



November 27, 2016

First Sunday of Advent

Masses for the Week

Table with 3 columns: Day, Name, Time. Rows include Saturday (Joe Ellsworth, 5:00pm), Sunday (People of the Parish, 8:00am), Sunday (Anthony & Flo Wade, 10:00am), Monday (Brian McLane, 5:30pm), Tuesday (Anthony Mottle, 8:00am), Wednesday (Chris Westover, 5:15pm), Thursday (Joseph Petrozak, 8:00am), Friday (Respect Life, 10:00am; George Goodwin, 5:30pm), Saturday (World Peace, 8:00am; Ron Diamond, 5:00pm).

Please Pray for Our Sick

Mattie Berhang, Fanny Bonventre, Herb Cahill, Bill Carroll, Billye Doria, Denise Davis, Robert LaFera, Lynne Lazzaro, Grant Nicolson Joseph Mongelluzzo, Mario Occhi, Gabby O'Shea, Salvator Paone, Joe Petras, Baby Austin Sweeney, Daniel Sweeney, Alice Theiss, Thomas Vavrinec, Irene Waddell, Luisa Walsh, Bertha Walz, Amelia Zak

Tithing \$3,937.00

Human Development Collection \$799.00

First Friday Adoration Request

We certainly would like to continue the practice of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament But it depends on you. Some people have already submitted their names and the hours they'll take. We want more—since we all have intentions to take to the Lord and there is no better time or place to do it than in front of him in the Eucharist. We invite anyone who may feel an interior movement to get closer to Jesus by spending more time with Him. It is amazing how your prayers are answered after spending an hour with Him in the Blessed Sacrament.

First Friday Adoration

This Friday, Dec. 2nd we have Mass at 10am followed by adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until the 5:30pm Mass.

First Saturday Mass

First Saturday we have an 8am Mass followed by recitation of the rosary.

Reconciliation Monday

On Monday, December 19th, we will celebrate our Advent Reconciliation Monday. The time will be from 4-8pm in the confessionals in the rear of the Church.

Advent

“Advent . . . helps us to understand fully the value and meaning of the mystery of Christmas. It is not just about commemorating the historical event that occurred some 2,000 years ago in a little village of Judea. Instead, it is necessary to understand that the whole of our life must be an ‘advent,’ a vigilant awaiting the final coming of Christ. To predispose our mind to welcome the Lord who, as we say in the Creed, one day will come to judge the living and the dead, we must learn to recognize him as present in the events of daily life. Therefore, Advent is, so to speak, an intense training that directs us decisively toward him who already came, who will come, and who comes continuously.” St. John Paul II

St. Peter's Financial Report

Copies of the financial report are available in the back of the church. Thanks to you, our Sunday Collection is up about \$13,000. We are blessed to have such wonderful people here at St. Peter's. The \$70,000 item on the report is the sale of the High Falls Chapel. We did need to replace 2 boilers on the property and did some roof repair work on the school. Our expenses were down mainly thanks to low fuel expenses for the past year. Our total income for the year was \$337,390 and our total expenses were \$297,120.36.

Anointing Service

We will be celebrating the Sacrament this year immediately after the 10 am Mass on next Sunday, December 4th. The front area of the center aisle of the church, will be reserved for those attending.

Shoe Box Thanks



A HUGE THANKS to all those who helped make the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox project a total success! It was fun coming to do some sorting and finding these wonderful surprises; like beautiful bookmarks, lots of jump ropes, a case of flashlights, and even the rubber bands, which we needed. Your generosity amazes me, more each year. We never would have filled 173 BOXES, and also have the money for shipping, without YOU. I can see those happy faces on the children, when they open your beautiful box filled with love. In the name of Jesus. THANKS AGAIN!! for making a difference in a child's life. See you next year, for another fun packing party. Carol Snykus

Our Lady of Guadalupe

St. John the Evangelist Church on Rt 212 in Saugerties, will be having a Spanish language Mass on Sunday, December 11th at noon celebrating Our Lady of Guadalupe. We invite anyone who would like to celebrate this Holy Mass with our Hispanic brothers & sisters to come and participate in this joyful celebration. Light refreshments will follow.



Christmas Gifts

Once again, we are collecting Christmas gifts for local youngsters. Gift tags for children in need are on the tag tree in the rear of the Church. Please attach the tag to the gift you donate. We ask that you place an unwrapped gift in a gift bag. Food items for our Christmas baskets are also appreciated. No expired food items, please. Bring the gifts and food no later than Monday, December 12th.

Special Thank You

On behalf of the Raffle Committee and the parishioners of St. Peter's, we would like to say Thank You to Karen Anderer who provided the delicious desserts for the Raffle Dinner event. So many of us look forward to her bakery items and she never disappoints. Thanks Karen for another great variety of desserts!

Kiwanis Clubs of Ulster & Kingston Invites All Seniors

Annual Holiday Senior Citizen Dinner

Saturday, December 3rd 11:30pm or 1pm
Admission is FREE. Due to limited seating (300 at each meal) please make your reservations as soon as possible by calling Peggy Kelly at 845-331-5949 or Mary Strasser at 845-336-5959
Bus transportation is available but must request bus at the time of reservation.

MHA "Presents for Patients"

Presents for Patients is a holiday gift giving program sponsored by the Mental Health Association. The presents go directly to people dealing with a mental illness who are living in a MHA or who are involved in a MHA program in Ulster County. Donate a gift to a man or woman tagged with info about the contents or size. For many it will be the only gift that they receive this year. Please send or bring your gifts to the MHA Wellness Services office located in Building #3, 300 Aaron Court, Willow Park Complex

on Westbrook Lane, Kingston (just beyond Hannaford) Collection will continue until December 12th between the hours of 10am – 4pm. Gift suggestions: socks, hats, scarves, t-shirts, sweaters, sizes L & XL, puzzles, stamps, pens, games, soaps, candy, cookies.

SATURDAY, DEC. 3rd - 9am to 3pm **HOLIDAY RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE** **TILLSON COMMUNITY CHURCH**

Lots of holiday decorations, toys, clothes, games, gift ideas and so much more. Priced to sell. A Bake Sale too! Refreshments sold. 45 Grist Mill Rd, Tillson - off Route 32 between Rosendale and New Paltz. Turn at the Postage Inn, continue straight. Church is on the left.

CATHOLIC WIDOWS & WIDOWERS

The group meets on the 3rd Sundays of the month. New men and women are always welcome. Christmas lunch is now being planned for Wednesday, Dec. 7th at Stonehedge Restaurant. For information, call Pat Merck at 658-9247.



Holiday COOKIE Walk

St. Charles Borromeo Church located on Rt. 44/55 and Rt. 208 in Gardiner is holding a Holiday Cookie Walk & Vendor Fundraiser on December 3rd from 9:30am to 3:30pm. Many varieties of cookies will be available and all are homemade. For more information, call Jean at 845-5641153.

Stamps for Missions

As the holidays approach and we begin receiving many card and letters, please consider supporting the missions through the cancelled stamp recycling program. Simply trim around the stamp leaving a 1/2" border. There is a basket located in the rear of the church to deposit your stamps or you can drop them off at the rectory. The funds received from the recycled stamps are donated to the Missionary Childhood Association (MCA), one of the four Pontifical Mission Societies. For almost 170 years, MCA has provided food, clothing, shelter medical care and education to children in missions all over the world.

Rosary Altar Society

Next weekend team *one* is scheduled. The RAS meeting will be December. 4th.