

# The Lord's Vineyard

## A Roman Catholic Faith Community

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### Holy Trinity

1032 Central Ave., Dunkirk, NY 14048

### St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

328 Washington Ave., Dunkirk, NY 14048

### Blessed Mary Angela

St. Hyacinth

295 Lake Shore Dr. E., Dunkirk, NY 14048

St. Hedwig

324 Townsend St., Dunkirk, NY 14048

### Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

716-934-2233

165 Central Ave., Silver Creek, NY 14136

St. Rose of Lima

9 Center St., Forestville, NY 14062

### St. Joseph

145 E. Main St., Fredonia, NY 14063

### St. Anthony of Padua

66 Cushing St., Fredonia, NY 14063

## Weekend Mass Schedule

### Saturday Vigil

4 pm ~ St. Hyacinth

4 pm ~ Holy Trinity

4:30 pm ~ Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

### Sunday Morning

7 am ~ St. Hedwig

8:30 am ~ Holy Trinity

9 am ~ Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

9:30 am ~ St. Anthony

10 am ~ St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

10:30 am ~ St. Rose of Lima

11 am ~ Holy Trinity

11:15 am ~ St. Joseph

11:30 am ~ St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

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**Sunday, December 24, 2023**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

### PASTORAL TEAM

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### Confessions

Saturday	OLMC	3:45 pm - 4:15 pm
	HT	3:15 pm - 3:45 pm
	HYA	3:30 pm
Sunday	SEAS	after 10 am Mass
Wednesday	HT	6 pm - 7 pm
Thursday	HYA	5 pm - 6 pm

Find our bulletin online ~ [www.parishesonline.com](http://www.parishesonline.com)  
The Lord's Vineyard Dunkirk, NY



## Mass Times & Intentions

### Saturday, December 23

4:00 pm HYA ~ Thomas & Irene Kuzmierz by Marcia, Cathy & Families  
 4:00 pm HT ~ Merry Ivory by Sister, Carol  
 4:30 pm OLMC ~ Marie Sack by Dee Corsaro

### Sunday, December 24 Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:00 am HED ~ Leonard Kozlowski by Family  
 8:00 am SJ ~ Robert Lucas, Carl & Helen, Gerald Yonker by Wife, Children & Grandchildren and Deceased & Living Members of the Dybka Family by Marianne Serio

8:30 am HT ~ Carmen Messina by Brother, Peter  
 9:30 am SA ~ All Souls

10:00 am OLMC ~ All Souls by Parishioners  
 10:00 am SEAS ~ Chuck Alles by Sylvia & Dave Derider

### Sunday, December 24 Christmas Eve Vigil

4:00 pm HYA ~ Parishioners of BMA  
 4:00 pm HT ~ People of Holy Trinity  
 4:00 pm SA ~ Parishioners of St. Anthony  
 4:30 pm OLMC ~ All Parishioners  
 4:30 pm SEAS ~ Leonard A. Schrantz by Dorothy Schrantz & Family  
 10:00 pm OLMC ~ All Parishioners  
 Midnight HYA ~ Parishioners of BMA

### Monday, December 25 Christmas Day

8:30 am HT ~ People of Holy Trinity  
 9:00 am OLMC ~ All Parishioners  
 9:30 am SJ ~ All Souls  
 10:00 am SEAS ~ Parishioners of SEAS  
 10:30 am SRL ~ All Parishioners  
 11:00 am HED ~ Edward Urbanik Family by Edward Urbanik Family

### Tuesday, December 26 St. Stephen

8:15 am SA ~ Thank you St. Anthony by S.F.  
 8:30 am OLMC ~ NO Mass  
 12:00 pm HT ~ Bill Carlson by Fiance, Leslie Long  
 6:30 pm HYA ~ Tony Dubiel by Sister

### Wednesday, December 27 St. John the Apostle

8:00 am HYA ~ Nancy A. Woloszyn by Husband John  
 8:15 am SA ~ Thank you Sacred Heart of Jesus by S.F.  
 7:00 pm OLMC ~ All Souls  
 7:00 pm HT ~ Gerald Milan by Marcia Wolcott & Family

