



December 3, 2017

**Masses for the Week**

**First Sunday of Advent**

Saturday	Mary Craig	5:00pm
Sunday	People of the Parish	8:00am
Sunday	Al Spernyak	10:00am
Monday	Gail Desio	5:30pm
Tuesday	Celeste Cuzzo	8:00am
Wednesday	Phillips & Steiner Families	5:15pm
Thursday	<i>Vigil Immaculate</i> <i>Conception BVM</i>	5:30pm
Friday	<i>Immaculate</i> <i>Conception BVM</i>	10:00am 7:30pm
Saturday	Regina Mihm	5:00pm

**Please Pray for Our Sick**

Fanny Bonventre, Herb Cahill, Billye Doria, Hal Holly, Fred Kimlin, Maureen Krom, Lynne Lazzaro, Mary McNamara, Grant Nicolson, Joseph Mongelluzzo, Tony Peralta, Joe & Virginia Petras, Daniel Sweeney, Alice Theiss, Thomas Vavrinec, Irene Waddell, Luisa Walsh, Denise Woltman, Amelia Zak

**Please Pray for Our Deceased**

Tom Browne and Gail O'Kelly

**Tithing \$3,902.00**

**Immaculate Conception**

This Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, a holy day of obligation. Mass times are at 5:30pm on Thursday evening for the vigil Mass, and at 10am and 7:30pm on Friday.

**Second Collection Retirement Appeal**

In the midst of this Advent season, I ask your generous support for the Annual Appeal for our Retired Consecrated Religious women and men who have dedicated their lives serving others with love to all they ministered to in our Archdiocese.

Please be as generous to our 2nd collection on December 10, 2017 as you can to support our retired sisters and brothers, particularly in defraying the ongoing costs of their health care. I know you join me in thanking them for their untiring service and by showing them our appreciation by your contribution to this most worthy cause. With prayer best wishes for a blessed Advent  
Faithfully yours in Christ,  
Timothy Cardinal Dolan

**Reconciliation Monday**

On Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate our Advent Reconciliation Monday. The time will be from 4-8pm in the confessionals in the rear of the Church.

**Beatification of Solanus Casey**

Born Bernard Casey on Nov. 25, 1870, Blessed Solanus Casey, an American-born Capuchin priest who died in 1957, was beatified on November 18<sup>th</sup> at a Mass in Detroit. Blessed Solanus Casey is the second American-born male to be beatified.

He served for two friaries in New York at Sacred Heart Friary in Yonkers and later in New York City. He was known during his lifetime as a wonderworker, for his great faith, and for his abilities as a spiritual counselor - but especially, for his great attention to the sick, for whom he celebrated special Masses. The friar was much sought-after and came to be revered in Detroit where for 21 years he was porter at St. Bonaventure Monastery in Detroit and never turned anyone away. He was also a co-founder of Detroit's Capuchin Soup Kitchen in 1929.

**Parish Financial Statement**

St. Peter's Parish Financial Statement for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2017 are available in the back of church.

**WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE**

Knights of Columbus announce the starting of the "2017 Annual Winter Clothing Drive". All proceeds and donations go to benefit all in need of our local community. Please drop off well-kept and near new items in box in the back of the church.

***Advent***



"Advent helps us to understand fully the value and meaning of the mystery of Christmas. It is not just about commemorating the historical event that occurred some 2,000 years ago in a little village of Judea. Instead, it is necessary to understand that the whole of our life must be an 'advent,' a vigilant awaiting the final coming of Christ. To predispose our mind to welcome the Lord who, as we say in the Creed, one day will come to judge the living and the dead, we must learn to recognize him as present in the events of daily life. Therefore, Advent is, so to speak, an intense training that directs us decisively toward him who already came, who will come, and who comes continuously."  
*St. John Paul II*



### **Christmas Gifts**

We are collecting Christmas gifts for local youngsters. Gift tags for children in need are on the tag tree in the rear of the Church. Please attach the tag to the gift you donate.

We ask that you place an **unwrapped** gift in a gift bag. Food items for our Christmas baskets are also appreciated. No expired food items, please. Bring the gifts and food no later than Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup>.

### **Best Advent Ever**

Christmas is a time of hope, but during the busy holiday, it's easy to get overwhelmed and lose sight of the reason for the season. This Advent, take an incredible journey to rediscover the gift of hope.

Join us for Best Advent Ever! Every day during Advent beginning December 3<sup>rd</sup>, you'll receive short inspirational videos, practical tips, or real-life stories that will help you experience a Christmas full of hope. Are you ready for your best Advent—and Christmas—ever?

Sign up at [DynamicCatholic.com/SignUp](http://DynamicCatholic.com/SignUp)

### **Flower Memorial Fund**

Envelopes for Christmas memorials are in the rear of the church. Just fill in the envelope and place it in any first collection basket. We are indebted to our parishioners who choose to remember their deceased loved ones by contributing to this fund. It is the primary means we have for funding the decoration of the sanctuary.



### **Shoe Box Thanks**

A HUGE THANKS to all those who helped make the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox project a total success. The children around the world will be blessed by your generous gifts of toiletries, toys, school supplies, stuffed animals, and balls, along with the postage needed to deliver them to the exact person God has chosen. You will put a smile on a child's face when they open your beautiful box filled with love in the name of Jesus. I am so amazed each year by your new ideas; so once again, thank you to so many for sorting, purchasing, filling boxes, and praying, so that we could fill 179 boxes! Hoping to see you next year for another fun time of sorting and packing more boxes!

*Carol Snykus*

### **Christmas Crib**

“Following a beautiful and firmly rooted tradition, many families set up their crib immediately after the feast of the Immaculate Conception, as if to relive with Mary those days full of trepidation that preceded the birth of Jesus. Putting up the crib at home can be a simple but effective way of presenting the faith, to pass it on to one's children. The crib helps us contemplate the mystery of God's love that was revealed in the poverty and simplicity of the Bethlehem Grotto. Saint Francis of Assisi was so taken by the mystery of the Incarnation that he wanted to present it anew at Greccio in the living nativity scene, thus beginning an old, popular tradition that still retains its value for evangelization today. Indeed, the crib can help us understand the secret of the true Christmas because it speaks of the humility and merciful goodness of Christ, who ‘though he was rich made himself poor’ for us (2 *Cor* 8:9). His poverty enriches those who embrace it and Christmas brings joy and peace to those who, like the shepherds in Bethlehem, accept the Angel's words: ‘Let this be a sign to you: in a manger you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes’ (*Lk* 2: 12). This is still the sign for us too, men and women of the third millennium. There is no other Christmas.”



*Pope Benedict XVI*

### **Birthright NEED**

Birthright is in need of new or slightly used outer winter clothing for children from infancy to children's size 8. Thank you for your generous donations in the past. Clothing may be placed in the bin in the rear of the church by the Respect Life table. Any questions call Dolores Contini - 331-1564

### **Stamps for Missions**

As the holidays approach and we begin receiving many card and letters, please consider supporting the missions through the cancelled stamp recycling program. Simply trim around the stamp leaving a ½” border. There is a basket located in the rear of the church by the statue of St. Anthony to deposit your stamps or you can drop them off at the rectory.

### **Rosary Altar Society**

Next weekend team *two* is scheduled