



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT ✦ NOVEMBER 27TH 2016

SATURDAY, November 26th

8:30 A.M. + Edward (Ed) Byrne
Req. by St. Charles Helping Hands Ministry
4:30 P.M. + Peter LeRose Sr.
Req. by the Fricker Family

SUNDAY, November 27th - 1ST WEEK OF ADVENT

8:00 A.M. People of the Parish
10:30 A.M. + Paul M. Mele
Req. by his Family

MONDAY, November 28th

8:00 A.M. + Paul M. Mele
Req. by his Family

TUESDAY, November 29th

8:00 A.M. + Raphael Janko
Req. by Fr. Joshua Janko

WEDNESDAY, November 30th

7:00 P.M. + Ann Capozzi
Req. by Jean & Peter LeRose

THURSDAY, December 1st

8:00 A.M. + Petronilla Longobardi
Req. by the Regino Family

FRIDAY, December 2nd First Friday

8:00 A.M. + Edward (Ed) Byrne
Req. by Jean, Peter, Christine
and Peter LeRose

SATURDAY, December 3rd

8:30 A.M. In honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Req. by Renna Meyer
4:30 P.M. People of the Parish

SUNDAY, December 4th - 2nd WEEK OF ADVENT

8:00 A.M. + Loretta Treval
Req. by the Youssefbaik Family
10:30 A.M. Special Blessings on Richard &
Christopher Esposito and Family
Req. by Marguerite Violante

**IF YOU HAVE ARRANGED FOR A MASS TO BE SAID,
WE REMIND YOU THAT IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO
BRING UP THE GIFTS-- PLEASE SEE THE USHERS
BEFORE MASS BEGINS. THANK YOU.**

LECTORS

11/26 4:30 p.m. Peter LeRose
11/27 8:00 a.m. Lori Youssefbaik
11/27 10:30 a.m. Jamie Hoyt

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST

11/26 4:30 p.m. Renna Meyer, Marguerite
Violante, Ann Gulbrandsen
11/27 8:00 a.m. Mario Alonzo, Ed & Gladys
Collins
Morans: Mario Alonzo
11/27 10:30 a.m. Marie Regino, Ed Provanzana,
Alice Heidecker,

ALTAR SERVERS

11/26 4:30 p.m. Devin Egan
11/27 8:00 a.m. Darius Youssefbaik, Frank
Seelman
11/27 10:30 a.m. Need Volunteers



PLEASE PRAY FOR AN INCREASE IN VOCATIONS.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL.

MEMORIALS

Anne Byrne donated this week's Sanctuary Flowers in loving memory of her husband **Edward (Ed) Byrne**.

Zena Taylor donated this week's Bread & Wine for the intentions of the **Watt Family**.

Arrangements for Memorials can be made in the rectory office. You may call or stop in.



Our parish family warmly welcomes new members. You may register by coming to the rectory office or completing the form on the front cover of the bulletin. Registration is necessary for Sacramental participation and Religious Education. For letters of eligibility, you must be registered in the parish and actively participating in our parish.



Nicole Mullan, William Connolly, Dora Carolan, Betty Cambalik, MaryAnn Herzog, Ettore Naclerio, Gabe Capobianci, William & Dorothy O'Hagan, Carolyn Koppel, Gerard Croce, Peggy Napolitano, Kim Rossner, Joyce Fazio, Verna Dando, Anthony (8 year old)

If you know of someone in need of prayer - please let us know by calling the rectory.

ST. CHARLES FOUR SEASON CLUB

Sixth Week's Winner: Will be announced next week.
Return your Fall Season entry forms today

ATTENDANCE & COLLECTION -

November 19th & 20th Attendance: will be posted in next week's bulletin



CHOIR PRACTICE IS HELD ON SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 9 AM. COME JOIN THEM.



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

The words of Isaiah urge all people to forsake war and to live in peace forever. The tone reaches a climax in the words, "One nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again."

Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14

Paul invites us to put away all the things of darkness and sin and to prepare for the coming of Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44

A comparison is made between the destruction caused by the flood in Noah's time and the need to be prepared for the second coming of Christ. "You must be prepared in the same way. The Son of Man is coming at the time you least expect."



THE SEASON OF ADVENT BEGINS THIS SUNDAY. ADVENT HAS A TWO-FOLD CHARACTER, IT IS A TIME OF PREPARATION FOR THE SOLEMNITIES OF CHRISTMAS, IN WHICH THE FIRST COMING OF THE SON OF GOD IS REMEMBERED, AND LIKEWISE A TIME WHEN, BY REMEMBRANCE OF THIS, MINDS AND HEARTS ARE LED TO LOOK FORWARD TO CHRIST'S SECOND COMING AT THE END OF TIME. FOR THESE TWO REASONS, ADVENT IS A PERIOD OF DEVOUT AND EXPECTANT DELIGHT, A SEASON OF JOY.

DURING THE SEASON OF ADVENT, THE WEEKDAY MASSES WILL BEGIN WITH MORNING PRAYER FROM THE DIVINE OFFICE. PRAYER BOOKS WILL BE PROVIDED.

KEEPING ADVENT AND CHRISTMASTIDE MEDITATION BOOKLETS ARE AVAILABLE FOR YOUR USE. PLEASE TAKE ONE HOME

MAY THIS HOLY SEASON OF ADVENT BE ONE OF JOYFUL EXPECTATION. COME LORD JESUS, COME!



Let us not forget.... For Catholics, Mass attendance is a vital part of weekly life. It is the time

to gather together in God's presence, to be nourished by God and by one another. We listen to the words of the Scripture, we pray together and we share the Body & Blood of Christ.

