

# First Sunday of Advent

December 1st, 2019

## MASSES FOR THE NEXT WEEK

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1ST

8:30 A.M. Francesca Kariyawasam  
10:30A.M. People of the Parish  
12:00P.M. Kathleen Della Terza (10th Anniversary)

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 2ND

8:00 A.M. Bill McDonald & Marie McDonald Kalb

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3RD

8:00 A.M. Nona Tibus

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4TH

8:00 A.M. William Perkowski

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5TH

9:30 A.M. Communion Service

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6TH

8:00 A.M. John Gorecki

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7TH

9:00 A.M. Patricia Miller

5:00 P.M. Andy LaScala

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8TH

8:30 A.M. Sofia Totino

10:30A.M. People of the Parish

12:00P.M. Doris O'Rourke

### SCRIPTURES:

#### December 8th- Second Sunday of Advent

**First Reading:** IN THIS BEAUTIFUL PASSAGE, A MESSIANIC PROPHECY, ISAIAH EXULTS IN THE COMING OF THE LORD, WHO WILL BRING JUSTICE AND PEACE FOR ALL. (ISAIAH 11: 1-10)

**SECOND READING:** PAUL REVEALS TO US THE NECESSITY OF LIVING IN PEACE AND HARMONY. HIS WORDS, "ACCEPT ONE ANOTHER, THEN, AS CHRIST ACCEPTED YOU, FOR THE GLORY OF GOD," ARE AS NEEDED TODAY AS THEY WERE IN PAUL'S OWN TIME. (ROMANS 15: 4-9)

**GOSPEL:** JOHN THE BAPTIZER PREPARES THE WAY FOR JESUS. CLOTHED IN A GARMENT OF CAMEL'S HAIR, HE BAPTIZES THE PEOPLE IN THE JORDAN RIVER, BUT WARNS THE PHARISEES IN RINGING TONES THAT THEY MUST GIVE EVIDENCE THAT THEY MEAN TO REFORM. (Matthew 3: 1-12)

### STEWARDSHIP by the BOOK-December 1st, 2019

"At an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come", says today's Gospel. Good stewards know that they are accountable to God for all that they have and all that they are and strive to live in readiness awaiting His coming.

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**NOTE:** The Feast of the Immaculate Conception will be celebrated on Monday, December 9th with Mass at 7:30PM.

**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. Offering is \$15. **NOTE:** Mass of Living Intention & Healing Mass Cards are available for weekday masses.

**RCIA** The RCIA process for 2019-2020 Next meeting is Tue. December 3rd at 7:15pm in the Rectory.

**BAPTISMS** are usually performed on the First Sunday of the month at 1pm. To arrange for a Baptism please call the Rectory - 973-663-0211. Baptisms will be celebrated today, Sunday December 1st at 1pm.



### Painting with Claudia Dungan

Art Course finishes up, Sunday Dec. 1, 2-5 pm, Rm 18.

**THE GIVING TREE:** is located in the statue alcove at the back of the Church as of today. We are asking each family to purchase a gift for a boy or a girl with a tag marked (boy or girl and age appropriate). **Please do not wrap gifts. Deadline - Monday, December 9th.** Gifts will be brought to Jeff. Recreation for the Jr. Women's League to distribute that week.



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**No Religious Education Sunday, December 1st.**

### ELEMENTARY SCHOOL -PRE-K-Grade 5

Sunday, December 8th – 8:45AM – (K-5)

10:30AM- 6th Grade Class Mass & "JESSE TREE"

### MIDDLE SCHOOL -GRADES 6-8

Sunday, December 8th – 6:30-8PM - class

### HIGH SCHOOL – GRADES 9-10

**Saturday, December 7th – 10 AM -Freshman Retreat**

**5PM – Rite of Investiture – parents to be present.**

Sunday, December 8th- 6:30-8:00PM –classes

### CHOIR



### CHRISTMAS CHOIRS ARE NOW FORMING!

If you would like to join the adult or childrens' choir for Christmas please contact our Choir Director Mrs. Therese Butler at [musicministry.olsos@gmail.com](mailto:musicministry.olsos@gmail.com). A schedule for practices has been set. Carols will be sung before the 5pm Mass and the 10:30 Mass on Christmas Eve. Make a joyful noise!



