



BLESSED TRINITY PARISH

Second Sunday of Advent ▪ December 6th, 2020

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE (SATURDAY VIGIL)

4:00 PM ST. ALBERT
4:00 PM ST. BASIL
4:00 PM ST. SYLVESTER
6:00 PM HOLY ANGELS

SUNDAY

8:00 AM ST. WENDELIN
9:00 AM ST. BASIL
9:30 AM HOLY ANGELS
10:00 AM ST. SYLVESTER
11:00 AM ST. ALBERT

CONFESSION: SATURDAY

St. Albert - 12:00 p.m. (noon) until 1:00 p.m.

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SECOND SUNDAY

OF
Advent

A voice cries out:
In the desert prepare the way of the Lord!
Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God!
Every valley shall be filled in,
every mountain and hill shall be made low.

Isaiah 40:3-4



DECEMBER 6, 2020

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MASS INTENTIONS DECEMBER 7TH - 13TH

Mass Intentions highlighted in blue without a time listed are being fulfilled by the Clergy team in private and are not open to the parish.

MONDAY	WEEKDAY December 7
8:30 AM	ST. SYLVESTER
Gail Lese: Maura Sauro Moore	
9:00 AM	ST. ALBERT
Charlotte O'Neill: Gene & Family	
TUESDAY	WEEKDAY December 8
8:30 AM	HOLY ANGELS
Mary Ann Zenchak: Anthony & Gabrielle Bradley	
8:30 AM	ST. SYLVESTER
Charles Paul: Ed & Lynn Lutz	
9:00 AM	ST. BASIL
Marie Kresak: A Friend	
WEDNESDAY	WEEKDAY December 9
8:30 AM	ST. SYLVESTER
Mary Ann Alinsky: Christian Mothers & Women's Guild	
9:00 AM	ST. WENDELIN
Bob Peters: Cathy McGurk	
9:00 AM	ST. ALBERT
Don & Marlene Link: Milius Family	
THURSDAY	WEEKDAY December 10
8:30 AM	HOLY ANGELS
John Valangevicia: Wife, Linda	
9:00 AM	ST. BASIL
Robert Deemer: Family	
FRIDAY	WEEKDAY December 11
8:30 AM	HOLY ANGELS
Daniel Altavilla: Heather Joyce	
8:30 AM	ST. SYLVESTER
Carole, Donna & Olive: Family	
9:00 AM	ST. ALBERT
Joseph & Helen Battaglia: Son & Daughter in Law	
SATURDAY	WEEKDAY December 12
	ST. SYLVESTER
Donald Nolte: Pat Gallagher	
SATURDAY EVENING VIGIL MASSES	December 12
4:00 PM VIGIL	ST. ALBERT • KS
Richard Zolinas: Jan & Family	
4:00 PM VIGIL	ST. BASIL • BA
Lucy Boron: Carol Hankovich	
4:00 PM VIGIL	ST. SYLVESTER • SK
Dorothy Pieczynski: Don & Jennifer Madeja	
6:00 PM VIGIL	HOLY ANGELS • BA
Charles Plinta: Wife & Family	
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT	December 13
8:00 AM	ST. WENDELIN • SK
Ambrose Bachner: Wife & Family	
9:00 AM	ST. BASIL • LH
Living & Deceased Members of the Parish	
9:30 AM	HOLY ANGELS • KS
John Cambest, Jr.: Carol & Dick Hostert	
10:00 AM	ST. SYLVESTER • SK
Dr. Frank R. Cafaro: Dr. Ross P. Cafaro	
11:00 AM	ST. ALBERT • BA
Nicholas Weber: Family	

**THIS WEEK OUR SANCTUARY CANDLES
ARE LIT FOR THE FOLLOWING INTENTIONS:**

ST. ALBERT

Patricia Fruscello
From: Tony & Rosina Zilionis
Living & Deceased Members of
the Tomko & DiRienzo Families
From: Rosemary & Ray DiRienzo



