

# SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

# DECEMBER 8, 2019

## MASS SCHEDULE

### Saturday, December 7th

**8:30 am - St. John** – Safety & Spiritual welfare of our children by M/M Scott Schoppe  
 9-9:30 am Confessions at St. John  
 3:00 pm Confessions at St. John  
 3:30 pm Confessions at St. Elizabeth  
**4:00 pm - St. John** – Marion Handy by Sonja Gage  
**4:30 pm - St. Elizabeth** – James & Gloria Carlton by the family

### Sunday, December 8th \*Second Sunday of Advent

7:30 am - Confessions at St. John  
 8:00 am - Confessions at Queen of Peace  
**8:00 am - St. John** – Tony Greenwood by M/M Bill Young  
**8:30 am - Queen of Peace** – Hap & Betty Hutchins by Barb, Gary, Brent & Cindy  
**10:30 am - St. Elizabeth** – Mass for the parishioners  
**11:00 am - St. John** – Fred & Pat Douglas by Diane & Gerald Collins  
**5:00 pm - St. Elizabeth** – Traditional Latin Mass

### Monday, December 9th The Immaculate Conception (moved to the 9th this year)

**8:30am - St. Elizabeth** – Lorette Desrochers by the family  
**5:15pm - St. John** – Charlotte Farrow by the family

### Tuesday, December 10th

**8:30am - St. John** – Frances Horner by Amy Marcinko  
**2:15pm - St. J. House** – Mass  
**5:15pm - St. John** – Therese du Bauchet by M/M David Courtemarche

### Wednesday, December 11th St. Damacus, Pope

**8:30am - St. John** – J.William, Janice & Mabel Maynard by the family  
**5:15pm - St. John** – Maurice Fortin by the family

### Thursday, December 12th Our Lady of Guadalupe

**9:00am - St John** – Intentions of Paul & Mary Beth Weaver on the Anniversary of their Wedding  
**5:15 pm - St John** – Marion Handy by Bruce & Denise Whitehead

### Friday, December 13th St. Lucy

**8:30am - St Elizabeth** – Deceased/living members of St. Elizabeth Women's Group  
**4:30 pm - Confessions at St. John's**  
**5:15 pm - St. John** – Special intention by Deacon/Mrs. Pete Gummere

### Saturday, December 14th St. John of the Cross

**8:30 am - St. John** – Safety & Spiritual welfare of our children by M/M Scott Schoppe  
 9-9:30 am Confessions at St. John  
 3:00 pm Confessions at St. John  
 3:30 pm Confessions at St. Elizabeth  
**4:00 pm - St. John** – Stewart & Cis Smith by M/M Chis Maistros  
**4:30 pm - St. Elizabeth** – Mass for the parishioners

### Sunday, December 15th Third Sunday of Advent

7:30 am - Confessions at St. John  
 8:00 am - Confessions at Queen of Peace  
**8:00 am - St. John** – Roland Johnson by M/M Bill Young  
**8:30 am - Queen of Peace** – Jean Coutu by the St. Vincent de Paul Society  
**10:30 am - St. Elizabeth** – Gerard Michaud by M/M Denis Morel  
**11:00 am - St. John** – Wilhelm Boehm by M/M Reg Haselton  
**3:00 pm - St. John** – Advent Penance Service  
**5:00pm - St. John** – Youth Mass

Please keep our parishioners who are ill & in need of your prayers, especially: Randy Mackay, Martin Fortin, , George Thurston, Charlie Weis, Randy Thomas, Jerry Prevost & Camilla Dente

### \*Dec. 8th The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sunday, December 8th is the Second Sunday of Advent in 2019. The solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, patronal feast of the United States, is transferred to the following day: Monday, December 9. The obligation to attend Mass on the 9th does NOT transfer; the Feast of the Immaculate Conception is not obligatory this year.

