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| **St. Aloysius, Gate of Heaven & Sacred Heart Church**  **THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 13, 2020.** | |
| [Image result for cross pictures](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saint_Thomas_Christian_cross)  **Parish Staff**  Rev. Edward Bader, Administrator  Rev. Antony David MMI  **Trustees**  Ms. Jane Ryan  Mr. Andrew Carlson  **Religious Education**  **Youth Activities**  Mrs. Mary Davis  **Parish Council Chairperson**  Mr. Michael Park    . | 22 Church Street, PO Box 206  Livingston Manor, NY 12758.  [**Tel: 845-439-5625**](Tel:845-439-5625)  [st.aloysius@hotmail.com](mailto:st.aloysius@hotmail.com)  [www.staloysiuschurch.org](http://www.staloysiuschurch.org)  **ONLINE GIVING**  [https://staloysiuschurch.weshareonline.org](https://staloysiuschurch.weshareonline.org/)  **Mass Schedule**  **Saturday** 4:00 PM St. Aloysius  **Saturday** 5:30 PM Sacred Heart Church  ( **July 4th to Labor day)**  **Sunday** 9:00 AM St. Aloysius  11:00 AM Gate of Heaven  **Weekday**  **M TO S**  8:15 AM St. Aloysius  **Adoration**  **M/T/F** 7:30 to 8:15 AM  **Friday** 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM  **Holy Day of Obligation**  Holy Eve: 5:30 PM Gate of Heaven Holy Day: 9:00 AM St. Aloysius  7:00 PM St. Aloysius  **Sacraments**  **Confession**: Before all masses.  **Baptism**: Call the rectory to make arrangements.  **Marriage**: Call the rectory to schedule your  Wedding and pre-Cana classes  **Pastoral Visitation**  When confined at home, please call the rectory to arrange for a visit and Holy Communion. Please call the rectory if you are facing surgery or hospitalization and would like the Sacrament of the Sick. |

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| **Reflections on Sunday’s Readings**  **Scripture lessons:** The Prophet Isaiah, in the first reading, encourages the Jewish exiles returning from Babylon to rejoice because their God, Yahweh, is their strong Guide, Provider and Protector. Today’s Gospel tells us that John the Baptist came to bear witness to Jesus as the Light of the world. The Baptizer wants all the Jews to rejoice because the long-expected Messiah, as the light of the world, will remove the darkness of sin from the world. We rejoice at the humility of John the Baptizer, who tells the Sanhedrin members challenging him that he is unworthy even to become the slave of Jesus the Messiah. We also rejoice in the sincerity and commitment of John who spent himself completely in preparing people for the long-awaited Messiah. We have an additional reason to rejoice because, like John the Baptizer, we, too, are chosen to bear witness to Christ Jesus, the Light of the world.  **Life message:**1) We need to bear witness to Christ the Light. Our mission, as brothers and sisters of Christ and members of his Church, is to reflect Christ’s Light to others, just as the moon reflects the light of the sun.  It is especially important during the Advent season that we reflect Christ’s sharing love and his unconditional forgiveness through our lives.  There are too many people who live in darkness and poverty, and who lack real freedom because of their evil addictions and bad choices. There are others who are deafened and blinded by the cheap attractions of the world.  Many others feel lonely, unwanted, rejected, and marginalized. Let us bring the true Light of Christ to illumine the lives of all these brothers and sisters during this Advent season through our sharing love, overflowing mercy, unconditional forgiveness, and humble service. We will be able to accomplish this witnessing mission of radiating Christ’s Light only by repenting of our sins, asking God’s pardon every day, and by renewing our lives through our daily prayers, by frequenting the Sacrament of Reconciliation.    PARISH MISSION STATEMENT  As a parish, we strive to bring our communities of Catholic Christians together, as we have for over 100 years, by loving and serving God and Each other through Worship, education and service. | |
| **MASS INTENTIONS: Dec 12 - Dec 20, 2020** | |
| **Saturday, Dec 12**  8.15 AM- Unborn  4.PM- | **Sunday, Dec 13**  9:00 AM- John W. Galligan  **Tues. Dec 15**  8.15. AM Dorothy Conigliaro(Birthday)  **Fri. Dec 18**  8.15 AM- Catherin Miller(Birthday)  **Sunday, Dec 20**  9:00 AM John W. Galligan  11:00.AM- Jack Yelle |
| **Mon, Dec 14**  9. AM - Mary Snow(Birthday)  **Wed Dec 16**  **8.15 AM-** Henry Mrowka  **Thurs, Dec 17**  8.15. A.M- Boleslaw & Teodozja Przyborowski  **Saturday, Dec 19**  8.15 AM- Afi Kocher(Birthday)  4.PM- |

