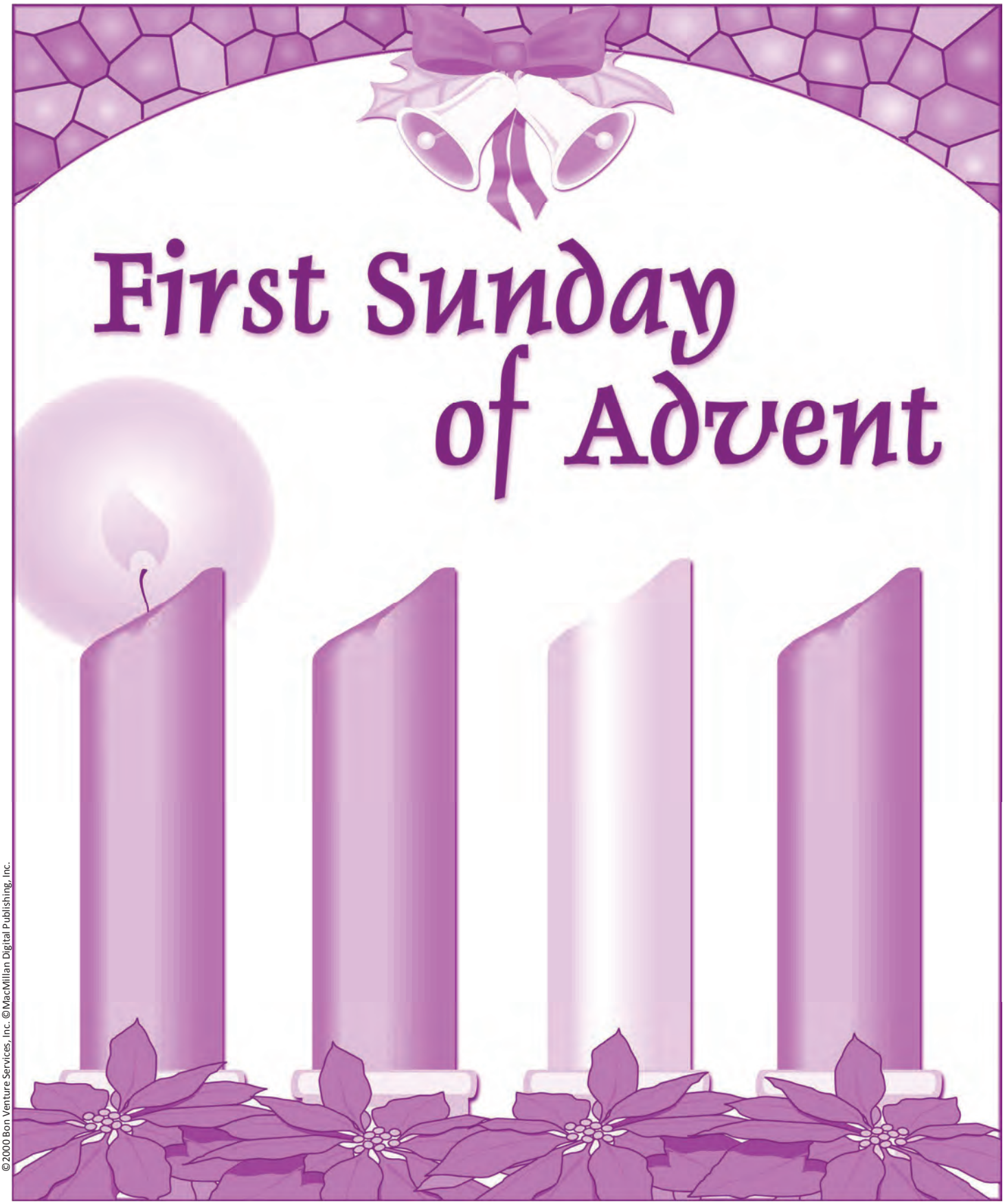

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First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2022