### Thursday, December 28 The Holy Innocents

7:00 am SEAS ~ Arthur Budniewski by Wife Ann  
 8:15 am SA ~ 60th Wedding Anniv - Tom & Joan Castellana by 8:15 Mass Attendees  
 8:15 am HT ~ Linda Seybold by Mark, Chrissy & Denise  
 8:30 am OLMC ~ Mother's Day

### Friday, December 29 St. Thomas Becket

7:00 am SEAS ~ Deceased Kimmitt & Larivey Families by Joe Larivey  
 8:15 am SA ~ Raymond Dippold by R.R. and Gail Raymond by Family

### Saturday, December 30

4:00 pm HYA ~ Mass of Thanksgiving ~ 50th Wedding Anniv - William & Diane Berek by Family  
 4:00 pm HT ~ Carm Messina by Pat Muldowney  
 4:30 pm OLMC ~ Estelle Crino

### Sunday, December 31 The Holy Family

7:00 am HED ~ Joseph & Ruth Wouk & Deceased Family Members by Family  
 8:30 am HT ~ People of Trinity  
 9:00 am OLMC ~ Connie Borrello by Family  
 9:30 am SA ~ Thank you St. Joseph by S.F.  
 10:00 am SEAS ~ John Britt by Wife Alice  
 10:30 am SRL ~ Lela Herrington by Ralph  
 11:00 am HT ~ People of Trinity  
 11:15 am SJ ~ Natalie McGroder by Ron & MaryJoe Kessler  
 11:30 am SEAS ~ All Souls by Parishioners of SEAS

### Sanctuary Lamps

will burn this week in remembrance of  
 Our Lady of Mt. Carmel ~ Estelle Crino by Friends  
 St. Rose of Lima ~ Edward Baker by Ralph Silleman  
 Holy Trinity ~ Mary C. Vandette by Children  
 St. Hyacinth ~ Valerie Pawlak by Family  
 St. Hedwig ~ Thomas & Irene Kuzmierz by Marcia, Cathy & Families  
 St. Anthony ~ Tom & Joan Castellana 60th Wedding Anniv by 8:15 Mass Attendees

### Stewardship for December 10th

We thank you for your continued support of your parish and our family.

#### Regular Weekly Collection Envelopes

St. Joseph ~ \$ 2756.00  
 St. Anthony ~ \$ 2395.00  
 Blessed Mary Angela ~ \$ 4005.00  
 Our Lady of Mt. Carmel ~ \$ 3006.00  
 Holy Trinity ~ \$ 7731.00  
 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton ~ \$ 3615.01



**Readings for the week of December 24, 2023**

Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

Monday: *Vigil*: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 *Night*: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96: 1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 *Dawn*: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20  
*Day*: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18

Tuesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22

Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Thursday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8/Mt 2:13-18

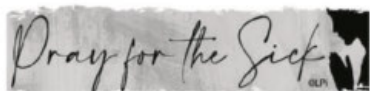
Friday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40

Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Col 3:12-21/Lk 2:22-40

**Communion Antiphon**

A virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be Emmanuel.



Brad, Carrie Bradley, Diane Claus, Dan Curtin, Linda Forti, Jim Incorvaia, Susan Balzer Lis, Paula Jakubowski, Patrick Mackowiak, Paul Majecki, William Maslach, Sr. Rachel Mikolajczak, Michelle Munroe, Peter Notaro, Patricia Pacos, Rafael Rivas, Sally Sanderson, Pat Schwertfager, Patty Schwertfager, Todd, Tracy, Ron Waite, Linda Waite, Ray Wappman

**Sick List** ~ The list will be refreshed every 2

weeks. If you would like to have a loved one put on the list or if someone needs to be removed from the list please email their name to:

sicklist@thelordsvineyard3.com.

Prayer Shawls are available in the front vestibule at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. Please feel free to take one to someone who needs to be wrapped in the love and prayers of the wonderful people who made it!

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

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Note: Please leave your prayer request or name and phone number to return a call on the prayer leader's voicemail.

**Pastor's Message****Merry Christmas!**

First, I would like to thank everyone for coming to this mass to celebrate Emmanuel (God with us). I know this year has been crazy, and you may not be at your regular church or at your regular time, but you came to praise God, so thank you! Also, if anyone is coming to any of our churches for the first time I would like to offer the warmest welcome into our family.

