

**FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT ✧ DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> 2019**



**SATURDAY, November 30<sup>th</sup>**  
 8:30 A.M. + Marie Calvin  
 Req. by Carl & Geraldine Lahrmeyer  
 4:30 P.M. + Margaret Buneo  
 Req. by Patricia & Sharon Dedek

**SUNDAY, December 1<sup>st</sup> First Sunday of Advent**  
 8:00 A.M. + People of the Parish and Richard Continanzi  
 Req. by Carol Passaic  
 10:30 A.M. + Paul M. Mele  
 Req. by his Parents

**MONDAY, December 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
 8:00 A.M. + John Theodos  
 Req. by M/M Avellino

**TUESDAY, December 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**NO MASS**

**WEDNESDAY, December 4<sup>th</sup>**  
 8:00 A.M. + Dominic Vertullo and Marianna Nelson  
 Req. by Donna Vertullo

**THURSDAY, December 5<sup>th</sup>**  
 9:00 A.M. + Donald V. Andrews  
 Req. by his Wife and Family

**FRIDAY, December 6<sup>th</sup>**  
 8:00 A.M. + Verna & Charles Esposito  
 Req. by Marguerite Violante

**SATURDAY, December 7<sup>th</sup>**  
 8:30 A.M. In Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
 Req. by Renna Meyer  
 4:30 P.M. + William Accurso Sr and Courtney Jones  
 Req. by the Lyons Family

**SUNDAY, December 8<sup>th</sup> Second Sunday of Advent**  
 8:00 A.M. + People of the Parish and Mary DiVincenzo  
 Req. by Carol Passaic  
 10:30 A.M. + Patrick & Catherine Nugent  
 Req. by Kathleen Puntar

**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.**



**PLEASE PRAY FOR AN INCREASE IN VOCATIONS.**

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL, MILITARY PERSONNEL, AND FIREFIGHTERS.**



Rose Compitello, Barbara Valk, Sarah Leavy, Kathy Conner, Al Wohlgemuth, Marian Boyle, Brittany Lea Cassisi, Frank Kosteczko, Michael Scott, Diane Malloy, Kelly DeStefano, Joe Sabo, Jeanne Ann Dlugolecki, Fran Burgess, Joan McCluskey, Fortunato Caracciolo, Shawn Herzog and Joe Dionisio.

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



**PLEASE PRAY OF THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF COURTNEY JONES.**

**LECTORS**

11/30	4:30 p.m.	Marguerite Violante
12/01	8:00 a.m.	Lori & Darius Youssefbaik
12./01	10:30 a.m.	Need Volunteer
12/07	4:30 p.m.	Peter LeRose
12/08	8:00 a.m.	Kathleen Fowler
12/08	10:30 a.m.	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Parents

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST**

11/30	4:30 p.m.	R.Meyer, Peter LeRose, A. Gulbrandsen
12/01	8:00 a.m.	C. Naclerio, D. Allen, J. Betanzos
12/01	10:30 a.m.	C. Donato, Need Volunteers
12/07	4:30 p.m.	R. Meyer, C. Belles, Need Volunteer
12/08	8:00 a.m.	C. Naclerio, , D. Allen, M. Alonzo
12/08	10:30 a.m.	A. Heidecker, M. Regino V. Stankavage

**ALTAR SERVERS**

11/30	4.30 p.m.	D & J. Reynolds, Need Volunteer
12/01	8:00 a.m.	Need Volunteers
12/01	10:30 a.m.	Gavin Usewicz, Need Volunteers
12/07	4:30 a.m.	Need Volunteers
12/08	8:00 a.m.	J. Cook, Need Volunteers
12/08	10:30 a.m.	R. Perrillo, Need Volunteers

**MEMORIALS**

This week's Bread and Wine and Sanctuary Candle was given in loving memory of Marianna Nelson by St. Charles Palm Fundraising Group.

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



**ATTENDANCE & COLLECTION -**

Attendance and collection will be posted in next week's bulletin. Bulletin printer needed copy early due to the holiday.



We thank all who have already responded to our Increased Giving Campaign.



**Choir practice will held on Sundays from 9 am to 10 am.**



**HELP DEFER THE COST OF OUR YEARLY MISSALS**

We are accepting a **\$8.00 donation per missal**. Donations may be put in the collection basket in a separate envelope. Let us know what name you would like printed on the label that will be put on the outside of the missal.



## 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."

### A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

"Come, let us climb the Lord's mountain, to the house of the God of Jacob. That he may instruct us in his ways, and we may walk in his paths.' They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. One nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again."

