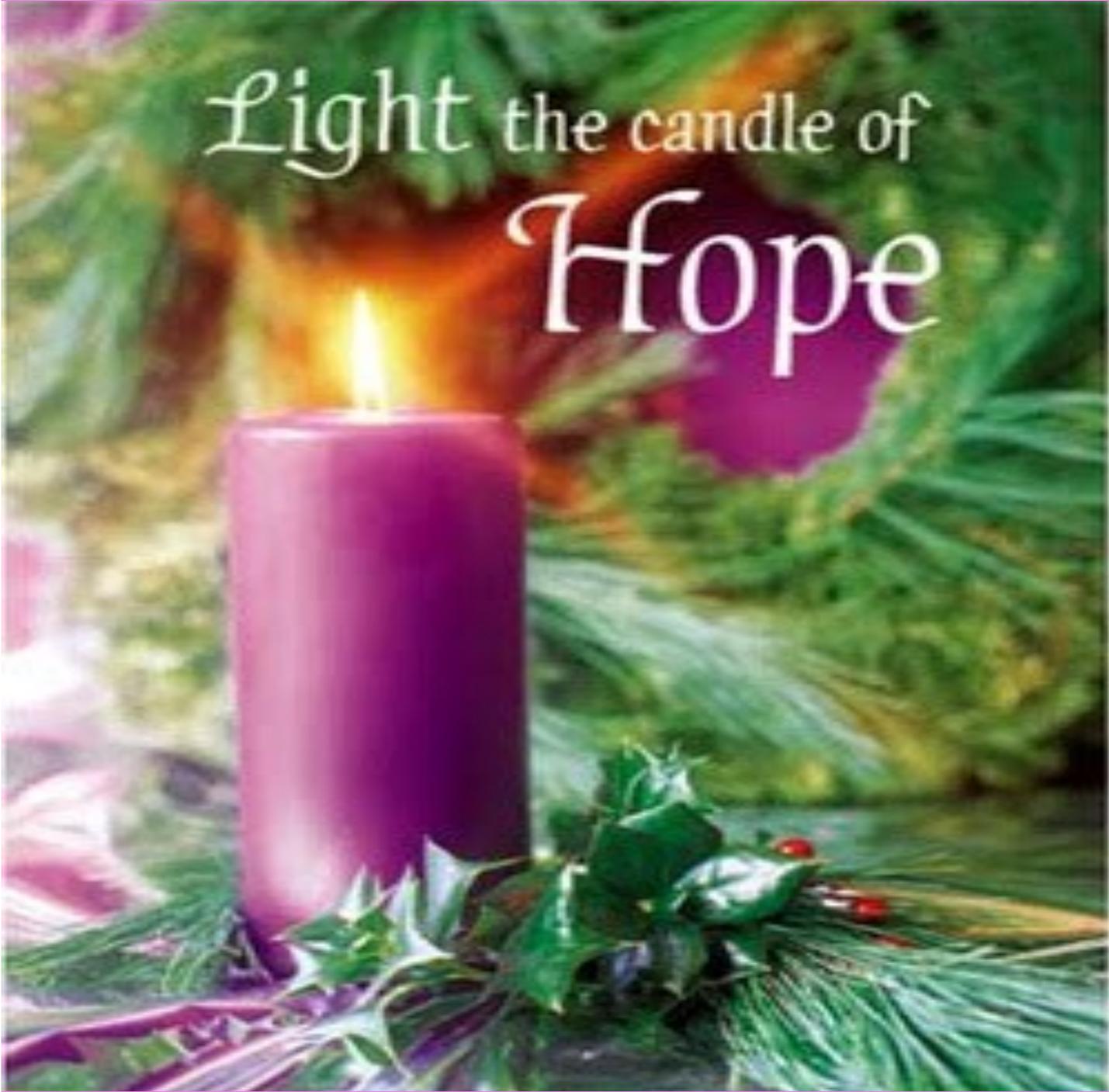


December 2, 2018

First Sunday in
Advent

St. Columbanus Parish

122 Oregon Road, Cortlandt Manor, NY 10567

A photograph of a lit purple candle in a winter wreath. The candle is lit, with a bright yellow flame. The wreath is made of green pine needles and holly leaves with red berries. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green and yellow.

