



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.

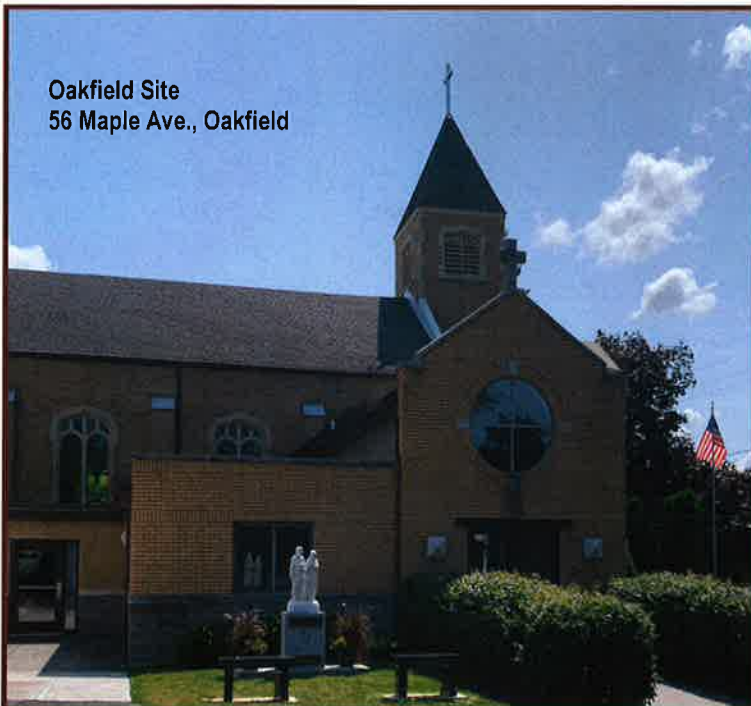
If you are returning after being away... Welcome home...

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 4, 2022
Second Sunday of Advent



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56 Maple Ave., Oakfield

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR:

Sat	12/3	OAK	4:30pm	†	Deceased Members of Altar & Rosary Society
Sun	12/4	ELBA	8:00am	†	Joseph & Frances Zambito by Family
		OAK	10:00am	†	Henryka Bocianowska by Brian & Carol Glor
Mon	12/5	ELBA	6:00pm	†	Norm Monachino by Family
Tues	12/6	ELBA	8:00am	†	Danica Marie Zambito by Mom & Dad
Wed	12/7	OAK	7:00pm	†	Patrick Pedro (Birthday Anniv.) by Family
Thurs	12/8	OAK	9:00am	†	Joanne Barcomb by Norma Day
Fri	12/9	OAK	8:00am	†	Family of Paul & Belva Mayer by Sister Fran, Debbie & Doreen
Sat	12/10	OAK	4:30pm	†	Ronald Suchocki by Wife
Sun	12/11	ELBA	8:00am	†	Jan Mazur (Birthday Anniv.) by Pruski Family
		OAK	10:00am	†	Richard Clark (Birthday Anniv.) by Evelyn

YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH

FOR THE WEEK of Nov. 27, 2022

Amount Needed Each Week	\$4,646.62
Regular Offering	\$8,368.00
Difference	\$3,721.38

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



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

Tim Poissant

By Gordon & Nancy Bow



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

Dorothy Allen

By Stargrowers Family

This week's community-wide daily Rosary intention::



Immaculate Conception



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Available in the Church Office

CHURCH CALENDAR

12/3-Glimmer of Love:

Rosary-4:00

Mass-4:30

Light reception after Mass-Oakfield

12/8- Church office closed-

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

12/23-Church office closed

12/25-Merry Christmas

12/26-Church office closed

Thank you all for the birthday gifts, cards and well wishes, and to all who helped celebrate.

It was very much appreciated and heartwarming.

