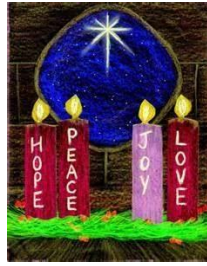


DECEMBER 20, 2020  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

RECONCILIATION MONDAY  
TOMORROW, DECEMBER 21  
4-8pm

Confession is offered in all  
Parishes in the Archdiocese.



### HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

#### SATURDAY 19

5pm Dec mem of Schall & Fletcher family; Gail Schall

#### SUNDAY 20

9am George Marion Jr.; family  
10:30 Irmgard D. Alders; Winski family  
Noon Rose Bono; Rich & Mary Collins

#### MONDAY 21

8:15 Sophia Bayno; Robert & Martha Burns

#### TUESDAY 22

8:15 Marie & Frank Simmons; Tom Simmons

#### WEDNESDAY 23

8:15 Patrick Galvin; family

#### THURSDAY 24 CHRISTMAS EVE

8:15 John & Julia Scifo; family  
3pm Gertrude Bonnici  
5pm Christopher Furey & his grandparents; Joe &  
Jerry Furey  
8pm Ralph Marrero; Alex Marrero

#### FRIDAY 25 CHRISTMAS DAY

9am Robert Benedict; Mom & Dad  
Noon Dec mem of Coppers & van der Poel family;  
Carol

#### SATURDAY 26

8:15 Kathleen Rattigan ; John & Monica Nilsen  
5pm James M. Sallaberry; Clerkin family

#### SUNDAY 27

9am Mary McCormick & Ruth Prior; Richard  
McCormick  
10:30 Irmgard D. Alders; Lees family  
Noon James Briscese; wife, Ann

### TWO GRAND CLUB SERIES

Winners for this week:  
#59 Mimi & Jim Muth  
#73 Jean Gallagher

### CHRISTMAS HOLY MASS & CONFESSION

#### RECONCILIATION MONDAY

December 21 . . . 4 - 8pm

Tuesday, December 22 . . . after 8:15am Mass

Wednesday, December 23 . . . after 8:15am Mass



#### Christmas Eve Vigil

Thursday, December 24 . . . 3pm (new time); 5pm; 8pm



#### Christmas Day

Friday, December 25 . . . 9am; 12Noon

### ALL MASSES LIVE STREAMED on YouTube

#### MEMORIALS & SPECIAL INTENTIONS

**ALTAR CANDLES** - burning this week in loving memory;  
Patrick & Patricia Bailey; req: family

**HOST & WINE** - dedicated this week in loving memory:  
Marian, Jeff, Frank Desharnais; req: Stravalle family

**BLUE VIGIL LIGHT** in the Chapel is burning this week in  
loving memory of: Donald Tuzio req: daughter, Jean

**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; Ladies Auxiliary

# Christmas BLESSINGS

Dear friends,

It is hard to believe that Christmas is just a few days away. Soon we will come together in different ways to celebrate the birth of Jesus. These weeks of Advent invite us to prepare for the Lords arrival. From the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass to private prayer to the sacrament of Penance, you and I continue to receive the Graces necessary to nurture the soul. While always essential to the spiritual life, God's loving and healing Grace is truly needed during this difficult time.

The corona virus and its consequences have put us all to the test. Early lockdowns, shortages at the market, economic uncertainty, social distance, face masks, virtual education and limited church capacity are just a few of the many obstacles confronting us today. Despite these contemporary hurdles, people everywhere are trying their best to live, learn, work and worship in a positive and safe manner. Saint Columba Church is a wonderful example of how it all works.

Over the past few months, it has been a privilege to serve you during this challenging time for us all. Thank you for attending Mass inside and online. Your willingness to follow safety guidelines and protocols permits us to celebrate the Lord in a solemn and safe way. Allow me to express gratitude to Father Anthony, Deacon Peter, staff and lay minister s who do everything possible to make Saint Columba a spiritual home for our community of faith. I am equally grateful to each and every one of you for your persevering faith, continued generosity, love for neighbor and readiness to share the good news. The enthusiastic response to the Giving Tree, the assistance of our Ladies Auxiliary, the ongoing work and support of the Knights of Columbus in sanitizing the Church as well as your generous donations to the weekly and Christmas collection are just a few examples of how you witness the power of God's love during this Holy time of year.

I am also grateful to those who have donated treasure, talent, and time to help us enhance parish life. The playground, new signage as well as technology upgrades in the church and hall would not have been possible without gifts from a few of our friends and parishioners. Special thanks to Bob Smith, Chris Rodriguez, Tony Gabriele and Vizmal Cordero for all hard work in helping

us live stream the Mass and digitize the bulletin board. Gratitude to all!

As we look forward to celebrating our Saviors birth. Please be assured of my prayers for you and your families. May God bless you all with a Happy and Healthy Christmas!

In Christ,

*Fr. 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, 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.



## 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.**