



St. Padre Pio Parish

Roman Catholic Parish

Celebrating Eucharist:

Monday :	6:00 PM	Elba site
Tuesday:	8:00 AM	Elba site
Wednesday:	7:00 PM	Oakfield site
Thursday & Friday:	8:00 AM	Oakfield site
Saturday:	4:30 PM	Oakfield site
Sunday:	8:00 AM	Elba site
	10:00 AM	Oakfield site

Marriage: Please contact the parish office at least six months in advance. Attendance at a pre-marriage sacramental program is required.

Baptism: Parents must attend a pre-baptismal class before having their child baptized. Please call the parish office for more information. **Baptisms in Elba will be held after 8am Mass only.**

Anointing of the Sick: The Sacrament is offered on request. Please contact the church office for anointing.

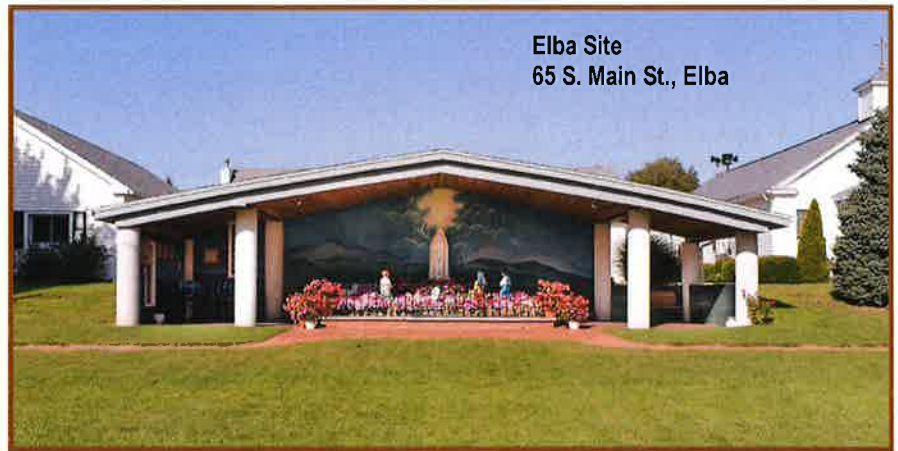
Penance: The Sacrament is available on Saturdays 3:45 p.m. and Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in Oakfield. Feel free to make an appointment for another time if that is not convenient.

New Parishioners: In God's name, we welcome you. May you find friendship, peace and serenity in our loving Parish. If you are a visitor interested in joining our parish or the Catholic Faith, please call the parish office at 585-948-5344.

If you are returning after being away...Welcome home...

You can find our bulletin each week on our website: www.padrepionny.org or call the office if you need the bulletin sent to your home. Call 948-5344.

December 12, 2021
Third Sunday of Advent



Elba Site
65 S. Main St., Elba

Parish Office

56 Maple Ave.
Oakfield NY 14125
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Website: www.padrepionny.org
Office Hours: Monday- Friday 8am-12pm

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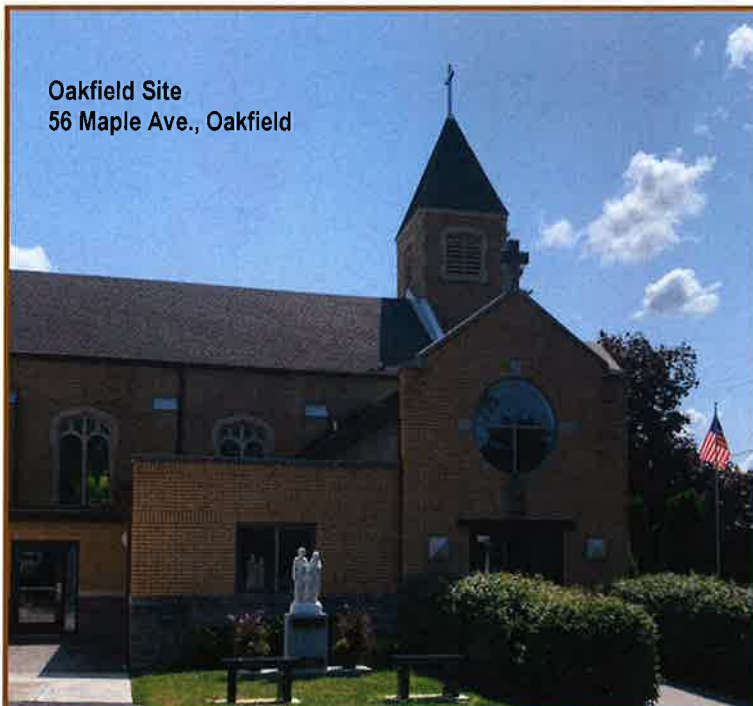
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Oakfield Site
56 Maple Ave., Oakfield

