

Vigil November 26th

5:15 pm Emil Motl

Sunday November 27th (First Sunday of Advent)

8:00 am Rudolph Giunta

9:30 am Eugene & Fred Rodriguez (St. Joseph's)

11:15 am Johnny DeSimone

1:00 pm Sigifredo Camacho (Sp)

Monday November 28th

12:15 pm José Miguel Castillo

Tuesday November 29th

12:15 pm Louis Dambrosio

Wednesday November 30th (St. Andrew)

12:15 pm Int. of Jason Vargas

Thursday December 1st

12:15 pm Walter Kroeger

7:00 pm (Sp)

Friday December 2nd

11:00 am Holy Hour

12:15 pm Liv. & Dec. Mem. of Marty's

7:00 pm Sagrada Familia (Sp)

Saturday December 3rd (St. Francis Xavier)

8:30 pm Georgios Astras

Vigil December 3rd

5:15 pm Doris & Constantine Morgiewizz

Sunday December 4th

8:00 am Jordan & Shiells Fam.

9:30 am **Family Mass**

9:30 am Alfred Walters (St. Joseph's)

11:15 am Tanya Bolotnick

1:00 pm Blanca Herrera & Teresa Retana (Sp)

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sundays at 7:30 am Rosary (English)

Mondays at 7:00 pm Holy Hour (English)

Thursdays at 6:00 pm Holy Hour (Spanish)

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Is 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

Monday November 28th

Is 4:2-6; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday November 29th

Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday November 30th

Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22

Thursday December 1st

Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday December 2nd

Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31

First Saturday December 3rd

Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

BRIEF SYNOPSIS OF SUNDAY READINGS

Pierwsze czytanie: Izajasz 2:1-5

Słowa Izajasza wzywają wszystkich ludzi do porzucenia wojny i życia w pokoju na zawsze. Ton osiąga punkt kulminacyjny w słowach: "Jeden naród nie podniesie miecza przeciwko drugiemu ani nie będą się znowu szkolić do wojny".

Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14

Paul invites us to put away all the things of darkness and sin and to prepare for the coming of Christ.

Evangelio: Mateo 24:37-44

Se hace una comparación entre la destrucción causada por el diluvio en tiempos de Noé y la necesidad de estar preparados para la segunda venida de Cristo. "Debes estar preparado de la misma manera. El Hijo del Hombre viene en el momento menos pensado".

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

by Rev. William J. Reilly

"You know the time in which we are living, It is now the hour for you to wake from sleep, for our salvation is closer than when we first accepted the faith. The night is far spent; The day draws near. Let us cast off the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. Rather, put on the Lord Jesus..."

We have heard this message constantly as we begin the season of advent. What does it take to make sure that we respond? Consider the horrible events of the past year. Mass shootings, innocent lives lost, families shattered by violence, war, and invasions since February, hate and indifference. They are not just distant happenings, they affect us.

This advent is our wake up call, asking us to consider what we do to contribute to the mess, and more importantly, what we will do to confront this reality. It is through the presence of Christ, the Prince of Peace that change can come. It is through our personal response to make change in our own lives, that there can be positive change for others. May these few weeks be profitable for us all.

JESSE TREE

Our yearly "Jesse Tree" is available and decorated with the Child Wish Ornaments. Please take the ornament, buy the gift and place the ornament taped to the gift. **Gifts must be returned by Dec. 14th. (Gift must be NEW)** Thank you.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Our **Christmas Pageant** is **Sunday, Dec. 4th, at 3:30 pm** in the Church. Please join us as the children of our parish remind us of what Christmas is all about.

SANCTUARY CANDLE AND WINE & HOST MEMORIALS

If you would like to memorialize the **Sanctuary Candle** or the **Wine & Hosts** in honor of a loved one, please call the rectory during office hours. The memorial for the **Wine and Hosts** is \$20 for two weeks and the memorial for the **Sanctuary Candle** is \$15 for one week. The names of those that they are in honor of will appear in that week's bulletin.

OFFERTORY GIFTS

If you have had a Mass said for someone that you know, or if someone had one said for one of your loved ones and you would like to bring up the offertory gifts of bread and wine during that Mass, please let us know. Just tell the priest or one of the ushers before Mass begins.

ADVENT WREATHS

Traditionally, Advent wreaths are made of a circle of evergreen branches and four candles, representing the four weeks of Advent. Ideally, three candles are purple, and one is rose, but white candles can also be used.

The purple candles symbolize the prayer, penance, and preparatory sacrifices and good works undertaken at this time. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday, when the priest also wears rose vestments at Mass; Gaudete Sunday is the Sunday of rejoicing, because the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent, when their preparation is now half over, and they are close to Christmas. The rose color comes from blending the liturgical colors of purple, for Advent and white, for Christmas.

