

## Second Sunday in Advent



### December 6, 2020 Masses for the Week

Saturday	Christopher Carlson	5:00pm
Sunday	People of the Parish	8:00am
Sunday	Mary Lavoie	10:00am
Monday	<i>Vigil Immaculate Conception</i>	5:30am
Tuesday	<i>Immaculate Conception</i>	10:00am 7:30pm
Wednesday	Evan Fraser	5:15pm
Thursday	Frank & Ethel Ferry	8:00am
Friday	Paul & Josephine Lendvay	5:30pm
Saturday	Joe & Bridie Reid	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 \$3,170.00**

### **Immaculate Conception**

This Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. Mass times are 5:30pm on Monday evening for the vigil and 10am and 7:30pm on Tuesday. For the National Night of Prayer, we will follow the 7:30 Tuesday evening Mass with Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for an hour and also have recitation of the rosary and prayers for life.

### **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.

### **Holiday 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 December 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>**

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.



### **Prepare your heart for Christmas Reconciliation Monday**

Monday, December 21st, we will celebrate our Advent Reconciliation Monday. The time will be from 4-8pm in the confessionals in the rear of the Church.



### Christmas Gifts & Food

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. We provide the hams and ask for other food items to make a tasty meal. No expired food items, please. Bring the gifts and food **no later** than December 17<sup>th</sup>.

### SHOEBOX THANK YOU

For whatever part you played to fill a shoebox and put a smile on the face of a child, showing them Jesus' Love, THANK YOU!!! Your generosity is AMAZING.



We, at St Peter's, were able to ship 80 boxes to children who may never before have received a Christmas gift. Some of you put boxes together, and some of you donated beautiful handmade knitted items and sewing kits, beanie babies, toiletries, clothing and then, so generous in covering the shipping cost. I wish I could Thank You individually. You know who you are and I am Thanking You from the children. May your Christmas be Blessed, as You have blessed these 80 children, showing them God's Love.



### 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.

### 2020 Mariapolis Luminosa Virtual Nativity Display

The Focolare Movement at Mariapolis Luminosa is presenting their 2020 International Nativity Display virtually. Each week during Advent a different episode will be presented. Visit our Virtual Nativity Display and share this gift with your family and friends. <https://youtu.be/hD27EcYrzdE>

We wish you and your families a wonderful Advent and Christmas season.

For more information, visit <https://www.focolare.org/mariapolisluminosa>

**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.

### 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 study and meditate on Scripture readings for the following Sunday. For more info and for the link contact Sean at 8457979258 or at [staugusteen@gmail.com](mailto:staugusteen@gmail.com)



### 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*

### Rosary Altar Society

Next weekend team *two* is scheduled.

