



December 8, 2019  
 Second  
 Sunday of Advent  
**SECOND SUNDAY  
 OF ADVENT**

**First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10**

In this beautiful passage, a messianic prophecy, Isaiah exults in the coming of the Lord, who will bring justice and peace for all.

**Second Reading: Romans 15:4-9**

Paul reveals to us the necessity of living in peace and harmony. His words “Accept one another, then, as Christ accepted you, for the Glory of God” are as needed today as they were in Paul’s own time.

**Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12**

John the Baptizer prepares the way for Jesus. Clothed in a garment of camel’s hair, he baptizes the people in the Jordan River, but warns the Pharisees in ringing tones that they must give evidence that they mean to reform.

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The feast of the Immaculate Conception is usually celebrated on December 8, but this year because it falls on Sunday, the feast is celebrated on December 9.

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception celebrates the conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the womb of her mother, Saint Anne. This conception is called "Immaculate" because Mary was conceived without Original Sin.

*“O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to you.”*



**SATURDAY, December 7**

4:30 PM Marilyn Pinto RB Nancy Graven & Family

**SUNDAY, December 8**

10:00 AM Intentions of Michelle Sumner

**MONDAY, December 9 Celebration of the Immaculate**

**Conception**

9:00 AM Frank McKenna RB Vera Nescentino

**TUESDAY, December 10**

8:00 AM Frank McKenna RB Vera Nescentino

**WEDNESDAY, December 11**

8:00 AM Frank McKenna RB Vera Nescentino

**THURSDAY, December 12**

8:00 AM Frank McKenna RB Vera Nescentino

**FRIDAY, December 13**

8:00 AM Frank McKenna RB Vera Nescentino

**SATURDAY, December 14**

4:30 PM the Sweeney Family RB Mary Ann Bradley

**SUNDAY, December 15**

10:00 AM Michael Antonni RB Anthony Harrigan

**December**



8. There will be no Sunday evening vigil for the Immaculate Conception.
9. The celebration of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, 9:00 AM Mass in church. Sisters Rose & Anita will renew their vows on this IHM feast day. The rectory is closed on the 9<sup>th</sup>.
10. 1:00 Holy Hour, 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM PREP  
7:00 PM Pastoral Council in the rectory.
14. 9:00 AM volunteers are needed to clean the church. The Volunteer Appreciation Party is after the 4:30 Mass
17. 1:00 Holy Hour, 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM PREP  
Mass, 6:30 PM Adoration and 7 PM Mass
18. 9:00 AM School Mass in church; no 8:00 AM Mass;  
7 - 8 PM Holy Hour and Caroling
21. Decorate the Church, bring Pointsettia from  
9:00 AM- 11:00 AM Volunteer Party after the  
4:30 PM Mass
- 24 Christmas Eve, Mass at 4:30 PM,  
Alumni are welcome!
- 25 Christmas Mass 10:00 AM
- 26, 27 The rectory is closed
- 28 4:30 Mass 29 10:00 AM Mass
- 30 Rectory is closed
- January 1 Mary Mother of God 10:00 AM Mass

A SHOOT SHALL SPROUT  
 FROM THE STUMP OF JESSE





## MEMORIALS

*Patty Higgins RB Ron and Kitty Leva*

We sincerely thank the families and friends who request and make donations to the parish in memory of their loved ones.

***Masses will be said during the year for the intentions of all those who contribute to the Memorial Fund***

### Prayer for the Revitalization of Saint Gabriel

#### Parish

*Lord, renew me, my family, and our parish in faith, hope, and love. Anoint us with the power of your Holy Spirit, to be transformed into your image, and to be your healing presence in Grays Ferry.*

***Please join us at Saturday evening or Sunday Mass and help St. Gabe's to become stronger and a more visible sign of God's presence in our neighborhood.***



**LIGHT A CANDLE** Send the name of the person or intention to the rectory. Sanctuary Candle will burn for one week for your special intention.

**St. Gabriel Church:** For all those who do not attend Mass, that they may return home to the Lord this Christmas.

**St. Gabriel Chapel:** For The youth of our parish



**Leaving a Legacy: Please remember St. Gabriel's Church, 2917 Dickinson St. (our legal title) in your will. Your legacy will help support our mission and allow us to serve future generations. At the time of a funeral please consider requesting donations to be sent to the parish. That gift will have a long range effect for good and your loved one will be remembered in prayer.**



### Pray for those on the Sick List

Grace Curran, April DeMatto. Tony Schriver, Joel Rivera, Cathy O'Brien, Catherine Krecko, Nicole Palandro, Claire Williamson, Donna Tafuri, Christopher Browne, Scott McDowell, Mary Kennedy, Lisa Ruggino, Steven Porter, Ed McCarron, Mary & Ann Bell, Tracy Cotter, Carol Mills, Grace Griffiths, Susan Cullen, Colleen Riddell, Greg Barrett, and for those suffering from addiction, especially young adults

**Please send us names that you would like to add to the Prayer List**



### The Collection

**November 23 & 24, 2019**

Vigil Mass	490	envelopes	25
Sunday Mass	1168	envelopes	41
Mail in	190	envelopes	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1848</b>		

**Thank you to those who gave to the collection on line**

***We thank parishioners who attend Mass and contribute to the parish. We also thank those who have moved away and continue to support the parish when they can.***



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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

**PLEASE CALL THE RECTORY IF YOU ARE NOT RECEIVING YOUR ENVELOPES.**



### 15 WEEK-CLUB WINNERS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NO.</u>	<u>WINNER</u>	<u>SELLER</u>
11/19	244	NW	
11/20	408	George Sumner	G. Sumner
11/21	790	NW	
11/22	385	Michael Sims	M. Combs
11/23	876	Joan Sheridan	M. McCann
11/24	937	NW	

Checks for 15 Week Club winners are written out on Tuesdays, only. Tickets are still available.

### Hospitality Ministry

We have a wonderful hospitality ministry here at St. Gabriel on the first Sunday of the month. We invite all of you to stay and enjoy the food and good conversation.



***Anyone who would like help in any way with the hospitality ministry, please use the sign-up sheet in the back or see Sandy Verna.***