

2nd Sunday
in Advent



December 8, 2019

Masses for the Week

Saturday	Anne Gessner	5:00pm
Sunday	People of the Parish	8:00am
Sunday	Joseph Petrozak	10:00am
Monday	<i>Immaculate Conception of BVM</i>	5:30pm
Tuesday	Dylan Walsh	8:00am
Wednesday	Teresa Andrusko	5:15pm
Thursday	Gerard Blenkle	8:00am
Friday	Bowen Family	5:30pm
Saturday	Deceased Members of LaFera Family	5:00pm

Please Pray for Our Sick

Fanny Bonventre, Lorraine DeFelicis, Sr. Maureen Jerkowski, Fred Kimlin, Maureen Krom, Lynne Lazzaro, Mary McNamara, Frank Merrill, Lucy Padilla, Tony Peralta, Joe Petras, Betty Schilt, Wm. Schlosser, Alice Theiss, Thomas Vavrinec, Luisa Walsh, Amelia Zak

Please Pray for Our Deceased

Anthony Secreto & Alphose Guida

Tithing \$5,208.00

The Immaculate Conception

This year the feast of the Immaculate Conception is celebrated on Monday, December 9th and it is not a holy day of obligation. Mass will be at 5:30pm.

**Find Peace Through Forgiveness
Reconciliation Monday**

Monday, December 16th, we will celebrate our Advent Reconciliation Monday. The time will be from 4-8pm in the confessionals in the rear of the Church.

Second Collection Retirement Appeal

Soon our parishes will collect the offering for the Retirement Fund for Religious, this benefits 30,000 senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests.

Our elderly religious offer a shining example of what it means to "serve the Lord with gladness" During their days of active ministry, they worked tirelessly to build Catholic schools and hospitals, promote social justice and embrace the neediest among us. Inspired by love, their service,

past and present is marked by joy and a desire to do God's will.

As you know, many religious communities find it difficult to provide for aging members. Your gift which will be collected December 15th will allow for vital funding for medications, nursing care and more.

We are all asked to support many worthy causes. So, I invite you to give what you can and to pray for God's continued blessing on all our women and men religious. Remember, they are praying for you.

With gratitude and prayerful best wishes to all for a blessed Advent season, I am,
Faithfully yours in Christ,

Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan

Christmas Pageant - December 15th

Ever see a donkey walk across the stage or maybe an angel or two spread their wings? Come and join us December 15th in Mulry Hall following the 10am Mass. Our Religious Ed students will show us the true meaning of Christmas. You don't want to miss this! Refreshments will follow.

ADVENT HOLY HOUR- Every Friday at 7:00 P.M. during the season of Advent, St. Joseph Church in New Paltz will have an Advent Holy Hour to help us prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Along with Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, we will join our voices in Evening Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours, listen to the Word of God and then hear a reflection. Quiet prayer will follow.



Please Bring the Kids' gifts and food no later than Sunday, December 15th

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.



Presentation of the BVM, Sacred Heart and Immaculate Conception Bible Study
Location – Immaculate Conception School
471 Delaware Avenue Kingston, NY

Thursday – Times: 10am to noon OR 6:30 to 8:30pm

Recent trilogy of DVDs – Scott Hahn speaks on three of his favorite topics. Titles:

Lord Have Mercy (Healing of Confession);
 The Family Prayer (The Our Father);
 First Comes Love (The Catholic Gospel)
 Sessions 1 to 3 (each stands alone)- Dates –
 1/20 to 2/13 – No Study Guide.
 To register or with questions, call Lorraine
 Krasinski (834-6030) or Val or Ron Kintner
 (339-0475) – walk-ins welcome
 All DVDs are available to borrow and some
 programs are available online

Best Advent Ever

Christmas is a time of hope, but during the busy holiday, it's easy to get overwhelmed and lose sight of the reason for the season. This Advent, take an incredible journey to rediscover the gift of hope.

Join us for Best Advent Ever! Every day during Advent beginning December 3rd, you'll receive short inspirational videos, practical tips, or real-life stories that will help you experience a Christmas full of hope. Are you ready for your best Advent—and Christmas—ever?

Sign up at DynamicCatholic.com/SignUp

Preparing for the Coming Of The Savior, Our Lord Jesus, in our homes, with our families. Youngest lights two candles on the Advent wreath. Dad or Grandpa should help. as it was St. Joseph who brought Mary safely to Bethlehem. Ask the Lord to Give each member of the Family, Friends, and enemies His Peace and forgiveness.. You may want to mention their names. And pray Our Father , Hail Mary, Glory Be. For Conversion of all hearts.
 on Saturday, Dec. 28th, Feast of the Holy Innocence at St. Peter's we will have A Rosary Prayer Service at Noon. Praying for our unborn; families; and Peace On Earth.

LAS POSADAS- Come and join us at St. Joseph Church in New Paltz (34 South Chestnut St.) on Tuesday, December 17 at 7:00 for "Las Posadas". This is a tradition that has long been celebrated in Mexico and Central America. It commemorates the difficult journey that Mary and Joseph undertook from Nazareth to Bethlehem looking for a warm and safe place to spend the night and to prepare for the birth of Jesus. It can help us to remember and be in solidarity with the many families around the world that are also seeking shelter and refuge.

Our "Las Posadas" will a reenactment of that journey and will be a warm and joyful gathering with many different



Latin-American traditional foods and beverages and games for children. This event is sponsored by our Brazos Abiertos ministry and all are welcome.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE- There will be a special Mass at St. Joseph Church in New Paltz (34 South Chestnut St.) on Thursday, December 12 at 7:00 P.M. in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the patron saint of the Americas. The Mass will be bilingual and will be sponsored by Brazos Abiertos, the Hispanic ministry that has been part of our St. Joseph's family for the past few years. A reception will follow in our church hall, which will have many traditional dishes from Mexico. And at 5:00 A.M. that morning, we will have "Las Mañanitas" which is a beautiful ritual in which the Blessed Mother is serenaded. All are welcome Come pay honor to our Mother.

Christmas Crib

"Following a beautiful and firmly rooted tradition, many families set up their crib immediately after the feast of the Immaculate Conception, as if to relive with Mary those days full of trepidation that preceded the birth of Jesus. Putting up the crib at home can be a simple but effective way of presenting the faith, to pass it on to one's children. The crib helps us contemplate the mystery of God's love that was revealed in the poverty and simplicity of the Bethlehem Grotto. Saint Francis of Assisi was so taken by the mystery of the Incarnation that he wanted to present it anew at Greccio in the living nativity scene, thus beginning an old, popular tradition that still retains its value for evangelization today. Indeed, the crib can help us understand the secret of the true Christmas because it speaks of the humility and merciful goodness of Christ, who 'though he was rich made himself poor' for us (2 Cor 8:9). His poverty enriches those who embrace it and Christmas brings joy and peace to those who, like the shepherds in Bethlehem, accept the Angel's words: 'Let this be a sign to you: in a manger you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes' (Lk 2: 12). This is still the sign for us too, men and women of the third millennium. There is no other Christmas."

Pope Benedict XVI



Rosary Altar Society

Next weekend team *two* is scheduled.