

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 4, 2022

Announced Masses

December 3rd, Saturday,

9AM Mass for Anointing of the Sick

For the People of the Parish

4 PM Curtis Sommers by Ben & Kathleen Johnson

Sunday, Second Sunday Advent, December 4th,

9:00AM Christine Roman (D) by Jerry Maldonado

11:15AM Caroline Caskey by Elaine & Mike Foote

Monday, December 5th,

9:00 AM Special Intention by Barbara & John

Donnadio

Tuesday, December 6th,

9:00 AM Catherine Bala (L) Birthday by Fr. RJB

Wednesday, December 7th,

9:00 AM Antoinette Minko by Bettina DelPrete

7:00 PM Vigil For Church Unity

**Thursday, December 8th, Immaculate Conception
(Holy Day of Obligation)**

9:00 AM For Childhood Innocence

Friday, December 9th,

9:00 AM NO MASS

Saturday, December 10th,

4:00 PM Dominik Krzysik by Anna & Ron Meyer

Sunday, Third Sunday of Advent, December 11th

9 AM Thomas Hickey by Roseann C. Paolini

11:15 AM Frank S. Caskey by Elaine & Mike Foote

CANDLES for the Month of DECEMBER

For Andrew Kisela by Lucille Kisela

200 Club

#71 Shannon Heubel

The perfect prayer is the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Why not offer this most special prayer to someone living who is in need of special graces, or those who are deceased in need of special mercy. (Please fill out the form kept at the back of the Church and return it by Mail or put it in the collection basket.)

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Please pray for: Jeanine Poth, Barbara & Vinny Donnelly and Mary Ann, Melita Braun, Betty Ford, Jane Fay, Abigail, David, Jennifer, Shane Kelsey, Anne Suppa, Michele Griesbaum, Lisa Donohue, James Valenti, Kathleen Quinn, Vincent Russo, Aliya Rachlin, Tara Byrne, Bob Einterz, Andrea Fedoruk, Nicky Castagna, Michael and Matthew Mclean, and Samantha. For Our Military Personnel: Vaughn Schlott, Ana Lucia Teran-Stasilli, Arianar Severf, Larry Weiss, Martin Kamen, Peggy Connolly, Mary Ann, Kimberly Chatfield, Isabella Marchese, Ira Glickler, Rose Infantino, Cathy Gerrard, Linda Bozza, Stephanie Freer Greyden Freer, Karen Fullone, Carol Scott, Eileen Hoynes Hope Traver, Louise Smith, Stephen Scognamiglio, Pam Kocher, Gabriella Francesca Maria Paolini, Janice Mutia, Rose Ann Donnadio, Steven & Kelly Spencer, Pastor Linda Bohs, Jeanne Boyar Arniery, Lee VanSaaders, , Grace Garufi, Joe Garufi, Cheryl Novak, Melaina Elms, Neil R. Stasilli III, Michael Jaszczak and Anthony Horecky.

**CONTACT THE RECTORY FOR YOUR LOVED
ONES NAMES TO BE ADDED IN PRAYER LIST**

The Prayer to St. Michael

**St. Michael, the Archangel, defend us in
battle: be our defense against the
wickedness and snares of the devil.**

**May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and
do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by
the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and
the other evil spirits who prowl about the
world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.**

THE MEMORARE

**Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that
never was it known that anyone who fled to thy
protection, implored thy help or sought thy
intercession was left unaided.**

**Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O
Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come,
before thee I stand sinful and sorrowful. O Mother
of the Word incarnate despise not my petitions, but
in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.**

MEN'S GROUP MEETING

Thursday, December 8th, 6:00pm Parish Hall

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, December 6, 7pm Parish Hall

NEW MASS BOOK OPENS FOR 2023

Tuesday, December 6, at 9:45am in the Rectory

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Tuesday, December 13, Parish Hall—1pm to 6pm
Call 1-800 RED-CROSS for an appointment

