

**MASS INTENTIONS
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Sunday, December 1

5:00pm (Sat. Vigil) Yolanda T. Mastrianna
8:00 Catena Cavallaro
10:00 Deceased Members of Bailey and Molka Families
12:00 Peggy Ann Corrigan

Monday, December 2

9:00 Josephine Campagna

Tuesday, December 3 – St. Francis Xavier

9:00 Kathleen Cacciatore

Wednesday, December 4

9:00 Mary Hefele

Thursday, December 5

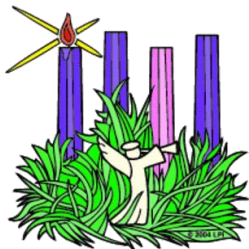
9:00 People of Holy Spirit Parish

Friday, December 6

9:00 Elizabeth Rodgers

Sunday, December 8

5:00 (Sat. Vigil) Pasquale Dambrosio
8:00 Yolando DiNardo
10:00 Josef & Edwige Molka
12:00 Tina Pagnanella



READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

First Reading	Isaiah 2:1-5
Second Reading	Romans 13:11-14
Gospel	Matthew 24:37-44

RESPONSE

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

PRAYER INTENTION

A grace filled Advent

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Isaiah 11:1-10
Romans 15:4-9
Matthew 3:1-12

**CELEBRANT SCHEDULE FOR NEXT
WEEKEND**

Saturday, December 7

5:00pm Fr. DeBellis

Sunday, December 8

8:00am Fr. Francis

10:00am Fr. Vernon

12:00 noon Fr. Vernon

Thank you for your generosity

Sunday Offering

Not available at press time



The sick are comforted just knowing that we pray for them. Please remember these members of our Parish Family, who are ill, in your prayers: **Renee Dufflemeyer, William Haas, Sarah Soyka, Erica Rogener and Shadi Khader.** Please also remember the deceased members of our Parish Family in your prayers: **Joseph Alicea, Vincent Barco and Christine L. Romeo.**

First Friday, December 6th we will hold Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Church at 9:30am followed by Benediction at 10:30am. All are welcome to spend time in prayer in the presence of the Our Lord.



Envelope Contributions

Please mark your envelope with the amount of your contribution, your name and address, so that we are able to record it for your year-end statement. Only envelope users are recorded. If you are not a registered Parishioner we will gladly send you a registration form or go to our website at holyspirit-cortlandtmanor.org.



Greetings all,

This weekend with the celebration of the **First Sunday of Advent**, we welcome our adult candidates for the Sacraments from the **RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)**. They will be with us at the 12Noon Mass as they are officially welcomed into the community of believers. The candidates are currently studying the faith and will receive the Sacraments at the Easter Vigil in April, 2020. Please keep our candidates in your prayers.

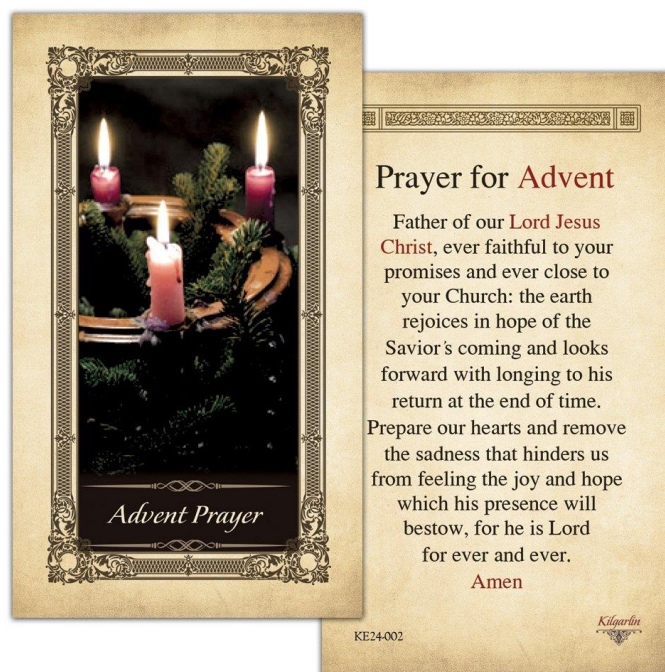
As we begin the **Giving Tree Program** in earnest I would like to thank all the volunteers who make this a hugely successful event each Christmas. Thanks also to the parishioners for their generosity in the bringing of gifts. Our efforts help many families and most especially their children in providing winter clothing and toy presents to make their holiday bright. May the Infant Jesus bless them always with the grace of His love.

Please be sure to get a copy of the Advent Reflection booklets which provide a daily meditation on the season of Advent. This year's booklet is written by Henri Nouwen, a writer of many great spiritual books and Pope Francis, our beloved shepherd. Enjoy!