MASS INTENTIONS FOR:

Sat	12/11		9:00am ☩	Fr Ted-Private Mass
		OAK	4:30pm ☩	Phi Monachino by Family
Sun	12/12	ELBA	8:00am ☩	Janet Zambito by Susie Zambito
		OAK	10:00am ☩	Richard Clark, Birthday Remembrance by Mom
Mon	12/13	ELBA	6:00pm ☩	Margaret Greene, Death Anniv by Family
Tues	12/14	ELBA	8:00am ☩	Rita Barcomb Giuliano by Reg & Joanne Barcomb
Wed	12/15	OAK	7:00pm ☩	Veronica Miller by David & MaryAnn Dorman & Family
Thurs	12/16	OAK	8:00am	Liv & Dec Fathers from Father's Day
Fri	12/17	OAK	8:00am ☩	Caroline & Sandra Beach by Eugene Beach
Sat	12/18		9:00am ☩	Fr Ted-Private Mass
		OAK	4:30pm ☩	John & Sophie Stucko by Family
Sun	12/19	ELBA	8:00am ☩	Sylvester J George by Family
		OAK	10:00am ☩	Ruth Myers by Rebecca Blew

This week's community-wide daily Rosary intention:

St John Kanty

YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH

FOR THE WEEK of Dec 5, 2021

Amount Needed Each Week	\$4,646.62
Regular Offering	\$3,516.00
Difference	-\$1130.62

Your stewardship of time, talent and treasure is truly appreciated!



The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week at the Elba site
In Memory of

Frank Zielinski

By John, Pam, Sean & Matt Starowitz



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OUR PARISH CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Sun	12/12	Gr K-1 Class 10am-Noon Gr 2-3 Class 11am-Noon Gr 4-6 Family Gathering w/parents 11am-Noon Gr 7-8 No Class Confirmation Class 11am-Noon
Mon	12/13	Men's Group Meeting, 7pm- Oakfield
Tues	12/14	A&R Christmas Party, 6:30pm- Elba
Sun	12/19	Gr K-1 Mass Gr 2-3 Sacrament Prep w/parents 11am-Noon Gr 4-6 Class 11am-Noon Gr 7-8 Class 11am-Noon Confirmation—No Class
Sun	12/26	No Class
Sun	1/2	No Class



*Please include
Christmas Flower
donations with your
contributions by*

*Sunday, December 19th with the names of
those you wish to be remembered in the
Christmas bulletin.*

Advent Preparations

Glimmer of Love

Thank you to everyone who bought a light in memory of or in honor of a loved one for the Glimmer of Love, it was a beautiful Mass.

I want to thank Reg Barcomb, Bob Funke, Terry Martino, Rebecca Blew, Pauli Miano and Elaine Forti for all their hard work to make this day so special. Also, thank you to Chap's for the donation of cupcakes.



Join us for a
**DRIVE THROUGH
LIVING NATIVITY**

December 18, 2021

6:30pm - 8:00pm

St Joachim & Anne Parish - 50 East Avenue

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lected at end of **Scenes**

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St. Joachim and Anne Parish and Wyoming
Association for Catholic Youth (WACY)



K-1 Faith Formation Class

GIVING TREE

Looking for a way to give back during the holiday? The Christmas Tree at St. Padre Pio Parish is decorated with tags with gift requests from needy children in our parish community. Please select a tag and shop as a family to purchase item for a child in need.

**Return gift with tag attached/wrapped
by December 19th.**

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December 2021

St. Padre Pio Catholic Church
Rev. Thaddeus M. Bocianowski, Pastor

One Minute Meditations

The gift of Advent

The season of Advent began on November 28 and continues until

Christmas Eve.

The Church offers us this time as a gift to slow down, quiet down, and reflect on God's love for us. Consider setting aside quiet time each day to be with Him.



Celebrate birth

December is the month in which we celebrate the birth of the infant King. This has become a time to reaffirm our respect for life from conception to natural death. We pray that all babies are given the gift of life.

"Let not your heart be disturbed. Do not fear that sickness, nor any other sickness or anguish. Am I not here, who is your Mother? Are you not under my protection? Am I not your health? Are you not happily within my fold? What else do you wish? Do not grieve nor be disturbed by anything."