The great season of hope and expectation, Advent, is our invitation to walk with the Lord. It takes effort to climb a mountain, with challenges, avoiding crags and barriers, holes and obstacles. But climb we must. Would that Isaiah's vision be our goal, not making weapons of destruction, but striving for peace. The swords and spears of his time are now missiles, bombs, drones capable of erasing humankind.

The Isaiah vision has been rewritten by the American Bishops' statement 'the Challenge of Peace.' May we train for peace and not for war in all its ugly forms. This is the season of hope.



**Advent**  
The time to settle down, take a deep breath and concentrate on what's important.



## FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Mass will be held on Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 8 am. It is not a holy day of obligation.



ADVENT, a coming, anticipation, preparation. We decorate our homes in preparation for the coming of Christmas. How do we prepare our souls? Take advantage of the books in our library.

1st Sunday of Advent take a book. Find one or more thoughts for the week. Give the book to a friend or relative.

Second, third and fourth Sundays of Advent do the same. The slow process will prepare you for a more meaningful Christmas.

Books are available in the front and back vestibules of the Church. Prepare the way of the Lord.



Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup> is the First Friday of the month. We welcome everyone to come for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on December 6<sup>th</sup> after the 8 am Mass until 4 pm. **We ask that if you plan to cover an hour, please sign up in the vestibule. The list will be used to ensure that the Blessed Sacrament will never be unattended. Signing the sheet does not commit you every first Friday.**



## ST. CHARLES BORROMEO EVENING OF TAIZE PRAYER

All are invited to attend an evening of Taize Prayer here in our Church on Thursday, December 5, 2019 beginning at 7 pm. Please come for a blessing and bring a friend.



The season of Advent begins today, December 1<sup>st</sup>. Advent has a two-fold character; to prepare ourselves spiritually for His coming at the end of time and to celebrate His coming in history, the Incarnation. During the season of Advent, the weekday Masses will begin with Morning Prayer from the Divine Office. Prayer books will be provided. May this holy season of Advent be one of joyful expectations. COME LORD JESUS COME!



**ANNUAL COOKIE WALK**

Our Annual Cookie Walk will be held next, Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm in our parish hall.

**BAKERS NEEDED** Dig out those Favorite Holiday Cookie Recipes and get ready for Our Annual Christmas Cookie Walk. Please complete the flyer found in the vestibule and return in the boxes in the vestibule.

**VENDORS NEEDED** FOR Our Annual Cookie Walk. Applications are in the vestibule or you may call Jean to reserve a space 564-1153.



**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 15<sup>th</sup>. Any gifts received after December 15<sup>th</sup> 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 DECORATIONS**

Parishioners who would like to contribute towards our Christmas decorations are asked to use their Christmas Flower donation envelope. Those not on the envelope system are asked to use the appropriate envelopes found in the vestibule. Thank you for your generosity.



**SAINT JOSEPH'S SEMINARY**  
*est. 1896*

**Seminarian Christmas Gift Card Program**

Seminarians have little or no earning power during their six-eight years of formation, but they still have personal expenses. Whether their need is gas to travel to parish assignments, an unexpected car repair, or maybe just enough black socks to get through the week, they can use a helping hand. Your generosity in helping them to meet their everyday expenses that occur is a great sign of support for their generous response to God’s call, affirming them in their desire to dedicate their lives to Christ and serve the Catholic faithful.

If you can participate, choose an envelope from the displays found in each vestibule. This program will begin this weekend.

**Returned envelopes can be deposited in the weekly Sunday collection basket or returned to the parish office by Sunday, December 15, 2019.**

**ST. JOSEPH IN NEW PALTZ**

**ADVENT HOLY HOUR-** Every Friday at 7:00 P.M. during the season of Advent, St. Joseph Church in New Paltz (34 South Chestnut St.) will have an Advent Holy Hour to help us prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus at Christmas. Along with Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, we will join our voices in Evening Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours, listen to the Word of God and then hear a reflection from one of their parishioners. Opportunities for quiet prayer will follow.

**AL-ANON MEETING-** The group Al-Anon will be meeting at St. Joseph Church’s parish center at 7:00 P.M. every Thursday evening. (34 South Chestnut St., New Paltz) This is a mutual support program for individuals whose lives have been affected by someone else’s drinking. The focus of this meeting is on the adult child, but all are welcome to meet and share their experience, strength and hope. This meeting provides a safe, non-judgmental environment so we may identify and heal core trauma. For more information about the program visit [www.al-anon.org](http://www.al-anon.org)

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