

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 6, 2020



Is 40:1-5, 9-11

*“Go up onto a high mountain, Zion, herald of glad tidings; cry out at the top of your voice, Jerusalem, herald of good news! Fear not to cry out and say to the cities of Judah: Here is your God! He comes with power, the Lord God, who rules by his strong arm... Like a shepherd he feeds his flock, in his arms he gathers the lambs, carrying them in his bosom, and leading the ewes with care.”*

Writing centuries before Christ, the prophet calls us today to once again make the same great announcement. The ‘hear ye, hear ye’ of the Isaiah era, echoes in our hearts as we speak not only of the need of Jesus’ saving grace, but its coming to us once more. We too are called to reveal His coming in grace, His power.

Today we call this the work of heralding *‘evangelization’, and our advent task is to prepare His way and make sure He is known.* The same Jesus feeds, gathers and carries us, leading with care. What a beautiful image! BY REV. WILLIAM J. REILLY

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### Mass Intentions for the Week

Daily Masses 8:30 AM Monday –Thursday on  
Sunday Masses are 4:30PM on Saturday and  
10:00 AM on Sunday

**4:30 PM SATURDAY, December 05**

Lt. Col. Michael White RB Evelyn Marcucci

**10:00 AM SUNDAY, December 06**

Kitty Burke RB Kay Rinick

**6:00 PM, Monday, Vigil, December 07**

Vigil for the Immaculate Conception  
Margaret Ridder Nicholas RB Kathy White

**8:30 AM Tuesday, December 08**

Feast of the Immaculate Conception  
Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

**8:30 AM Wednesday, December 09**

Michael Blaney RB Margie McGrath

**8:30 AM Thursday December 10**

Benefactors of St. Gabriel Food Pantry

**8:30 AM FRIDAY December 11**

No Mass

**4:30 PM SATURDAY, December 12**

The Sweeney Family RB The Sweeney Family

**10:00 AM SUNDAY, December 13**

Kathleen Robinson RB Joan Hennessy Peifer



### Pray for those on the Sick List

Grace Curran, April DeMatto. Tony Schriver, Joel Rivera, Cathy O’Brien, Catherine Kecko, 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, Colleen Riddell, Greg Barrett, Margaret Doherty, Nan Mulligan Janet Valania Pat Stabb, Michaela Healy, Andrew Bennett, Dolores Masi, Joanne Gariffo, Connie Kilgarriff, Theresa Sherwin, Barbara Curran Williamson, for those suffering from the Coronavirus and for those suffering from addiction, especially young adults,



**The app is also available on**  
[www.stgabes.org](http://www.stgabes.org)

The Rectory is open Monday – Thursday  
9:00 AM-3:00PM. If you would ever like to  
drop your envelopes in the mailbox it is  
located on the left side of the rectory door.  
God bless you and your families.

**Parish Religious Education Program (PREP)**

Please call Sister Rose, at 215-463-4060 or e-mail at [sr.rose@stgabes.org](mailto:sr.rose@stgabes.org) to register

**Classes on becoming a Catholic or adults receiving the sacraments**

Any questions please call Sister Rose at 215-463-4060 or e-mail at [sr.rose@stgabes.org](mailto:sr.rose@stgabes.org) Thank you!



Chris, Christina McFadden, Liz  
 Congratulation to Emma Elizabeth on her  
 Baptism Sunday, November 22.



**15 WEEK WINNERS**

DATE	NO.	WINNER	SELLER
11/16	471	No Winner	
11/17	295	No Winner	
11/18	742	No Winner	
11/19	067	A. Johnston	M. Combs
11/20	268	Debbie Robb	M. Combs
11/22	657	Tim McGlynn	M. Combs



**Who is St. Nicholas?**

We've all heard of St. Nicholas (i.e. Jolly ol' St. Nick, or Santa Claus). But who was he?

St. Nicholas was the Bishop of Myra known for providing for the poor and the sick. One of the stories includes him sneaking in at night to leave a bag of money for three sisters. After his death, his legend of gift-giving grew, and the tradition of him leaving presents for children all over the world was born. **His feast is December 6.**

**Come join us for an Advent Program**

-either face to face or virtual.  
 When Wednesdays from 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM, December 9, 16  
 To register or for more information contact Sr. Rose at [sr.rose@stgabes.org](mailto:sr.rose@stgabes.org)  
 Click the link below if you are joining virtually.  
[meet.google.com/avk-tnzt-ptb](https://meet.google.com/avk-tnzt-ptb).

**The Collection**

November 28-29, 2020

Vigil Mass	500	envelopes	13
Sunday Mass	455	envelopes	16
Mail in	<u>1045</u>	envelopes	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2000</b>		

*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. Thank you to those who give on line [www.stgabes.org](http://www.stgabes.org)*

# *Be Grateful for all that Arrives*

## *Reflection*



### *The Guest House*

This **being human** is a **guest house**  
Every morning a new arrival.  
A joy, a depression, a meanness,  
Some momentary awareness comes  
As an unexpected visitor  
Welcome and entertain them all!  
Even if they're a crowd of sorrows

He may be clearing you out for some new delight

The dark thought, the shame the malice,  
Meet them at the door laughing, and invite them in.

Be grateful for whoever comes,  
Because each has been sent as a guide from  
beyond. –Rumi

*For I know well the plans I have in mind for your welfare and not your woe, plans to give you a future full of hope. When you call me, when you pray to me, I will listen to you. When you look for me you will find me. Yes, when you seek e with all your heart, you will find me says the Beloved, and I wil lchange your lot. I will gather you together from all the nations and all the places to which you have been scattered and bring you back to the place from which I have exiled you. Jeremiah 29: 11-15*

#### **REFLECTION**

*What has been arriving at your door these days?*

*What might their arrival be inviting you to do?*

*“If you lean with all your weight upon Providence, you will find yourself well supported”*

*Sr. Mother Theodore Guerin LCWR reflection*

*God bless, Sister Anita*