Fr. Ted

Lector Schedule:

Saturday, 12/3	Oak	4:30 pm	Linda Giambrone
Sunday, 12/4	Elba	8:00 am	MaryAnn Dorman
	Oak	10:00 am	John Palillo
Saturday, 12/10	Oak	4:30 pm	Mary Ann Conley
Sunday, 12/11	Elba	8:00 am	JoAnne DeMare
	Oak	10:00 am	Jan Goodenbery
Saturday, 12/17	Oak	4:30 pm	Tim Tomczak
Sunday, 12/18	Elba	8:00 am	Mindy Stempin
	Oak	10:00 am	John Palillo

Greeter Schedule:

Saturday, 12/3	Oak	4:30 pm	Mary Ann Conley/Elaine Forti
Sunday, 12/4	Elba	8:00 am	Charles Zambito
	Oak	10:00 am	Gordon & Nancy Bow
Saturday, 12/10	Oak	4:30 pm	Rebecca Blew
Sunday, 12/11	Elba	8:00 am	Cindy Kowalik
	Oak	10:00 am	Julie Fitch
Saturday, 12/17	Oak	4:30 pm	Bob & Chris Funke
Sunday, 12/18	Elba	8:00 am	Tim McKenrick
	Oak	10:00 am	Jim Coffta

Usher Schedule:

Saturday, 12/3	Oak	4:30 pm	Ben Giambrone
Sunday, 12/4	Elba	8:00 am	Tim McKenrick
	Oak	10:00 am	Jim Zasowski/Steve Harkness
Saturday, 12/10	Oak	4:30 pm	Reg Barcomb
Sunday, 12/11	Elba	8:00 am	Charles Zambito
	Oak	10:00 am	John Palillo/Jan Bencic
Saturday, 12/17	Oak	4:30 pm	Ben Giambrone
Sunday, 12/18	Elba	8:00 am	Tom Stempin
	Oak	10:00 am	Reg Barcomb/Steve Harkness

Eucharistic Minister Schedule:

Saturday, 12/3	Oak	4:30 pm	Rex Norton
Sunday, 12/4	Elba	8:00 am	
	Oak	10:00 am	Barbara Harkness
Saturday, 12/10	Oak	4:30 pm	Ron Becker
Sunday, 12/11	Elba	8:00 am	
	Oak	10:00 am	Reg Barcomb
Saturday, 12/17	Oak	4:30 pm	Mary Ann Conley
Sunday, 12/18	Elba	8:00 am	
	Oak	10:00 am	Barbara Harkness

Altar Server Schedule:

Saturday, 12/3	Oak	4:30 pm	
Sunday, 12/4	Elba	8:00 am	Kayla & Paige Harding
	Oak	10:00 am	Michael Woodward
Saturday, 12/10	Oak	4:30 pm	
Sunday, 12/11	Elba	8:00 am	Paige & Kayla Harding
	Oak	10:00 am	Tori Davis/Clara Torrey
Saturday, 12/17	Oak	4:30 pm	
Sunday, 12/18	Elba	8:00 am	Paige & Kayla Harding
	Oak	10:00 am	Allison Harkness/ Cameron Emerson

Call to Vocations

Second Sunday of Advent

The Jesse Tree is a popular Advent activity for families, tracing the lineage of Jesus back to David, Jesse, and the Patriarchs. In the Old Testament, God tended to work through a few specific families. Now, He calls servants from anywhere. Maybe He's calling you to serve the Church! Take a closer look by contacting

Fr. Dave Baker at
716-847-5535 or
visit buffalovocations.org.



FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE

Sunday, 12/4-Class K-11-10am-Noon	FAMILY GATHERING
Sunday, 12/11-Class K-1-10am-11am	Class Gr. 2-11-11am-Noon
Sunday, 12/18-Class K-1-10am-11am	Class Gr. 2-11-11am-Noon
Sunday, 12/25-xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx	NO CLASSES
Sunday, 1/1-2023xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx	NO CLASSES
Sunday, 1/8/2023-Class K-11-10am-Noon	FAMILY GATHERING
Sunday, 1/15xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx	NO CLASSES



WANT TO GET MORE OUT OF SUNDAY MASS?

