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Masses: M-T-Th 8:30am, W: 12pm | Saturday 4pm | Sunday 8:30am, 10:30am Adoration & Confession: Monday 6-7pm | Confession: Saturday 3-3:45pm Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9am-2pm | Friday 9am-Noon

December 14, 2025: Third Sunday of Advent



Missionary Creativity

"The parish is not an outdated institution; precisely because it possesses great flexibility, it can assume quite different contours depending on the openness and missionary creativity of the pastor and the community. While certainly not the only institution which evangelizes, if the parish proves capable of self-renewal and constant adaptivity, it continues to be the Church living in the midst of the homes of her sons and daughters"

Pope Francis in EVANGELII GAUDIUM #28

Saint Eulalia Parish Mission Statement

We are an evangelizing Catholic community living and sharing the Gospel values of faith, hope, and love.

	Mass Intentions ~ December 15-21		
Monday	8:30 AM	Faith Foley (Family)	
Tuesday	8:30 AM	Mary DeSales Walsh (Ellen, George & Family)	
Wednesday	12:00 PM	Jill Jaggars (Karen Clifford)	
Thursday	8:30 AM	Patrice DiMaria (Anthony DeScipio)	
Saturday	4:00 PM	George, Anna & Jeffrey Young (Family)	
Sunday	8:30 AM	Theodore Shane (Tom & Joan DeMatteo)	
	10:30 AM	All Parishioners living & deceased	

Sanctuary Candle

In memory of Carol & Tom Silvi (John, Liz Strasburger & Family)
In memory of Jill Jaggars (Karen Clifford)

Bread and Wine

In memory of Mary DeScipio (DeScipio & Lewis Families)

Honor a Loved One at Mass

In addition to mass intentions you can also sponsor a sanctuary candle, and the bread and wine used during Mass for one week to honor family and friends. Please note that there is a \$10 stipend for each sponsorship, and sponsorship can be requested by stopping by the Parish Office, giving us a call (570 -842-7656) or sending an email to secretary@saint-eulalia.com.

		LECTOR	EMOHC	ALTAR SERVER
Saturday December 20	4:00 PM	Jay Sochoka Sheryl Sochoka	Paulette Nish Mellody Swinick Teri Taynton	Finn Masters AJ Moyles Monroe Singer
Sunday December 21	8:30 AM	Eric Deabill Paulette Nish	Ann Arcurie Barbara Steinmetz Edward Steinmetz	Alessio Arcurie Aamelia Cole Bo West
	10:30 AM	Elena Murphy Ashley Reedy	Tom Enkulenko Ann Gazoo Holly Zaluski	Arya Ameika Brady Matulevich James Walsh

Welcome to Saint Eulalia Parish

Thank you for joining us for Mass

Whether you are visiting or are new to the area we are grateful you have chosen to worship with our faith community. We invite you to become a member of our parish family. To join, please call the office, download the registration forms on our website, or ask an usher for a registration form.

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A Weekly Quote from Pope Leo XIV—



"In hearing the cry of the poor, we are asked to enter into the heart of God, who is always concerned for the needs of his children, especially those in greatest need." <u>DilexiTe</u>

Annual Christmas Poinsettias

Honor a loved one (living or deceased) by donating \$10 for a poinsettia which will be displayed in our church for the Christmas season. Place an envelope containing the name of whom you wish to honor and your name along with your donation in the Sunday offertory collection box or mail to St. Eulalia Church, 214 Blue Shutters Rd., Roaring Brook Twp., PA 18444.

75th Anniversary Ornaments for Sale

Commemorative 75th Anniversary Parish Ornaments are available for purchase for \$5 each. Baskets of ornaments are available with a cash/check envelope at all church entrances, and ornaments will be for sale at a table in the Atrium after Masses now through Dec. 21 and at the Dec. Breakfast.

Christmas Wafers

Christmas Eve Supper has become traditional for many families in our area. Part of this tradition is sharing a "wafer" made in the same way as the Eucharistic host at Mass. Before the meal begins, each family member greets each other member and shares the wafer by breaking off a small piece of the other's wafer and eating it, thus sharing in the family just as we share in the Body of Christ at Mass. Wafers are available in the back of the Church. A donation of \$5 may be made.

