

# First Sunday of Advent

December 2, 2018

## MASSES FOR the WEEK

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2ND

8:30 A.M. Mary Winkelman  
10:30A.M. Kathleen Della Terza  
12:00P.M. William E. McDonald & Marie McDonald Kalb

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 3RD

8:00 A.M. Msgr. Leo P. Carey

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4TH

8:00 A.M. Mary Philip

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5TH

8:00 A.M. Msgr. Leo P. Carey

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6TH

8:00 A.M. Communion Service

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7TH

8:00 A.M. Mildred Bezold  
7:30 P.M. Kevin Bender - Immac. Conception Observance

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup> – Immaculate Conception

8:00 A.M. Robert & William Rech  
10:00 AM Joseph Anderson  
5:00 P.M. Francisca Kariyawasam - Weekend observance

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9TH

8:30 A.M. People of the Parish  
10:30A.M. Robert Veit  
12:00P.M. Lisette Turgeon

### SCRIPTURES:

#### December 2nd First Sunday of Advent

**First Reading:** THE LORD TELLS OF FULFILLING THE PROMISE HE HAD MADE TO ISRAEL. HE WILL SEND A REPLACEMENT FOR DAVID, SOMEONE WHO "SHALL DO WHAT IS RIGHT AND JUST IN THE LAND," BELIEVED BY MOST TO MEAN JESUS. (JEREMIAH 33: 14-16)

**SECOND READING:** PAUL ENCOURAGES THE THESSALONIANS TO BE READY FOR THE COMING OF THE LORD. HE EXPLAINS THAT ALTHOUGH THEY ARE CONDUCTING THEMSELVES IN A WAY THAT WOULD PLEASE GOD, THEY SHOULD ALWAYS STRIVE TO DO EVEN BETTER. (THESSALONIANS 3: 12—4:2)


**GOSPEL:** JESUS WARNS HIS FOLLOWERS TO BE PREPARED FOR THE END OF THE WORLD. HE REMINDS THEM NOT TO BE PREOCCUPIED WITH UNIMPORTANT EVENTS, OR THEY WILL BE CAUGHT UNAWARE RATHER THAN BEING ON WATCH AS THEY SHOULD. (LUKE 21: 25-28, 34-36)


#### STEWARDSHIP by the BOOK- December 2nd

Today's second reading reminds us that the sacrifice of Christ frees us from sin and makes us a royal nation of priests in the service of God. How am I using my gifts to serve God and others?

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**December 8th - Feast of the Immaculate Conception is a Holy Day of Obligation. Holy Day Mass will be on Friday, December 7th at 7:30pm and Saturday December 8th at 8AM & 10AM. Please join us for this special Feast Day.**



**MASS CARDS** We are asked to pray for the dead. The best way to do this is to have a mass celebrated in memory of a loved one. Call the rectory 973-663-0211. **Note:** offering is \$15.


 **Sick or Shut In- or know someone who is - unable to get to church to receive Communion? Please call the Rectory at 663-0211 to set up time for a Communion call.**

**BAPTISMS** are usually performed on the First Sunday of each month at 1pm. To arrange for a Baptism please call the rectory M-F - 973-663-0211. **Upcoming baptisms-** December 2nd, and January 6, 2019. 

 **PARISH MEMBERSHIP:** Please call the Rectory 973-663-0211. If a parishioner is not registered, it is difficult for us to issue references, recommendations, letters, etc. If you change your address, please notify the Rectory before moving. Thank you.


**ELEMENTARY SCHOOL -PRE-K-Grade 5**  
**Sunday, December 2nd** -8:45 10:15AM - (Pre-K-5)  
10:30AM- CLOW - All students K-5 attend  
**Sunday, December 9th** -8:45 10:15AM - (K-5)  
10:30AM- Class Mass Grade 6 "Jesse Tree"- K-6 attend  
**MIDDLE SCHOOL -GRADES 6-8**  
**Sunday, December 2nd** -6:30 - 8:00 PM - classes  
**Sunday, December 9th** -6:30 - 8:00 PM - classes  
**HIGH SCHOOL - GRADES 9-10**  
**Sunday, December 2nd** -6:30 - 8:00 PM - classes  
**Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>** - 10AM-6PM - Freshman Retreat  
5PM Rite of Investiture - Parental attendance required


**CHOIR PRACTICE:**   
**ADULT CHRISTMAS CHOIR** - Rehearsals are on Thursdays at 8:00pm in the church. The Christmas choir will sing before the 10:30pm liturgy on Christmas Eve. All adults & HS students welcome to join.   
**SPECIAL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR NOW FORMING.** Children in Grades K-5, and 6-8 are invited to sing for Christmas Eve, Monday Dec.24. "Carol Sing" from 4:20-4:50 before 5pm Mass. Rehearsals are on Tuesday's -5:30-6:15pm, Wednesday's -6:30-7:15pm, and Saturday's -11:30am-12:15pm. **Please note** that an adult family member is required to remain on site during rehearsals. For more information please contact Therese Butler (Mrs. B) at [musicministry.olsos@gmail.com](mailto:musicministry.olsos@gmail.com) or call 908-303-9402.

**Please remember in prayer those who are sick:** Bishop Frank Rodimer, Pacita Cabaluna, Jeneva McGill, Jean Early, Sr. Gerardine Agnew, Thomas Butler, Julian Bonafacio, Thomas Gorman, Michael C. Dalessio, Kathleen Mercado, Artie Lindberg, Jack Gebhardt, Jr., Christine Profaca, & all who are ill at this time. **We also pray for the recently deceased:** Msgr. Leo P. Carey, Rose Rogan, Fr. Donald Sella, Fr. Patrick Waldron. 

**SUPPORT the RETIREMENT FUND for Religious.** A donor writes, "Your flyer touched my heart—seeing the retired religious, such memories surfaced." Do you remember the sisters, brothers, or religious older priests who made a positive difference in your life? Today many are elderly and need assistance. Their religious communities struggle to meet retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. **Please be generous in the Collection for the Retired Religious on December 8-9.**

 **THE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT** will be held **Sunday, December 16th at 3:00 PM** in the All-Purpose Room. Our middle and High School students will participate. The Christmas Pageant is a very special parish event, & serves to help our young children, especially, grasp the true meaning of Christmas. **Rehearsals:** Sunday, Dec. 2nd-6:45-7:30PM; Sunday, Dec. 9th—6:30-8pm - full cast except angels. Saturday, December 15th--1-3 PM dress rehearsal with angels. Sunday, Dec. 16 - 1:30pm full cast run through. **Note:** Credit is given to any student who is at rehearsal on class night. **PLEASE PLAN TO JOIN US FOR THIS SPECIAL CHRISTMAS TREAT- refreshments will follow, as well as a visit from Santa.**

 **DONATE A POINSETTIA** -you can help our Church look beautiful for Christmas by donating a poinsettia in memory of a loved one. The donation is \$25.00. Envelopes are in the pews today, or call Patricia at the rectory at 973-663-0211.

**THE ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY** will hold its December meeting on **Monday, Dec. 10th at 6:30 PM** in the Church Hall. At this meeting we will accept unwrapped infant items sizes 0-24mos. as well as toiletries, clothing & phone cards to be distributed to the mothers at Birth Haven for Christmas. It is also our Christmas Party, with a hot meal, as well as our last meeting until Spring, so we hope to see everyone there. 



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