

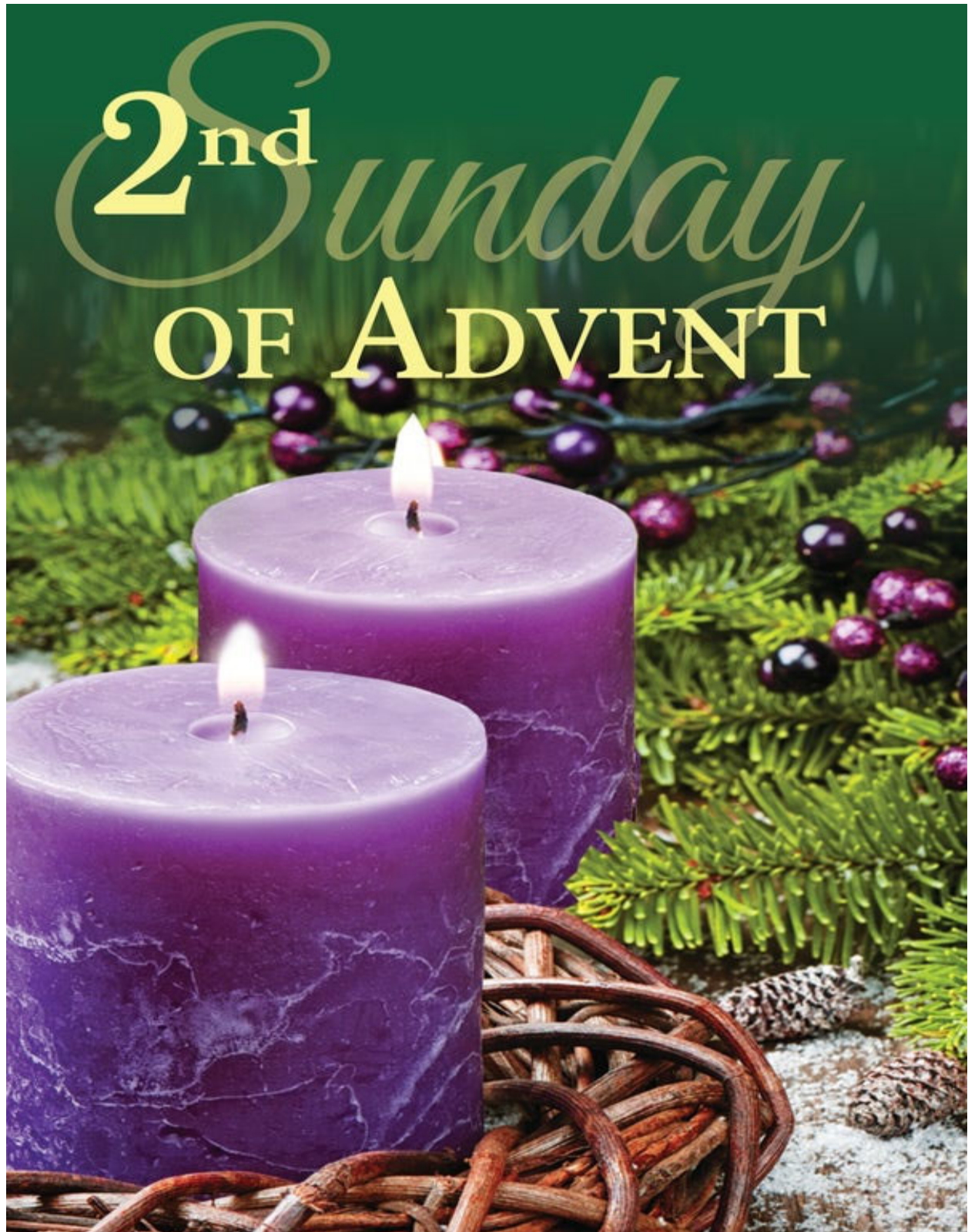


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9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Lunch 12:30 - 1:30 PM
Saturdays & Sundays
Closed



OUR LADY OF MOUNT VIRGIN, GARFIELD, NJ

It seems the early Church had a different view of Advent than we do. Christmas was not even celebrated in the first two centuries after Christ. Easter was the original great feast of the Church. After the resurrection, Christians looked for Jesus to return in glory. They expected this return to happen soon, so we see references in Paul's letters to the "coming of the Lord Jesus" or to the "day of Christ Jesus." So in a sense, the rest of their lives were a long Advent, a time of waiting for the Lord.