ST. BASIL

Flo Deramo
From: Grand Children &
Husband



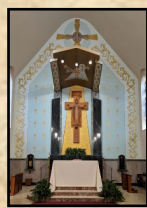
HOLY ANGELS

John Valangevicia
(Birthday Remembrance)
From: Wife, Linda



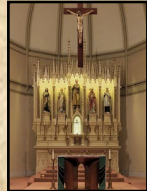
ST. SYLVESTER

Filomena DiCesaro and
Anthony J. DiCesaro III
From: DiCesaro Family



ST. WENDELIN

Buck Bachner
From: Bob & Carol



Blessed Lord, accept this burning candle
as a sign of my faith and love for You.
Like this candle, I am ready to be used in your
service without asking why and to what
purpose. Even as this candle, I wish to stand in
Your presence and to be consumed in the light
and warmth of our Love. Please hear my prayer
and, if it is Your will, grant my petition. But
above all, make me loyal and faithful to You in
all circumstances of my life.
Amen.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP THE WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 21ST & 22ND

SATURDAY VIGIL

4:00 PM - ST. ALBERT:

Regular (Weekly/Monthly)	\$ 932.00
Misc. Envelopes	\$ 300.00
Loose Money	\$ 2.01
Parish Share	\$ 00.00

4:00 PM - ST. BASIL:

Regular (Weekly/Monthly)	\$ 663.00
Misc. Envelopes	\$ 276.00
Loose Money	\$ 12.00
Parish Share	\$ 00.00

4:00 PM - ST. SYLVESTER:

Regular (Weekly/Monthly)	\$ 1,388.00
Misc. Envelopes	\$ 1,294.00
Loose Money	\$ 117.00
Parish Share	\$ 26.00

6:00 PM - HOLY ANGELS:

Regular (Weekly/Monthly)	\$ 765.00
Misc. Envelopes	\$ 199.00
Loose Money	\$ 11.00
Parish Share	\$ 75.00

SUNDAY

8:00 AM - ST. WENDELIN:

Regular (Weekly/Monthly)	\$ 1,539.00
Misc. Envelopes	\$ 790.00
Loose Money	\$ 87.00
Parish Share	\$ 25.00

9:00 AM - ST. BASIL:

Regular (Weekly/Monthly)	\$ 1,268.00
Misc. Envelopes	\$ 344.00
Loose Money	\$ 75.00
Parish Share	\$ 10.00

9:30 AM - HOLY ANGELS:

Regular (Weekly/Monthly)	\$ 745.00
Misc. Envelopes	\$ 275.00
Loose Money	\$ 12.00
Parish Share	\$ 00.00

10:00 AM - ST. SYLVESTER:

Regular (Weekly/Monthly)	\$ 734.00
Misc. Envelopes	\$ 305.00
Loose Money	\$ 45.92
Parish Share	\$ 10.00

11:00 AM - ST. ALBERT:

Regular (Weekly/Monthly)	\$ 1,002.00
Misc. Envelopes	\$ 229.00
Loose Money	\$ 27.00
Parish Share	\$ 00.00

MAIL IN REG/MISC \$ 8,511.00

MAIL IN PARISH SHARE \$ 1,038.00

TOTAL OFFERING \$ 23,131.93

2020 PSP STILL DUE: \$ 114,778.69

*Details about specific collections or questions regarding the
collections can be obtained by contacting the Parish office.*

PARISH STEWARDSHIP
THE WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 28TH & 29TH

SATURDAY VIGIL**4:00 PM - ST. ALBERT:**

Regular (Weekly/Monthly)	\$ 780.00
Misc. Envelopes	\$ 162.00
Loose Money	\$ 112.00
Parish Share	\$ 00.00

4:00 PM - ST. BASIL:

Regular (Weekly/Monthly)	\$ 675.00
Misc. Envelopes	\$ 208.00
Loose Money	\$ 44.00
Parish Share	\$ 00.00

4:00 PM - ST. SYLVESTER:

Regular (Weekly/Monthly)	\$ 991.00
Misc. Envelopes	\$ 116.00
Loose Money	\$ 134.00
Parish Share	\$ 00.00

6:00 PM - HOLY ANGELS:

Regular (Weekly/Monthly)	\$ 384.00
Misc. Envelopes	\$ 107.00
Loose Money	\$ 77.00
Parish Share	\$ 30.00

SUNDAY**8:00 AM - ST. WENDELIN:**

Regular (Weekly/Monthly)	\$ 1,107.00
Misc. Envelopes	\$ 211.00
Loose Money	\$ 200.00
Parish Share	\$ 20.00

9:00 AM - ST. BASIL:

