Universal Prayer
First Sunday of Advent
December 1 & 2

We pray in communion with the Church for the monthly intention of Pope Francis: that people who are involved in the service and transmission of faith may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

We pray for the nations of the world where civil unrest, government corruption, violence, and oppression are the norm. May God deliver these people from every obstruction that prevents them from living a dignified life.

We pray for the grace of vigilance: that we may stay attentive to the Word of God and the signs of our times, so that our hearts may not be numbed into complacency, nor our minds trapped by worry.

We pray for strength and peace in the face of suffering. May God plant his divine Word of hope deep in our hearts and give us the strength to remain faithful even when tragedy and suffering enter our lives.

We pray for the families who will benefit from our parish’s giving tree gifts, and that all those in need will be empowered with food, shelter, and care during this holiday season.

We pray for all who fear the approach of death: that God will free their hearts and help them to look expectantly to Christ who brings life and salvation.

We pray that all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, will rest in peace…

5:00 …and for Robert LeChien – and Colin Kennelly who are remembered in this Mass.

8:30 …and for Jim and Betty Gregory – and Barbara Utnage who are remembered in this Mass.

10:30 …and for Dottie Boehmer who is remembered in this Mass.