PARISH CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Saturday, December 17 at 5:15pm in the Church:

Candlelight service with Caroling and Manger Scene

At 6:00pm join us for a visit with Santa at the Parish Hall

Food will be served by our very own Knights of Columbus

TODAY'S READINGS (by Fr. RJB)

FIRST READING

In our first reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah we see the prophet's idealized version of a king, the new Messiah would fulfill. This is a king who governs with justice, and therefore there will be peace in his kingdom. He also has his roots from "the stump of Jesse" (the father of King David) meaning he will be his descendent. When he comes the era of peace will arrive and all the beautiful images of paradise are described in this passage. How we long for that peace in our world today!

SECOND READING (limited space)

In our second reading from St. Paul's letter to the Romans, we hear Paul exhorting them live with endurance and encouragement given in the Scriptures, so that they may have hope! Wise words for us to live by today.

THE GOSPEL

The section of the Gospel from St. Matthew focuses on the role John the Baptist played in the early ministry of Jesus. John stood out to all the people as a prophet living in severe austerity at the outskirts of Jerusalem. People from all over gathered around him to hear his teaching of repentance, and to accept his baptism of water, but he was skeptical of their motives and saw them as people covering their bases—getting baptized just in case John was right. They had no real interior conversion as he proclaimed. However, John contrasts his water baptism with the baptism of the Messiah who will baptize with "the Holy Spirit and fire." He will also judge those who are just and kind, and those who are corrupt and hypocrites. The just he gathers to himself and the wicked are burnt in unquenchable fire. This is still a powerful message for us today; just imagine how it sounded to the first hearers!

SUNDAY COLLECTION: November 27, \$1,477.00

Second Collection: Community Outreach, \$ 432.00

THE ANGEL GIVING TREE

The giving tree is located in the vestibule of the church.

Please take one (or more) of the angel tags home and purchase an appropriate gift suitable to the age and needs of the child on the tag. Please bring the wrapped gift with the affixed angel tag on the outside, and return it to the Church by Thursday, December 15th. Thank you for your generosity!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION @ OUR CHURCH

Our religious education program began on Thursday, November 17th. Classes are held from 5:30 to 6:30pm at the Parish Center. The grades being taught are from 2nd to 9th grade. If there are children needing to receive their sacraments, please contact Anna Meyer, our Coordinator

AS WE CONTINUE OUR ADVENT JOURNEY

By Fr. Richard J. Bretone

As we continue our Advent journey towards Christmas, we are probably caught up in the purchasing of gifts for friends and family. We can be so focused on their wants and desires that we forget our own needs during this preparation for the coming of our Lord.

What would you want from the Lord this Christmas? If you could ask him for anything, what would it be? When we usually get asked this question we kind of mentally freeze and say, well I can't ask him for that. Usually "that" may mean a much longed for new item that would make life so much easier, say a newer car. When this or similar thoughts cross our mind about the material things that could help make our life safer or easier, we tend to be filled with guilt and shame. We say to ourselves: "Who am I to ask God for something like a possession; there are so many people with real problems and lack of things so much greater than I, I would feel terrible asking for anything personally?"

However, why is this so bad to do? Why can't we ask God to meet our every need: "...God will fully supply whatever you need, in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus (Phil: 4-19)." Let us then ask Him to help us in our needs, and our needs are many!

We need emotional peace, which would start with peace in our world, peace and safety in our community, peace in our families and, above all, peace in our hearts!

We need physical health of those we rely on in all the many intricacies of our society along with the health of our co-workers, friends and family. However, we can't forget to include our own personal health in our requests to the Lord.

We need financial help now more than ever, especially starting with those families so stressed by our economic woes. We need an improving economy and we need to meet our bills, and then to improve the things in our own lives that help us function better. For example, a new appliance that is replacing a broken or inefficient one is a need, so if we need help in affording it, why not ask God's help this Christmas? Advent is a time of gift giving. Let us ask God for our every need, then watch how He responds!