

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT ✕ DECEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup> 2019



**SATURDAY, December 14<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 A.M. + Cecilia Ellen and John Wiggins  
Req. by Marie G. Regino  
4:30 P.M. + Members of the Harcher & LeRose Families

Req. by Peter & Jean LeRose

**SUNDAY, December 15<sup>th</sup> Third Sunday of Advent**

8:00 A.M. + People of the Parish and Kevin M Ennis  
Req. by his Parents  
10:30 A.M. + Marie, James & Mary Quirk  
Req. by Dorothy and Alice Quirk

**MONDAY, December 16<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 A.M. Bobby Moravick  
Req. by the Montrose Family

**TUESDAY, December 17<sup>th</sup>**

**NO MASS**

**WEDNESDAY, December 18<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 A.M. + Brian Mulkeen  
Req. by Plattekill Golden Seniors

**THURSDAY, December 19<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 A.M. + Elizabeth Kosteczko  
Req. by Frank & Kim Kosteczko

**FRIDAY, December 20<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 A.M. + Richard Continanzi  
Req. by Montrose Family

**SATURDAY, December 21<sup>st</sup>**

8:30 A.M. + Nicholas & Mary Kosteczko and deceased Children  
Req. by Frank & Kim Kosteczko and Family  
4:30 P.M. + Joseph Castellana  
Req. by Sharon VanDuser

**SUNDAY, December 22<sup>nd</sup> Fourth Sunday of Advent**

8:00 A.M. + People of the Parish and Aurelia Montrose  
Req. by Donna Vertullo  
10:30 A.M. + Ermando Babore  
Req. by his Family

**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, Shawn Herzog, Joe Dionisio and Mike Mazola.

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

**LECTORS**

12/14	4:30 p.m.	Ann Gulbrandsen
12/15	8:00 a.m.	Mario Alonzo
12/15	10:30 a.m.	Lori & Darius Youssefbaik
12/21	4:30 p.m.	Lisa Betanzos
12/22	8:00 a.m.	Kathleen Fowler
12/22	10:30 a.m.	Need Volunteer

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST**

12/14	4:30 p.m.	R.Meyer, Peter LeRose, Need Volunteer
12/15	8:00 a.m.	G. Collin, G. Gravatt, K. Fowler
12/15	10:30 a.m.	C. Donato, C. Belles, Need Volunteers
12/21	4:30 p.m.	R. Meyer, A. Gulbrandsen, P. LeRose
12/22	8:00 a.m.	C. Naclerio, D. Allen, J. Betanzos
12/22	10:30 a.m.	A. Heidecker, M. Regino V. Stankavage

**ALTAR SERVERS**

12/14	4.30 p.m.	D & J. Reynolds, Need Volunteer
12/15	8:00 a.m.	A. De Groat Need Volunteers
12/15	10:30 a.m.	Gavin Usewicz, Need Volunteers
12/21	4:30 a.m.	Need Volunteers
12/22	8:00 a.m.	J. Cook, A. DeGroat
12/22	10:30 a.m.	R. Perillo

**MEMORIALS**

**Rod and Ann Gulbrandsen gave this week's Bread & Wine in loving memory of Tessie Feminella.**

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



**ATTENDANCE & COLLECTION -**

Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> & December 1<sup>st</sup> Attendance 209  
(187 Adults 39 Children)  
Regular Collection: \$2636.00  
Parish Support: \$1952.00

December 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Attendance 245  
(206 Adults 3922 Children)  
Regular Collection: \$2970.50  
Parish Support: \$534.00  
Immaculate Conception: \$817.00

**COLLECTION FOR RETIRED RELIGIOUS WILL BE TAKEN THIS WEEKEND.**



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



**KNIGHTS CORNER**

New members are always welcome. Call Bill Freymann at 883-0138.



## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10

Isaiah tells us that when Christ comes, the weak will be made strong, the deaf will hear, the blind will see, and, above all, “sorrow and mourning will flee.”

### Second Reading: James 5:7-10

As the farmer waits patiently through winter and spring for the “yield of the soil” so, too, must we wait patiently for the coming of the Messiah.

### Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

While in prison, John sends a messenger to Jesus to ask, “Are you He who is to come or do we look for another?” Jesus replies by citing the miracles he has performed for the blind, the deaf, and the crippled. He concludes by identifying John as the messenger He has sent to prepare the way.

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

**“Be patient my brothers until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer awaits the precious yield of the soil. He looks forward to it patiently while the soil receives the winter and spring rains. You too must be patient. Ready your hearts because the coming of the Lord is at hand.”**

We have met the prophet Isaiah, listened to the announcement of John the Baptist and joined with Mary as the third figure of advent. All have reminded us to prepare, ready our hearts, and reflect on what the coming of the Savior means for us today.

A restless world pays little attention to the need for and presence of a Savior. Many good people pay only lip service to the Bethlehem birth as a fond memory. Hurting people are looking for the presence and mercy of Jesus, which we are able to bring, but somehow, we forget our role.

We do not seek a blown reed, someone luxuriously dressed, but a prophet calling us to make the Lord’s presence known and felt.

Let’s use the example given to us by James. The stores and florists are filled with poinsettias, bright reds, whites and some hybrids. The farmer must prune, water, and then cover them for specific hours to have them bloom at the proper moment. When you see a plant, remember the patient care of the farmer preparing, and then prepare yourself.

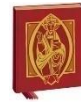


The weekday Masses will begin with Morning Prayer from the Divine Office. Prayer books will be provided. May this holy season of Advent be one of joyful expectations. **COME LORD JESUS COME!**



## CHRISTMAS NATIVITY PAGEANT

Our Pre-K/Kindergarten & 1st grade classes will present a Christmas Nativity Pageant this Sunday at the Advent Event in our parish hall after the 10:30 Mass!



### HELP DEFER THE COST OF OUR YEARLY MISSALS

Thank you to all who have donated towards our missals. If you would like to donate a missal, 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.



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. 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.



### CHRISTMAS GIFT PROGRAM

If you are participating in the “Christmas Gift Program” **your gift must be brought back by this weekend. Any gifts received this Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> will leave the person you have chosen without a Christmas gift.**

*Pete & Jean LeRose*



### SAINT JOSEPH'S Seminary Christmas Gift Card Program

If you are participating in the Seminary Christmas Gift Card Program, please be sure to return your **envelopes in the weekly Sunday collection basket or returned to the parish office by this Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**

**LAS POSADAS-** Come and join us at St. Joseph Church in New Paltz (34 South Chestnut St.) on Tuesday, December 17 at 7:00 for “Las Posadas”, a reenactment of Mary and Joseph’s journey and will be a warm and joyful gathering with many different Latin-American traditional foods and beverages and games for children. This event is sponsored by our Brazos Abiertos ministry and all are welcome.