

First Sunday of Advent
December 2, 2018



The days are coming, says the Lord,
when I will fulfill the promise I made to
the house of Israel and Judah.

-- Jeremiah 33:14



Liturgies and Intentions for the Week

Saturday, Dec. 1 - Vigil Mass - 1st Sunday of Advent

4:00 p.m. = Bernard A. Iammatteo (*happy b'day. in heaven*)

Sunday, Dec. 2- 1st Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m. = = Frank Brescia

10:00 a.m. = Angelo Ciaravino (*happy ann. in heaven*)

12:00 noon = = deceased members of the McCoy family
& Mary Bhatia

5:00 p.m. = *Parish Tree Lighting, Caroling & Reception*

Monday, Dec. 3 - Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

8:30 a.m. = for the Palumbo family

**Tuesday, Dec. 4 - Advent weekday; Saint John Damascene,
Priest and Doctor of the Church**

8:30 a.m. = Angelo Ciaravino (*happy ann. in heaven*)

Wednesday, Dec. 5 - Advent weekday

8:30 a.m. = for good health & wellbeing of Andrew Lee family

7:00 p.m. = HOUR OF EUCHARISTIC PRAYER & BENEDICTION

Thursday, Dec. 6 - Advent weekday; Saint Nicholas, Bishop

8:30 a.m. = Lucy Miele

**Friday, Dec. Dec. 7 - Saint Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of
the Church; FIRST FRIDAY**

8:30 a.m. = Connie Garbarino

Vigil of IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BVM

7:00 p.m. = Edward Bauer

Saturday, Dec. 8 - IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BVM

(Holyday of Mass Obligation)

9:00 a.m. = for good health & wellbeing of Maria Concepcion

Saturday, Dec. 8 - Vigil Mass - 2nd Sunday of Advent

4:00 p.m. = Anna Makar

Sunday, Nov. Dec. 9- 2nd Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m. = = Louise Milza

10:00 a.m. = _____

12:00 noon = = Jimmy McCoy (*happy b'day. in heaven*)



Weekly Collections Our Parish Family's Support

Sunday, Nov. 18, 2018

1st Collection - \$2,864.00
Catholic Charities - \$ 932.00

Sunday, Nov. 25, 2018

1st Collection - \$3,317.00
Reserve Fund - \$1,057.00

Lord, hold our troops safe in your loving hands

Staff Sgt. Victor L. Andrea, Jr. - U. S. Air Force

Seaman Daniel Brennan - U. S. Navy

SR Francis S. Cummings - U. S. Navy

SR Michael J. Cummings - U. S. Navy

Col. Jeffrey N. Davila, MD - U. S. Air Force

Lucia Di Simone-Biggins - U. S. M.C.

Ryan Foley - U.S. M.C.

Alvin S. Joseph II - U. S. Navy

Lt. Col. Jay Le Pore - U. S. Air Force in Japan

Prescod Montgomery - U. S. Army in Iraq

Ens. II Steven Pasignajen-Trimble - U.S. Navy/Persian Gulf

Samuel Rios - U. S. Air Force

Darrin Sack

Joseph Somma - U. S. Marine Corps

Lt. Col. Michael Volpe - U. S. Army-South Korea

*Has someone here been promoted, transferred, demobilized,
discharged, retired? Please let us know.*



PLEASE PRAY

*... for those anticipating a
hospital stay, recuperating, and the
homebound in our parish and in our*

*families. Keep this list near the place where you pray each day so that
you remember them throughout the week.*