Light the candle of
Hope

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK**SUNDAY ~ DECEMBER 2**

- 8:00 a.m. William Smeets
 11:00 a.m. Ronald Powe
 11:45 a.m. For Our Parish & Parishioners
 3:00 p.m. Traditional Latin Mass

MONDAY ~ DECEMBER 3*St. Francis Xavier, Priest*

- 9:00 a.m. Susan & Patrick Keenan, Patricia Green, Suzanne Ricottilli, Mary Leek, & Daniel Keenan

TUESDAY ~ DECEMBER 4*St. John Damascene, Priest & Doctor of the Church*

- 7:30 a.m.
 9:00 a.m. John Gorton

WEDNESDAY ~ DECEMBER 5

- 7:30 a.m. O'Sullivan, O'Flaherty, Mariano, Bock, & Mosono
 Deceased Family Members
 9:00 a.m. Erik Godinho

THURSDAY ~ DECEMBER 6*St. Nicholas Bishop*

- 7:30 a.m. Michael Minichino
 9:00 a.m. Margaret Cunniff

FRIDAY ~ DECEMBER 7*First Friday**St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church*

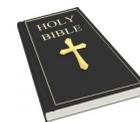
- 7:30 a.m.
 9:00 a.m. Eris E. O'Shaughnessy
 6:00 p.m. Vigil Mass at St. Columbanus

SATURDAY ~ DECEMBER 8*The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

- 8:30 a.m. St. Columbanus Church
 10:00 a.m. North American Martyrs Church
 12:00 noon St. Columbanus Church
 5:00 p.m. Ann Marie & Patricia Barber (Healing)
 6:00 p.m. William S. Foy & Marie S. Foy

MARRIAGE BANNES

Please notify the rectory six months prior to the proposed wedding date.

SUNDAY'S READINGS*First Sunday of Advent*

1st Reading: *I will raise up for David a just shoot.*

(Jeremiah 33:14-16)

Psalm: *To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.*
(Psalm 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14)

2nd Reading: *May the Lord strengthen our hearts at the coming of our Lord Jesus.*
(1st Thessalonians 3:12-4.2)

Alleluia: *Show us, Lord, your love; And grant us your salvation.*

Gospel: *Your redemption is at hand.*
(Luke 21:25-28, 34-36)

WINE, HOST, AND TABERNACLE CANDLE

The tabernacle candle will be burned this week in loving memory of **Alfred Loch, Ludwig Huck, & Margaret Huck**, donated by Gertrude Loch



Names of the sick are listed for six months from the date of the initial request. Contact the rectory if you wish to have someone added to the list.

Ann-Marie Barber-Montlouis, Patricia Barber-Cronin, Justin Fedele, Maribeth Groth, Robert T. Gulley, Alex Hetsko, Richard Jagdeo, Kerry Kennedy, Arlene Kolosky, Kevin Kolosky, Vincent McKenna, Robert McLoughlin, Roselea Megna, Vivian Pabon, Doreen Robinson, Robert Salvador, Fr. Frank Samoylo, John & Cathy Samoylo, Patrick Scelza, Kelly Small

BINGO

Bingo is canceled due to the 6:00 p.m. Vigil Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

