

**Vigil December 3<sup>rd</sup>**

5:15 pm Doris & Constantine Morgiewicz

**Sunday December 4<sup>th</sup> (Second Sunday of Advent)**

8:00 am Jordan & Shiells Fam.

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

9:30 am **Family Mass**

11:15 am Tanya Bolotnick

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

**Monday December 5<sup>th</sup>**

12:15 pm Int. of Carmen Martínez

**Tuesday December 6<sup>th</sup>**

12:15 pm 1<sup>st</sup> Ann. Felix Vázquez

**Wednesday December 7<sup>th</sup> (St. Ambrose)**

12:15 pm Ralph Savarese

5:15 pm

**Thursday December 8<sup>th</sup> (The Immaculate Conception of BVM)**

9:30 am

12:15 pm Paula Maloney

5:15 pm

7:00 pm Int. of Francesca & Mayra León (Sp)

**Friday December 9<sup>th</sup> (St. Juan Diego)**

12:15 pm John Savarese

7:00 pm (Sp)

**Saturday December 10<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 pm Janeth Quintero

**Vigil December 10<sup>th</sup>**

5:15 pm Emil Motl

**Sunday December 11<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 am Rupp & Taggart Fam.

9:30 am Nanette Gurrieri (St. Joseph's)

11:15 am Marianna & Jon Lewandowski

1:00 pm Jose Alfonso Vaca (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)**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - DECEMBER 4<sup>th</sup>**

Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

**Monday December 5<sup>th</sup>**

Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26

**Tuesday December 6<sup>th</sup>**

Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14

**Wednesday December 7<sup>th</sup>**

Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30

**Thursday December 8<sup>th</sup>**

Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

**Friday December 9<sup>th</sup>**

Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19

**Saturday December 10**

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

**MEMORIALS**

The **Sanctuary Candle** from **December 4<sup>th</sup> through December 17<sup>th</sup>** will be in loving Memory of Edmund & John Mulvey by Elizabeth Mulvey.

The **Wine & Hosts** from **December 4<sup>th</sup> through December 17<sup>th</sup>** will be in loving Memory of Edmund & John Mulvey by Elizabeth Mulvey.

**BRIEF SYNOPSIS OF SUNDAY READINGS**

**Primera lectura: Isaías 11:1-10**

En este hermoso pasaje, una profecía mesiánica, Isaías se regocija en la venida del Señor, que traerá justicia y paz para todos.

**Drugie czytanie: Rz 15,4-9**

Paweł objawia nam konieczność życia w pokoju i harmonii. Jego słowa: "Przyjmijcie się wzajemnie, jak Chrystus was przyjął na chwałę Bożą" są tak samo potrzebne dzisiaj, jak były w czasach Pawła.

**Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12**

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.

**A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS**

By Rev. William J. Reilly

"Everything written before our time was written for our instruction, that we might derive hope from the lessons of patience and the words of encouragement in the Scriptures. May God the source of all patience and encouragement, enable you to live in perfect harmony with one another according to the spirit of Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and voice you may glorify God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."

As time moves forward through the Old Testament, and we live this advent season, may we live in hope filled expectation of the Christmas to come. Our weary world, marked with violence, war and discord needs the virtues of hope, patience and encouragement, we need the grace of Jesus Christ more than ever.

Our own practice of patience and encouragement can help that distant vision to become real. These three virtues mentioned in Romans are worth pursuing as we too prepare the way of the Lord.'

**FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

**December 8<sup>th</sup>** is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. It is a **Holy Day of Obligation**.

The Mass schedule is as follows:

**Wednesday** December 7<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm,

**Thursday** December 8<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am, 12:15 pm, 5:15 pm and 7:00 pm (Spanish)

**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**

Our **Christmas Pageant** is this Sunday **December 4<sup>th</sup>** at 3:30 pm in the Church. Please join us as the children of our Parish remind us of what Christmas is all about.

**THE ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY**

The Altar Rosary Society would like to thank all who participated in our annual bake sale, either by donating items or purchasing them. Thanks to you it was a great success.