Regular (Weekly/Monthly)	\$ 992.00
Misc. Envelopes	\$ 93.00
Loose Money	\$ 104.00
Parish Share	\$ 125.00

9:30 AM - HOLY ANGELS:

Regular (Weekly/Monthly)	\$ 783.00
Misc. Envelopes	\$ 80.00
Loose Money	\$ 67.00
Parish Share	\$ 00.00

10:00 AM - ST. SYLVESTER:

Regular (Weekly/Monthly)	\$ 1,376.25
Misc. Envelopes	\$ 242.00
Loose Money	\$ 90.00
Parish Share	\$ 35.00

11:00 AM - ST. ALBERT:

Regular (Weekly/Monthly)	\$ 1,281.00
Misc. Envelopes	\$ 195.00
Loose Money	\$ 356.00
Parish Share	\$ 272.00

MAIL IN REG/MISC \$ 17,900.62

MAIL IN PARISH SHARE \$ 1,190.00

TOTAL OFFERING \$ 30,539.87**2020 PSP STILL DUE: \$ 113,106.69**

**Readings for
the week of
December 13th, 2020**



First Reading — As a garden makes its growth spring up, so will God make justice spring up before all the nations (Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11).

Psalm — My soul rejoices in my God (Luke 1:46-50, 53-54).

Second Reading — Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good (1 Thessalonians 5:16-24).

Gospel — I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, make straight the way of the Lord (John 1:6-8, 19-28).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9, 10-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712

Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

CHRISTMAS GIFT CARD OUT-REACH FOR THOSE IN NEED!



We will be collecting gift cards for the needy of the parish and organizations in our area. **This will be in place of the Angel/Giving Tree.** Gift cards to Giant Eagle, Walmart, Target, Kohls, Shop 'n Save, or Amazon can be donated in the collection basket or mailed or dropped off to the parish office. Thanking you in advance for your generous support of the Blessed Trinity Christmas Outreach!

Gift cards are available for purchase through the Script program at the parish offices.



Please remember members of our parish who are in nursing homes, the homebound, the sick and their caregivers in your prayers.

May God's mercy shine on them.

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I was recently asked if Advent is supposed to be somber, penitential like the season of Lent. I told them not really because Advent is a time of joyful but prayerful anticipation of, and preparation for the beautiful celebration of, the birth of Christ at Christmas. It's a time we spend baking cookies, decorating our house, putting up the tree, the nativity set and the outdoor lights. We shop, wrap gifts, and send Christmas cards to the ones we love. Some of us do it joyfully and others become more stressed and grumpy and groan about it.

The more important question for us should be, "How do we prepare our spirits and hearts during the season?" How much time during Advent are we spending in prayer with the Lord to make room for Him in our hearts and homes?

Advent can be a meaningful season to help us prepare for the celebration of the birth of Christ but only if we make the time to prepare ourselves with anticipation to experience the encounter with Christ in a deeper way on Christmas Eve. Some of that anticipation and preparation can be about reflecting on our own personal and spiritual readiness to greet the Lord and welcome Him into our lives. It can be a time

when we reflect back over the past year and seek to reconcile with God for the times we *chose to do wrong or failed to do good*. But how often do we really think about it amongst all of the preparations? Sometimes all of those preparations can cause us to choose to do wrong or fail to do good if we are not careful or watchful.

God came for you and for me because he loves us. Let us be prepared to joyfully love him in return with the clean hearts we prepared for Him this Advent. Let this Advent be a time of Joyful anticipation and preparation to receive Him at Christmas in a whole new way.

Let's respond to the call of John the Baptist by using this holy time of Advent to *Prepare the way of the Lord and make straight his path straight to our hearts by*

"Letting Go and Letting God!"

