

DECEMBER 23, 2018  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**HOLY MASS INTENTIONS**



**SATURDAY 22**

5pm **Mary Conroy & Mary Pierron**; Pierron family

**SUNDAY 23**

9am **George Marion Jr.**; family

10:30 **Lawrence Schall**; family

Noon **Donald O'Sullivan**; Richard & Mary Collins

**MONDAY 24**

8:15 **Living & Deceased members of Mangano, Meyer, & Nolan family**; Garden of the Child / Sr. Anna Roche

**MONDAY 24 CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL**

5pm **George Marion Jr.**; family

8pm **Patricia Bailey**; family

**TUESDAY 25 CHRISTMAS**

9am **Mary McCormick & Ruth Prior**; Richard Mc Cormick

Noon **Dec mem of Coppers & van der Poel**; Carol

**WEDNESDAY 26**

6pm **Living & Deceased members of Mangano, Meyer, & Nolan family**; Garden of the Child / Sr. Anna Roche

**THURSDAY 27**

8:15 **Kevin F. Jones**; Robert & Martha Jones

**FRIDAY 28**

8:15 **Gertrude Bonnici**; Vivian & Bob Allen

**SATURDAY 29**

8:15 **Paul Leva**; DePaulis family

5pm **Gloria Mangano**; Alfred, Barbara & Philip Mangano

**SUNDAY 30**

9am **Dec mem of Burns & Zanichkowsky family**; Martha & Robert Burns

10:30 **Mary Bessinger**; Canonico family

Noon **James Briscese**; wife, Ann

**CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERING**

Thank you to all who have generously made a Christmas Flower offering.

Every year, at Christmas, our Sanctuary is filled with beautiful flowers. Please help us keep this tradition. Flower Offering envelopes are available on the back tables in Church.



**JOURNEY THROUGH ADVENT  
WEEK FOUR & CHRISTMAS**

We have to skip the fourth Sunday since it's so close to Christmas. I hope you enjoy giving your gift on Christmas – with as much love as when you wrapped it. My message for Christmas itself is a pretty simple one – that you try to spend some time with the baby



Jesus himself on Christmas day. Keep in mind that just two weeks later he'll be thirty years old as he's baptized by John the Baptist. (Time flies!) There's an interesting scene in the film "Therese" (the Little Flower) in which the nuns receive the gift of a wood-carved baby Jesus – life sized. Each of the nuns hold the baby in her arms and dances with it. It looks kind of strange at first, but it's really quite beautiful. Imagine the joy they feel as they look into the face of Jesus. That's what I'm urging you to do – look into his tiny face. As you're looking you can think of the words of Isaiah ***"The people in darkness have seen a great light."*** See that light in his grace yourself and let it get inside you. Then see it in the faces of the nuns as they dance with him. I think it will make your Christmas a little more special. And know that I'll be thinking of all of you as you do that. And here's one more little gift for you. When I wrote the yodeling song that I sang for you last Christmas I wrote another one called "Nice Little Baby Yodel." In essence Mary and Joseph were so happy when they looked at their baby that they yodeled. (Good luck with that!) Peace love and joy as you celebrate Christmas this year. *Fr. Gus*

**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 Patrino, 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, 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.**



**Christmas Eve Vigil**

Monday, December 24, 2018 - 5:00pm; 8:00pm



**Christmas Day**

Tuesday, December 25, 2018 - 9:00am; 12Noon



**Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

Saturday, December 29, 2018 – Vigil Mass 5:00pm

Sunday, December 30, 2018 – 9:00am, 10:30am, 12Noon



**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

Monday, December 31, 2018 – Vigil Mass 6:00pm

Tuesday, January 1, 2019 – 8:15am



**Epiphany of the Lord**

Saturday, January 5, 2019 – Vigil Mass 5:00pm

Sunday, January 6, 2019 – 9:00am, 10:30am, 12Noon

**SAINT COLUMBA LADIES AUXILIARY**

The Ladies Auxiliary meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:janicemarion@outlook.com)

**MEMORIALS & SPECIAL INTENTIONS**

**ALTAR CANDLES** are burning this week in loving memory of:  
**Gloria Bilcik**; req: Kathy & Hank Pierron

**HOST & WINE** are dedicated this week in loving memory of:  
**Frank & Jeff Desharnais**; req: Stravalle family

**BLUE VIGIL LIGHT IN THE CHAPEL** is dedicated  
this week in loving memory of:  
**Florence Petrocelli**; req: daughter, Susan Healy

**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

**LECTORS**

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

**CHRISTMAS EVE**

5pm Deacon Reynolds  
8pm G. Welsh

S. Munks, C. Rodriguez, J. Marion  
G. Pellino, Deacon Reynolds

**CHRISTMAS DAY**

9am B. Allen  
12:00 C. Calderin

E. Hurley, B. Heins  
M. Arias, B. Mutino

**12/29 & 30**

5pm J. Furey  
9am M. Grasso  
10:30 T. Simmons  
12:00 E. Bottorf

R. Tuzio, B. Heins  
E. Hurley, C. Smith  
G. Guerra, S. Munks  
G. Butts, J. Marion

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

The Knights meet on the third Thursday of the month - 7:30pm

**TWO GRAND SERIES . . . WEEK 18 – 12/16/18**

#188 Espallat Family and #183 Marie Dutra

**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](mailto:stcolumbareligion@gmail.com)

**YOUTH CHOIR**

Ages 10 and above – Senior Youth Choir – sing all year  
Ages 9 & younger – Junior Youth Choir

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