Banns of Marriage

There is a promise of marriage announced for the second time between Marissa Drobnicki & Henry Padula

Liturgical Decorating Ministry

Please join us on Sunday, December 21 after the 10:30 AM mass to decorate the church for Christmas. New members are always welcome!

Weekly Financial Report

The collection report for last weekend is not available at this time. It will be published in the next bulletin.

Electronic giving options are available on our website.

Special Collection

Dec. 13-14: Retirement Fund for Religious

ShopRite Gift Card Program

ShopRite gift cards will be sold following Masses on Sat., 12/20 and Sun., 12/21. Gift cards are also available in the parish office during the week.

Communion for the Homebound

If you or someone you know is homebound and would like to receive communion, please call or email the parish office.

Hospital Visits

If you or a family member are hospitalized and would like a pastoral visit from Father Dave, please call the parish office. Hospitals and healthcare facilities do not make the parish aware when someone is admitted.

St. Eulalia's Advent Prayer Service

Wednesday, December 17 6pm

In Celebration of the Feast of St. Eulalia

Please join us for an evening of prayer and fellowship as we celebrate the Patronal Feast of St. Eulalia's and prepare our hearts for Christmas.

Reception to follow.

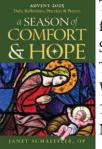
We are asking for finger foods and baked goods which can be dropped off at any time before the service.

Thank you for your kindness!

A light will enter the darkness



Advent Series: A Season of Comfort and Hope



This resource serves as the basis for a new Advent series: Soup and Sharing with Fr Dave.

The dates for these sessions are on Wednesdays: December 3rd-10th-17th immediately following 12 Noon Mass. (12:30 - 1:00 p.m.)

"What do you need during this Advent season? What are you seeking?

A deepened awareness of God's presence? Answers and direction amid chaos and uncertainty?

A strengthening of your faith? Clarity, guidance, peace? Encountering God in all people and places? Join us for a prayerful Advent season! Copies are

Hot Meal Program: Every Tuesday 12-12:30pm

In conjunction with the Saint Francis of Assisi Kitchen, St. Eulalia's provides a free, hot, nutritious meal to members of the North Pocono community. All in our community are welcome to come for the meal and enjoy the company of others. If you'd like to volunteer or have any questions, please contact Ellen Dermody at pastoralassociate@saint-eulalia.com or 570-842-7656 (Opt 7).

Please keep our Week 3 Team in your prayers as we serve our Free Community Meal on Tuesday, December 16.

Please take note- there will be NO hot meal on Dec. 23 due to Christmas Eve mass preparations- WILL RESUME DEC. 30:)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Snack Donations Welcome!

Our students love to enjoy a snack in their classroom as they learn about our faith each Sunday morning! Donations for classroom snacks, such as fruit snacks and granola bars, can kindly be placed in the designated basket in the foyer or sent in with Religious Education students. Thank you for keeping our kiddos bellies full!

Join the Religious Education Remind!

Keep up to date with RE updates, including winter weather cancelations, by joining our Remind text group. To join, text @steulali to the number 81010.

Confirmation Class Service Hour Opportunities

Students can see updates on service opportunities with our youth ministry program by joining the youth ministry Remind. To join, text @npcym2 to 81010.

DECEMBER

Dec 7 – RE week 10. (5th grade Mass @ 10:30am)

Dec 14 – RE week 11. (4th grade Mass @ 10:30am)

Dec 21 – No Class. Winter Break Begins. Merry

Christmas!

Dec 28 – No Class. Winter Break

JANUARY

Jan 4 – No Class. Winter Break. Happy New Year!

Jan 11 – No Class. Winter Break

Ian 18 – No Class. Winter Break

Jan 25 – RE week 12. Class Resumes.

Christmas Kindness

As the holiday season approaches, if you are in need of Christmas kindness for children, please reach out to Fr Dave.
All inquiries will be kept confidential.



JOIN US

All-You-Can-Eat Parish Breakfast

Sunday, December 21 8:30am - Noon







This stunning

Victorian dollhouse

was donated by parishioner Gene Dubinsky who originally received it from a woman named Kathleen Brown. Her husband, Larry Brown,

was the original "builder" and it was in much disrepair when Kathleen gave it to Gene. Gene painstakingly restored it to include new flooring and wallpaper, paint, and much more and then generously donated it to St. Eulalia Church. You must see it up close to appreciate it. We are selling \$1 raffles for a chance to win this dollhouse. The drawing will take place at 10 am during the December monthly breakfast. Tickets can be purchased anytime the church is open including before and after masses as well as during each monthly breakfast. Please stop by the Parish Center foyer to see this beautiful dollhouse and take a chance!