In the second reading this week, we hear what Paul recommends for the people of Philippi as they wait for the Lord to return. He prays that their love will grow and mature, so that they will be able to "discern what is of value." This may sound vague, but is very good advice, even for us today.

As we grow to be better Christians, we learn to love what is important. Remember when you were young and loved junk food? As you grew up, you learned to like healthier foods. That doesn't mean that some foods are bad, just that there are better choices. So Paul encourages us to make better choices: friends we like, books we read, how we spend our free time, causes we donate to, and values we teach to our children. For example, it is good to teach our children to work hard and save money; it may be better to teach them to answer God's call and to be generous to the poor. A good way to relax might be reading a novel by our favorite author; a better way could be reading a good spiritual book.

With less than three weeks of Advent remaining, let us ask the Lord to help us "discern what is of value" in our lives. We also await His coming and we have the advantage of knowing that the Lord comes to us in Word and Sacrament. We don't have to wait for the end of time or even till Christmas, so why not try to be ready now?



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FAITHGIVING

December 8, 2024 - 2nd Sunday of Advent

"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..."

Philippians 1:9-10

Glittery holiday ads can blind us to our stewardship values and distort our needs and wants. It is important that during this season of endless buying we remember that each of us also has the need to give back to God and to those that are in need.

SPIRITUAL RENEWAL/EVANGELIZATION

To Evangelize is to live out our Baptism Call! The pure of heart look for the good in others, they are catching a glimpse of God Himself - To Evangelize: *"Blessed are the pure of heart, for they will see God."*

Matthew 5:8

Faith Giving. . .

<u>Weekend of:</u>	<u>11/24/24</u>	<u>12/1/24</u>
Envelopes Received	201	258
Total Sunday Collection	\$2,466	\$2,555
Loose Cash	574	512
Repair and Maintenance	35	1,980
Christmas Flowers	1,291	415
Thanksgiving	256	616

Mass Breakdown - 11/24/24

Env:	5P \$838	8A \$349	9:45A \$347	11:30A \$358
Cash:	120	81	83	290

Mass Breakdown - 12/1/24

Env:	5P \$1,030	8A \$277	9:45A \$257	11:30A \$479
Cash:	111	107	43	251

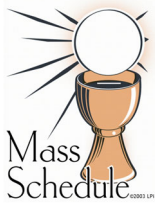


Ornament sale!

After all the Masses during Advent, starting on the weekend of December 7th, we will be selling Our Lady of Mt. Virgin Church Christmas ornaments in the church vestibules. This fundraiser for our church is made possible through the generosity of the Aloia Funeral Home and Jeremy Simpson, the woodworker who designed them.

What a nice way to show parish spirit and support by displaying on your home Christmas tree.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



We are pleased to announce that we now celebrate Mass on Monday thru Thursday mornings at 8:00 AM.

If you would like an intention for these Masses, please come in to the Rectory and speak with Joanne or Renée.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, December 8

- 8:00 AM Gemma Andreolli - r/b Her Family
Lucille Bohannon - r/b The Bertola Family
And All Souls
- 9:45 AM Salvatore LaMonica - r/b His Sister-In-Law,
Maria Geranio
Santina "Antonietta" Lio - r/b Melita & Gino
Ferraro
Tutte le Anime
- 11:30 AM Dorothy Sheridan - r/b Carolanne & Gary Toro
Francesca & Michele Todaro and Settimo
Luciano & Concetta Bordonaro - r/b Rose &
Nick Todaro and Family
And All Souls

Monday, December 9

- 8:00 AM For the Special Intentions of our Parish Family
- 7:00 PM Noreen Borges - r/b Her Family

