



**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**Saturday, November 30**

5:00 PM Scott Babin

**Sunday, December 1**

9:00 AM Dominick Rotella  
 10:30 AM James DiCarlo, Sr.  
 12:00 PM Doris Frascella

**Daily Mass December 2-6 @ 9:00 AM**

Monday Doris Frascella  
 Tuesday Sally Capobianco  
 Wednesday Healing of Helen Vasquez  
 Thursday Frank Macedonia  
 Friday Intentions of Robert Kar

**Saturday, December 7**

5:00 PM Sister Antonia

**Sunday, December 8**

9:00 AM Joseph Kobrick, Sr.  
 10:30 AM Michael J. Galley  
 12:00 PM William F. Faherty III



**BAPTISM  
 PREPARATION CLASS**  
 meets 2nd Saturday monthly  
**Dec 14 @ 10:00 am**  
 Contact the parish office  
 or visit our website.



• Baptism • First Eucharist •  
 • Confirmation •

Next meeting, November 26th  
 7:00 PM in the Rectory

**The Sacraments: Baptism and Confirmation**

*Please pray for all those who have decided  
 to follow the journey of our faith.*

**HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION**

Please join His Holiness, Pope Francis, who has chosen the following intention to be prayed for during the month of December

**Universal:**

That every country determine to take the necessary measures to make the future of the very young, especially those who suffer, a priority.

**First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5**

Isaiah describes his vision in which all nations are gathered together by God in peace.

**Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14**

Be prepared, salvation is near.

**Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44**

Jesus tells his disciples that the coming of the Son of Man will catch many people unprepared. Jesus tells his disciples that they are to always be ready for the day of the Lord.

**“Encounter with God, In Daily Living,  
 Through the Sunday Scriptures”  
 Scripture reflection with Fr. Tim  
 Tuesday, December 3rd, 9:30-11:00 am (chapel)  
 + Pause + Reflect + Act +**

1. Prophet Isaiah foretells a time when the people will beat their swords into plowshares - turning instruments of war into those of cultivation. How do you already live this call to peace? How might you embrace this call more fully?
2. St. Paul invites the Romans to “throw off the works of darkness / and put on the armor of light.” What spiritual practices strengthen you to live in the light of Christ?
3. Jesus urges the disciples to “stay awake! / For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.” What is Jesus calling you to “wake up” to this Advent?
4. Advent is a season for preparation. Amid the physical preparations for Christmas, how would you like to prepare spiritually for the feast of Christ’s nativity?

**COLLECTION BREAKDOWN November 23 & 24:**

Due to early bulletin deadlines, we are unable to report the collection information as usual. Our continued thanks to all of our parishioners who respond each week to the needs of our parish.

*May God Bless you for your generosity!*

**The Retirement Fund for Religious Annual Appeal**

**Welcome Sister Christina Chong, S.D.B.** who will be addressing the parish at all Masses this weekend. We look forward to hearing from her and thank her, in advance, for her time and efforts.

Our second collection will go towards this fund and we thank you for your support.

**PRIEST'S MASS SCHEDULE**

NOV/DEC	5:00 PM	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	12:00 PM
Nov 30-Dec 1	Fr. Tim	Fr. Michal	Fr. Michal	Fr. Tim
Dec 7-8	Fr. Michal	Fr. Tim	Fr. Tim	Fr. Michal
Dec 14-15	Fr. Tim	Fr. Michal	Fr. Tim	Fr. Michal
Dec 21-22	Fr. Michal	Fr. Tim	Fr. Michal	Fr. Tim



*Thank you to all parishioners who selected a "CARD" from the CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE*

Please be sure to fulfill the wish as requested. Read and Follow all directions on each "CARD" and return the gift or gift card *by* the due date.

**ALL wrapped GIFTS & GIFT CARD envelopes are DUE by 12:00 noon SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8<sup>th</sup>**

{we cannot accept gifts after the due date, so if there are any delivery concerns, please contact us}

*Most gifts and gift cards go to groups or families with other members. We don't want anyone feeling they are getting less than others, so we kindly ask you to only fulfill the gift(s) or gift card as requested and please "nothing extra"- thank you!*

**MONETARY donations gratefully accepted. Please drop into the Giving Tree "Church" box.**

*Monies will be used to buy any missing gifts, as well as extra small gifts such as snacks and supplies for various groups.*

Questions or delivery concerns, please contact [gt4gsc@gmail.com](mailto:gt4gsc@gmail.com) or the Parish Office 973-786-6631

*The Giving Tree Committee thanks you!*

### Christmas Sing-Along & Pot Luck Dinner

Join us as we gather to sing our favorite traditional sacred carols, secular seasonal songs, mixed with a variety of solos and choir selections. We will begin with a festive dinner followed by a sing-along of holiday favorites.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8TH FROM 5:00-7:00 pm IN THE PARISH HALL**

Please bring your favorite hot dish to share. Kindly prepare enough to feed four.

The Good Shepherd Choirs and soloists will be there to add spirited joy to the evening!  
All ages welcome!

*Thank You*

...to our 10th Grade Confirmation parents for a wonderful Hospitality Sunday on November 24th.



### First Sunday of Advent

#### *The Candle of Hope*




**Color: Purple**

Purple is the primary color associated with Advent. Within the Catholic Church it symbolizes penance, preparation, and sacrifice.

During the first week of Advent, we look forward to Jesus' coming with **HOPE**.

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Please remember to sign the book in the atrium.

December 7-8	5:00pm	9:00am	10:30am	NOON
 <b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Mary Ahern Christine McCormick JoAnne Scheidt Nancy Luckey Dale Logarzo Joy Harrington	Andy Grinthal Carole D'Esposito Melissa Lewis Bogdan Bienko Betty Gates Alice Giliberti	Nick Berg Karen Hogan Candy Church Joan DeBoer Marie Margiotti Christine Berg	Hildegard Schleyer Carmen DaSilva Jim Capobianco
 <b>Lectors</b>	John Ursin	Art Petitt	Confirmation Class Lector Tom Beverly	Fran Gavin
 <b>Altar Servers</b>	Nina Graceffo Ava Graceffo Joey Graceffo	James Bongiorno Sophia Vitez Connor Kovach	Joey Holdt Madeline Holdt Danny Holdt	Addyson Ortiz