All submissions for the bulletin are due no later than 12noon on the Monday before the weekend. Submit bulletin announcements for consideration to office@saint-eulalia.com. If you have holiday submissions, please email them in ASAP due to early holiday deadlines. Thank you!



Volunteers needed for Monthly Sunday Buffet Breakfast

In order for the breakfast to continue into 2026, we need volunteers. Specifically, we need one or two volunteers to serve as team leaders. The job would include inventorying and ordering food and supplies each month; supervising the progress of events leading up to the breakfast; opening the doors on breakfast morning at 6 AM and supervising and assisting all food prep; ensuring all stations are covered by volunteers, etc. We also need at least two additional food prep people and one additional dishwasher. Please contact Cathy Kochis for more information at 570 780-7116.

Attention Christmas Cookie Bakers!

With the holiday season approaching and baking underway, we humbly ask if you could set aside a dozen

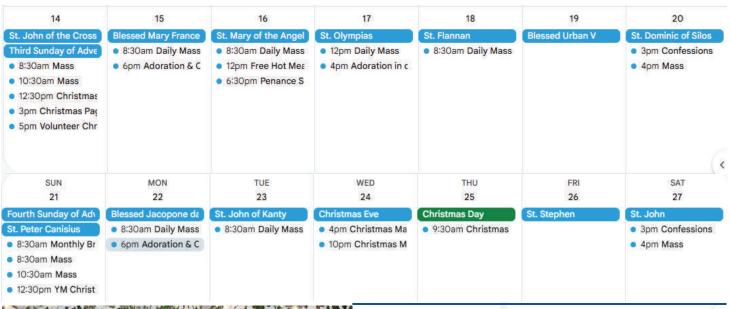
of your favorite cookies for our Christmas Cookie Bake Sale. The sale will take place during the monthly buffet breakfast on **December 21st**, alongside St. Eulalia's Crafty Corner Boutique's Christmas Sale. Please bring your cookie donations on a disposable

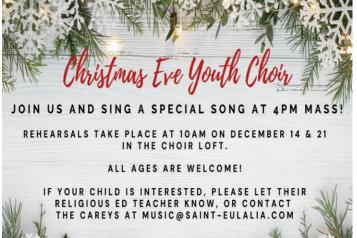


plate or container, wrapped in clear plastic, and include a label describing your cookie—especially noting if it contains nuts. Donations can be dropped off at the Parish Office during office hours or in the Small Gathering Room before or after 4pm mass on Saturday. They can also be dropped off the morning of The Breakfast anytime from 8 am on in the Parish Hall. Thank You!



Upcoming Events At a Glance: Dec 14—Dec 27





THANK YOU!

Thank you to the Hospitality Committee members for providing such fabulous Welcome Weekend receptions throughout the year!

We are grateful to our parishioners who bring a snack, treat, or beverage to share. The Welcome Weekend receptions are a great expression of the hospitality and fellowship so integral to St Eulalia's!

We look forward to resuming Welcome Weekend in **February.**

If you are interested in volunteering once a month, please reach out to **Ellen at:**

pastoralassociate@saint-eulalia.com

This Week's Family Reflection for the Third Sunday of Advent—

Gospel Reading Matthew 11:2-11

Jesus tells John the Baptist of the signs of the kingdom that are being worked through him and praises John as more than a prophet.

Family Connection

It is easy to look at our world and become discouraged by the apparent absence of God and signs of God's salvation. Advent, however, is a season of <u>HOPE</u> in which we acknowledge that salvation is both mysteriously present, even in our world, and yet to be fulfilled.

Read together today's Gospel. Think about John's question to Jesus: <u>Are you the One?</u> Jesus does not answer directly, but points to the signs of the kingdom present in his midst.

Together as a family, look through the newspaper for signs of hope that God is at work in our world. Pray that the world will know God's salvation by praying together the Lord's Prayer.



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