Tuesday, December 10

- 8:00 AM For the Special Intentions of our Parish Family

Wednesday, December 11

- 8:00 AM Marie Rigoglioso and Living & Deceased
Members of the Rosary Society

Thursday, December 12

- 8:00 AM For the Special Intentions of our Parish Family

Friday, December 13

- 7:00 PM Giuseppe DiSalvo - r/b Maria
M/M LoFaso & M/M Maneri - r/b Maria

Saturday, December 14

- 5:00 PM Fernando Echeverria - r/b His Wife & Children
Antonia LoBelle - r/b Her Daughter Bert
Angelina & Anthony Cangelosi - r/b The Family
For All Souls

Sunday, December 15

- 8:00 AM Luciana Lattarulo DeBellis - r/b Her Family
Rosalie & John Chiarello - r/b Their Family
And All Souls
- 9:45 AM Giuseppe Arrigo - r/b Roberto & Lilia D'Angelo
Tutte le Anime
- 11:30 AM Giuseppe "Joe" Scimeca r/b His Mother & Fam.
Marianne Nitti - r/b Carol & Charlie
And All Souls

Please remember all the deceased of the parish, especially Jaime Ann Tortorici, Anthony William Furfaro and Ann Marie Suberlak.

In Loving Memory...

The Altar Host will be offered during the month of **December** in loving memory of **Angelina Cangialosi** as requested by **Antonino & Maria Benanti**.

The Altar Wine will be offered during the month of **December** in loving memory of **Susan Perrelli** as requested by **OLMV Parish Life Ministry**.

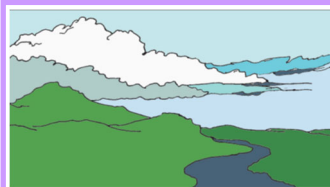
The Altar Candle will be offered during the month of **December** in loving memory of **Dolores & Gabriel Perrelli** as requested by **Their Children**.

The Blessed Sacrament Lamp will be offered during the month of **December** in loving memory of **Dolores & Gabriel Perrelli** as requested by **Their Children**.

The Sacred Heart Candle will be offered during the month of **December** in loving memory of **Salvatore Mastropole, Sr. and Salvatore Mastropole, Jr.** as requested by **Sarah Mastropole**.

The San Pio Candle will be offered during the month of **December** in loving memory of **Josephine "Gisella" Cusmano** as requested by **Salvatore & Maria Ingrassia**.

The Our Lady of Mount Virgin Lamp will be offered during the month of **December** in loving memory of **Emil & Mary Porcoro and Erminio & Rose Favo** as requested by **Frances Favo**.



Second Sunday of Advent

"God has commanded that every lofty mountain be made low."

Baruch 5:7



Matthew Bonvento, Joseph Savoia, Stanlee Palmisano, David Giusti, Sal Milito, Cathy Doyle, Helen Thomas, Lynn Rose, Jill Eberle, Jerry O'Mara, Christopher Kelly, Enid & Vincent Pipitone, Connie Munier, Tommy Briggs, Carol Schoeneich, Maddie Kelble, Suzie & Alberto Furnari, Marge Latona, Beatrice Basile, Mary Villegas, Tiffany Fitzpatrick, Doreen Gai, Gail Staffieri, Andrea Scalera, Jim Steves, Casey Clarity, Michael Barkley, Carmela Cadicina, Alaina Patire, Reno Mayoral, Marie Dolce, Joseph Bullaro, Jr., Robert Uskevich, Nicholas Sirgado, Ann Scherk, Diane Coniglio, Millie Taormina, Stefano Gargano, Melanie Marino, Patricia LiGregni, Bobby and Joe Bordonaro.

**** Please be sure to call Renée or Joanne at the Rectory (973-772-2295), if there is anyone you would like placed on the prayer list. ****



Second Sunday of Advent

About the Gospel: John the Baptist told people Jesus was coming to save them. He shared the Good News of Jesus, and we should too. John gave hope to people. He was not afraid to talk about Jesus' coming and to encourage people to turn away from sin.

Gospel Question: What do the prophets of Advent tell us about God?

Question of the Week: In what new ways can you share Jesus with others?

In Church: Share the Sign of Peace or a smile with someone you don't know.

Family Prayer: Lord, help us to recognize what hurts your heart and have the courage to work to change it. Amen.