I was recently talking to parishioners who have told me they have had a change of heart with the family of parishes idea. At first, they stated that they really did not like the change, but understood that because of finances and the availability of priests they knew change was going to happen. However, they stated that after going to multiple sites for whatever time worked in their schedule, they started to enjoy visiting other parishes and realized the church was not a building but a group of people. The analogy was given of a party. A person told me: "would you rather go to a party at a place that you have always gone to with just a couple of people, or try someplace new that had life and was full of people you may not have seen in a while." They stated that they were so happy that more and more people were singing and leaving with a smile.

That brings me to my final point. My brothers and sisters, we need to be a joyful people. If we are to get more people into the church we have to be warm and welcoming. We need to show them the love of God, that love that would come down from heaven and become one with us.

As this Christmas season continues let us not only keep Christ in Christmas, but also Christ in Christian. AMDG (Ad maiorem Dei gloriam ~ For the greater glory of God), Fr Bob



The Central Office is located at 1030 Central Ave., Dunkirk. Parking is available in the circle in front of Holy Trinity Church, on street parking and in the parking lot behind the church. There is a sidewalk that leads from the back parking lot down to the Central Office.

**Central Office hours** Monday – Friday 9am - 4pm

**Phone number** 716-366-2306

Fran Page will be at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Silver Creek on Tuesdays and Fridays 8am-4pm.



**FAITH FORMATION**

Classes are held at **the former  
St. Hyacinth School building**

**Grades K – 6**

Sunday from 8 am – 9 am

**Grades 7 – 10**

Sunday from 6:30 pm – 8 pm

If you have any questions, please contact

JoAnn Catalano (716) 785-2406  
jcatalano@thelordsvineyard3.com  
for Grades K – 6

Natalie Hoebener

nhoebener@thelordsvineyard3.com for  
Grades 7 + & DRE Liaison

Judy Bradley (716) 672-2647 for RCIA

**FAITH FORMATION CALENDAR****Grades K - 6**

Class on Jan 7  
Class on Jan 14  
No Class Jan 21

**Confirmation I Grade 9**

NO Class on Jan 7  
Class on Jan 14  
NO Class Jan 21

**Grades 7 - 8**

NO Class on Jan 7  
Class on Jan 14  
NO Class Jan 21

**Confirmation I Grade 9**

NO Class on Jan 7  
Class on Jan 14  
No Class on Jan 21

**Confirmation I Grade 10**

NO Class on Jan 7  
Class on Jan 14  
NO Class on Jan 21

**CONFIRMATION FOR ADULTS**

An 8 week preparation class for Confirmation for adults will begin on Thursday, February 1st at 7 pm in the Gathering Room at St. Joseph Parish. The candidates will receive the sacrament of Confirmation at the Eater Vigil. The classes will be February 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 and March 7, 14 & 21. Please call Judy Bradley with any questions or more information 716-672-2647.



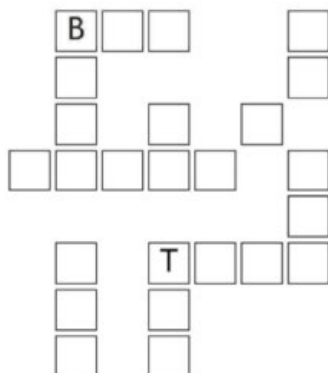
**For the kids and the  
the young at heart.**

CHRISTMAS

**PUZZLE**

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

They saw the baby lying on a bed of hay.



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F	X	F	A	G	R	D	O	N	K	E	Y	A	S	Q	L	J
F	S	B	U	G	S	A	V	I	O	R	M	N	F	W	U	W
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ANGEL  
ANIMALS  
BABY  
BETHLEHEM  
DONKEY  
FRANKINCENSE

GIFTS  
GOLD  
JESUS  
JOSEPH  
MANGER  
MARY

MYRRH  
PEACE  
SAVIOR  
SHEPHERD  
STAR  
WISE MEN





# Events & News

## SEAS Annual Empty Creche Collection

### 1st Sunday of Advent:

St. Gianna Molla Outreach ~ Baby Diapers (infant) Baby Bottles, Baby Clothes, Booties, Baby Blankets etc.

