



Third Sunday of Advent ~ Decemeber 13, 2015



“Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. ~Isaiah 12:2

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday December 12

8:00am- † Marie & Saverio Micillo

5:00pm- † James & Elizabeth Mooney

7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Sunday December 13

8:30am~Special Intentions to O.L. Guadalupe

10:00am- † Edward & Irene Bienz

11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions

1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Monday December 14

8:00am- † William Burke

12:05pm- † John & Madeline Raisley

Tuesday December 15

8:00am- † Joseph Fortunato

12:05pm -~Special Intentions to St. Jude

Wednesday December 16

8:00am- † Theresa Romano ~60th Anniversary~ Romano & Dellaripa Family

12:05pm- † Michael Contardo

Thursday December 17

8:00am- †

12:05pm - † Joseph J. Scamardella, Jr.

Friday December 18

8:00am- † Joseph Fortunato

12:05pm- † Eva Kendrick

Saturday December 19

8:00am- † Gertrude Lovelock

5:00pm- † William M. Frickenstein

7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Sunday December 20

8:30am- † Dorothy Keenan

10:00am- † Bobby Bienz

11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions

1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions



Mass Intentions

Offered by: daughter, Theresa

Offered by: Linda Graves

Offered by: Gabriel Jesus Ortega

Offered by: Cappucci Family

Offered by: Joe & Joan Fortunato

Offered by: Tony Raisley

Offered by: Joe & Joan Fortunato

Offered by: Christine Diaz

Offered by: Family

Offered by: Theresa Contardo

Offered by:

Offered by: sister, Joann

Offered by: Joan Knighton

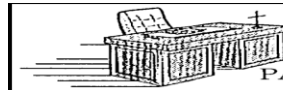
Offered by: Mary Guardiani

Offered by: Hinton Family

Offered by: Family

By: Mr. & Mrs. Louis Carey

Offered by: Cappucci Family



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

“Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice!” This admonition of St. Paul presents a real challenge to us on this Third Sunday of Advent.

Is St. Paul aware of the heavy burdens that many of you bear? How do you rejoice in the Lord when your work does not pay a wage sufficient to meet basic needs? How do you rejoice in the Lord always when you cannot guarantee sufficient food to feed your family? How can you rejoice in the Lord always when you or someone you love is very sick? How can you rejoice in the Lord when you have lost your job? How can you rejoice in the Lord when your child is addicted to drugs or alcohol? Is St. Paul naïve or foolish in giving us this rousing exhortation?

Remember that the life of St. Paul was anything but easy. His life was very hard. His missionary travels were very dangerous whether he traveled by sea or land. His proclamation of the Gospel could provoke a violent reaction. Paul was beaten on multiple occasions and spent time in jail as well. Paul’s mission to the Gentiles also provoked strong reactions from many of his fellow Christians. Yet, despite the real hardships that he endured, Paul could rejoice always in the Lord. Why? Because Paul had a living relationship with the Lord through a rich life of prayer. As a result, Paul knew that he was never alone. Christ walked with him at every step in his life. There was nothing that Paul encountered that was more powerful than the presence of Christ within him. Paul, therefore, could rejoice that the Lord was with him and that with the Lord’s presence Paul could be confident that he would emerge victorious from whatever hardship or suffering that he experienced.

The lesson for each of us is clear, but still not easy. To rejoice in the Lord always requires that we, too, have a rich life of prayer in which we are constantly strengthened in our confidence that Jesus walks with us in our lives. There is nothing that we face alone. Christ is with us. And if we remain faithful to him, he will lead us through the darkness into his own wonderful light.

Fr. Mark Hallinan, S.J.

Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine

Tabernacle Candle

Memorial Candles



Liturgical Minster's Schedule DECEMBER 2015

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Lectors: Linda Graves & Angelo Sabella (*carry Gospel Book*)

E. M.: Linford Smith, Nancy Velez & Angelo Sabella

Sunday 8:30 a.m.

Lectors: Ceferino Albarracin & Maria Oliveras (*carry Gospel Book*) *Sub:* Joan Knighton

E.M.: Delmeter Carey, Maria Oliveras & Samuel Torres *Sub:* Cinderella Wonszewitz

Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Sharley Manuel (*carry Gospel Book*)

Substitute.: Victoria Garay

E. M.: Emmanuel Fode, Beverly Marrayshaw & Dianne Murphy *Sub:* Mariana Zukowski

SCRIPTURE READINGS

These readings are found complete on our parish web page (www.olmcsi.org). Click on "USCCB Daily Readings."