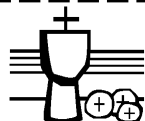
- Anthony, Robert Ballard, Sr., Joseph Bertolini,
- Nancy J. Bushman, Antonia Carlino, Lucille Chatznoff,
- Frances Cirincione, Conley family, Stephen Cucci,
- Ellen Delaney, Maria Erlinger, Judy Forlenza,
- Robert Forlenza, Thomas Galvin, Connie Garbarino,
- Robert Golden, Debra Susan Iammatteo,
- Bridget Kehley, Judy Kempf, Nicholas Kinahan,
- Frank Labano, Dr. Nicolas C. Lansigan, Jr.,
- Louis Matos, Travis Mayhew, George Moresca,
- Delia Murguia, William Murphy, Amy O'Donnell,
- Lee Poyntz, Sharon Poyntz, Carmela Rogan,
- Eulah Ryan, Alice Santamays, Annette Scardigno,
- Louise Stanley, John Vincenzo, Joan Walter,
- Robert Williams, Tom Varisi

*Please let us know if anyone for whom we are praying has
recovered from illness/surgery so that we may rejoice with
you and then make room for others in need of prayer.
Thank you.*

*The Bread and Wine offered
at all Masses this week are presented
with prayers in memory of*

Adolfo Molinary

requested by Patricia Mulligan De Respino





Pastor's Corner

My Dear Parishioners,

We live in an era when calendars seem to rule our lives—the office calendar, the school calendar, the holiday calendar, the social calendar. Not surprisingly, many of us rely more and more on technology to help us keep track of all our various obligations and responsibilities.

The new Church year begins today and the scriptures invite us to pause, slow down, and consider some of our core priorities as disciples of the Lord. Statistics show that, more than any previous generation in human history, we have disposable time to use how we choose. We are not tied to the unrelenting agricultural calendar of traditional farm work or to sixteen-hour days in factories, yet we often feel rushed and over-committed. This all comes down to how we use our God-given time. The readings today declare that God will fulfill the promises that God has made. Until that time of perfect justice, righteousness, and salvation comes upon us we are asked to do four things:

- to be alert at all times,
- not to give in to worry and distractions,
- to pray for strength,
- and to care lovingly for one another.

So, as we prepare to celebrate again the coming of the Savior, think about the stewardship of time. Think back to third grade when we learned the difference between needs and wants, and realize how much the line has blurred between the two since then. Is your calendar too full? Streamline it by looking at it with an informed eye: What must you do and what would you like to do, and how can you put God first this Advent?

Since Advent is a time to enter more deeply into conversation with God, I suggest, if your family hasn't done so already, that you take home after Mass a copy of this year's booklet—Daily Reflections for Advent and Christmas—Waiting in Joyful Hope. We have enough for each family to have a copy.


Keep smiling,

Fr. Jacob




**NOVEMBER
50/50 RAFFLE WINNER**
Miss Theresa Cappelluti
\$145.00

CONGRATULATIONS!



Join us this Sunday for our annual
Parish Tree Lighting
celebration at 5 PM,
followed by caroling and refreshments
in the Parish Hall.

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Tuesday, December 4th
Emotional Freedom:
FACING LONELINESS TO BUILDING CONNECTION
Facilitated by **Grace Conte**
Fee: \$20 per person 7:00 - 9:00 PM

Join us each month where we will learn practical tools to unlock un-serving emotions and long-held attitudes from life's challenges and traumas. We will create inner calm, generating gratitude and practice patience with our process, self and others as we reduce stress by overcoming the emotional negativity that has held us bound.


Monday, December 10th — Meditation Monday
Facilitated by **Grace Daquila**
7:30-9:00 PM Fee: \$20 per person

An invitation for you to be refreshed, renewed and restored. It's an evening to kick back, relax and let go of stress. The evening wouldn't be complete without coffee and snacks. Come journey with others and experience a deeper, exciting person relationship with God.

Wednesday, December 12th — Centering Prayer
Facilitated by **Anne Louise DePalo**
7:30-9:00 PM Fee: \$10 per person

Come pray, be still, and rest in God's presence. Each session stands alone. All are welcome to join at any point during the series.

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INTENTION FOR DECEMBER

Evangelization: **the Service of the Transmission of Faith** **In**

That people who are involved in the service and transmission of faith may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.