### JESSE TREE

Our “Jesse Tree” is decorated with Child Wish Ornaments. Please take an ornament, buy the gift and return it to the church/rectory with the ornament attached. **Gifts must be returned, by Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>.** All gifts must be new.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR COMMUNITY:

Salome Montoya, James William, Susanne, Jaime Vargas, Madelyne Grace Bolduc, Dilan Dominguez Chabla, Chris Schwarz, Candido Vera, 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, Victoria Hollifield, Jane Cuttita Catherine, Janet Rojas, Peggy Kennedy, Robert Rothermel, Enid Imperato, Victor Hernández, Jr., Yolanda Gomez, Gerard Hammel, LeAnn Lamberti, 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-Perillo, Michel Aptner, Carmen Iris Torres, Steven Slakovits, 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

### NEW INFORMATION FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

The current edition of Catholic New York will be the last. However, the Archdiocese has created a website where you can learn about and keep up with the Catholic news online. It is called: [theGoodNewsroom.org](http://theGoodNewsroom.org). Please take a look at it when you get a chance.

### THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT: PEACE

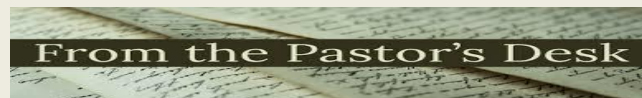
The second candle of Advent is the Candle of Peace. It is sometimes called the Bethlehem Candle to remind us of the place in which preparations were made to receive and cradle the Christ child. Peace is a gift that we must be prepared for. God gives us the gift of peace when we turn to him in faith.

The prophet Isaiah calls Christ “the Prince of Peace”. Through John the Baptist and all the other prophets, God asks us to prepare our hearts so that he may come in. Our hope is in God, and in his Son, Jesus Christ. Our peace is found in him. We light this candle today to remind us that he brings peace to all who trust in him.

**Let us pray** – Loving God, we thank you for the peace you give us through Jesus. Help us prepare our hearts to receive Him. Bless our worship. Guide us in all that we say and do. We ask this in the name of the one born in Bethlehem, Jesus our Lord. Amen

### ENVELOPES CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

“Tis the season”... The envelopes for the Christmas flower donations are available by the church exits. They can be placed in the collection basket at any time.



In movies, TV and even on the stage, there are people who are “in front of the camera” people: the stars, the actors... and there are those who take care of things off camera, behind the scenes: the director, the camera people, those who take care of the scenery and the costumes and all those titles we see as the credits roll and have no idea what they do: grips and best boy and so on.

This week we celebrated the Feast Day of St. Andrew. I think he is a behind the scenes person, while his brother, Peter, was very much out front. Being one or the other isn’t a bad thing because both are necessary. Any job has those who are known and seen as well as those who aren’t. We meet with our accountants to get our taxes done, but we don’t see the person who created the computer program that they use. We see sanitation workers driving around and picking up the garbage, but we don’t see the person who does their payroll. We see salespeople in the stores, but not the person who ordered all of the items that we are looking to purchase.

Although those who are “up front” are noticed, in some ways those in the background are more important because the “up front” work couldn’t be done without them.

At times, of course, we can all be a little bit of both...but I think that most people are predominately one or the other. And we should be happy and content with whichever one it is. Sure, the actors and actresses get more attention. People know who the singer is but don’t usually know the names of the musicians behind them. And the coach and players of sports teams are all well known, but not those who tend to their needs. But they all have a part to play.

Did you know that it’s not just the players and coaches who get a World Series or Superbowl ring if their team wins? Office workers, groundskeepers, announcers, medical staff, ball kids, interns...almost anyone who worked with the team during that year **can** get one, though not all necessarily do. Why? Because they all contributed.

In living out our faith...in spreading the Gospel...up front or behind the scenes...it doesn’t matter. What does matter is that we do what we can. Even the smallest of things...whether they are noticed by a lot of people or not...can make a difference.

### RECONCILIATION MONDAY

The opportunity to go to confession in preparation for Christmas will be available in churches throughout the Archdiocese on **Monday, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>, 2- 4 pm** and **6- 8 pm**. Give yourself an early Christmas gift...and bring a friend.

### CHURCH CLEANING AND DECORATING

Volunteers are needed to help clean and decorate the Church for Christmas. Please join us on **Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm**.