TODAY: 3rd Sunday Advent

Zephaniah 3:14-18
Philippians 4:4-7
Luke 3:10-18

Next Sun: 4th Sunday Advent

Micah 5:1-4
Hebrews 10:5-10
Luke 1:39-45



ADVENT PRAYER with FR. ROSELLI – Fr. Roselli is offering a weekly Advent Prayer series on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. through December 23rd. Persons can choose to stay for the 12:05 Mass.

PARISH RECONCILIATION SERVICE – This coming Saturday, December 12th, there will be a Parish Reconciliation Service with individual confessions at 10 a.m.

BIBLE STUDY – Want to learn more about the foundational source of our faith – the bible? We have classes on select Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 12 noon under the direction of Mr. Colin Voutrinot, our Director of RCIA. Upcoming classes: December 26, January 2 and 23, February 6 and 13. Classes are in the rectory on the first floor.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE: December 24 – 5 p.m. Family Mass, 7:30 p.m. Mass in Spanish, Midnight Mass at Midnight. Yes, we returned Midnight Mass to Midnight! December 25 – 10 a.m. in English and 11:30 a.m. in Spanish.

SPECIAL NATIVITY SCENE AT ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL – From the Basilicata Region of Italy comes a beautiful hand-crafted Nativity scene of stunning complexity that is on display at the recently restored St. Patrick's Cathedral (Fifth Avenue at 51st Street). The Nativity scene will be in place throughout the Christmas season. Please bring your family to see this remarkable display of artistic devotion. Buon Natale!

CHRISTMAS CONCERT- Monday and Tuesday, December 21st and 22nd, at 7:00 p.m. at St. John Villa Academy (57 Cleveland Place). Admission is \$10. Enter the season with this beautiful performance of Christmas classics.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM for HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS – The Venerable Pierre Toussaint Scholarship Program offers a \$2,000 award to high school seniors graduating from any high school in the Archdiocese of New York so that they can attend a college, university or trade/training school of their choice. The grant can be renewed for three additional years, if the student fulfills certain academic and service requirements. Information is available in the vestibule of the church. All applications are due by February 19, 2016. Don't delay!

ABORTION PILL REVERSAL PROGRAM – If you know someone who has taken the abortion pill RU-486, please let them know that there is now a successful method of reversing the pill's effect – within 72 hours of taking this abortion pill – with no harm to the mother or the baby who has been conceived. It is important that they seek help immediately after taking the pill. Please call 347-495-3789.

THIS IS A SEASON OF LIGHT AND HOPE THAT SHOULD DISPEL ALL FEAR! – There is no more toxic combination than a presidential election campaign and terrorist attacks. All reasoned thought seems to evaporate so that we are left with breathless pronouncements that stoke our fears and appeal to our basest instincts. We are Christians who believe that God entered this world in the person of Jesus who suffered, died and rose so as to destroy forever the power of sin, evil and death. This is a moral universe. The justice of God will prevail. Evil and sin cannot thwart the power of God at work in our world. This is our faith. This is the faith we celebrate at Christmas. Now is not the time to tremble in fear but to rejoice in our faith that God is present with us and that if we are faithful to God, God will lead us through the tribulations and trials of this life to an eternal Christmas – an eternity spent in the love of Jesus Christ.

A PRAYER FOR ALL TIME - In our weakness, O Lord, be our strength. In our sinfulness, be to us pardoning love. In our need, be our all-sufficient grace. In our anxiety, be to us both stillness and rest and at all times be to us the fullness of blessing; through Christ our Lord. Amen. *Methodist Tradition*

WEEKLY OFFERING: December 6: \$4,309; Companions in Christ: \$1,505. Thank you for your support of our parish!

GAUDETE SUNDAY - Gaudete Sunday is the Third Sunday of Advent. The Introit for Gaudete Sunday, in both the Traditional Latin Mass and the Novus Ordo, is taken from Philippians 4:45: "*Gaudete in Domino semper*" ("Rejoice in the Lord always"). On Gaudete Sunday, having passed the midpoint of Advent, the Church lightens the mood a little, and the priest may wear rose vestments. The change in color provides us with encouragement to continue our spiritual preparation—especially prayer—for Christmas. For this same reason, the third candle of the Advent wreath, lit on Gaudete Sunday, is traditionally rose-colored. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.