Israel," sung of in today's Psalm. From His throne in heaven, He has "come to save us."

Today's Epistle tells us that He is both the Son of David and the only "begotten" Son of God, come "in the flesh" (see also [Psalm 2:7](#)). He is also our "high priest," from the mold of the mysterious Melchisedek, "priest of God Most High," who blessed Abraham at the dawn of salvation history (see [Psalm 110:4](#); [Genesis 14:18-20](#)).

All this is recognized by John when he leaps for joy in his mother's womb. Elizabeth, too, is filled with joy and the Holy Spirit. She recognizes that in Mary "the mother of my Lord" has come to her. We hear in her words another echo of the Psalm quoted in today's Epistle (see [Psalm 2:7](#)). Elizabeth blesses Mary for her faith that God's Word would be fulfilled in her.

Mary marks the fulfillment not only of the angel's promise to her, but of all God's promises down through history. Mary is the one they await in today's First Reading - "she who is to give birth." She will give birth this week, at Christmas. And the fruit of her womb should bring us joy - she is the mother of our Lord.

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“Do not be afraid, for you have found favor with God.” Consider following Christ more closely as a priest or in consecrated life. **Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 570-207-1452 or email: info@dioceseofscranton.org**

OPLATKI (Christmas Wafers) is available in the church vestibule on the weekends of Advent or by calling the rectory. The wafers are located on the table in the vestibule. Donation is \$5 for each pack of 4 wafers. It will be done on the honor system, so please bring the correct amount for the basket next to the Oplatki.



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11/30/2024

DAA 2024 Goal: \$55,801.00
Total Committed: \$38,622.00
% to Goal: 69.21%
Balance to Achieve Goal: \$17,179.00

No. of donors: 240 %of parishioners: 21.43%



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Assessment: \$439.00
Immaculate Conception: \$985.00
e-offering: Reg. \$315.44 Dues: \$30.00

DIOCESAN:
Care & Education: \$524.00
Religious Retirement: \$313.00

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St. Elizabeth Ann Seton ,
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2024 CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24, 2024

4:00 pm & 10:00 pm

Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25, 2024

8:30 am & 11:00 am

Feast Day of the Holy Family: Saturday, December 28, 2024 4:00 pm

Sunday, December 29, 2024 8:30 am, 11:00 am, & 5:30 pm

New Year's Eve, Mary Mother of God, Tuesday, December 31, 2024

4:00 pm

New Year's Day, Mary Mother of God, Wednesday, January 1, 2025

10:00 am

PRO-LIFE CORNER

Our Pro-Life Ministry meets on the third Tuesday of each month in the church hall after Holy Hour. The rosary will be said at 6:45 in church to end abortion. New members are welcome.



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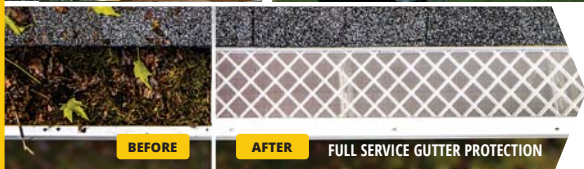
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