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Calendar

Sunday, December 8th

3:00 PM - OLMV Christmas Concert - Church

Wednesday, December 11th

3:00 - 7:00 PM - Advent Penance - Church

Thursday, December 12th

6:00 PM - Rosary Society Meeting - SJC

7:00 PM - Choir Rehearsal - Church



We would like to welcome into our parish family the newly baptized: Anna Parra-Esteves, Kaira Pinoargote-Espinoza, Gino LoCascio, Grayson Lolak, Jackson Stone, Matteo Luciano, Paul Chalifoux, Giana Morley, Carmelo Scimeca, Gianna Mendoza, Leonardo Kelil-Segalini, Myla Tapia, Sofia Pirrone, Colton Alberts, Rafael Talla, Isabella Layton, Donato Clemente, Santino Vanzella, Adam Davila, Bennett Henkelman, Scarlett O'Neill, Miles Criaris, Valentino Sanabria, Gianna Allegretta, Liam Ottomanelli, Giuseppe Murro, Gianna Kunz, Jay Berry, Sonny Harper, Giovanni LoBue, Mia Fitting, Valentina Cedeno, Sebastian Malka, Joseph Hughes, Myra Fiscina, Alenza Vargas, Rosalie Leon, Matteo Roselli, Genevieve Teter, Gianluca Gentile and Parker Calderon. Please keep these children and their parents in your prayers, as they begin a new life in Christ.



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Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

Support those who have given a lifetime. Women and men religious have dedicated their lives to service - praying, teaching and caring for those in need - usually for little to no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Your donation provides for the essential care, medicine and daily needs of thousands of senior women and men religious. Please be as generous as possible.

To donate online, please go to:

<http://retiredreligious.org>

*23th Seminary
Christmas
Concert &
Dinner*



Thursday, December 19 - Redemptoris Mater Seminary
Food at 6:00 pm - Concert at 7:30 pm

Friday, December 20 - Redemptoris Mater Seminary
Food at 6:00 pm - Concert at 7:30 pm

Saturday, December 21 - Redemptoris Mater Seminary
Food at 1:30 pm - Concert at 3:00 pm

Come, anticipate Christmas with the Seminarians,
and support vocations to the Priesthood

Suggested donation:

1 ticket \$50; 3 tickets \$40 ea.; 4-9 tickets \$35 ea.;
10+ tickets \$30 ea.

Checks made out to "Family of Nazareth"



For information & tickets call Fr. Manuel
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Wednesday, December 18, 2024

and

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DECEMBER 8, 2024



Join us
for our

Breakfast
with
Santa

**Sunday
Dec 15th
9:45am-11:15am**

**Register by Dec 1st
Contact Danielle
Text: 201-522-7317**

**Pictures with Santa
Breakfast
Music- Games - Fun- Gifts**

Join us for 11:30 mass immediately following

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"YOU HAVE JUST WON \$\$\$\$\$\$"
WOULDN'T YOU LOVE TO HEAR THOSE WORDS ON
JANUARY 12, 2025!!

YOU MAY, IF YOU PARTICIPATE IN OUR
NEW YEAR CHEER RAFFLE
TAKE A CHANCE! YOU MAY BE A LUCKY WINNER!

ONLY 5 WINNERS

THIS DRAWING IS STRICLY LIMITED TO THE SALE OF 500 TICKETS.
THIS IS A "NEW YEAR CHEER" RAFFLE AND THE WINNERS WILL
EACH RECEIVE 10% OF GROSS PROCEEDS

DRAWING WILL BE HELD ON
JANUARY 12, 2025, AFTER THE 11:30 MASS
OUR LADY OF MT. VIRGIN CHURCH
188 MACARTHUR AVENUE, GARFIELD, NJ 07026

\$20.00 EACH CHANCE
ORDER YOURS TODAY

PLEASE MAKE ALL TICKET REQUESTS BY: DECEMBER 31, 2024
FILL OUT THIS FORM AND SEND TO
OUR LADY OF MT. VIRGIN OR BRING TO THE RECTORY

NAME: _____

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YOUR TICKET WILL BE
MAILED UPON RECEIPT OF
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PAYABLE TO:
OUR LADY OF MT. VIRGIN
A LIMIT OF 500 TICKETS
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IF YOU ARE PURCHASING MORE THAN ONE TICKET,
PLEASE LIST THE NAME, ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER
THAT YOU WANT SHOWN ON EACH TICKET