

First Sunday of Advent – December 1, 2019

This Advent is different from every other Advent that we have ever lived, ever. It is different because we are different. In the past year, we have changed. We have another year of life under our belts.

- Maybe it was a year full of successes, joys, and advances.
- Maybe it was a year full of failures and sins.
- Maybe it was a year of suffering and hardship.

Whatever happened during the past year, it has affected us.

We have more experience, more knowledge, and, we hope, a little more wisdom and a deeper love for God and neighbor.

As a result, when we turn our attention once again to Advent, to the three comings of Christ: his first, 2000 years ago; his last, sometime in the future, and his ongoing one, through his grace, his providence, and the sacraments - when we turn our attention to these three comings of Christ, we will see something new, something different.

Jesus Christ is God.

- He is infinite beauty, power, goodness and truth.
- We can never know him completely.
- He is an inexhaustible treasury of greatness.
- Because of our life experience during the past year, we are now ready to discover new facets of this treasure, new levels of meaning, wisdom, strength and joy.

God's providence has been preparing us over this past year, so that we could now learn things about God and his plan of salvation that he couldn't show us before, because we weren't ready.

All three of those comings of Christ have the same purpose: to reestablish and deepen our friendship with God.

He is looking forward making that happen, to deepening our friendship with him, in these coming weeks of Advent.

Father Blake Evans, Pastor

Communication. Please read the bulletin and visit our website regularly for info ALL bulletins are available online, also visit the Nativity Facebook page, and Twitter (only for urgent items or calendar changes or weather alerts).



The new Young Adults Group of Nativity did a great job hosting our social on Sunday, Dec. 17th. If you are a young adult over 18 and would like to join, please contact:

ahanotuadaobi3@gmail.com or nativityyam@gmail.com



On Sunday, Nov. 24th, Nativity Young Adults run their first Food drive, helping more than 25 families. Thank you! And thanks to Alumni of Mount St. Mary's University and Seminary for pledging \$500 for helping our young adult efforts over the next few months! God reward you

Mass Intentions

November 30 – December 7, 2019

Sat. 11/30	8:00 am	Holy Souls in Purgatory
	4:30 pm	People of the Parish
Sun. 12/1	8:00am	+Linda Henry
	10:00am	+Michael Yellock
	1:00pm	+Carmen Davila
Mon. 12/2	12:00	Noemi V. Rue
Tue. 12/3	12:00	+A.J. Cooper III
Wed. 12/4	12:00	Ciriaco & Imelda Ababon
Thu. 12/5	12:00am	No mass
Fri. 12/6	12:00	+Carmen Davila
Sat. 12/7	8:00 am	Holy Souls in Purgatory
	4:30 pm	People of the Parish

Please pray for the sick and home-bound of our Parish:

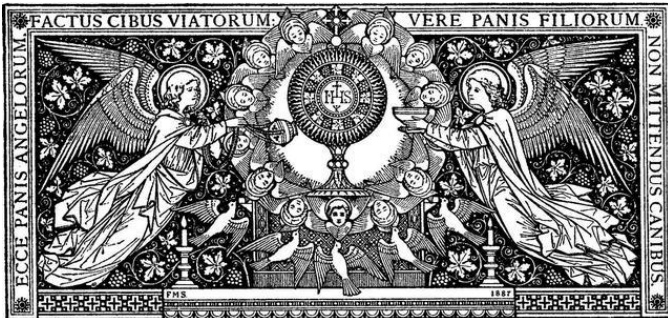
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Rest in Peace

Dorothy Menifee, parishioner for many years and Sodality member. Funeral at Nativity this week.

Ursula Miller, former parishioner for over 40 years and Sodality member. Died on November 20.

Eternal Rest Grant Unto her, Oh Lord



Eucharistic Holy Hour of Adoration

Saturday, Dec 7 after the 8am Mass
(in the chapel)

Please come pray and adore the Lord!

Archdiocese News - Archbishop Gregory has promulgated a new local law for DC and our 5 Md counties: the naming of any parish rooms or buildings must from now on be named for a Canonized Saints. (Example we can no longer name rooms or ballrooms or buildings for founding Pastors, Families or Benefactors.) If you have a suggestion for renaming The Lounge or The Music Room for one of our beloved American saints or other, please email the rectory. The Saint does NOT have to be American.

Youth Christmas Party



A special Marian/Advent/Christmas Youth day

DECEMBER 7th. 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

*fun, games, lessons, lunch, daily mass,
presents*

Our Lady of Bethesda Center will run the program - (Our Lady of Bethesda center 1 Priest, 1 Brother, 1 Lay Youth Missionary; and High School volunteers. Chaperones and other helpers are welcome.

Masses for President Lincoln - in response to a generous grant from Father James Pankewicz of Illinois and other Lincoln experts and Lincoln Societies a mass will celebrated for the late President Abraham Lincoln and his family every month for the foreseeable future. May his effort for justice peace equality and preserving the Union of our Nation be remembered always. Lincoln was shot at at our neighboring Fort Stevens during the Civil War by the Confederate Army, but they missed.



Nativity - Where Saints Have Walked: Many do not know that Mother (Saint) Teresa of Calcutta worshipped at Nativity often with her nuns here in DC. Our former pastor Bishop William Curlin (rest in peace) was her Spiritual Director. Let us invoke her daily for the help we need for Nativity and to find "Jesus in the poor" among us. For more on Mother Teresa visit www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-teresa-of-calcutta/