



**Third Sunday of Advent**

**December 16, 2018**

**Masses for the Week**

Saturday	Ken Gottstine	5:00pm
Sunday	People of the Parish	8:00am
Sunday	Bill Welsek	10:00am
Monday	Evelyn Henry	5:30pm
Tuesday	Harold Bailey	8:00am
Wednesday	Tom Merck	5:15pm
Thursday	Henrietta Bartocci	8:00am
Friday	FIO Kevin Kennedy	5:30pm
Saturday	William & Elizabeth Zentner	5:00pm

**Please Pray for Our Sick**

Fanny Bonventre, Lorraine DeFelicis, Bilye Doria, Sr. Maureen Jerkowski, Fred Kimlin, Maureen Krom, Lynne Lazzaro, Mary McNamara, Frank Merrill, Tony Peralta, Joe & Virginia Petras, Betty Schilt, Bill Schulte, Alice Theiss, Thomas Vavrinec, Irene Waddell, Luisa Walsh, Amelia Zak

We also want to remember parishioners who are currently in Nursing Facilities. They are: Elizabeth LaFera and Rose Sferrazza

**Tithing \$3,611.00**

**Retirement Collection \$1,661.00**



**Holyday Mass Schedule**

Monday, Christmas Eve	4:00pm
Tuesday, Christmas Day	8am & 10am
Monday, New Year's Eve	5:00pm
Tuesday, New Year's Day	10am

**Christmas Gifts and Food**  
All Food and gift items are due back today, Sunday, December 16th

**WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE**

Knights of Columbus announce the starting of the "2018 Annual Winter Clothing Drive". All proceeds and donations go to benefit all in need of our local community. Please drop off well-kept and near new items in box in the back of the church.

**Find Peace Through Forgiveness**  
**Reconciliation Monday**

This Monday, December 17th, we will celebrate our Advent Reconciliation Monday. The time will be from 4-8pm in the confessionals in the rear of the Church.

**SHOEBOX Update**

At the distribution center in New Jersey last weekend, 51,000 boxes were shipped just on Friday alone and St. Peter's 185 boxes were among the shipment. At that point 439,759 boxes were shipped from that center. **THANK YOU** so very much !!

**Flower Memorial Fund**

Envelopes for Christmas memorials are in the rear of the church. Just fill in the envelope and place it in any first collection basket. We are indebted to our parishioners who choose to remember their deceased loved ones by contributing to this fund. It is the primary means we have for funding the decoration of the sanctuary.



**Stamps for Missions**

As the holidays approach and we begin receiving card and letters, please consider supporting the missions through the cancelled stamp program. Simply trim around the stamp leaving a 1/2" border and deposit your stamps in the basket in the rear of the church by the statue of St. Anthony

**Mariapolis Luminosa**  
**Nativity Displays**

Most of you are probably familiar with Mariapolis Luminosa, one of the projects of the Focolare Movement. Every December, Luminosa displays over 200 Nativity scenes from over 50 countries the world at the Chiara Lubich Conference Center at 200 Cardinal Road, in Hyde Park. Many visitors come from neighboring communities to see this beautiful display. Suggested donation \$5. For more information, call 845-229-2030 ext 127 or [luminosa.office@gmail.com](mailto:luminosa.office@gmail.com). Nativity Display. Until Jan. 6th

**Religious Ed News**

There are no Religious Ed classes on December 26<sup>th</sup> but classes will resume on Wednesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Rosary Altar Society**

Next weekend team four is scheduled.

## 46th ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE Friday, January 18th 2019

Pro-Lifers in Ulster County will once again participate in the annual March for Life in Washington, DC. Kingston Council Knights of Columbus, Ulster County Deanery Respect Life Committee, and the Ulster County Right to Life Committee will, as in the past, sponsor the bus. For bus trip reservations, please call Al Kafel at 338-1734. Please leave your name and phone number so he can get back to you. Reservations are on a first-come first-served basis. To confirm your seat, send your contribution to: Al Kafel, 31 Dirk Lane, Kingston, NY 12401. Suggested contribution for the trip will be the same as it has been for the last 19 years: \$25 Individual, \$20 Students, \$45 Two in Family, \$60 Three or more in Family. Anyone who cannot attend, but would like to help defray the cost, may send a donation to: Kingston Council Knights of Columbus, PO Box 1587, Kingston, NY 12402. We ask for your prayers for the safety of those traveling to Washington, and for the success of the MARCH.

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### Would you like to be an Altar Server for Saint Peter's Parish?

#### **We Need You!**

Become more involved by serving at Mass. We will provide the training. All you have to do is show up with enthusiasm and a heart that is ready to participate in Mass in a new way! If you are:

- 4<sup>th</sup> Grader in the 2018/2019-school calendar year, or above, and
  - Have received First Holy Communion, and
  - Reliable and willing to serve at Mass, and
  - Able to attend training sessions
- **Then you are eligible to serve!** contact **Laura Kochon**, cell: 845-514-2121, for more information or email [Laurajames03@msn.com](mailto:Laurajames03@msn.com)

### ***Find Inspiration and Peace***

Graymoor Book & Gift Center is a Ministry of the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement. All proceeds from the store benefit the ministries of healing and hope of the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement. We are

located at Graymoor, home of the Franciscan Friars and Sisters of the Atonement on Route 9, in Garrison thirteen miles south of I-84 (exit 13 South). There is a beautiful Crucifix at our entrance on Route 9. Make your way up to the top of the mountain, following the signs to the Graymoor Book & Gift Center. The address is 40 Franciscan Way, Garrison NY 10524. Parking is available in front of the entrance. Take the elevator to the fourth floor. We offer a wide selection of inspirational books, music, cards, and a variety of unique religious items. While here you can walk the grounds, visit the chapels and walk the labyrinth For more info call (845) 424-2100 or shop online at [www.GraymoorBooks.org](http://www.GraymoorBooks.org)

### **Mass Openings**

Mass is a perfect way to remember your loved ones, as well as your own special intentions. Just call the rectory with your request at 658-3117.



### **Remember Christ this Christmas**

Shop until you drop!  
Buying, having,  
possessing and allowing  
your possessions to  
possess you! Sad to say,  
this has all become the

modern immediate preparation for Christmas. Moreover, in many places even the word "Christmas" has been forbidden from modern vocabulary.

*Jesus is the reason for the season.* The whole focus of Advent which culminates in the Solemnity of Christmas is a *person!* That person is Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Jesus is the true reason for the entire season. Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary in the humble, poor stable of Bethlehem. The name "Jesus" means Savior. He came to open up the gates of heaven, to save us from slavery to sin, the devil, and eternal damnation. This Christmas let us contemplate the Person of Jesus and the purpose of His mission. Let our hearts overflow in humble praise and thanksgiving. St. Ignatius of Loyola accentuates the fact that Jesus did all of this not simply for humanity as a whole but for you and I, individually. Jesus was born, suffered, died and rose from the dead for me, as if I were the only person in the universe. How important I am for God! How important Christmas—the birth of Jesus—should be for me.

Fr. Ed Broom, OMC