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CATHOLIC PARISH

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MEETINGS

Baptism

Instruction is required for all parents seeking baptism of their child. Please contact the Rectory.

Care of the Sick

Please advise us of parishioners who are sick that we may keep them in prayer. We would also like to bring the Eucharist to those who cannot celebrate Mass with us in church.

Confidential Prayer Line

To add intentions call Ellen Calamari at 978-660-3818 or the Rectory at 978-464-2871.

Marriage

Interviews, instruction and Pre-Cana are required. Please contact the Rectory at least one year in advance.

Programs

- Adult Bible Study

Please contact the Rectory for class schedule.

- Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting

Wednesdays at 8:00 pm in the Parish Hall.

- Reconciliation/Confession

Saturday 3:45 pm at the church, or by appointment.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Development Committee

978-464-2871

Finance Council

Chairperson: Gerald Gates (978) 464-5636

Education Committee

(978) 464-2871

Liturgical Committee

(978) 464-2871

Evangelization & Outreach Committee

(978) 464-2871

SCHEDULE/MASSES

Monday—Friday 8:30 am

Saturday 4:30 pm

Sunday 8:30 & 10:30 am

Holy Days/Feast Day 8:30 am & 7:00 pm

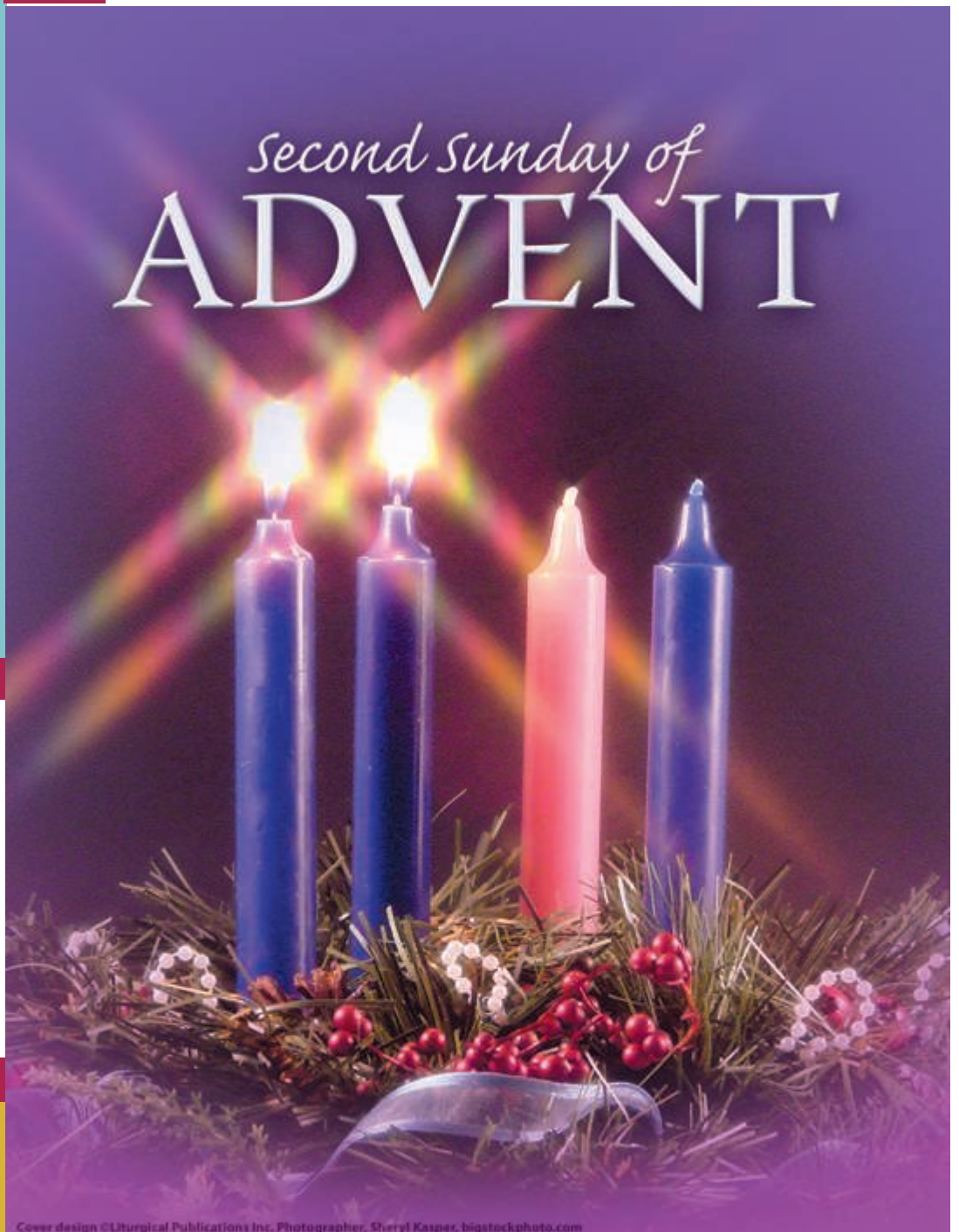
Rev. H. Edward Chalmers, Pastor

STAFF

Parish Secretary, Paula Greeley

Religious Education Coordinator, Sharon Bushway

second sunday of ADVENT



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Your talents are welcome. We encourage you to call a ministry chairperson to find out more about our on-going programs.

