

What are Catholic Apologetics?

Catholic Apologetics are the explanation of what we believe and why we believe it. The word apologetics comes from the Greek word, apologia, meaning an explanation or a reply to a charge. Many of us have had to, at one point or another, defend why we are Catholic or our beliefs as Catholics. Peter tells us in 1 Peter to “always be prepared to give a defense to anyone who calls you to account for the hope that is in you.” Most of those who question our faith are Protestants who have been taught that the Catholic belief is missing something that only their belief can give. This is where we, as Catholics, need some help to defend who and what we are. First and foremost, we must, as Catholics, believe in all of the Catholic teachings. If we do not, then our position of defense weakens. The basic Catholic teachings are:

1. We believe in one God, the creator of the universe and of all things in it
2. We believe in His Son Jesus Christ who died for our sins in order that we might be saved. (refer to the Nicene - Constantinople Creed)
3. We believe in the entire body of works we call the Bible, and we believe in all of the teaching and authority of the Church. If this is what we believe, then we can defend our faith. In the next few weeks/months, we will be introduced to, and be given, ways to defend our faith, and possibly deepen our understanding of our key beliefs.



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Our Weekly Bulletin

100th Anniversary Celebration
 Mark your calendars
October 4, 2026

Bishop Bohdan has confirmed the date that he will be with us to celebrate the 100 years of the founding of our parish.
637 days or 91 weeks

Christ is Born! Glorify Him!

Divine Liturgies and Services for the Week

Sunday, Jan 5	Theophany of our Lord and Savior	✠Bernie Kordish from Family
Jan 6	No Liturgy	
Jan 7	No Liturgy	
Jan 8	No Liturgy	
Jan 9	No Liturgy	
Jan 10	No Liturgy	
Jan 11	No Liturgy	
Sunday, Jan 12	Sunday after Theophany	✠Charles Lutak from Elenor Parnell

If you are looking for a closer relationship with Jesus Christ and are looking for a home, you are welcome to be part of our kid friendly family in Christ. You have found your way home.

Blessing of the House

*When Father comes to bless your home, have a candle, a cross,
and Holy Water ready for him to use.*

Priest: Let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: O God our Savior, the true Light, who was baptized in the river Jordan by John to renew all men by the waters of regeneration, and Who condescended to enter under the roof of Zacchaeus to bring salvation to him and to all his house, keep safe also from all harm those who dwell here; grant them Your blessing, purification and bodily health, and all their petitions for their salvation and life everlasting: for blessed are You, together with Your eternal Father, and Your all-holy, gracious, and life-giving Spirit, now and for ever, and ever.

People: Amen

Priest: This home is blessed by the sprinkling of this holy water, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever, and ever. Amen.

Tropar

When You, O Lord, were baptized in the Jordan, worship of the Trinity was revealed; the voice of the Father bore witness to You, naming You the beloved Son, and the Spirit in the form of a dove confirmed the word's certainty. Glory to You, O Christ God, who appeared and enlightened the world.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit now and for ever and ever.

Kondak

Today You have appeared to the world and Your light, O Lord, has been signed on us, who with knowledge sing Your praises. You have come, You have appeared, O unapproachable Light.

Candles - Six day candles are available for donation in the altar area and on the Tetrapod for \$150/ candle for the year. See Deacon Chris.
Self light — \$3.00 - 6 day candles \$1.00 - 10 hour 50¢ - beeswax candle

Weekly Collection - December 29, 2024 - \$510.00

Thank you for your generosity.

Sunday - \$405.00 Candles - \$15.00 Christmas - \$5.00
Pyrohi - \$30.00 Seminary - \$10.00 Misc. - \$40.00

PARISH NEWS

Blessing of Water - Father will bless water on Jan 5 following the Divine Liturgy.

Blessing of Homes - Father will be blessing homes in the Ebensburg, Cambria and Jackson areas on Jan 12. Please let Deacon Chris know if you would like your home blessed. If you live in another area or would like father to visit another day, please see Father Andriy.

Saturdays with Jesus - Adult Catechism 10 to 12 Children's Catechism 1 to 2:30PM

Happy 2nd Anniversary to Ryan and Rachel
May God grant them good health, long life and many happy years!
Многая і благая літа!



Prayer List

Millie & Steve Deskevich, Connie Butkus, Kathy Ott, Sarah Kelt, Gary Maurer, Jeremiah Hunt, Margaret Reighard, Mary Catherine Hoover, The Fernandez family, Jennifer Maurer, Breanna Borlie, Tom and Kris, Joe Gomes, Thomas, Richard Shonk, Ryder McDermitt, Steve Helsel, Patricia Dragani, Eugene, Sonya Kohan Kevin Rogers, Darla Tishok, the Williams family, Patty Hunt, Kevin Blem, Pat Bodenski.

To add or remove a name, place your request in the collection basket.

Joke of the Day

Three Priests were having lunch in a diner. One said, "Ya know, since summer started I've been having trouble with bats in my loft and attic at church. I've tried everything-noise, spray, cats-nothing seems to scare them away. Another said, "Yea, me too. I've got hundreds living in my belfry and in the attic. I've even had the place fumigated, and they won't go away." The third said, "I baptized all mine, and made them members of the church... Haven't seen one back since!"