## PARISH EVENTS

**Sun. Dec. 8th** Religious Education/All 3 Churches  
 Rel. Ed. Classes: StJ 8:15–10:45am, StE 9:00-10:15am  
 QP 9:30-10:45am  
 5:00pm Traditional Latin Mass at St. Elizabeth  
 6:00pm Confirmation Class; NO Adult Ed

**Mon. Dec. 9th** 6:30pm Finance Council Meeting FLC

**Wed. Dec. 11th** 9:00 am Rosary for Vocations

**Thurs Dec 12th** 7:00pm St. J. Choir Practice

**Sat. Dec. 14th** 6:00pm K of C Bingo

**Please consider using the Online Giving tool for your weekly offertory donations. Visit our website at: [nekatholic.com](http://nekatholic.com) and click "Give Online" to sign up! Leave your checkbook at home, and save the parish the expense of envelopes!**

## FINANCIAL REPORT

**Fiscal Year:** 7/1/19-6/30/20 Budget: \$282,000 (\$6,000 needed per week)  
**Reg. Collection Year-to-date:** \$95,158.02 **On-Line: YTD:** \$18,790.00

### Collections and Receipts: December 1, 2019

Regular Offertory: \$4,208.14

## 2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal

The 2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal is 84% to goal. We have been blessed with a challenge gift that will match all donations made now until the end of December up to \$18,000 to help us reach our goal.

## SECOND COLLECTION TODAY

### Religious Retirement

The **FORMED** program is available to everyone in our parish. To start enjoying this free gift, please visit the FORMED website:

1. Go to: [nekatholic.formed.org](http://nekatholic.formed.org)
2. Click on REGISTER to create a personal account

## Bulletin Sponsors

Each week we want to highlight a business that supports our bulletin.  
**Pica Pica Pillipino Cuisine, Main St. St. J.**

**New Hymnals & Missals:** We're offering parishioners the opportunity to donate individual books in memory of loved ones, whose name would be pasted on the inside cover of the book. For more info, please see the display at the back of the church.

**\*\*\*LECTORS PLEASE PICK UP YOUR WORKBOOKS\*\*\***

## The Co-op Giving Tag

Please stop by the tree and see if there are any tags still there! The 10th of December is this week and all gifts must be brought to the United Community Church (N.Church). Thank you so much for your generosity over these years.

## St. John's Bazaar Winners:

Eydie Aremburg: Movie Night Basket & 3 piece Kincade candles  
 Gert Dussault: Gertrude Dussault  
 Angelica Sylvain: \$100 cash Door Prize: Carol Degreenia  
 Dianne Handy: Mantel Clock  
 Homemade Afghan: Jane Bezanson

Save the Date! There will be a **Penance Service at St. John Church** on December 15<sup>th</sup>, at 3pm – the Hour of Mercy. Come prepare for the Christmas by making a good Confession.

**Stuebenville East** is taking place on **July 10-12, 2020** at the University of Rhode Island. This is a great opportunity for teenagers relationship with God to be strengthened. This is open to all incoming freshman to graduating seniors. Fr. Robert has already invited all of this year's Confirmation students, and we need to get some commitments. Our goal is to send 20 students from Corpus Christi, which should be the largest group from the diocese! Please email Fr. Robert at [fr.robert.little@gmail.com](mailto:fr.robert.little@gmail.com) to commit to going or to ask more information!

#### **Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>: Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the BVM**

*O God, who by the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, did prepare a worthy dwelling place for Your Son, we beseech You that, as by the foreseen death of this, Your Son, You did preserve Her from all stain, so too You would permit us, purified through Her intercession, to come unto You. Through the same Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, world without end. Amen.*

#### **December 12<sup>th</sup>: Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**

*Am I not here, who am your Mother? Are you not under my shadow and protection? Am I not the fountain of your joy? ~ Our Lady of Guadalupe to St. Juan Diego*

The appearance of Our Lady of Guadalupe to the Aztec Indian Juan Diego in December of 1531 generated the conversion of Mexico and Latin America to Catholicism. Indeed, the Blessed Virgin Mary entered the very lifestream of Central America and became an inextricable part of Mexican life and a central figure to the history of Mexico itself. The three most important religious celebrations in Central and South America are Christmas, Easter, and December 12, the feast-day of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Her appearance in the center of the American continents has contributed to the Virgin of Guadalupe being given the title "*Mother of America.*"