MASSES FOR the WEEK

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH
8:30 A.M. Thomas McDonald
10:30AM People of the Parish
12:00P.M. Patricia A. Bishop
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH
8:00 A.M. AnnMarie Macatician
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH
8:00 A.M. Jack Flinn
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH
8:00 A.M. Thomas Tunstead
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1ST
8:00 A.M. Communion Service
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2ND
8:00 A.M. Marie McDonald Kalb & Bill McDonald
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3RD
9:00 A.M. Francisca Kariyawasam
5:00 P.M . Thomas McDonald
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4TH
8:30 A.M. People of the Parish
10:30AM Paul Smiecinski
12:00P.M. James Nicholl

SCRIPTURES

December 4th – Second Sunday of Advent

FIRST READING: IN THIS BEAUTIFUL PASSAGE, A MESSIANIC PROPHECY, ISAIAH EXULTS IN THE COMING OF THE LORD, WHO WILL BRING JUSTICE AND PEACE FOR ALL. (ISAIAH 11**: 1-10**)

SECOND READING: PAUL REVEALS TO US THE NECESSITY OF LIVING IN PEACE AND HARMONY. HIS WORDS, "ACCEPT ONE ANOTHER, THEN, AS CHRIST ACCEPTED YOU, FOR THE GLORY OF GOD," ARE AS NEEDED TODAY AS THEY WERE IN PAUL'S OWN TIME. **(ROMANS 15: 4-9)**

GOSPEL: JOHN THE BAPTIZER PREPARES THE WAY FOR JESUS. CLOTHED IN A GARMENT OF CAMEL'S HAIR, HE BAPTIZES THE PEOPLE IN THE JORDAN RIVER, BUT WARNS THE PHARISEES IN RINGING TONES THAT THEY MUST GIVE EVIDENCE THAT THEY MEAN TO REFORM. **(MATTHEW 3: 1-12)**

STEWARDSHIP by the BOOK-November 27th

"At an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come", says today's Gospel. Good stewards know that they are accountable to God for all that they have and all that they are and strive to live in readiness awaiting His coming.

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NOTE: Next Thursday, December 8th, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be celebrated at 8:00am, 10:00 AM, and 7:30PM.

RCIA Meeting Tue., December 6-7:15pm in the Rectory. Our RCIA candidates will celebrate the Rite of Enrollment at the 8:30AM Mass today, November 27th.

BAPTISMS are usually performed on the First Sunday of each month at 1pm. To arrange for a Baptism please call the rectory M-F 973-663-0211.

FLOWERS: This weekend's flowers were donated by Jessica Stevens & family in memory of Bill Stevens. If you would like to donate altar flowers in memory of a loved one, or in honor of an occasion e.g. wedding, birthday, anniversary; please call Patricia at the Rectory by Wednesday - 973/663-0211. $75-90.

CYO Basketball 2022-23 games have begun. For more info contact: Eric Hokenberg 973-906-1700 or ejhoke1229@yahoo.com Home Game- 12/4 1pm.

NOTE: ***Gluten free HOSTS available***. Those with gluten allergy please let Fr. Chris know before each mass you are attending, to have these hosts consecrated for you to receive.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CCD Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/olsoslh

NOVEMBER 27th- NO Rel Ed CLASSES

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – K – Grade 5

Sunday, December 4th -K- 5 8:45-10:15am classes
10:30AM - CLOW

MIDDLE SCHOOL – GRADES 6-8

December 4th **- 6:30-8PM** classes

HIGH SCHOOL – GRADES 9-10

December 4th **- 6:30-8PM** classes

PARISH CHOIR FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

We are looking for singers to join us!
Christmas Eve for Carols (10:00pm) Mass (10:30pm).
All voice parts. Adults, Young Adults, Middle & High School.
Rehearsals: Wednesday –1:30-2:45pm Nov.30, Dec 7,14,21
Thursday – 7:45-9 pm Dec 1,15, 22
FINAL REHEARSAL- SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 11-1
Contact: Therese Butler, Director of Music
TEXT: 908-303-9402
E-mail: musicministry.olsos@gmail.com

