



**DECEMBER 2, 2018
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

*The voice of one crying out in the wilderness;
"Prepare the way of the Lord, make
his paths straight." Mark 1.3*

*Advent is observed in our Church as a time
of expectant waiting and preparation for the
celebration of the Nativity of Jesus at Christmas. The term
"Advent" is a version of the Latin word meaning "coming".*



**FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION**

**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8th
Vigil Mass, Friday, December 7th . . . 6pm
Mass, Saturday, December 8th . . .
8:15am**

JOURNEY THROUGH ADVENT

I have always enjoyed following a theme through Advent. This year one of the central themes seems to be gift-giving, and I've identified four parts of the theme: planning the gift / buying or making the gift / wrapping the gift / and giving the gift. On the first Sunday we see Jeremiah naming the gift "Promise" (not the oleo!) God promises safety and security. St. Paul invites us to "abound in love for one another." Wow! The main gift in the Gospel is redemption. Again, wow! The promise that the Reagan family of Blue Bloods makes is to be always united as family. So, what would your promise be for someone as you enter this holy season? It could be for an individual or for a whole group like St. Columba's. You can pick one of the gifts above or make up your own. But you have to start to plan right now. (Mine for you is already in progress.) Next week we'll talk about buying or making the gift. Have a wonderful Advent. *Fr. Gus*

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY 1

5pm **John Zangrillo**; family

SUNDAY 2

9am **Dec mem of Cavalla family**; Allan & Judy Barry

10:30 **Halina & Kazimierz Lesniewski**

Noon **Douglas Bird**; Mary Dawson

MONDAY 3

8:15 **Rose De Los Reyes**; Susan & John Healy

TUESDAY 4

8:15 **Edith Palmer**; Susan & Mary Beth Bahren

WEDNESDAY 5

6pm **Gloria Mangano**; Susan & Mary Beth Bahren

THURSDAY 6

8:15 **Francis Hornicek**; family

FRIDAY 7

8:15 **James Dutra Jr.**; family

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

FRIDAY 7 (Vigil Mass for the holy day)

6pm **Leo O'Grady**; family

SATURDAY 8

8:15 **Gertrude Bonnici**; Mary Dawson

SATURDAY 8

5pm **Nellie O'Neil**; Lillian & Roberto

SUNDAY 9

9am **Timothy Dawson**; family

10:30 **Joseph S. Roman**; family

Noon **Margaret & Eugene Rayer**; family

SECOND COLLECTION

The second collection is for Church & School repairs.



**WE PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING OUR
COUNTRY FROM OUR COMMUNITY IN THE
MILITARY, BOTH HERE AND ABROAD**

Rocco Church, Tyler Correa, Alex Davis, Mark Gonzalez, Michael Grasso, Erin Johnson, Alex Kaczor, Kayla Marion Katt, Mark Lawlor, Lauren Lucena, Matthew Mackay, Draven Mena, Ryan Michaels, Evan Pacer, Michael Polanski, Anthony Ruiz, Cory Seipp, Ryan Sheehan, Josh Truman, David J. Wiley

SAINT MICHAEL, PLEASE KEEP THEM SAFE.

Your prayers are requested for those who are sick:
Theresa Casaccio, Linda Koch, Nicolas Moquete, Donna Krueger, Kim Giglio, Christianna Scrobe, Maritza Montes, John Mattera, Ralph Schiano, Margaret Relihan, Jeanne Yost, Sam Gould, Tara Boljonis, Makeda Norman, Benjamin Howard, Sue Orts, Kyle Petrocelli, Connie Yacenda, Carmen Almirol, Cecilia Layson, Laurie Patterson, Romeo Dela Cruz, Daria Bekersky, Katie Rogan, Andrew Milza, Joan Bonomi, Teresa Patruno, Mila Werlitz, Andrew Upson, James Fox, Nancy Rhodes Mayo, Justin Holland, Gabriella Nelson, Joseph Michael Kennedy, Patrick Finley, Dylan Witmer, Marie Tobin, Jon Sezack, Monique Lager, Ruth Rivera, Ines Cella, Vilma Rosario, Eddie Calderin, John Schiano Jr, Claire Scunziano, Paula Baraket, Pat Baldwin, Sean Devlin, Robert Scunziano, Brenden Hedding, Lorraine Kalafut, Gabe Fritz, Laura Favorule, Susan Zikoyanis, Michael Medina, Mary Ackerman, Valerie Moore, Sylvia Muccio, Joe Kennedy, Alan Wilson, Br. John Lawrence, Kim Salotti, Charles Youngberg, Alice Verlizzo, Larry Higgins, Cecilia Rivera, Allison Florio, Vinnie Greco, Donna Fagan, Nikita Zanichkowsky, Karlene Gray, Rosa Maria Ramos, Donald Maynard, Janet Simonson, Ricky Calderin, Bob Gatt

Your prayers are requested for those who have died.