(Our Lady to St. Juan Diego, December 9, 1531)



Make this Christmas your own

Each year at Christmas, we celebrate an amazing truth. God came to Earth, in person, to be with us and, hopefully, bring us to Heaven. Think of it – the Creator of the universe came to be with you and me and promised to remain with us. Try these ways to keep the wonder of Christmas alive the whole year round:

Receive Him with Mary's open heart. When the angel Gabriel delivered God's stunning message, Mary accepted God's will completely. She kept her heart open to His will throughout her life. We can imitate her by letting nothing come between us and God. Go to



Confession regularly. Pray daily. Attend Mass at least weekly. Receive Jesus in your heart.

Adore Him like the Magi. After receiving Communion, you are literally heart-to-heart with Jesus. Thank Him, praise Him, or just rest in Him. Give Him the gift of your full attention. Receive the graces of His love.

Proclaim Him like the Angels. Just as the heavenly host announced Christ's birth to the shepherds with gladness, so we are to proclaim Jesus to those around us. We do this when we join in worship at Mass each Sunday, and give Him credit for our blessings and gifts. His presence in our hearts becomes evident when we live with love and Christmas joy.

Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics believe Jesus really came?

That Jesus lived in first century Israel is well documented by both Christian sources and non-Christian sources. The Old Testament, which was known to Jews many years before Christ's birth, predicted the coming of the Messiah.



Jesus' life, death, and Resurrection fulfilled those prophecies. The Gospels name eyewitnesses as sources for the miracles Jesus worked. Another compelling argument for Jesus' reality, however, is the witness of the martyrs through the centuries, who remained faithful to Christ even to death.

Develop an Advent frame of mind

The holiday season can seem more like a test of endurance than preparation for a celebration. In the midst of the seasonal stress, we are asked to reach into ourselves and bring out only what is kind, generous, and loving. It may help to remember that the real reason for the season is the celebration of unimaginable Love.

Try to see with a Father's eye. Our Heavenly Father delights in our creation and loves us for exactly who we are. During Advent, try to see yourself through His eyes. Not the flawed human visible to



humanity, but the spectacular product of God's divine love and the reflection of His glory.

Prepare your gift. Make your gift to Jesus an open heart, ready to receive the love He has for you. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16).

Anticipating an eternity of unimaginable love is absolutely the right Advent frame of mind.

from Scripture

Luke 2:41-52, Finding in the Temple

The Feast of the Holy Family (December 26) includes the story of finding Jesus in the Temple, a story of love and obedience. Jesus, Mary, and Joseph traveled to Jerusalem for the Passover, as was the custom for Jews of that time. They traveled in a large group for protection against bandits who infested the hill country. So it wasn't surprising that His parents didn't miss Jesus as they started the return trip. Upon discovering Him missing, they hurried back to Jerusalem.

On the third day of searching, they found Jesus in the Temple. He was

questioning the priests and amazing them with his understanding. However, Mary asked how He could have caused

His parents so much worry and Jesus replied, "Did you not know I must be in my Father's house?"

Though they were puzzled by His answer, Mary and Joseph took Jesus back to Nazareth. He

remained there in obedience to His parents until it was time for his public ministry. We learn from this story to obey not only God but also those in authority over us.



Feasts & Celebrations

December 2 – St. Bibiana (363). Virgin and martyr, St. Bibiana was the daughter of a Roman official who converted to Christianity and was martyred for his faith. Bibiana was tortured and executed for her Christianity, as well.

December 8 – Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. On this day we commemorate that Mary was conceived in St. Anne's womb without Original Sin. In addition to attending Mass for this Holy Day of Obligation, praying a joyful Rosary is a wonderful way

to celebrate.

December 12 – Gaudete Sunday. This Sunday marks the halfway point of Advent. We light the rose candle in the Advent wreath for joy. During the last two weeks of Advent, the Church prepares to celebrate Jesus' birth at Christmas.

December 29 – St. Thomas Becket (1170). As Archbishop of Canterbury, King Henry II tried to pressure him and the other bishops into agreeing to unjust laws, but St. Thomas refused to sign his approval for them. He was eventually martyred for his faith.



Q & A Do we have to return to Mass in person?

When we love someone, we don't want to just call or send an email. We want to be together in person, growing in love and friendship. Then, too, when we love Jesus, we want to be with Him



in body, blood, soul and divinity in the Eucharist. "It is a substantial presence by which Christ... makes

himself wholly and entirely present" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, #1374).

The Eucharist is a gift we can only fully receive in person. It is spiritual food for the journey. In it we receive not just graces, but Jesus, Himself. Nowhere else on Earth and in no other way can we be so closely united to Him who loves us most.

It is possible – and required – to attend Mass in person unless there is a grave reason to stay away. Still, let nothing keep you from Jesus in the Eucharist. Go to Confession regularly and never miss Mass. Do whatever you can to receive Jesus in the Eucharist. Remember, God is never outdone in generosity.