Please remember in prayer those who are ill:

Santucci Family, Amy Bree, Deacon Peter O'Neill, Mike Dour, Matt Nolan,Eve Birmingham, Carmen Cerreto, Anne Nichols, Jessica Stevens, Toni Ann Valerio, Tom Kennedy, & all who are ill at this time. ***We pray for the deceased:*** William Grelish, Mary Greene, Raymond Padlo, Nicholas Scalfani, Rosa Mendez, Martha Coyle, Thomas Tunstead, Tony Gross, James Dowd, Lois Archibald, Chris Keleghan, Stanistowa Werminska, victims of gun violence,COVID-19 victims, victims of Ukraine war & 2022 hurricanes & tornadoes.

Kate Burns of FOCUS Ministries will speak at all masses this weekend, November 26th-27th. She is a FOCUS Missionary at the University of Delaware, with the Fellowship of Catholic University Students. and can be reached at Katherine.burns@FOCUS.org

THE GIVING TREE:–is located in the statue alcove at the back of the Church. We are asking each family to purchase a gift for boy or girl with a tag marked (boy, girl & age appropriate).**Do not wrap gifts**. ***Deadline – Monday, Dec.12th***. Gifts will be brought to Camp Jefferson for the Jr. Women's League to distribute later in the week.

COAT DRIVE December 3rd & 4th after all masses

The Knights of Columbus in cooperation with our H.S. Students will be accepting new or slightly used coats to be distributed to Hope One, Navigating Hope, Rockaway, & Fr. English Center, Paterson.

Most in need of Mens' XL, XXL,ladies & childrens' sizes, too. Please drop off donations in the Church Hall, & help keep someone warm this winter. For more info contact Kris at 973-445-5476.Thank you.

Blood Drive will be Tuesday, November 29th in the gym 2-6pm. Please Call Vitalant 1-877-258-4825 for more info or to make an appointment. Please eat a meal before & drink plenty of water. **50/50 Tickets still being sold for December 31st drawing.**

Thank you to all who helped with our Halloween Party on October 30. What an awesome event for the children. Special thanks our DJ, Chris D'Amico of D'Amico Entertainment in Succasunna. He supplied the music and entertainment that had everyone moving & grooving. A special thank you to our Halloween Coordinator, Laura D'Amico and her committee Melissa Hayes, Corrine Hecker, Catrina Kunkle and Lisa Prodeline. Laura and our moms with our DJ Chris made this Halloween Party a memorable event, enjoyed by all.
Blessings of Peace, Mrs. Jaye Hedrick and Veronica Hellner.

COME, LORD JESUS

Each year the Church invites us during the four weeks of Advent to remember the long years of darkness before Jesus came as a "light" into our world. Our Advent Wreath is a reminder that the birth of Jesus is Emmanuel, God-with-us, sharing our lives. His life is the "light" showing us the way. It is also a reminder that we must work at preparing our hearts for Jesus to come into them once again.

Our Advent scriptures present us with models for our reflection: Isaiah who yearned for the coming of the Lord, John the Baptist who announced the presence of Christ in our midst, and Mary who was transformed by grace from the first moment of her existence. Like Isaiah, we are reminded to look forward to Christ's glorious return. Like John the Baptist, we are called to recognize Christ's presence among us and our need for repentance, and, like Mary, we are asked to embrace the will of God in order to prepare a place for Christ in our hearts.

During the first week of Advent we encourage you and your family to decide what you will do together to make these four weeks a meaningful preparation for the celebration of Christmas. In the midst of shopping and the hustle and bustle of the holidays, it is important that we take the time to reflect on the ***REAL MEANING*** of this special season. Plan realistically and concentrate on doing one or two activities as well. The whole point is not to allow yourself to get so busy that Advent gets crowded out.