### Please remember in prayer those who are sick:

Lisa Ann Fisher, Marilyn DiGennaro, Anne Nichols, Annette Maratta, Fr. Jude Salus, Carol Linstedt, Mary Ann Miller, Mary Lavin, Dora Lavin, George Kapetaneas, Chris & Barbara Young, Robin Wright, Christine Profaca, & all who are ill at this time. **We also pray for the recently deceased:** Joseph Viviano, John Gorecki, Tom Davin, Helen Harrington, Patricia Miller, Odelia Varrano, Michelle Haug.

Religious Education has Advent Wreath sets available. Advent begins December 1st. This practice is a good way to spiritually celebrate this tradition as a family. Please call the Rel. Ed. Office- 973-663-0124 to purchase a set, or speak with Mrs. Hedrick. \$16 each.



**NEW TO THE PARISH Welcome!** Please call the rectory (973) 663-0211 and arrange to become a member of our active parish.

**THE RETIREMENT FUND FOR THE RELIGIOUS Collection** will be taken up at all Masses next weekend, **December 7th and 8th. Give to those who have given a lifetime.** Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests worked for many years for little, if any, pay. Their sacrifices now leave their religious communities without adequate savings for retirement. Your gift today for the **Retirement Fund for Religious** helps to provide prescription medications, nursing care, and more for thousands of elderly religious. Please be generous in this Second Collection.

**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 CHRISTMAS PAGEANT is Sunday, December 15th at 3:00 PM** in the All-Purpose Room. Our middle & High School students will participate. The Christmas Pageant has always been a very special parish event, and can serve to help our young children especially to grasp the true meaning of Christmas. Saturday, **December 14 –1-3 PM** dress rehearsal with angels. Sunday, **December 15 – 1:30pm** full cast run through. **PLEASE JOIN US FOR THIS SPECIAL CHRISTMAS TREAT- refreshments will follow, as well as a visit from Santa.**

**THE ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY** will hold its December meeting on **Monday, Dec. 2nd at 6 PM** in the Church Hall. At this meeting we will accept unwrapped infant items sizes 0-24 mos. as well as toiletries, clothing & phone cards to be given 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.



# COME, LORD JESUS

Each year the Church invites us during the four weeks of Advent to remember the long years of darkness before Jesus came as a "light" into our world. Our Advent Wreath is a reminder that the birth of Jesus is Emmanuel, God-with-us, sharing our lives. His life is the "light" showing us the way. It also reminds us that we must work preparing our hearts for Jesus to come into them once again.

Our Advent scriptures present us with models for our reflection: Isaiah who yearned for the coming of the Lord, John the Baptist who announced the presence of Christ in our midst, and Mary who was transformed by grace from the first moment of her existence. Like Isaiah, we are reminded to look forward to Christ's glorious return. Like John the Baptist, we are called to recognize Christ's presence among us and our need for repentance, and, like Mary, we are asked to embrace the will of God in order to prepare a place for Christ in our hearts.

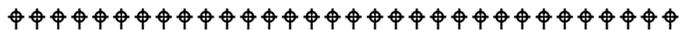
During the first week of Advent we encourage you and your family to decide what you will do together to make these four weeks a meaningful preparation for the celebration of Christmas. In the midst of shopping and the hustle and bustle of the holidays, it is important that we take the time to reflect on the **REAL MEANING** of this special season. Plan realistically and concentrate on doing one or two activities as well. The whole point is not to allow yourself to get so busy that Advent gets crowded out.

Some family activities might include:

1. Making an Advent Wreath together & lighting it weekly.
2. Choose a Krist Kindl and secretly do nice things for this person during Advent.
3. Invite each person to make a special Christmas tree ornament.
4. Search into your "roots" and discuss how your family has celebrated Advent down through the years.
5. Sit down as a family and draw up your Christmas list. Decide some personal way you might express the spirit of Christmas by giving the gift of "self" out of love.
6. Share your thoughts about these questions:
  - a. How would Jesus want His birthday celebrated today?
  - b. In the past what has meant the most to you at Christmas?
  - c. How can our celebrating focus more on people than on things?
7. Have a family Prayer Service for Blessing the Tree and Blessing the Manger.

May your Advent preparations enable you to experience more fully the Joy and True Meaning of Christmas.

