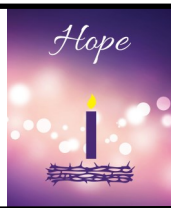




1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 3, 2023



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 2 ~ Vigil/1st Sunday in Advent
5:30 PM Ed Russell, Vincenza Sansalone

Sunday, December 3 ~ 1st Sunday in Advent
9:30 AM Jim Barnett, Frank Schmaus

Monday, December 4
9:00 AM

Wednesday, December 6
9:00 AM

Friday, December 8 ~ Feast of the Immaculate Conception
9:30 AM Pamela Sibley
7:00 PM Beth Texter/healing

Saturday, December 9 ~ Vigil/2nd Sunday in Advent
5:30 PM Richard Cinque, Joseph Garvila

Sunday, December 10 ~ 2nd Sunday in Advent
9:30 AM Jim Barnett, Frank Schmaus

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Friday, December 8 ~ Feast of the Immaculate Conception
9:00 AM Al Ceriale
7:00 PM Joe Herschel

Saturday, December 9 ~ Vigil/2nd Sunday in Advent
5:30 PM Jennifer Zupetz

Sunday, December 10 ~ 2nd Sunday in Advent
9:30 AM Alice Cross

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Friday, December 8 ~ Feast of the Immaculate Conception
9:00 AM Volunteers
7:00 PM Volunteers

Saturday, December 9 ~ Vigil/2nd Sunday in Advent
5:30 PM Barb Cinque (a), Brandon Kennedy (c)

Sunday, December 10 ~ 2nd Sunday in Advent
9:30 AM Colleen Wall (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, Margaret Hale,
Mike Hurd, Julie Oparski, Marianna Oparski, Kerry Roberson,
Helen Ryan, Frances Salewski, Helene Sillen,
Chris Strobl, Beth Texter, Joanne Trumball, Terry Waterson

LOOKING AHEAD

Helping Hands Food Pantry
Every 1st, 3rd & 5th Saturday by Appointment
(9 AM start)

Saturday & Sunday, December 2 & 3
Ladies' Guild Craft & Bake Sale *after Mass*

TODAY!!! Sunday, December 3
Lena Ferrara's
100th Birthday Holiday Brunch
after 9:30 Mass ~ ALL Are Invited!

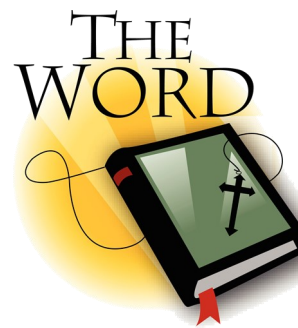
Tuesday, December 4
Religious Education Classes ~ 6:30-7:30 PM
(Reconciliation for levels 4-8 with parents)

Friday, December 8
Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Mass at 9:30 AM & 7:00 PM
(A Holy Day of Obligation)

Monday, December 11
Parish Council & Holiday Gathering ~ 7:00 PM

Tuesday, December 12
Religious Education Classes ~ 6:30-7:30 PM

Saturday, December 16
Bells & Stars Gifts Distributed, 9:00-11:00 AM



Today's Scripture

1st Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 63: 16B-17, 19B, 64:2-7
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13: 33-37

ABOUT THE LITURGY: Season of Advent

In one of his sermons, Saint Charles Borromeo (+1584) said, "Beloved, now is the acceptable time spoken of by the Spirit, the day of salvation, peace and reconciliation: the great season of Advent. This is the time eagerly awaited by the patriarchs and prophets, the time that holy Simeon rejoiced to see. This is the season that the church has always celebrated with special solemnity. We too should always observe it with faith and love, offering praise and thanksgiving to the Father for the mercy and love he has shown us in this mystery."

Advent as a period of patient, but active, waiting on the Lord. We await "the coming (or the return) of the Messiah ... who died and rose from the dead and is recognized as Lord and Son of God" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 840). The Catholic anticipation of Christmas celebrates Christ's human presence on earth during his life and ministry, honors his persistent physical presence in the Eucharist, and reminds us to be mindful of the Second Coming and to be watchful for the Lord's arrival.

Much of the structure and content of the Advent liturgies guide the faithful to understand the preparations God the Father took for the Incarnation. God makes everything, all the rituals and sacrifices, figures and symbols of the First Covenant to converge on Christ, announced by the prophets, longed for by the Jews and grasped by the Gentiles. (*see CCC 522*). Advent celebrates the past, present, and future of the Church. We remember our Jewish heritage and traditions, contemplate the Incarnation of Jesus as the Messiah, and prepare for the Second Coming as Christians.



Volunteer Training

◆ Tuesday, December 12 ◆

Monday December 18 ◆ Monday, January 8
Training begins at 7:00 PM at the Warming Station (8-10 Mulberry Street) and will last approximately 1 hour
To volunteer, contact Marilyn at 845-346-6110.

Mass Attendance/Collection

At Mass on November 25 & 26: **100**
Weekend's Collection: **\$1,317.00**

HELP US CELEBRATE!

You are all invited to a very special event recognizing Lena Ferrara's 100th birthday! Following the 9:30 AM Mass on TODAY (Sunday, December 3), there will be a celebratory brunch served in the parish center lower level to which the Church is invited! Please join us in extending our best wishes and our prayers for God's blessings for this dear lady!!



Immaculate Conception

Friday, December 8 the Church celebrates The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a day of holy obligation. Mass will be offered at 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM.



Holiday Masses

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

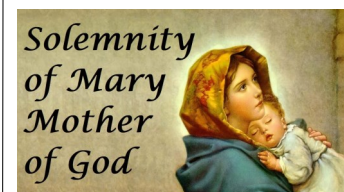
Sunday, December 24 @ 9:30 AM
4th Sunday of Advent

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

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

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

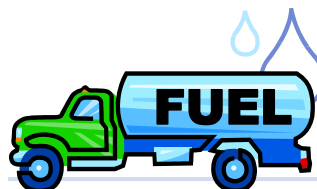
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