



## First Sunday of Advent

**November 29, 2020**  
**Masses for the Week**

Saturday	Jim Fay	5:00pm
Sunday	People of the Parish	8:00am
Sunday	Kathleen Taylor	10:00am
Monday	<i>St. Andrew, apostle</i>	5:30am
	Seldon Spencer	
Tuesday	Joseph Petrozak	8:00am
Wednesday	Evan Fraser	5:15pm
Thursday	<i>St. Francis Xavier</i>	8:00am
	Alice Petrozak	
Friday	Respect Life	10:00am
	Mary Craig	5:30pm
Saturday	World Peace	8:00am
	Christopher Carlson	5:00pm

### **Please Pray for Our Sick**

Fanny Bonventre, Lorraine DeFelicis, Eva Dittmar, Pat Fay, Brian Hathaway, Sr. Maureen Jerkowski, Fred Kimlin, Maureen Krom, Lynne Lazzaro, Mary McNamara, Lucy Padilla, Joseph Papparone, Joe Petras, William Schlosser, Norma Smosarski, Alice Theiss, Thomas Vavrinec, Luisa Walsh

We also want to remember parishioners who are currently in Nursing Facilities. They are: Peggy Knott, Elizabeth LaFera, Rose Sferrazza, Alice Tochterman

**Tithing \$5,880.50**  
**Catholic Charities \$861.00**

### **National Night of Prayer for Life** **December 8th**

Join in praying for the sanctity of all human life on the National Night of Prayer for Life, December 8-9, 2020. We will be united with parishes across the country in prayer to end abortion and all offenses against the dignity of the human person, to make reparation for these sins, and pray for the healing of those who are suffering.

### **A Big Raffle Thank You**

We would like to Thank the parish for once again coming out and supporting us in this very difficult year. We were able to sell 151 tickets this year and had a profit of \$5,000. We have a wonderful parish family and even in the midst of the pandemic you were able

to rally to our aid.

God Bless.

Congratulations to our 2020 Raffle Winners. We thank them for being loyal supporters.



### **\$150 Winners**

Danny Lendvay, Nancy Donarm, Sean Becker, Jennifer Johnson

### **\$500 Winners**

Mary Wallace, Dan McCluskey, Diane Moylan, Karin & Joe Hafner

### **\$1,000 Winners**

Fred Bordenstein, Norma Smosarski

**\$5,000 Winner** Linda Liggan

early bird winners: Dave & Deidre McCluskey, William Galm, Bob Norton & Mike & Gina Sommer

### **Holyday Mass Schedule Change**

Our Holy Day Mass scheduled for Christmas has changed.

**We will have 2 Vigil Masses on Thursday the 24<sup>th</sup> one at 4:00pm & one at 6:00pm**  
**Friday, Christmas Day remains the same**  
**8:00am & 10:00am**

This should help to safely accommodate our parishioners.

### **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 12 & 13<sup>th</sup> 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..

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

### **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.



### **Christmas Gifts**

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 December 17<sup>th</sup>.



**CELEBRATING ADVENT** The season of Advent is a joyous time of preparation for the coming of our Lord at Christmas. It is also a time to reflect on the loving presence of Jesus already among us and within us. The following are websites with ideas on how to celebrate this special season.  
[www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year/advent](http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year/advent)  
[www.loyolapress.com/liturgical-year-advent-activities.htm](http://www.loyolapress.com/liturgical-year-advent-activities.htm)  
[www.ignatianspirituality.com/advent](http://www.ignatianspirituality.com/advent)  
[www.dynamiccatholic.com/best-advent-ever](http://www.dynamiccatholic.com/best-advent-ever)  
[www.franciscanmedia.org/frequently-asked-questions-about-advent](http://www.franciscanmedia.org/frequently-asked-questions-about-advent)  
[www.catholicmom.com/advent\\_kids.htm](http://www.catholicmom.com/advent_kids.htm)  
[www.passionatepennypincher.com/reverse-advent-calendar/](http://www.passionatepennypincher.com/reverse-advent-calendar/)  
And there's also a great (and free!) app called "Laudate" with many resources for Advent and for the entire liturgical year.

**ADVENT MORNINGS AND EVENINGS OF PRAYER** Join Capuchin brother Fr. Erik Lenhart for a series of Advent reflections on Wednesday evenings from 6:00-7:00 P.M. beginning December 2 and ending December 16; and Thursday mornings from 9:30-11:30 A.M. beginning December 3 and ending December 17. Friars of the Atonement at Graymoor. These Advent events are free and for more information and to register for any of them, please go to: [www.atonementfriars.org/events/category/retreats/list/](http://www.atonementfriars.org/events/category/retreats/list/)

### **BIBLE STUDY online**

St. Augustine Church in Highland is hosting an online Bible Study, facilitated by Sean Fitzgerald. Anyone wishing to learn more about praying to Jesus with the Scriptures is welcome to join. Each week, the group will be studying and meditating the Scripture readings for Mass for the following Sunday. For more information and for the link to join the group, please contact Sean at 8457979258 or at [staugusteen@gmail.com](mailto:staugusteen@gmail.com)



**THRIFT STORE** For the best thrift store in the Hudson Valley, visit the "One More Time Thrift Shop" at St. Augustine Church in Highland (35 Phillips Ave ). There are many wonderful items at bargain prices and proceeds go to helping the good work of that parish. They are also receiving many Christmas religious items and decorations. The store hours are: Tuesday and Thursday 12:00-3:00 P.M.; Wednesday 4:00-7:00 P.M.; and Saturday 10:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M. For more information, please call 845-691-7673.

### **LONGEST MARRIED COUPLE SEARCH**

**World Marriage Day  
February 14, 2021**

**The search begins for the  
Longest Married Couple in  
the Archdiocese of New  
York!**



To enter: Couples must be sacramentally married for a minimum of 65 years and reside in the Archdiocese of New York.

The longest married couples will receive commemorative certificates signed by His Eminence, Timothy Cardinal Dolan. The winning couple will be interviewed and featured in an article in *Catholic New York*. Winners are determined by how long the couple has been married as of World Marriage Day, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

For further information, or to submit an entry, contact **Kathleen Crayne** at the Family Life Office at [kathleen.crayne@archny.org](mailto:kathleen.crayne@archny.org) (preferred method) or 646-794-3182.

**The deadline for entries is Sunday, January 17, 2021.**

### **Rosary Altar Society**

Next weekend team *one* is scheduled.