*Sincerely in Christ,  
Father Chris*



**FOOD PANTRY** **NEW HRS: Mon., TUES., Fri. 1:30-4PM, Thurs. 2-4pm.** Coordinator is Toni Tarighi.  
**Please call 973-663-0211 to set up an appointment.**  
 Items needed: **CEREAL, SOUPS, PASTA SAUCE, STEWS, HASH,** Potato Buds, **RICE, CANNED PASTAS,** canned fruit, spinach, carrots, beets, peas, cranberry sauce, stuffing, gravy. **Toiletries: 2-in-1 shampoo,** deodorant, detergent.  
**Refrigerator:** milk, yogurt, OJ, frozen foods- all types.  
**Thank you to the Bolcars & Helenek's** for recent donations.  
 NOTE: Shoprite gift cards are also accepted.



CYO BASKETBALL played at Star of the Sea			
Sunday, December 1, 2019			
TEAM	OPPONENT	HOME TEAM	TIME
JV Girls A	St. Phillip B	OLSOS	12:15pm
Varsity Girls B	SH-Rock A	OLSOS	1:30pm
Varsity Girls A	Assumption A	OLSOS	2:45pm
Varsity Boys A	St. Anthony A	OLSOS	4:00pm

Next games at OLSOS- Friday, Dec. 13th—schedule in next bulletin.



## ADVENT MEDITATIONS WITH JOSEPH.

Advent is a special season for the Church — it is the time when the world prepares to celebrate anew the coming of Christ. Often, we lose sight of the point of this season because we get caught up in our preparations for Christmas and arrive at Christmas no more transformed than we were at the start of Advent. A way that our parish is seeking to prepare for Jesus' birth and experience true transformation in this powerful season is by engaging with a new program from Ascension. This program is *Rejoice! Advent Meditations with Joseph*. We have the opportunity to walk together, following the Holy Family on their journey to Bethlehem. **Meetings will continue Wednesday Dec. 4th, Wednesday Dec. 11th and Wednesday Dec 18th, at 7:30PM in the Church Hall. There will be also an afternoon session on these dates. Rejoice! is an opportunity for our whole community to enter into the season of Advent intentionally and receive the grace God is waiting to give us in this holy season.** Join us for our Advent Mission Nights and take full advantage of this transformative experience.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** K of C Queen of Lakes Council 51124 will be holding it's First Annual **50/50 raffle to be drawn on Sunday, December 28th. Tickets costing \$5 each will be sold on Dec. 14-15.** Proceeds will support the Queen of Lakes Council's charitable concerns such as the "Ultrasound Program," and support of those in need in our local communities. Please purchase your tickets & help our Knights help others. Thank you.

### 2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal – "For I Was Hungry..."

As the year comes to a fast end, and many are planning on how to make a final year-end charitable contribution that has the most impact, please consider the many lives that are helped because of the support given to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. These are your neighbors, your friends, our senior priests and seminarians and urban school students. All of us can play a part in the Bishop's Annual Appeal- as either a contributor to the cause or as a recipient of its mission — and all are blessed as a result. Please make the Bishop's Annual Appeal a priority in your year-end philanthropy. Gifts can be made by check, credit cards, through gifts of securities or on-line at [www.2019appeal.org](http://www.2019appeal.org). If you are 70-1/2 or over and have an IRA, you can receive a tax benefit by instructing your IRA investment manager to donate your required minimum distribution to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Please call the Bishop's Annual Appeal office at 973-777-8818 Ext. 218 for additional details and also consult your tax or financial advisor for more information. Thank you.



### CHRISTMAS TREES AT ST. PAUL'S ABBEY, 297 Rte 206 So., NEWTON (1 mile south of Newton)

are available for you to choose and cut 7 days a week until Dec. 23RD, 9AM – 4PM. Please contact Br. Bernardo Lee, OSB, at 973-383-2470 or [www.newtonosb.org](http://www.newtonosb.org) for more info and to set up a time to get your tree. **We also have The Abbey Gift Shop** with many items that make ideal Christmas gifts, including books, statues, jewelry and more.

### An Advent Prayer



Lord Jesus, Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.  
 We, who have so much to do, seek quiet space to hear your voice each day.  
 We, who are anxious over many things, look forward to your coming among us.  
 We, who are blessed in so many ways, long for the complete joy of your kingdom.  
 We, whose hearts are heavy, seek the joy of your presence.  
 We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light.

To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!" Amen.



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