**TITHING
GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING**

November 18, 2018 ~ \$6,794.25

November 19, 2017 ~ \$6,741.04

November 25, 2018 ~ \$6,951.90

November 26, 2017 ~ \$6,673.72

ADVENT RETREAT**"What Is God's Plan for My Life?"**

Get away from the hustle and bustle of life and get clarity on God's purpose and plan for your life during our Advent Young Adult Retreat Weekend, December 7-9, at the Graymoor Spiritual Life Center in Garrison, NY. Situated along the Appalachian Trail atop a mountain overlooking the Hudson River Valley, you'd be hard-pressed to find a more peaceful place to get re-focused and re-energized. Single, Catholic men and women, 18-40, are welcome. For more information: <https://www.atonementfriars.org/young-adult-retreat-weekends/>, or contact Paul Krenzelok, 845-424-2122, pkrenzelok@atonementfriars.org

FIRST FRIDAY HOMEBOUND CALLS

The priests and deacon of our parish are pleased to take the sacrament of Holy Communion to those unable to attend Mass. If you know of someone who would like to be added to their visitors' list, please telephone the rectory at 914-737-4705.

NATIVITY LIGHTING

5:00 p.m. - Creche Lighting near front of school

6:00 p.m. - Mass

7:00 p.m. - Christmas Lessons and Carols

This traditional service of alternating Scripture readings and Hymns is the perfect way to continue preparing for the Christmas season. Music led by the parish Adult Choir with guest organist, Mr. Sam Rowe. Please support the parish by attending and bringing a friend.

7:30 p.m. - Christmas Gathering in Dillon Hall.

Enjoy light food, drink, cake and caroling for an evening of fellowship with parishioners and priests.

LETTER FROM CARDINAL DOLAN

Dear Friends in the Lord,

On December 8 and 9, the archdiocese will conduct the *Retirement Fund for Religious* special collection. This annual appeal benefits 31,000 elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests - woman and men who have consecrated their lives to serving God and His Church.

During the 2018 World Day for Consecrated Life, Pope Francis remarked, "There is no growth without roots and no flowering without new buds." This analogy has certainly born out within the life of the Church in the United States. Senior religious were the roots that established Catholic schools, hospitals, and social service agencies - allowing generations of Catholics to flourish. Today, the example of older religious inspires younger members to persevere in mission and ministry.

Yet, many religious communities struggle to provide for aging members. Most elder religious served for small stipends, leaving a large gap in retirement savings. Rising healthcare costs and decreased income compound the struggle to provide adequate care. Your gift to the *Retirement Fund for Religious* special collection provides vital funding for medications, nursing care, and more. It also helps religious congregations implement long-range retirement strategies, even as they continue to serve the People of God.

This is, I recognize, but one of numerous worthy causes in need of assistance; I ask simply that you give what you can. In thanksgiving for their faithful service, please join me in supporting the *Retirement Fund for Religious* collection and in praying for the Lord's blessing on our nation's elderly religious.

With prayerful best wishes, I am,

Faithfully in Christ,

Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan

Archbishop of New York

SECOND COLLECTIONSDecember 2nd

Today's second collection is for the fuel offering. Please be as generous as your means allow. Thank you.

December 9th

Next weekend a second collection will be taken up for retired religious brothers and sisters of the Archdiocese who have given their lives in service to the Church. Your donation is an expression of gratitude for their dedicated service.

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
AND BENEDICTION**

The Blessed Sacrament will be placed on the altar in the monstrance after the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Friday, December 7th, for adoration until 12:00 noon, at which time there will be Benediction. We ask parishioners to stop by and spend time before the body of Our Lord between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon to demonstrate our devotion to Him.

USHERS' SOCIETY MEETING

The Ushers' Society will have an usher meeting on **December 9th after the 11:45 mass** in the **Msrgr. Hannafin library in preparation for Advent and Christmas Liturgies.**

~PASTOR'S NOTES~

As we begin the season of Advent in preparation for the celebration of Christmas, the birth of Jesus Christ God-made-man our Savior and Redeemer, we can often get distracted and busy during this season while the time slips away before we know it. I would like to make you aware (thanks to a parishioner) that Dynamic Catholic is offering during Advent daily words of encouragement in short inspirational videos sent to your email. All you need to do is sign up on **BestAdventEver.com**. This was offered a few years ago and people very much enjoyed it.