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Mass for the Intentions Week

Saturday, December 4th

3:45 PM Confessions

4:30 PM Unrequested

Sunday, December 5th

8:30 AM Unrequested

10:30 AM Steven Desmarais, 9th Anniversary,
requested by his wife Ann

Monday, December 6th

8:30 AM Holy Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, December 7th

8:30 AM Special Intention

Wednesday, December 8th **Immaculate**

Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 AM Edward Goguen, requested by Anita
and Gino Masciari

7:00 PM Unrequested

Thursday, December 9th

8:30 AM Unrequested

Friday, December 10th

8:30 AM Unrequested

Saturday, December 11th

3:45 PM Confessions

4:30 PM Unrequested

Sunday, December 12th

8:30 AM Unrequested

10:30 AM Pete Mongeau, 1st Anniversary,
requested by the Family

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sunday, December 5th: Grades 1-6 Students
will have class from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m.

Congratulations to our newly confirmed:



Adrian Timothy Curtis
Juan Carlos Julian Contreras
Sophie Cecilia Farr
Catherine Antonia King
Abigail Cecilia Martin
Ashlyn Maria Witt
Paul Francis Zgurzynski

They received the Sacrament of Confirmation
Saturday, December 4th, at St. Paul's Cathedral in
Worcester.

Dear Prince of Peace Parish,

We thank you for making our bake sale a big
success. We raised \$316 to benefit students in
Haiti.

Gratefully,

The 7th & 8th grade CCD Class.

Second Sunday Of Advent December 5, 2021

Dear Friends,

In the second reading for the Second Sunday of Advent this year taken from St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians, he wrote, "Brothers and Sisters: I pray always with joy in my every prayer for all of you because of your partnership for the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus." St. Paul continued, "God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value, so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God."

These inspiring words from this holy apostle can encourage us to embrace the love of Jesus and be his faithful disciple. St. Paul related his own love for Jesus while challenging the people of Philippi to prepare themselves for the Lord.

On this Second Sunday of Advent, may a spirit of repentance fill our hearts. In hope, may we believe that we can be faithful to God. Through the discipline of devoted prayer, regular worship and acts of charity, we can prepare our souls for Jesus. Again, attend the Holy Eucharist often and be willing to receive the Sacrament of Penance. By our encounter with God's love through the Sacraments, we can remain focused upon God's sacred presence within our lives. As we continue to deal with the effects of Covid-19, may we not allow this pandemic to weaken our belief in God.

Be well and be safe!

God's love and prayers always,

Fr. Ed

Lessons and Carols

Assumption University will offer its annual Service of Lessons and Carols on **Thursday, Dec. 9, at 7:30 pm** in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit. Guests from off campus are asked to complete the form at form.jotform.com/212026475293050 by Dec. 6 to request a campus access pass. The one hour service will include scripture, music and prayer. All are welcome.

HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE

Madison Witt will be conducting a Holiday Toy Drive to benefit **Why Me & Sherry's House** in Worcester for children with cancer. The donation drop off will be **Saturdays 10am-12pm** at the bottom entrance of the church. All donations accepted until Dec. 18th. (Please do not leave donations at any other time)

Good News!

December 5, 2021
 Second Sunday of Advent (C)
 Bar 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

Many of us grew up thinking that this life doesn't amount to much. It's full of pitfalls and enticements that threaten our eternal salvation. Such disdain often boils over into contempt for the world. According to this thinking, it is only the next life that is important, which will unfold in a much better place. Today's readings challenge such extreme thinking. They assure us that the glory of God is partially revealed to us even within this life. They astound us by insisting that God speaks to us through life's events—events that often appear to be quite mundane.

Baruch tells of Jerusalem, the city loved passionately by every Israelite. This was a city like so many other cities. However, God dwelt there and wherever God dwells is, for that reason, a holy city—be it Jerusalem, Munich, or Detroit. God dwells in our midst, right here, right now. Hence, this imperfect life and this damaged world are holy.

The Gospel situates John the Baptist in the middle of the ancient Near Eastern world. It was a Roman world controlled by Caesar and a Jewish province ruled over by Herod. John stated that it was to that place at that time that the Promised One would come, and it was up to John to "prepare the way of the Lord" (Isaiah 40:3; Luke 3:4).

Most importantly, we must never forget that God took on the troubles and sins of this world and entered our life, making it his life. This is the real reason that this world is holy.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

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CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Traditionally, funds for Christmas Flowers have been donated as a memorial for friends and relatives, or as a family gift. If anyone wishes to make an offering in memory of a loved one or as a gift, please fill out the form below and put it in the collection basket or mail it in.

Name/s of those remembered: _____

Your name (if you wish): _____

Amount: \$ _____



Again this year, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, we are not hanging gift tags for the boys at Nazareth Home. In order to provide for the children, we will be donating gift cards for each of the boys, as we did last year. If you would like to make a donation, please mail it to P O Box 305 (**payable to Prince of Peace**), drop it by the rectory, or drop it in the collection basket. *Please be sure to indicate that the donation is for the Nazareth Home for Boys.*

However, **there are tags on the tree for the Seminarians.** If you would like to help the seminarians, please take a tag, purchase a gift card, and mail it in the attached envelope.

Thank you again for your generosity.



The collection for the weekend of November 20-21, 2021, was as follows:

Monthly	\$ 25.00
Maintenance	\$ 21.00
Energy costs	\$ 40.00
Cath. Camp. Human Dev.	\$ 100.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 15.00
Regular collection	\$1,192.00
Total Collection:	\$1,393.00

The collection for the weekend of November 20-21, 2021, was as follows:

Monthly	\$ 500.00
Maintenance	\$ 90.00
Christmas flowers	\$ 25.00
Regular collection	\$1,318.00
Total Collection:	\$1,933.00