

**ANNOUNCED MASSES**

**Saturday, December 8, Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

8.30AM Devotees of Mary  
12.00 PM World Peace  
4.00PM Stefano Puzio by John Puzio

**Sunday, December 9, Second Sunday of Advent**

9.00AM Naomi Fullfree by Jerry & Lee Rowdycz  
11.15AM Elaine Blaut by Blaut Family

**Monday, December 10**

8.30AM Dominick Kryzysik by Anna & Ron Meyer

**Tuesday, December 11, St. Damasus I, Pope**

8.30AM Ted Nied by Elizabeth Nied

**Wednesday 12, Our Lady of Guadalupe**

8.30AM No Mass

**Thursday, December 13, St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr**

7.00PM

**Friday, December 14, John of the Cross, Bishop & Doctor**

8.30AM

**Saturday, December 15**

4.00PM Zofia Alexander Jakubowski by Irene & Jesse Jakubowski

**Sunday, December 16, Third Sunday of Advent**

9.00AM People of the Parish  
11.15AM Elaine Blaut by Blaut Family

**PARISH PRAYER LIST**

Please Pray for Don Tedesco, Marilyn Pizzonia, Michael Dean, Michele Griesbaum, Lisa Donohue, James Valenti, , Kathleen Quinn, Vincent Russo, Aliya Rachlin, Tara Byrne, Anthony Giordano, Bob Einterz, Andrea Fedoruk, Nicky Castagna, Jane Schneider, Michael and Matthew Mclean, and Samantha. For Our Military Personnel: Michael Donnelly, Vaughn Schlott, Ana Lucia Teran-Stasilli, Arianar Severf, Larry Weiss, Martin Kamen, Peggy Connolly, Mary Ann, Kimberly Chatfield, Isabella Marchese, Ira Glickler, Rose Infantino, Cathy Gerrard, Linda Bozza, Margaret Payne, Nicole Murray, Cheryll Peritz, Stephanie Freer Greyden Freer, Ashley Person, Collen Kent, Karen Fullone, Carol Scott, Eileen Hoynes and Hope Traver.

**Notify us of changes and additions**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**First Reading: Baruch 5:1-9**

Baruch tells Jerusalem to rejoice because of God’s plan to bring his exiled people back to Jerusalem. He emphasizes God’s power and describes his plan to lower mountains and fill gorges to make their journey easier.

**Second Reading: Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11**

Paul encourages the Philippians to love each other completely. He hopes that their love and understanding will continue to grow so that they are prepared for the return of Christ.

**Gospel: Luke 3:1-6**

Luke describes the work John the Baptist carried out to help people prepare for the birth of Jesus. Luke also discusses who was in power at the time, which helped historians to figure out the exact dates of certain events, including Jesus’ birth.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERING**

You will find Christmas Flower envelopes in the back of the Church. Donations can be given in memory and/or in honor of your loved ones and your intentions will be remembered during each Mass throughout the Christmas Season. As always, we thank you for your generosity.

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

**Sunday Collection** \$ 2150.00  
**Fuel** \$ 45.00  
**Christmas Flowers** \$ 628.00  
**Thank you for your continued support and generosity**

**Christmas Flower donations have been made in memory/honor of their loved ones by the following:**

Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Meyer, Mr. & Mrs. Theodore Nied, Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Rowdycz, Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Valenti, Mrs. Peter Bell, Mr. & Mrs. George Jerome, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Horecky, Mrs. Jane M. Fay, Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Hickey, James V. Paolini, Ms. Catherine Corbin, Mrs. Jack Newman, Mrs. Clare Brady, Mr. & Mrs. Ben Johnson, Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Scully JR, Mr. & Mrs. Robert & Rosemary Bailey, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Roth, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Quinn, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Garufi, Mr. James Mangano, Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Kopf, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Kocher, Mr. & Mrs. Edward Kennedy, Mr. & Mrs. Franz-Eric Kopf, & Mr. & Mrs. Michael Foote...

**TO BE CONTINUED...**



Our Church's

Religious Education Children presents

## **"THE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT"**

Scriptural reflections on the

### **BIRTH OF JESUS**

Monday, December 24th at 3:30 PM in our Church

before the 4.00 PM Mass

Performing groups: Our Religious Education  
Children

Mass will be celebrated following the Pageant

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## **RENEW AND REBUILD CAMPAIGN**

**(2018-2023)**

My dear brothers and sisters,

I am glad that we have lot of positive response to Renew and Rebuild campaign from our Parishioners. Please consider making a Pledge for the development of our Parish. Pledge forms are available at the back of our Church. Feel free to call me if you have any questions.

**Our Parish Goal - \$ 158,000**

**Total Pledged - \$ 82,480**

**Yet to be Pledged - \$ 75,520**

**I will update this information every week.**

Thanks for your generosity and God bless you!

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## **LECTOR SCHEDULE**

### **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8**

4.00 PM Kathleen Johnson

### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9**

9.00 AM Kezia Labuda

11:15 AM Nancy & Jim Rizzi

### **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15**

4.00 PM Rose Paolini or Marsha Sereno

### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16**

9.00 AM Susan Goller

11:15 AM Ed Kennedy

## **MAKE THE MOST OF ADVENT**

The season of Advent is designed to help us prepare to celebrate Jesus' birth at Christmas. Think of it: God became man, and now reigns as King of all creation. Every Christmas is a chance to welcome Jesus as an honored guest into our hearts. Think of all the planning, cooking, and cleaning needed to have a guest over. In Advent we prepare our hearts to welcome the Savior. Below are some suggestions to make the most of your Advent:

### **Prioritize prayer**

Spend 15 minutes daily with God. The best way to prepare to welcome the Savior at Christmas is to spend time with him. Set aside 15 minutes in your day for God and protect it. Perhaps read a chapter of Scripture, pray a decade of the Rosary, or just be still in his presence.

### **Know the story**

Read through the accounts of Jesus' birth in Matthew 1:18-2:12 and/or Luke 2:1-20. Place yourself in the scene. Internalizing the Christmas story will give you a better appreciation of the season.

### **Get to know the Advent saints**

One way to know God is to know his friends. There are several saints' feasts that occur this Advent, including: St. Nicholas, the Bishop of Myra (December 6), St. Juan Diego (December 9), St. Lucy (December 13), and St. John of the Cross (December 14). Adopt one of them to be your patron to pray for you, and to protect and encourage you.

### **Visit the Blessed Sacrament**

The Eucharist is Jesus Christ, present Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity (Catechism of the Catholic Church, #1374). All Catholic churches have a tabernacle where the Eucharist is stored. Speak with our Lord as you would a close friend.

### **(Re)Discover the Mass**

At Mass, Heaven comes down to Earth. When we receive the Eucharist, Christ comes into our hearts and nourishes our souls. Aim to attend daily Mass once every week during the Christmas season.

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## **ADVENT RECONCILIATION MONDAY**

December 17th Confessions are heard from 4:00pm to 8:00pm in every parish. Advent gives us a wonderful opportunity to preach on the importance the Sacrament of Penance, and to remind our people that this Sacrament is the best way to prepare for the joy of Christmas and celebrating the birth of Our Savior.