Some family activities might include:

1. Making an Advent Wreath together & lighting it weekly.
2. Choose a Krist Kindl and secretly do nice things for this person during Advent.
3. Invite each person to make a special Christmas tree ornament.
4. Search into your "roots" and discuss how your family has celebrated Advent down through the years.
5. Sit down as a family and draw up your Christmas list. Decide some personal way you might express the spirit of Christmas by giving the gift of "self" out of love.
6. Share your thoughts about these questions:
   a. How would Jesus want His birthday celebrated today?
   b. In the past what has meant the most to you a Christmas?
   c. How can our celebrating focus more on people than on things?
7. Have a family Prayer Service for Blessing the Tree and Blessing the Manger. (there are papers in the back of the church with suggested prayers and activities)

May your Advent preparations enable you to experience more fully the Joy and True Meaning of Christmas.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Chris

2022 Diocesan Ministries Appeal – "One Body in Christ.". With the year coming to an end, many people look to make a final year-end charitable contribution that has a significant impact. Please consider the Diocesan Ministries Appeal which helps so many of our brothers and sisters in Christ. In fact, tens of thousands of people are supported by the work of our Diocese with assistance from the Appeal. All of us can play a part in the Diocesan Ministries Appeal—as either a contributor to the cause or as a recipient of its mission—and all are blessed as a result. Please make the Diocesan Ministries Appeal a priority in your year-end giving. Gifts can be made by check, credit cards, gifts of securities, or online at www.2022appeal.org. May God bless you for your generosity!

THE RETIREMENT FUND FOR THE RELIGIOUS Collection will be taken up at all Masses next weekend, **December 10th and 11th**. ***Give to those who have given a lifetime.*** Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests worked for many years for little, if any, pay. Their sacrifices now leave their religious communities without adequate savings for retirement. Your gift today for the ***Retirement Fund for Religious*** helps to provide prescription medications, nursing care, and more for thousands of elderly religious. Please be generous in this Second Collection.

Thank you to all who supported our Pancake Breakfast on November 13th. Those who set-up, decorated, hosted, and cleaned up. It is important for our young people to see the Parish community come together in support of this major fundraiser for Religious Education. Special thanks go to all who worked hard to make this happen – the Sophomore class & their parents We are also most grateful to Jared Young , our "Executive Chef." Thanks also to Paul Verzi, who purchased all the supplies. The profit was $720 for our Religious Education Retreat & various programs. **Blessings of Peace, Mrs. Jaye Hedrick and Veronica Hellner.**

FOOD PANTRY

open Tue & Thu 11-11:45am & 1:30-4pm.

Coordinator-Toni Tarighi- Items needed: **Condensed chicken noodle soup**, **CEREAL, *TEA***, **COFFEE, TUNA, laundry & dish detergent,** Chef Boyardee pasta, mayo, potato buds, pork & beans, soups, canned fruits & veggies, jelly, **oatmeal,** mac & cheese, gravy, cranberry sauce, stuffing, shampoo, conditioner, TP. ***Fridge/frozen items: Juice,*** **cheese,** bacon, chicken parts, yogurt, butter, breakfast sausage, **frozen veggies**. NOTE: Money accepted for Shoprite gift card donations. **Thank you to everyone,** especially the Kimbles, Sacinos, Bolcars, the Jefferson Junior Womens Club, Terri De Masi & Dawn Johnson for your donations.

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An Advent Prayer

Lord Jesus, Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.
We, who have so much to do, seek quiet space to hear your voice each day.
We, who are anxious over many things, look forward to your coming among us.
We, who are blessed in so many ways, long for the complete joy of your kingdom.
We, whose hearts are heavy, seek the joy of your presence.
We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light. To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!" Amen.

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