Join Deacon Paul Kulczyk after 10am Mass on Sunday, December 11th to engage in a conversation about the weekly theme and how to put that weekly theme into practice.

Let God speak to you through sacred scriptures, opening up a whole new Mass experience.

This week’s Gospel:

Matthew 3L1-12

In this Sunday’s Gospel, John the Baptist urges people to turn toward God. He baptizes people when they want to change their lives. John insists that Baptism expresses a real change of heart and not a shallow safeguard against God’s judgment. **Note: For this year, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a Holy Day of Obligation that will be celebrated Thursday, December 8th.**

There will be a 2nd collection next weekend

Lighten the load.

An abbot writes,
“Your gift helps ease our worldly burdens and allows us to continue living out our mission of seeking God and serving the Church.” Donations to next week’s Retirement Fund for Religious collection help hundreds of US religious communities to provide for their aging members. Please give generously.

Follow the Star

A Journey to Discipleship

The Journey of the Magi-The Wise Men

December 13-15, 2022

6:30-8:00 pm

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With Retreat Master-Deacon Greg Feary

Tuesday, December 13

Invitation & Perseverance @ Ascension Parish Church

Wednesday, December 14

**Profession of Faith & Sacrifice @ Resurrection Parish Church
(St. Joseph Site)**

Thursday, December 15

Conversion

Joint Penance Service @ 7:00 pm @ Ascension Parish Church

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Discovering hope and joy in the Catholic faith.

December 2022

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

One Minute Meditations

Begin in His presence

Jesus came among us to be with us. When you first wake up in the morning, but before you get out of bed, place yourself in His presence. Take a few minutes to focus on a sacred picture or an image that will help you to "Be still, and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10).

Holiday advice

The holiday season is an exciting time but it can also be a time when money worries, family worries, and every kind of worry intrudes. Instead, try to follow this advice from St. Paul, "Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things," (Philippians 4:8).

"She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21).



Encounter Christ this Christmas

God came to us in the most vulnerable human form possible so that He could draw us to Himself for all eternity. This Christmas, answer His call and come close to Him:

In song. Listen to and ponder the words of your favorite Christmas hymns. Imagine the reality of heavens filled with angels and faraway kings answering the call to pay Him homage.

In service. The newborn Jesus is the physical sign of God's love for us. When we give of our time and resources in His service, we become an instrument of that love. Share His love in your parish, in your neighborhood, in your community.

In mercy. Experience God's mercy in Confession and His loving presence in the Eucharist.

Then, like Him, offer mercy to anyone who may have hurt you. "Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors" (Matthew 6:12).

In prayer. Jesus came to live among us so He could be intimate with us. He wants to connect on a deep level - more than rushed prayers or perfunctory devotions. During Advent, find quiet time to give Him your full attention and speak to Him heart to heart.

In watchfulness. Live this Advent with a new awareness of the presence of God. Be awake to who He is and how precious you are to Him.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics stand, sit, and kneel at Mass?

God gave us body and soul, so it makes sense actions that combine prayer and movement help us to most fully participate. During Mass, each posture means something. We stand to show respect when the priest (representing Christ) enters and

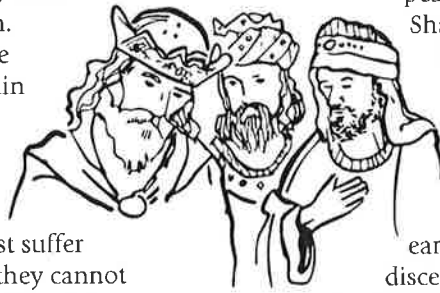
leaves, when the Gospel is read, and when we proclaim the Creed. We sit to focus on the homily, and kneel during the Consecration, showing adoration and humility. We genuflect to the tabernacle and altar to demonstrate ultimate respect.



Spread the "Good news of great joy"

After the shepherds visited Jesus, they told others who didn't yet know about Him. Pope St. John Paul II urged us to do the same: "If we truly encounter Christ again and again, we cannot keep him to ourselves." As disciples, we are required to make disciples.