DO IF YOU KNOW ANYONE WHO IS HOMEBOUND WHO WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION OR ONE OF THE SACRAMENTS, PLEASE CALL THE RECTORY.

ANNUAL COOKIE WALK & CHRISTMAS FAIR



**NEXT Saturday, December 3rd
9:30 am – 3:30 pm**

BAKERS

We thank all those who have already signed up to bake. If you signed up to bake, trays are available in the vestibules for you to bring your cookies to the sale. Please bring the cookies to the parish hall by 9 am or leave at the rectory by Friday afternoon.

ALL PARISHIONERS

Come and support our parish !!!

Jean and Pete LeRose (564-1153).



CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Parishioners who would like to contribute towards our Christmas decorations are asked to use their

Christmas Flower donation envelope, found in their box sets. Those not on the envelope system are asked to use the appropriate envelopes found in the vestibule. Thank you for your generosity.



CHRISTMAS GIFT PROGRAM

Look for "Christmas Tag Trees" in both vestibules. If you wish to join the Christmas Gift Program, select a tag, buy a gift for that person and return it to the rectory or leave in the church vestibule no later than December 11th. Any gifts received after December 11th will leave the person you have chosen without a Christmas gift. PLEASE BE SURE TO WRAP THE GIFT AND PUT THE ORIGINAL TAG ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE PACKAGE. The Helping Hand Ministry will distribute the gifts with the Christmas Food Baskets. Please help make Christmas a little happier for our brothers and sisters.

Pete & Jean LeRose



CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEA

Enter that special someone in our St. Charles Four Season Club. Our next season will begin in January. Entry forms are in the vestibules please return your entry form by January 1st so that you will be in the first drawing of the season. **Good Luck!**

Our Choir invites you to join them for an evening of Taize Prayer during this Advent Season on Friday, December 9, 2016, we will begin at 7 pm. Please join them in praising Our Lord, Jesus Christ, to receive blessings without measure.

***EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
AT SAINT CHARLES***

On the eve of the recent presidential election, at least 55 people (who signed up) participated in a 24-hour vigil in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed upon the altar. Some came for an hour, others for several hours, and others went home and returned later. The Blessed Sacrament was never unattended. For the past several years Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament has been observed every First Friday of the month from the conclusion of the 8 AM Mass, until Benediction at 12 Noon. Only a few have been able to keep vigil.

On Friday December 2, the First Friday of Advent, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed, as usual, following the 8 AM Mass, and remain exposed throughout the day, concluding with Benediction at 7 PM. Hopefully this will give more people the opportunity to spend some time in adoration and prayer throughout the day. If this proves successful it will be observed every First Friday.

These weeks before Christmas can be hectic indeed. What better way to prepare for the Lord's Birth then spending some quiet time in prayer in His Eucharistic Presence! *Come, let us adore Him, He who is Christ the Lord.*

Father Matthew



***CONGRATULATIONS TO FRANK
SEELMANN***

Frank recently received the first annual "Shining Stars" youth award through the Ulster County CYO, after being nominated by Father Matthew and Christina Wynn, CRE. A ceremony to celebrate this occasion was held earlier this month through the CYO. Frank is an 11th grade student in our parish who completed his Religious Education and was confirmed 2 years ago as a 9th grader. Since then, Frank has continued to put his faith into action, by serving our parish in many ways. Frank has been a dedicated Altar Server for years. He has also been working as the Office Assistant to Christina Wynn in our Religious Education program. In addition to assisting with office tasks, Frank offers assistance in the classrooms as needed, and volunteers to help with several of our parish events, run by Christina Wynn. Frank's friendly demeanor, eagerness to help wherever needed, dependability and commitment to service, make him an excellent role model to his peers as well as to the students in our program.

Thanks to Frank and his supportive family, we are honored to call him our "Shining Star!"

A plaque with Frank's nameplate will be installed in the vestibule of the Church, and each year, a youth from our parish will be nominated to receive this recognition.



ADVENT TAISE PRAYER SERVICE



LENDING LIBRARY AT ST. CHARLES!

St Charles' Lending Library is open and welcomes you to help yourself to the many books available. Advent is almost here which is a preparation for the coming of the Christ Child. Just as we clean our houses for anticipated guests, so must we clean our souls for the Baby Jesus. **.READ, RETURN OR PASS IT ON.**



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT – Missal Donation

We thank all who have already donated towards the parishioners' copies of the missal. **Donations may be put in the collection basket, in a separate envelope marked "Donation for Missals". Cost: \$6.00 per missal. There are In-Pew Envelopes available for your use in the vestibules.**



Father Bob Panek celebrates his 46th Anniversary of Ordination into the Priesthood on December 4th. If you would like to send him a card his address is:

*Father Robert M. Panek
St. John Vienney Priest Residence
Cardinal Egan Pavilion
5655 Arlington Avenue
Bronx, NY 10471*

KID'S KORNER

2017 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES

New this year..... Registered parishioners who are on our envelope system will receive a packet of envelopes every 2 months. This will allow us to update our envelope system – with change of address, name change, or add a new parishioner.

FUEL COLLECTION – this collection is taken to help with the cost of keeping our Church comfortable during the year. Donations to this collection can be made anytime through the year. Thank you.



KNIGHTS CORNER:

The next Knight's of Columbus meeting will be held on Monday, December 5th at 7 pm in the Parish Hall.

We are always looking for members, if you would like to join and/or like more information, please contact Ray at 564-7867 or Bill at 883-0138.