**Closing of the Gate of Heaven Church at Roscoe for Winter**

**Dear Parishioners,**

The Parish council has decided to close Gate of Heaven Church at Roscoe for winter considering safety of the elderly people. The Church will be closed after Christmas Eve mass and open on Palm Sunday. If you have any different opinion regarding this, feel free to contact the following Parish council members. They are ready to listen to you.

**Mr. Mike Park (845-699-4557), Ms. Jane Ryan (607-498-4326)845),**

**Mr. Andrew Carlson (845-796-8829) and Mr. Chris Tuleweit (845-701-9418).**

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**COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY**

Is in need of spaghetti sauce, soup, tuna fish andjelly.

**NOTE. Free will offering is accepted for the mass offered. There is no fixed stipend.**

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK & DECEASED**

**For the Sick:** Joni & Vinny Salvatore, Colleen & Jerrilynn O’Neil; Nora Fernandez,; Laurie & William McMichael, Carol Faughn, Christopher Merklin, Robert Ackerly, Sr. Grace, Maureen Connolly, Dave Tucker, Shannon Bruning, Patty Lewis, Lynne Hyzer, Beth Marie Martin, Erma Carlson , Jim Wilbur, Dom Formato, Darren Steele, Jonell Dalton, Easton Gorr. Joe Salvia. Joe & Linda Mchugh, Jerry & Roe Mills, Ken & Arsenia Mchugh, Deniese Harting, Maureen Molloy, Frank Kinsley, Mary Jones, Carl Diane Rafi, Walter Hanewich, David Porter and David, Gina Teipelke.

**For the Deceased**: John Augusta, Max Evans, Mildred Irace, Paula Jordan, Bernard Greenthal, Vivian Kocher, Raimondo Aiello , Maria Sander, Cesaria Rodriguez Vega, Raymond Aiello, Janice Aracci, Msgr. John Ruvo, Carrie Molinari, Joe Wood , Marcella Babich and Joseph F.Mlcoch.

**Season of Advent**

Season of advent is season of preparation. Four weeks of advent is given to us for preparing to welcome child Jesus in our hearts. Let us together pray, do repentance to make ourselves clean and some good works.

**Mass Attendance for last week**

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| **Place** | **Time** | **Number of people attended** |
| St.Aloysius Church | 4. PM - Saturday | 12 |
| St.Aloysius Church | 9.AM - Sunday | 16 |
| Gate of Heaven | 11.AM- Sunday | 14 |
|  | **Total** | **42** |

**BIBLE STUDY**

Good Soil Bible Study Group will

meet this week. 4.00 PM on Tuesday at o Rectory.

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**Readings for Next Sunday**

**2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12,**

**Romans 16:25-27**

**Luke 1:26-38**

**Collection for Last Week.**

**First Collection: $1602**

**Holy Day: $210**

Thank you.

**Mass Schedule**

**for Christmas**

**Dec 24- Christmas Eve**

5.00 PM- St. Aloysius

7.00 PM- Gate of Heaven

**Dec 25- Christmas**(Midnight mass)

12.AM- St. Aloysius

**Dec 25-Christmas Day**

11.AM- St.Aloysius

**Note: Only Christmas Eve mass at St. Aloysius (5.00 PM) needs reservation. It is not applicable for other masses.**