SAINT COLUMBA LADIES AUXILIARY

The Ladies Auxiliary meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month after the 6pm Mass. All are welcome to gather with them in the Chapel at 5:30 to pray the Rosary. For information please contact: janicemarion@outlook.com



GIVING TREE

**PLEASE SECURE THE TAG TO THE GIFT
AND RETURN ALL GIFTS BY
NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9TH**

The Ladies Auxiliary have prepared the "Giving Tree" in the Chapel. It has gift tags from various organizations in our community. As always, we thank you for your generosity.

MEMORIALS & SPECIAL INTENTIONS

HOST & WINE are dedicated this week in loving memory of:
Patrick Galvin; req: Pat & George McCabe

**FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER THE SANCTUARY
LIGHTS ARE BURNING IN LOVING MEMORY OF:**

RED: Christopher Furey & his grandparents;
req: Joe & Jerry Furey

WHITE: Dec mem of Donovan & Herrity family

BLESSED SACRAMENT: Bob & Frank Piliere; req: family

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TWO GRAND SERIES - WEEK 15 – 11/25

#138 Kathleen Szulwach
#45 Mr. & Mrs. John Mullins

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WARWICK VALLEY CHORALE

Holiday Concerts 2018 . . . "A Midnight Clear"

Fri., Dec. 7 - 7:00pm Grace Episcopal Church
58 North St., Middletown, NY 10940

Fri., Dec. 14 - 7:00pm Goshen United Methodist Church
115 Main St., Goshen, NY 10924

Sun., Dec. 16 - 4:00pm St. Stephen Roman Catholic Church
75 Sanfordville Rd., Warwick, NY 10990

CHESTER COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

Thank you to all who so generously donated to the Thanksgiving Food Drive. At this time of year, please remember the Food Pantry. All donations will benefit the Chester Community Food Pantry.

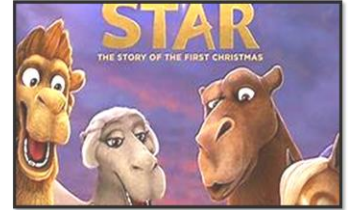
CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION . . . ALL ARE WELCOME!!!

Friday, December 14th . . . 6pm

Showing of the movie "STAR"

Christmas Arts & Crafts

Cookies & Hot Chocolate
(sponsored by the **St
Columba Council of the
Knights of Columbus**)



Visit from Santa - make sure you bring your camera

FAMILY FAITH CELEBRATION #4

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT PRACTICE



The pageant takes place every year on Christmas Eve to start off the 5:00pm Family Mass. Practice is 12/9 & 12/16 @ 11:30 to 12:15; 12/21 dress rehearsal @ 4 pm

FAITH FIRST EARLY LEARNING CENTER @ ST COLUMBA NURSERY/PRE-SCHOOL - OFFERING AM & PM CLASSES

This faith based program is for 3 & 4 year old children. Classes will have a certified teacher and an aide. For more information contact: Susan Munks, Coordinator of Religious Education; 845 469-9503; stcolumbareligion@gmail.com

YOUTH CHOIR

Ages 10 and above – Senior Youth Choir – sing all year
Ages 9 & younger – Junior Youth Choir – are invited to sing starting the 2nd Sunday of Nov. (11/11/18) through Christmas

SAINT JOSEPH'S ADVENT MISSION

**MONDAY, DEC. 3 – THURSDAY, DEC. 6 . . . 7:00pm
PREPARE THE WAY . . . JESUS IS COMING!**

Fr. Juniper Adams, CFR of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal will lead each evening in a reflection on the first words of Jesus in each of the Four Gospels.

St. Joseph's Church
14 Glenmere Ave., Florida

LECTORS

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

12/7 & 8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception
6pm J. Furey S. Vogelsberg
8:15am T. Simmons B. Mutino

12/8 & 9

5pm B. Conrad D. Conrad, R. Tuzio
9am M. Burns G. Guerra, B. Heins
10:30 J. Podolsky S. Munks, M. Arias
12:00 C. Calderin B. Mutino, M. Luciana