Fr. Steve

***"At Christmas when Christ comes,
Will He find a warm heart?
Mark the season of Advent by loving
and serving the others with
God's own love and concern."
~ Mother Teresa ~***

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE

2:00 PM ST. ALBERT
2:00 PM ST. SYLVESTER
4:00 PM ST. ALBERT
4:00 PM ST. BASIL
4:00 PM ST. SYLVESTER
4:00 PM ST. WENDELIN
9:00 PM HOLY ANGELS
10:00 PM ST. SYLVESTER
12:00 AM ST. BASIL

* THE CAPACITY OF OUR CHURCH BUILDINGS FOR **CHRISTMAS** IS AS FOLLOWS:

ST. ALBERT.....113
ST. BASIL.....90
HOLY ANGELS.....68
ST. SYLVESTER.....118
ST. WENDELIN.....106

***PLEASE BE AWARE FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR PARISHIONERS WE CAN NOT EXCEED OUR CAPACITY LIMITS DUE TO THE PANDEMIC. IF WE ARE AT CAPACITY YOU ARE WELCOME TO LISTEN TO THE MASS FROM YOUR CAR IN THE PARKING LOT.**

CHRISTMAS DAY

7:00 AM HOLY ANGELS
8:00 AM ST. WENDELIN
9:00 AM ST. BASIL
9:30 AM HOLY ANGELS
10:00 AM ST. SYLVESTER
11:00 AM ST. ALBERT



CONFESSION SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS

This Advent season, Confessions will be held on two Saturdays in December the 12th and 19th at St. Sylvester and St. Albert. We will have two of our Priests available at each location for 2 hours each week to give you the opportunity of confession before Christmas.

DECEMBER 12

11:00 AM–12:00 PM ST. SYLVESTER
12:00 PM —1:00 PM ST. ALBERT

DECEMBER 19

11:00 AM–12:00 PM ST. SYLVESTER
12:00 PM —1:00 PM ST. ALBERT

Our sympathy is extended to the families of:

FRANK BERNOTAS, JR,
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ALBERTA PETRUZZI,
MARY ROBERTS,
AND MARY ZANDIER



*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

Together we welcome:

GRANT THOMAS CUBBISON
MACKENZIE GRACE GRONSKY
JULIAN LEE SCHAFFNER



**Who were baptized into our Faith & Family.
Congratulations to the Parents & Godparents!**

DIAPER BANK @ ST. BASIL CHURCH Distribution Saturday, December 12th 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

You must bring a WIC card, SNAP card or proof of income and birth certificate of each child. There is a registration form that needs to be filled out. You will receive **FREE** diapers and wipes for each qualifying child. We also have adult diapers. **SUPPLIES ARE LIMITED. ALL CHILDREN THREE AND OVER CANNOT RECEIVE DIAPERS.** For more information contact Mary at 412-884-7744.



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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ!

This past week it became very clear to me how isolated people are feeling and how sick of being isolated they are. These are very difficult times for sure. Not only is there isolation, but also the loss of jobs, the uncertainty of the future, and the rising tensions within our country.

There are only two real options. We can either be consumed by the evils and the fear around us, or we can say with Mother Church, Maranatha, come Lord Jesus. We can either fix our eyes upon what we want, or upon what we need. We can place our faith in this world, and we can place it in Jesus Christ our Lord!

Remember all of the saints who were imprisoned and yet remained free? Saint Paul writes his letters from prison. He is not defeated because he is imprisoned. If we keep our hearts fixed on our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, we can be buffeted, but our house will not fall. We can be tried, but we will not give in. We will even face persecution, but we cannot be defeated, for death itself has no power over us!

My brothers and sisters let us remember the Hope that this Advent Season promises! Not only has Christ come to be with us always through his first coming, but He will come again and He will judge rightly and usher in a Kingdom of Peace! Our Hope must be in no one and nothing other than Jesus Christ Himself! He has taken care of us up to now and He will continue to take the best care of us if we entrust ourselves to Him! So let our heart cry out, Maranatha, come Lord Jesus!

—Fr. Levi

Blessed Trinity Youth Ministry Luminaria Sale Order Form



Early on, luminaria lights were used in Christmas celebrations. The Roman Catholic Church believed the lights would guide the spirit of Jesus to people's homes. Please support Youth Ministry during the Christmas season.

One luminaria candle per order form. Multiple names may be placed on a luminaria. Suggested donation \$3.00. Checks may be made out to Blessed Trinity Parish. Return this form to the Parish Office at St. Albert the Great Faith Formation Building with the attention Youth Ministry. Final luminaria sale date is **December 13, 2020.**

NAME: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

NAME(S) ON LUMINARIA (please print)

Church for Luminaria to be placed (check one)

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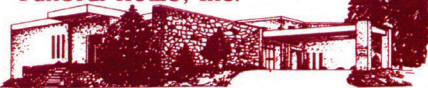
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