#### **Who are the Knights of Columbus?**

We are Catholic men building a bridge back to faith. There is much work to be done in this world. Good and necessary work which Knights commit themselves to every day. We assist the sick and disabled. We protect those who can't protect themselves, whether they are next door or halfway around the world. This is the journey we are on, our path and calling from the Lord. We do this work to be better husbands, fathers, sons, neighbors and Catholics. We invest our time, efforts and resources into our four values: Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism.

We come from many places, backgrounds and stages in our lives, but we are all of one faith. We are a fraternity of men striving to better ourselves and our world.

It's one thing to say who you are, It's another to live it and put your values into action. That's what we do at the Knights of Columbus. "That's who we are!"

**"No Room at the Inn" Nativity Scene Display** on Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 to 2:30 pm. Carol Singing and refreshments will be provided, free of charge. Location = First Congregational Church, 52 Middle St, Lyndonville. Bring your nativity scenes for display for everyone to view. Drop off for nativities will be Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> from Noon to 4 pm.

#### **December 13<sup>th</sup>: Feast of Saint Lucy**

**Saint Lucy** is remembered by the Church for her remarkable purity, kept unstained by the miraculous intervention of God. "Lucy" means "light", with the same Latin root, lux. She was a martyr in Syracuse, Italy during Diocletian's persecutions of A.D. 304. Her veneration spread to Rome, so that by the 6th century the whole Church recognized her courage in defense of the faith. Roman father died when she was young, leaving her and her mother without a protecting guardian. Her mother, Eutychia, had suffered four years with a hemorrhage, but Lucy having heard the renown of St. Agatha the patroness of Catania, "and when they were at a Mass, one read a gospel which made mention of a woman which was healed of the flow of blood by touching of the hem of the coat of Jesus Christ," which, convinced her mother to pray together at Saint Agatha's tomb. They stayed up all night praying, until they fell asleep, exhausted. St. Agatha appeared in a vision to Lucy and said, "Soon you shall be the glory of Syracuse, as I am of Catania." At that instant Eutychia was cured. Eutychia had arranged a marriage for Lucy with a pagan bridegroom, but Lucy urged that the dowry be spent on alms so that she might retain her virginity. Eutychia suggested that the sums would make a good bequest, but Lucy countered, "...whatever you give away at death for the Lord's sake you give because you cannot take it with you. Give now to the true Savior, while you are healthy, whatever you intended to give away at your death." News that the patrimony and jewels were being distributed came to the ears of Lucy's betrothed, who heard from a chattering nurse that Lucy had found a nobler Bridegroom. For this he denounced Lucy as a Christian to the magistrate Paschasius, who ordered her to burn a sacrifice to the Emperor's image. Lucy refused and was sentenced to be defiled in a brothel, but when the guards came to take her away they found her so filled with the Holy Spirit that she was stiff and heavy as a mountain; they could not move her even when they hitched her to a team of oxen. Even with a dagger through her throat she prophesied against her persecutor. As final torture, her eyes were gouged out. She was miraculously still able to see without her eyes. In paintings and statues, St. Lucy is frequently shown holding her eyes on a golden plate. For this reason she is the patron Saint of eye trouble. This prayer from the *Raccolta* is a prayer against temptations to impurity:

*By that singular predilection, O glorious Saint Lucy, which thy immaculate Spouse, Jesus Christ, had for thee, when by an unheard of miracle He rendered thee immovable in spite of all the attempts of thy enemies to drag thee into a place of sin and infamy, obtain for me the grace never to yield to the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil, and the fight constantly against their assaults by the continual mortification of all my senses. Pray for us, O blessed Lucy. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. Let us Pray. Mercifully hear us, O God of our salvation, that even as we rejoice in the constant faith of blessed Lucy, thy Virgin and Martyr, so we may be instructed in sentiments of loving devotion. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*