I'm happy that I will be travelling to the city with our young people next Sunday for a visit to Rockefeller Center and Mass with Cardinal Dolan. We will be 34 people in all, including 27 teens. I will bring my prayers for you as we celebrate Mass at St. Patrick's.

Later that week, I will go to the Westchester Broadway Theatre with families from the parish and a good number of people from our Seniors Group. We will be over 50 people in all. I'm very much looking forward to spending time with all of you. Have a great Advent week.

God bless... **Fr. John**



Catechist Needed

The Religious Ed Program is looking for a seventh-grade Catechist for Tuesday at 4:30. Please call Elizabeth Kogler in the Religious Education Office at (914) 734-9243 for more information.

GIVING TREE PROGRAM



The stars with gift requests from the less fortunate in our community are on the Giving Tree and waiting for you! Please be sure to leave your name and phone number on the sign out sheets for the stars you take. All the families and individuals whose names are

on the tree are referred to our Parish by The Fran Boylan (Holy Spirit) Food Pantry, Social Services and Hudson River Health Care and are not being assisted by any other group. This is a wonderful tradition for our Parish. Please participate and make a difference in their lives. **All gifts must be returned wrapped and with the star securely attached no later than 1:00 PM on Sunday December 8h.** If you have any questions please call Rita at (914) 737-1780 or Patty at (914) 772-5538. Thank you for your generosity.

Giving Tree Volunteers please meet in the PAC on Sunday, December 8th at 2:00 PM to sort and organize the Giving Tree gifts.

Begin this Advent with...

Sr. Danielle Baran, CR

Monday, December 2, 2019

Franciscan Sisters

**Mt. St. Francis, 250 South Street, Peekskill, NY
10566**

9:30am... Arrival and Coffee

10:00am...Conference

11:15am...Mass

12:15pm...Dinner

1:30pm...Conference/Sharing

For reservations please call 914-737-3373

Suggested Donation: \$25



Come, Lord Jesus!

SENIOR MEETING

Please note there is no Senior Group Meeting in December. Our next gathering will be Friday, January 10th, 2020 at 10am.

The book club will be reading "Winter Storms" by Elin Hilderbrand for discussion at our next meeting.

Fran Boylan-Holy Spirit Food Pantry

If you qualify for a free turkey at one of the local supermarkets that you will not be using, please consider



donating it to the Food Pantry. We will still be accepting them after Thanksgiving. You can call the Food Pantry at (914) 737-2111 or drop it off at the Rectory Office between 9am and 4pm, Monday thru Friday.

DISCOVER GRAYMOOR

Are you searching for a connection with nature? A place of quiet reflection? Spiritual Renewal? **Graymoor**, known as the "Holy Mountain," in Garrison, New York offers all these things, and more. Home of the Franciscan Friars and Sisters of the Atonement for more than 120 years, **Graymoor's** 400 acres are open to the public daily from dawn to dusk. Wander the grounds and enjoy spectacular mountain and Hudson River views, the largest outdoor St. Anthony Shrine in North America, historic chapels and more – or hike the Graymoor section of the Appalachian Trail.

The Graymoor Spiritual Life Center provides hundreds of self-development retreats, days of respite, as well as Sunday Mass. The *Graymoor Book & Gift Shop*, as well as the "*That Nothing Be Lost*" *Thrift & Antique Shop* both offer unique shopping opportunities. For more information, visit us online at DiscoverGraymoor.org.

Christmas unity

Christmas is a wonderful time to forgive anyone who hurt or disappointed us. After all, Jesus came to repair our broken relationship with God. He will give us the strength and power to forgive others if we ask.
– Growing in Faith



Holy Spirit Parish
and the Music Ministry
Cordially Invites You to Our

Joyful Christmas Reflection

Sunday, December 15th at 5:00 p.m.

Church of the Holy Spirit
1969 Crompond Road
Cortlandt Manor, NY

Tickets are available in the Parish Office and after Mass.



Holy Spirit Parish

Open to the Community. First Time Donors Welcome!

Monday, December 30, 2019

2:00pm – 8:00pm

Church of the Holy Spirit – Parish Activity Center
1969 Crompond Road, Cortlandt Manor, NY

To sign up visit www.nybc.org/donate-blood/

Questions or to sign up over the phone call

Jeff Canning (914) 739-5423

Walk-Ins Also Welcome!



Church of the Holy Spirit Christmas Cookie Sharing



Sunday, December 22nd After Each Mass



Share the Season and your
Favorite Christmas
Cookies with Fellow
Parishioners



Please prepare one batch of your favorite cookies to share and a copy(s) of the recipe if you would like to exchange it with others.

Please drop off your cookies at the PAC before Mass.

(Please label with your name and type of cookie and if it contains peanuts)

(In addition, coffee & other goodies will be provided)



All are welcome, cookies or not!!