Practice urgency. Those who do not have a personal relationship with Christ suffer the misery of our fallen world. Worse, they cannot enter eternal life. Our Catholic Faith holds the key to



peace in this world and salvation in the next.

Sharing our knowledge and love for Him is urgent.

Spend time in the Word. The world desperately needs to know the Truth contained in the

Word. Those who spend time with Scripture grow deeper in their relationship with God and can share that knowledge.

Actively listen. It is through listening that we earn the right to be heard. Active listening helps us discern where our companion is in the faith journey.

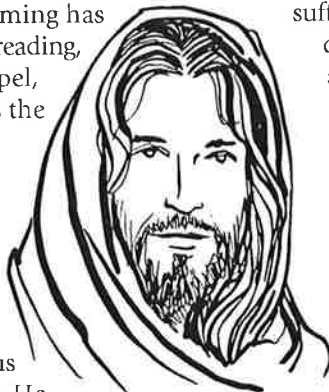
Then we learn how best to share the gospel message.

from Scripture

John 1:1-18, Who is Jesus Christ?

Our faith hinges on knowing Christ – who He is and what His coming has meant for us. This Scripture reading, the Prologue of John's Gospel, gives us the answer. Jesus is the divine Word who always existed, the Second Person of the Trinity, and the source of life. Grace and truth come to us through Christ. To know Jesus is to know God.

At the Annunciation, Jesus took on our human nature. He became like us in all things except sin. Yet even though He was God and perfect Man, He still suffered. He got tired, hungry, and thirsty. He worked,



wept, slept, and prayed. He suffered temptation in the desert, and was abandoned, rejected, and wounded by those He loved. God understands us.

Jesus Christ made a bold claim. He said that He is truly God and truly man, and that our salvation comes through Him.

Will we choose Him as our Messiah? Will we live our lives as children of God? If our answer is "yes," then Jesus is the one to whom we turn for enlightenment and grace.

Q & A What does Our Lady of Guadalupe teach us about Christmas?

The feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe (December 12) occurs during Advent. Almost 500 years after Our Lady appeared to St. Juan Diego, we can still learn from her miraculous image on his tilma (cloak).



God is the source of life. Viewed upside down, the flowers on Our Lady's dress take the shape of hearts

with arteries coming out, representing life which originates from God. He sustains us with His grace, especially through the Sacraments.

God draws near. A four-petalled flower on Mary's dress symbolizes the Aztecs' highest deity, perceived as distant and unmoved by their concerns. The flower's placement over Mary's womb shows that the Almighty God draws close in love and humility, even becoming one of us.

Humility and joy. Aztec gods were painted looking up and ahead, yet Our Lady's head is bowed in humility and prayer. She is from Heaven, but is not God. She is a messenger of His love, modeling a humble, joyful response to Him and ready to bring His love to others.

Feasts & Celebrations

December 9 – St. Juan Diego (1548). St. Juan Diego was visited by the Blessed Mother at Tepeyac Hill in Mexico. She asked that a chapel be built and sent him with roses as a sign. When St. Juan emptied the roses before the bishop, his cloak retained the image of the Blessed Mother.

December 16 – St. Adelaide of Burgundy (999). A Burgundian princess, St. Adelaide escaped from a murderous plot for the throne. She married King Otto I, the Holy Roman Emperor. As Queen of Germany, she was

known for charitable works, including founding and restoring monasteries.

December 20 – St. Dominic of Silos (1073). St. Dominic was a Benedictine monk, born around 1000 AD in Navarre, Spain. Recognized for his leadership abilities, he was appointed abbot of St. Sebastian's monastery at Silos.

December 28 – Feast of the Holy Innocents (1st century).

On this day, we remember the infants massacred by King Herod's soldiers (Matthew 2:16-18). We also pray for the safety of unborn children.



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For all those who struggle in silence and those families

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