### 2nd Sunday of Advent:

SEAS Christmas Basket Project ~ Hats, scarves, gloves and Mittens (Adult and children's)

### 3rd Sunday of Advent:

SEAS Food Pantry (canned good etc)

### 4th Sunday of Advent:

Rural Ministry: Socks for Men, Women & Children



**BINGO!** Every Tuesday at St. Joseph's in Fredonia. Doors open at 5pm. Bingo begins at 7pm. No Bingo on December 26th. Bingo will resume January 2nd.

As a reminder: If you are a member of one parish but attend Mass at another in The Lord's Vineyard family, your offertory envelopes will be delivered to that parish, regardless of which Mass they are collected. Thank you for your support.



**CHOIR!** All are welcome to join the choir at Holy Trinity on Saturday at 4pm and Sunday at 8:30am. There are no rehearsal obligations; just come whenever you feel like it! This includes youth 6th grade and older. For more information contact Tonia Piede at 716-680-3948.

**The Holy Trinity Mass Book for 2024** is now open for booking of masses and sanctuary remembrances. After December 6th, bookings for mass intentions for 2024 can be done in all the usual ways.

Because we always have many more requests for mass intentions than we do masses being celebrated, in an effort to be fair to everyone, there will still be a limit on the number of mass intentions that can be booked for any one intention. Thanks for understanding.

**IF YOU RECEIVE AN EMAIL from Reverend Robert Owczarczak (rev.frr075@gmail.com) and reads...**  
Season's Greetings,

Is your schedule flexible? I have a request for you to kindly handle for me. I'll appreciate a swift correspondence.

Blessings!  
Reverend Bob Owczarczak.

### **This is not our Fr. Bob! Delete!**

If you get an email from Fr. Bob and you are unsure if you should respond, please call the office 716-366-2306.

### Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesdays at HT from 6 pm - 7 pm (during Confessions & Prior to Mass)  
Thursdays at HYA from 4 pm - 6 pm  
Fridays at SEAS from 7 am - Noon

**Donut Sunday is every first Sunday at St. Rose of Lima in Forestville after the 10:30 am Mass. Please join us!**

### **SAINT MONICA PRAYER GROUP**

We are forming a new prayer group aimed at praying for our families. We will be praying for conversions, healings and special intentions. The meeting will be held in Holy Trinity Church on Thursdays beginning November 16th at 6pm. We will meet monthly on the third Thursday, next meeting **1/18**. Please bring a rosary. Some will be provided if you do not have one. Saint Monica prayed for the conversion of her son Saint Augustine for 15 years before he converted. Any questions please contact: Michele Bautista 716-410-5672 or Lisa VerHague 716-673-5528



**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish** will pray the rosary as usual on the third Thursday of January which will be 1/18/24 at 5:30. This month the rosary will be for the end of war in Ukraine and the Middle East, the recovery of the released Hostages and the well being of those still being held by Hamas.

The Faith Formation Committee will meet after the rosary.



**SOCIAL HOUR** at St. Anthony after 9:30 am  
Mass on December 31st.

## SOCIAL HOUR

**SOCIAL HOUR** at St. Joseph after 11:15 am  
Mass on December 31st.



**Food Pantry** St. Elizabeth Ann  
Seton, NCCS School Gymnasium,  
Wednesday, December 27th from  
3pm - 6pm ~ **Volunteers are needed at the Food  
Pantry** to help register clients, package food  
and deliver boxes to cars.

**THE ST. GIANNA OUTREACH CENTER**, 32  
Moore Ave., Fredonia (old St. Anthony's school building)  
is in need of the following WINTER clothing:  
Girl's 12 month, 3, 4 & 5 toddler; Boy's 2, 3, 4  
toddler. Any new or clean, gently used would be  
greatly appreciated! Drop off on Tuesdays  
between 10-3 or Saturdays between 10-Noon.  
Questions call the center 16 716-401-3324 or  
Sally Keppel 716-785-0149. Thank you for your  
continued support!

**THE SILVER CREEK FOOD PANTRY** is in  
need of shampoo and personal care products  
and laundry soap. **Please note:** when donating  
food items please check the items' expiration  
date. Thank you!