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Lector Schedule:

Saturday, 12/11 @Oak 4:30pm Rick Pastecki
 Sunday, 12/12 @Elba 8:00am Susie Zambito
 @Oak 10:00am Linda DeVito

Saturday, 12/18 @Oak 4:30pm Tim Tomczak
 Sunday, 12/19 @Elba 8:00am MaryAnn Dorman
 @Oak 10:00am John Palillo

Eucharistic Minister Schedule:

Saturday, 12/11 @Oak 4:30pm Elaine Forti
 Sunday, 12/12 @Elba 8:00am Tim McKenrick
 @Oak 10:00am Barb Harkness

Saturday, 12/18 @Oak 4:30pm Ron Becker
 Sunday, 12/19 @Elba 8:00am Cindy Kowalik
 @Oak 10:00am Reg Barcomb

Usher Schedule:

Saturday, 12/11 @Oak 4:30pm Reg Barcomb
 Sunday, 12/12 @Elba 8:00am Chuck Zambito
 @Oak 10:00am Steve Harkness

Saturday, 12/18 @Oak 4:30pm BGiambrone/MKowalczyk
 Sunday, 12/19 @Elba 8:00am Tim McKenrick
 @Oak 10:00am JBencic/JZasowski

Altar Server Schedule:

Saturday, 12/11 @Oak 4:30pm
 Sunday, 12/12 @Elba 8:00am Paige & Kayla Harding
 @Oak 10:00am Laci Sewar

Saturday, 12/18 @Oak 4:30pm
 Sunday, 12/19 @Elba 8:00am Kayla & Paige Harding
 @Oak 10:00am Lily Davis/A Harkness

Greeter Schedule:

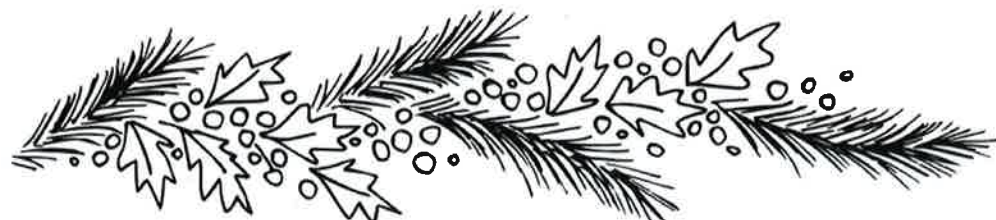
Saturday, 12/11 @Oak 4:30pm Jim Coffta
 Sunday, 12/12 @Elba 8:00am Cindy Kowalik
 @Oak 10:00am Gordon & Nancy Bow

Saturday, 12/18 @Oak 4:30pm Maryann Conley/Elaine Forti
 Sunday, 12/19 @Elba 8:00am Chuck Zambito
 @Oak 10:00am Norma Day/Julie Fitch



Christmas 2021 Ministry Schedule

Mass Time	Lector	Usher	Greeter	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
Fri, December 24 th 4:00pm - Oakfield	John Palillo	Reg Barcomb Mike Kowalczyk	Elaine Forti/ Rebecca Blew	Kathryn Kelly	Kayla Harding Paige Harding
9:00pm - Elba	Mindy Stempin	Tom Stempin	Luft Family	Rex Norton	
Sat, December 25 th 10:00am - Oakfield	Maryann Conley	Ben Giambrone	Norma Day/ Julie Fitch	Deacon Paul Kulczyk	Lily Davis Michael Woodward
Sun, December 26 th 8:00am - Elba	Fred Klycek	Tim McKenrick	Cindy Kowalik	John Starowitz	Kayla Harding Paige Harding
10:00am - Oakfield	Chris Coffta	Jan Bencic/ Jim Zasowski	Jim Coffta	Reg Barcomb	Maggie Monachino



OUR PARISH COMMUNITY PRAYS FOR:

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Gerald Erion	Kay Weibel
Diane Stafford	James McClurg
Susan Webster	John Hoffarth
Jason Charsley	Bill Palone
Liam Boyle	Joanne Barcomb
Mike Day	Burke Markle
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For all those who struggle in silence and those families facing difficulty who need our support.

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St Joseph, I
go for help and
protection.**

Amen.



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Bryon Kelsey
Raymond Mikolajczyk, Jr.
Joseph A Teresi III
Gregory Honadle
Nick Stucko
Zachary Gibson
Brandy Malone
Thomas Hartley
Shawn Cunningham

If you would like to have names added to this list, please contact Pauli Miano, pmiano@rochester.rr.com, 356-1561 or the parish office.



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Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Home Phone # _____ Cell # _____

Email _____

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