The Immaculate Conception of Aranjuez
by Bartolome Esteban Murillo (1660-1665)

As we begin our spiritual journey to Bethlehem for the Birth of Christ, let us continue to prepare for His coming by turning away from sin, and by our prayers and good works. On Monday, December 17, from 4-8 p.m., we will have confessions with priests from Graymoor to assist us. We will have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament during this time for personal prayer before and after confession. We will conclude the evening with benediction at 8 o'clock.

I want to thank all who attended the Solemn Requiem Mass on Tuesday, November 20. We had a nice turnout and all were impressed and spiritually moved by the music and Mass. This was what the Mass was intended to be after the Second Vatican Council.

The Metropolitan Catholic Chorale, who provided the music was made up of young men and women. I would hope that the young men and women in our parish will consider joining our choir so that our worship of God can be raised to another level of beauty and spiritual richness. Our music director, Lauren Lazzari, is a member of the Chorale so she knows what it takes to prepare and perform sacred music.

Please join us for Lessons and Carols with sacred readings and music on Saturday December 8, after the 6:00 p.m. evening Mass in the church. It will be a time to put us in the spirit of this Advent season.

An important reminder for all is that Saturday, **December 8** is also a **Holy Day of Obligation**, that is, we are required to attend this Mass in honor of our Lady being conceived without sin. There will be **Mass Friday evening, December 7, at 6:00 p.m.** and on **Saturday, December 8, at 8:30 a.m. and 12 noon.** Saturday evening Mass counts **ONLY** for Sunday and not for the Holy Day.

In Jesus and Mary,

Fr. Frank Samoylo

**YOUNG ADULT
MINISTRY** A monthly Northern Westchester Young Adult Mass will be held every 2nd Tuesday of the month at St. Augustine's in Ossining. Our Mass will be at 7:00 p.m. with confessions available at 6:30 p.m. and a social to follow the Mass. We will be having a different priest each month celebrate the Mass.

RECONCILIATION MONDAY

Please remember that Monday, December 17 is a day of Reconciliation for the Advent season. All parishes in the New York Archdiocese will have priests available for confessions from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

JAN PEEK SHELTER NEEDS HELP

St. Columbanus provides a dinner on the first Saturday of each month for the residents of the Jan Peek Shelter. The same helpful parishioners have been participating, so we're hoping to get a few new volunteers willing to lend a helping hand. This opportunity consists of cooking a dinner for approximately 20 people once a year. If you cannot cook the entire meal, perhaps you could prepare one course and have friends prepare other courses. Please call Jeni Schutrick-Vitiello at 914-930-8605 for more info.

HEALING MASS

A **Healing Mass**, with a free flow of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, will be held Tuesday December 4, 2018 at St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish, 1925 Rte 82, LaGrangeville, NY 12540. Guest Celebrant will be Monsignor Joseph Martin, former pastor of St. Mary's Fishkill and currently serving at St. James Carmel, NY. Praise and worship begins at 7:00 p.m. Mass at 7:30. Adoration and individual prayers for healing follow Mass. The event is sponsored by Spirit Wind Prayer Group of St. Kateri parish. All are welcome. Weather cancellations on WHUD 100.7 FM and follow the Arlington School District after school directives. Details contact Pat or Joe at 845-440-3519. There will be **No Healing Mass on January 1st**.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

~Rosary Recitation~ Tuesday - Saturday 8:00 a.m.
~Divine Mercy Chaplet ~ Monday-Friday: 9:30 a.m.

- Adoration ~ Monday, 7:00 p.m.
- Religious Ed ~ Monday, 7:00 p.m.
- Divine Mercy ~ Friday, 3:00 p.m.
- Religious Ed ~ Saturday, 8:50 a.m.
- Religious Ed ~ Sunday, 10:00 a.m.