### CHURCH MEMBERSHIP REQUEST FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Parish Choice to Register:** St. Elizabeth \_\_\_\_\_

BMA \_\_\_\_\_ Holy Trinity \_\_\_\_\_ OLMC \_\_\_\_\_

St. Joseph \_\_\_\_\_ St. Anthony \_\_\_\_\_

#### Check one:

New Registration \_\_\_\_\_

Change of Address \_\_\_\_\_

Moving out of area \_\_\_\_\_

Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Please drop this form into the offertory basket.

You will be contacted by the Central Office.

Please note: this does not automatically register you with the church.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK** ~ If you or a loved  
one are going in for surgery and would like to be  
anointed please stay after Mass and ask Father to  
be anointed.

**HAVE YOU VISITED OUR FAMILY WEBSITE YET?**

[thelordsvineyard3.com](http://thelordsvineyard3.com)

Please note: Blessed Mary Angela webpage is  
not current.

### BMA EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

On Tuesday, January 9th at 5pm, there will  
be a renewal class for all Eucharistic  
Ministers at St. Hyacinth's Church.  
This class is not for new ministers.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Because January 1st is a  
Monday, the Solemnity of Mary is not a holy  
day of obligation. There will be regular  
Monday Masses.

Mark your calendars now,  
**Chicken BBQ** in January is  
coming at BMA. Tickets are  
now on sale! This will be a  
**Drive Thru Dinner only!**



### CATHOLIC MEN'S FAITH & FELLOWSHIP

**When:** Tuesdays from 7 pm - 8 pm

**Where:** Holy Trinity (in the Central Office Conference Room)

Open to all Catholic men

For more information please contact: Ron Cinelli at  
[rcinelli@gmail.com](mailto:rcinelli@gmail.com)

Improve your Prayer Life!

7 week class Bible Study

"When you Pray" with Dr. Edward Sri from  
Ascension Press Beginning Wednesday, January 24th  
at St. Jude's, in North Tonawanda at 9:30 a.m. and  
online And Thursdays at 7:00 pm online only and  
following Sunday 9 am Mass at Our Lady of Mt.

Carmel on Sunday, January 28th. Cost is \$30 if  
registered by 1/2/2024. If registered after Jan 2, cost  
will increase. For More Information or to Register:

Call Arlene at 716-430-5575 or  
e-mail [ameyerhofer@stamelia.com](mailto:ameyerhofer@stamelia.com)



### THREE KINGS CELEBRATION

On Sunday, January 7 after 11:30 Mass our Hispanic ministry will be holding their three kings celebration. Everyone is invited to this event. please bring a dish to pass. We will also have boxes in the back of the church to collect donations of new unwrapped toys for ages newborn to 12 for the three kings celebration. There will be sign-up sheets available in the back of the church for anyone interested in signing up their children to receive a gift at the celebration. Children must be present on January 7 to receive their gifts, Thank you.

