

**Fourth Sunday in Advent
December 20, 2020**



Masses for the Week

Saturday	William & Elizabeth Zentner	5:00pm
Sunday	People of the Parish	8:00am
Sunday	Bill Welsek	10:00am
Monday	Evan Fraser	5:30pm
Tuesday	Mass for Unborn	8:00am
Wednesday	Frank Arra	5:15pm
Thursday	<i>Christmas Vigil</i>	4:00pm
	<i>Christmas Vigil</i>	6:00pm
Friday	<i>Nativity of the Lord</i>	8:00am
	<i>Nativity of the Lord</i>	10:00am
Saturday	George & Mary Forster	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 Schlossher, Norma Smosarski, Alice Theiss, Thomas Vavrinec, Luisa Walsh

Tithing \$2,836.00

Retirement Collection \$1,301.00

Holyday Mass Schedule Change

Our Holy Day

Mass scheduled for Christmas
**2 Vigil Masses on Thursday the 24th
one at 4:00pm and one at 6:00pm
Friday, Christmas Day
8:00am & 10:00am**

This should help to safely accommodate our parishioners.

Please Remember:

Wear face masks, sanitize hands when entering and keep 6ft social distance



**Prepare your heart for Christmas
Reconciliation Monday**

This 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 Blessings

As we stop to celebrate the birth of our Savior, Father Burke, Father John and the staff of St. Peter's want to take this opportunity to offer to you and your loved ones Best Wishes for a Happy and a Blessed Christmas. We are thankful for everyone's continued generosity to St. Peter's especially in the challenging year that we have all gone through. As always this parish has continued to support and sustain us. We are truly blessed to have such caring parishioners.



Christmas Calendar

Looking ahead into the Christmas season, these are the next few week's celebrations: Sunday, December 27th will be the *Feast of the Holy Family*; January 1st will be the *Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God*, the following Sunday, January 3rd, will be the *Feast of the Epiphany*; and the following Sunday, January 10th will be the *Feast of the Baptism of the Lord*. That feast will mark the end of the Christmas season and Monday we return to Ordinary Time.

**PREGNANCY SUPPORT CENTER OF
Ulster County**

While this has not been an easy year for any of us, the Pregnancy Support Center of Ulster County has held onto the promise in Jeremiah 29, "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you; plans to give you a future." They heard from family social workers, Department of Social Services, and the local Crime Victims Unit. The phone was used for peer counseling, praying, and finding out what baby items were needed. Their stockpile of goods never ran out and with monetary gifts they managed to pay all the bills! In the New Year, the Ultrasound Machine will finally be opened. COVID-19 delayed this but with your help, they hope to move forward. The Pregnancy Support Center is in need of toys for Newborns to Age 2. Please bring to the Kingston Center, 484 Broadway, Kingston, on any Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, or Friday between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please call (845)340-7355.

VOLUNTEERING TO HELP OUR SENIORS The Ulster County Office for the Aging has several opportunities to volunteer and help the seniors in our community. Here are just some possibilities:

- Pick up groceries or shop for seniors who may be housebound.
- Driving for the “Neighbor to Neighbor” program which supplies seniors with rides to doctor visits and for shopping.
- Being a handyperson for a senior who need help with some simple household tasks such as snow shoveling, leaf removal, light bulb changing, simple carpentry, in their homes.
- Volunteers in the “Warm Call” program are given a list of seniors who are isolated or housebound to give them a friendly call weekly to check in on them.

For more information on volunteering for any of these wonderful programs, please call 8453403456 Thank you for your help our seniors need you!

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>

Christmas Reflection

“Let us beg from our Lady to make our hearts ‘meek and humble’ as her Son’s was. It was from her and in her that the heart of Jesus was formed. Let us all try during this month to practice humility and meekness. We learn humility through accepting humiliations cheerfully. Do not let a chance pass you by. It is so very easy to be proud, harsh, moody, and selfish—so easy. But we have been created for greater things; why stoop down to things that will spoil the beauty of our hearts? How much we can learn from our Lady! She was humble because she was all for God. She was full of grace. She made use of the



almighty power that was in her, the grace of God. . . . If you are humble, nothing will touch you, neither praise nor disgrace, because you know what you are. If you are blamed, you won’t be discouraged; if anyone calls you a saint, you won’t put yourself on a pedestal. If you are a saint, thank God; if you are a sinner, don’t remain one. Christ tells us to aim very high, not to be like Abraham or David or any of the saints, but to be like our heavenly Father. . . Humility always radiates the greatness and glory of God. How wonderful are the ways of God! He used humility, smallness, helplessness, and poverty to prove to the world that he loved the world. Don’t be afraid to be humble, small, and helpless to prove your love to God.”

Mother Teresa



Healing After Abortion: Do you know someone who is carrying the grief of a past abortion? There is always hope. The pain and sorrow of abortion does not need to endure for a lifetime. A “Day of Prayer and Healing” offers the opportunity to experience the love and mercy of God and to respond to His invitation to begin the journey of healing the wound of abortion. For dates, locations, and confidential registration, or just to talk to a Sister, please call the Sisters of Life at (866)-575-0075 (toll free) or reach us by email hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org

Mass Openings

Mass is a perfect way to remember your loved ones, as well as your own special intentions in 2021. Just call the rectory with your request at 658-3117.

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



Rosary Altar Society

Next weekend team *four* is scheduled.

