

NOVEMBER 29, 2020 . . . FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY 28

5pm **Helen Morgan**; Patricia Morgan

SUNDAY 29

9am **Katherine Kraus & Michael Reidy**;
Richard McCormick

10:30 **Bella DiMaggio**; Dorothy Dreyer

Noon **Frankie Kehoe**; sister, Maureen

MONDAY 30

8:15 **Jadota Landau**; Nilsen family

TUESDAY 1

8:15 **Margaret & William McGarry**; family

WEDNESDAY 2

8:15 **Jeffrey Christoff**; Patty & Jim More

THURSDAY 3

8:15 **Aldo Zani**; Carbonara family

FRIDAY 4

8:15 **Dec mem of Barry family**; Allan & Judy Barry

SATURDAY 5

8:15 **John Christ**; Tom Simmons

5pm **Walter & Josephine Szulwach**;
daughter, Kathleen

SUNDAY 6

9am **Joseph & Marge Garvilla**; family

10:30 **Maria & Giuseppe Gioino**; Di Perna family

Noon **Rose Bono**; Edna & Gerhard Schulz

MEMORIALS & SPECIAL INTENTIONS

HOST & WINE are dedicated this week in loving memory:
Sr. Enid Storey; req: Presentation Sister

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

Red: **Deceased members of the Donovan & Herrity family**; family

White: **Christopher Furey & his grandparents**
Joe & Jerry Furey

Blessed Sacrament: **Rose Law**; St. Columba
Ladies Auxiliary

ONLINE GIVING

Dear friends,

WeShare, our online giving platform, has been a blessing for **St. Columba** and a vehicle by which many parishioners have been able to practice their stewardship on a consistent basis.



Although we're nearing the end of the year, the challenges of 2020 continue to face all of us. I urge you to prayerfully consider setting up a recurring gift to our parish with **WeShare**. Having a plan for your financial stewardship not only allows you to thoughtfully maintain your stewardship way of life, but it also greatly assists us in budgeting and forwarding our mission.

[Please Donate Today](#) or simply visit our website and click "Give Online" to make a difference today.

Please know how grateful I am for all you do for our parish. Without your support, it would be much more difficult to share the Good News of Jesus Christ effectively. Together, with your help, I'm confident that not only will our church survive, but it will indeed thrive.

Faithfully in Christ,
Father John

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Veronica Cantasano, Robert Palumbo, JoAnn Traina, Anthony Pastore, Frances Pastore, Bob Armistead, Thelma Figueroa, Carmen Tumbaga, Tom Jimenez, Olivia Picnicky, Mary Luciana, Janet Begnoche, Moquete, Christianna Scrobe, Maritza Montes, John Mattera, Ralph Schiano, Margaret Relihan, Jeanne Yost, Benjamin Howard, Sue Orts, Connie Yacenda, Carmen Almirol, Laurie Patterson, Daria Bekersky, Katie Rogan, Joan Bonomi, Teresa Patruno, Mila Werlitz, Andrew Upson, James Fox, Nancy Rhodes Mayo, Justin Holland, Joseph Michael Kennedy, Patrick Finley, Marie Tobin, Jon Sezack, Ruth Rivera, Vilma Rosario, 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, Kim Salotti, Charles Youngberg, Alice Verlizzo, Cecilia Rivera, Allison Florio, Vinnie Greco, Donna Fagan, Nikita Zanichkowsky, Karlene Gray, Rosa Maria Ramos, Ricky Calderin, Bob Gatt, Emily Scrobe, Marian McDonald.



Advent remind us to set aside some of the hectic business of the holiday season, and to quietly reflect on the promise of the baby born in Bethlehem 2000 years ago.

The liturgical season of Advent marks the time of spiritual preparation by the faithful before Christmas. It spans four Sundays and four weeks of preparation. The celebration of Advent has evolved in the spiritual life of the Church.

The Church gradually more formalized the celebration of Advent. The Gelasian Sacramentary, traditionally attributed to Pope St. Gelasius I (d. 496), was the first to provide Advent liturgies for five Sundays. Later, Pope St. Gregory I (d. 604) enhanced these liturgies composing prayers, antiphons, readings, and responses. Pope St. Gregory VII (d. 1095) later reduced the number of Sundays in Advent to four. Finally, about the ninth century, the Church designated the first Sunday of Advent as the beginning of the Church year.

A good, pious way to help us in our Advent preparation has been the use of the [Advent wreath](#). The wreath is a circle, which has no beginning or end: So we call to mind how our lives, here and now, participate in the eternity of Gods plan of salvation and how we hope to share eternal life in the Kingdom of Heaven. The wreath is made of fresh plant material, because Christ came to give us new life through His passion, death, and resurrection. Three candles are purple, symbolizing penance, preparation, and sacrifice; the pink candle symbolizes the same but highlights the third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday, when we rejoice because our preparation is now half-way finished.



The light represents Christ, who entered this world to scatter the darkness of evil and show us the way of righteousness. The progression of lighting candles shows our increasing readiness to meet our Lord. It would be nice for each family to have an Advent wreath, light it at dinner time, and say the special prayers. This tradition will help each family keep its focus on the true meaning of Christmas. In all, during Advent we strive to fulfil the opening prayer for the Mass of the First Sunday of Advent: Father in Heaven, ... increase our longing for Christ our Savior and give us the strength to grow in love, that the dawn of His coming may find us rejoicing in His presence and welcoming the light of His truth.

GIVING TREE

A CHARITABLE TRADITION IN OUR PARISH

This year the "Giving Tree" will be in the vestibule of the Church. It will have gift tags from various organizations in our community. Please return gifts by December 14th to allow us time to deliver them. As always, we thank you for your generosity.



(GOOD IDEA FOR CHRISTMAS GIFT GIVING)

TWO GRAND CLUB SERIES

Winners for this week:
#104 Janice Marion and #118 Catherine O'Grady
FINAL DRAWING WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON DECEMBER 6th!!!!

THERE ARE 25 NUMBERS AVAILABLE

Over the years, our parish has relied on fundraising to pay for various projects around the Church. Some are big and some are small. During the 1960's some smart parishioners came up with this "Two Grand Club" idea to raise money. There are many parishioners who have had their number since the very beginning, and many have more than one number. It is a fun way to win money.

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS: One series is 20 weeks long. For a donation of \$30, you can win one of two \$25 prizes each week. Final prizes are \$1000** & \$250.

(*In accordance with IRS Regulations a 1099 is issued to winner of the \$1,000 prize.)

PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO CHOOSE YOUR NUMBER 469-2108 rtuzio@gmail.com

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE SUPPORTED THIS FUNDRAISER OVER THE YEARS!!!!

PLEASE NOTE: If you have a number and would like to stop receiving renewals, please notify the parish office.

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



James Davis Jr., 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, Cory Seipp, Josh Truman, David J. Wiley
SAINT MICHAEL, PLEASE KEEP THEM SAFE.