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT: HOPE

Today is the first **Sunday of Advent**, the Sunday in which we recall the hope we have in Christ. The prophets of Israel all spoke of the coming of Christ, of how a savior would be born, a king in the line of David. They spoke of how he would rule the world wisely and bless all nations.

As followers of Christ, we await his return. We light this candle to remember that as he came to us humbly in the manger at Bethlehem and gave light to the world. He is also coming again in power to deliver his people. We light this candle to remind us to be alert and to watch for His return.

Let us pray – Loving God, we thank you for the hope you give us. Help us prepare our hearts for the Lord's coming. Bless our worship. Help us live holy and righteous lives. We ask this in the name of the one born in Bethlehem, Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR COMMUNITY:

James William, Susanne, Dilan Dominguez Chabla, Candido Vera, Madelina Grace Bolduc, Bianca Arena, Joseph Gurrieri, Mercedes Padilla, Steve Brighton, Marynel Gajunera, Abigail Cortes, Kasandra Mendoza, Moraima Cabral, Jeremias Reyna, Moises Curtis, Frank Citera, Barbara Ann, Therese Gregory-Slutsky, Chris Schwarz, Victoria Hollifield, Peggy Kennedy, Robert Rothermel, Jaime Vargas, Enid Imperato, Jane Cuttita, Victor Hernández, Jr., Yolanda Gomez, Gerard Hammel, LeAnn Lamberti, Janet Rojas, Gloria Panahon, Domenick Filippone, Maureen Daley, Andrew Slusarski, Sarah Malavasic, Amanda May, George Matisko, Charles Schwamberger, Ana María Terrero, Nelly Rodriguez Brown, Kim Kroeger, Eulalia Jiménez, Jerry Cannon, Christine Mascara, Michel Aptner, Carmen Iris Torres, Steven Slakovits, Catherine, Martha Algaze, Luke Tursi, Wayne VanderMeulen, Joel Rivera, Marge Console, María Vargas, Nelson Rodriguez, Emmanuel Rodriguez, and Wendy McCullough. **“And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up”.** James 5:15.



WHAT IS ADVENT?

Today we begin the liturgical season of Advent. What does that mean for us? Sadly, for many people it means that we only have so many shopping days left until Christmas. We actively participate in the season of Lent by making a sacrifice as we prepare for Easter, but Advent seems to get lost in all of the hustle and bustle of these busy days between Thanksgiving and Christmas. There is so much to do: shopping for, wrapping and maybe mailing gifts; cards to be written; meals to be planned and cooked; trees to be decorated, along with the rest of the house; and so much more. If we didn't see the Advent Wreath in church and the purple vestments on the priest, we might not even realize that anything was different.

All of those things that I just mentioned are good things. They have meaning and they bring a sense of joy with them. But in doing them, we have to try not to forget to also experience the spiritual aspects of what this important season is supposed to bring us.

The word, Advent, comes from the Latin “ad-venire” which means “to come to”. It is the beginning of our new Liturgical year and encompasses the four Sundays and weekdays leading up to the celebration of Christmas.

The Advent season is a time of preparation for the coming of Jesus, but not just at His birth. Yes, of course we look to celebrate the coming of God, as man 2000 years ago as Jesus came into the world. But another aspect of the season is to prepare for the second coming of Christ. Not that we should be running around worrying about when the end of the world will come, but the readings at the beginning of Advent point us in that direction. It is something that we should prepare for. Not by building a bomb shelter or stocking up on food and other supplies, but by trying our best to be spiritually strong and focused on our Faith.

And there is a third coming of Jesus that Advent calls us to think about...today. He wants to be a part of our lives every day and so we should take some extra time during this important season to, not only allow Jesus into our lives, but to invite Him to be with us.

There is certainly a lot to do over the next four weeks and I know that you aren't looking to add anything else but try to take some time for yourself and God. Maybe you can join us at Mass once a week (or more) in addition to Sunday. Or, you can commit to reading some Scripture on a regular basis. If you haven't already done so, please sign up for Formed.org. It is a website that offers programs on Advent, Bible Studies, Spiritual movies and books and so much more. Our parish subscribes to it, so it is free for you. When you go to the website sign up “as a parishioner” and then look for our parish, St. Peter in Monticello, NY. Put in your email and create a password and you're ready to go. The content is all very well done and I know everyone can find something there that will interest them.

What is Advent? It is a time for us all to grow closer to God. Why not give yourself an early Christmas gift and start doing just that.