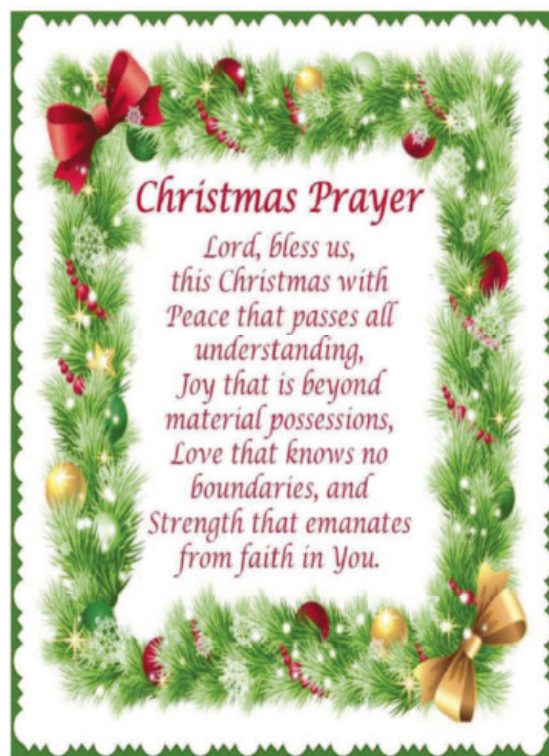


El domingo 7 de enero después de la misa de 11:30 nuestro ministerio hispano celebrará el Día de los Reyes Magos. Todos están invitados a este evento. Favor de traer un plato para compartir en la celebración. Habrá cajas en el vestíbulo de la iglesia para la colección de donaciones de juguetes no envueltos para edades de recién nacidos hasta 12 años de edad para la celebración del Día de los Reyes Magos. En el vestíbulo de la iglesia habrá hojas para registrar los hijos para que reciban un regalo (obsequio) en la celebración. Es obligatorio que los niños estén presentes el 7 de enero para recibir los regalos. Muchas gracias.



### The Nativity of the Lord

Take a moment to contemplate the symbols of the season. The crèche tells us the Gospel stories: first from Luke, which details the human birth in a lowly stable and the angels' message to shepherds; and later from Matthew, which describes the arrival of Magi who signify that God's salvation extends to all. The angels stand as heralds of the good news, an emblem for each of us on this solemn feast of our own duty to spread the message that Christ is born and saves us from our sins. The tree stands as a symbol of life, its green branches unfading even in the winter cold, just as God's life remains in us even though our human form should die. The wreath made of evergreens reminds us that God is one, without beginning or end. The candles recall the birth of him who is forever the Light of the world. Today, we celebrate the fact that God came to earth as a beautiful, innocent infant who rejects no one. We rejoice this day in the birth of Christ! And tonight, we remember that Jesus Christ came into this world quietly, humbly, and gracefully, an example of how we should live our lives. [Lpi.com](http://Lpi.com)



The Central Office  
will be closed on Monday,  
December 25th & Tuesday,  
December 26th.  
The office will open Wednesday,  
December 27th at 9 am.



# Look what's happening in our Family!

The next few pages are picture pages showing some of our recent events in our family. Keep checking the bulletin for upcoming events and your hearts open to joining us.

You are always welcome.



## Thanksgiving Day Mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

We give thanks to those who attended our first Family Thanksgiving Mass, to all those who brought items for the food pantries and those who gave monetarily. You have helped many needy families in our area.

The loaves of bread, made by Sweet Perfections, were blessed by Fr. Bob and distributed to everyone after Mass. We were led beautifully by a combined choir of all our parishes.

As Deacon Mike proclaimed in his homily, "Let's not limit our gratitude to one day a year; our hearts should be filled with God's abundant blessings every day our feet hit the floor in the morning. Thank you Lord for a new day."







**Advent Wreath Making at St. Hedwig's Social Center~** Thank you to all who came to make an Advent wreath for your home. We shared in a delicious meal, made unique, beautiful Advent wreaths, and had great fellowship.

St. Nicholas also stopped in for a visit. Everyone received a Nativity medallion. Thank you St. Nicholas!

A special thank you to Deacon Dan and Ellen Tyler who organized this wonderful family event.

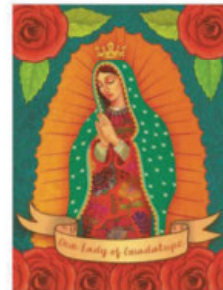
**Merry Christmas!**







Christmas Dinner at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel ~ We recently came together for an early but delicious pork roast Christmas dinner and great company. January is Manicotti!



A beautiful celebration for **OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE** was commemorated on December 10th. We thank all those who attended!



### Breakfast with Santa

Thank you to the many elves who helped make the party a big success! A special thank you to the Pietro family, Tony Popielarz and his committee as well as our Confirmation students.

Thank you to all who donated to Rural Ministries. We were able to collect a car load of food, blankets, gloves, hats and socks to give to the needy!





# RILES & WOOLLEY FUNERAL HOME

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# RILES & WOOLLEY MONUMENTS

Indoor/Outdoor Displays

Office Hours by Appointment  
**Fredonia  
Optometric Group**  
Steven Ihrig, O.D. • Carolyn Ihrig, O.D.  
225 East Main St. • Fredonia  
**716-261-2400**

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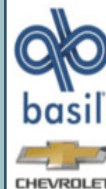
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