



4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 24, 2023



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 23 ~ Vigil/4th Sunday in Advent
5:30 PM Jim Barnett, Frank Schmaus, Joseph Garvila

Sunday, December 24 ~ 4th Sunday in Advent
9:30 AM Frank Schmaus, Jim Barnett

Sunday, December 24 ~ Christmas Eve
5:30 PM Ernest Arsenaault, William Pitt, Sr.

Monday, December 25 ~ Christmas Day
9:30 AM Frank Schmaus

Wednesday, December 27
9:00 AM

Friday, December 29
9:00 AM The People of the Parish

Saturday, December 30 ~ Vigil/The Holy Family
5:30 PM Stiano Family, Calvi Family

Sunday, December 31 ~ The Holy Family
9:30 AM Frank Schmaus, Jim Barnett

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Sunday, December 24 ~ Christmas Eve
5:30 PM Children (Pageant)/ Ted Wall

Monday, December 25 ~ Christmas Day
9:30 AM Tom Troy

Saturday, December 30 ~ Vigil/The Holy Family
5:30 PM Eileen Ernst

Sunday, December 31 ~ The Holy Family
9:30 AM Alice Cross

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sunday, December 24 ~ Christmas Eve
5:30 PM Kim Grzybek (a), Colleen Wall (c)

Monday, December 25 ~ Christmas Day
9:30 AM Marie Barnett (a), Lisa Dyer (c)

Saturday, December 30 ~ Vigil/The Holy Family
5:30 PM Connie Pollos (a), Mary Morse (c)

Sunday, December 31 ~ The Holy Family
9:30 AM Ann Clouse (a), Denise Turner (c)

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO SERVE

Alexandria Baker-Bonitz (*Navy*) Dylan Bonitz (*Navy*)
Sarah Bowen (*Navy*) Juan Gonzalez (*Navy*)
Kaila McGowan (*Marines*) Joseph Ruize (*Navy*)
Robert Pape-Laucella (*Marines*)
Pashko Shkreli (*Army*) Carissa Tironi (*Army*)
Nicholas Turner (*Army*) Elliott Weidel (*Marines*)

PRAY FOR THOSE IN NURSING HOMES

Barbara Ceriale, Gina Lempka,
Rosemary Osborn, Regina Parthesius, Elissa Zahn

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Marion Andersen, Pat Arlotta, Bridget Auer, Joanne Bach,
Rob Brosnan, Sr. Margaret Ellen Burke, Barbara Ceriale,
Brad Ceriale, Lois Chanofsky, Brian Cross, Nicole Dawson,
John & Lorraine DiCicco, Anna DiMare, Marie DiMare,
Maria Elena DiMare, Michael DiMare, David Felter,
Agnes Ferrone, Anna Gallo, Joe Gallo, Krystyna Grzybek,
Margaret Hale, Mike Hurd, Julie Oparski, Marianna Oparski,
Kerry Roberson, Helen Ryan, Frances Salewski, Sue Schmaus,
Chris Strobl, Joanne Trumball, Terry Waterson

LOOKING AHEAD

Helping Hands Food Pantry
Certain Saturdays by Appointment. Call 845-733-1477
(9 AM start)

Holiday Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 23
Regular Schedule ~ Mass at 5:30 PM

Sunday, December 24 @ 9:30 AM
4th Sunday of Advent

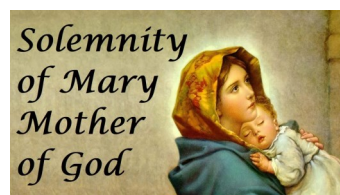
Sunday, December 24 @ 5:30 PM
Christmas Eve (*Mass of Christmas*)

Monday, December 25 @ 9:30 AM
Christmas Day Mass

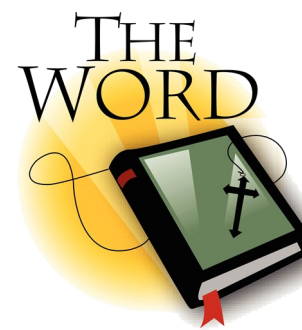
Tuesday, December 26
NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Saturday, December 30
Regular Schedule ~ Mass at 5:30 PM

Sunday, December 31 ~ New Year's Eve
Regular Schedule ~ Mass at 9:30 AM
"The Holy Family"



Monday, January 1
New Year's Day
Mass at 9:30 AM
"The Solemnity of Mary"
A Day of Holy Obligation



Today's Scripture

4th Sunday of Advent

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16
Romans 16:25-27
Luke 1:26-38



ABOUT THE LITURGY: Shepherds

Christmas can be a time for putting on one's best: best clothes for church, best dinner together, or best gifts. But note how the first

Christmas was celebrated: poor and marginalized man and woman in a stable, greeted by shepherds.

Shepherds are the first people invited to visit the newborn Jesus. Society considered shepherds to be on lowest rung. They had little money. Their proximity to animals rendered them virtually unclean and, therefore, most treated them as outcasts. Yet these shepherds who kept watch of the sheep on the hillside were the first to bear witness to God Incarnate, the Word made flesh.

When you look at the grand scheme of the Gospels, this all makes sense. People who are poor and lowly are exactly the people Christ came to redeem. These are the ones sent to glorify and praise God. May their witness, then and now, be an inspiration and motivation to us all.



If bad weather is in the forecast, there is always the possibility that Mass and/or Church activities (such as Religious Education) may be canceled. Here is our protocol for making the decision. If Pine Bush Schools are on a morning delay, the 9 AM Mass on Monday, Wednesday or Friday is canceled. If Pine Bush Schools close early, any remaining Church Masses or activities will be canceled. If Pine Bush Schools close for the day, any Church Mass and/or activity is canceled. To find out this information you may: (1) check the Church website: ourladyoftheassumptionchurch.org; (2) check the Pine Bush Schools website (pinebushschools.org); (3) call the Church office and the announcement on the answering machine will affirm our closing(s).

Mass Attendance/Collection

At Mass on December 16 & 17: **126**
Weekend's Collection: **\$2,167.00**



Source of divine Light, Emmanuel, God with us,
your radiant love illuminated our waiting world
with the surprise of your Bethlehem birth:
Each year since then we celebrate
this astonishing event,
rejoicing in your coming anew, not as a newborn Babe,
but as the hidden presence of divinity
contained within each of us.
To our great astonishment,
we have become your dwelling place.
We are now your Bethlehem.

Now you are Treasure birthed
in the secret place of our soul.
Now you are Light gleaming
through our gestures of generosity.
Now you are Hope radiating
inside the core of our courage.
Now you are Joy shining into the
dark caves of our gloom.
Now you are Peace glowing quietly
in the crevice of our anxiety.
Now you are Love brilliantly
reflected within our kindness.

O Christ, Light of all lights, Star of all stars,
dweller within these human homes of ours,
open our wandering minds and hesitant hearts
So your endless goodness
radiates more completely in us.

We welcome you again and again,
with gratitude and trust,
not only in this Christmas season
of remembrance and celebration
but all through the new year that awaits us.

— Joyce Rupp

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