

December 9, 2018

Second Sunday of
Advent

St. Columbanus Parish

122 Oregon Road, Cortlandt Manor, NY 10567



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MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY ~ DECEMBER 9

8:00 a.m. Frank & Carmella Cerri
11:00 a.m. Patrick Carolan
11:45 a.m. Norma Molino Chousa
3:00 p.m. Parish & Parishioners

MONDAY ~ DECEMBER 10

9:00 a.m. William B., Bertha & Ron Simunek

TUESDAY ~ DECEMBER 11

St. Damasus I, Pope

7:30 a.m.
9:00 a.m. Rose Barber

WEDNESDAY ~ DECEMBER 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

7:30 a.m. Anthony Licalsi
9:00 a.m. The Fleming Family & Loved Ones
(Living and Deceased)

THURSDAY ~ DECEMBER 13

St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

7:30 a.m.
9:00 a.m. Deceased Members of the O'Donnell
Family

FRIDAY ~ DECEMBER 14

St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church

7:30 a.m.
9:00 a.m.

SATURDAY ~ DECEMBER 15

Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 a.m. Nicholas D'Apice
5:00 p.m. Domenica Pacio
6:00 p.m. Evelyn & Peter Collorafi

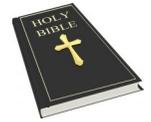
MARRIAGE BANNS

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



SUNDAY'S READINGS

Second Sunday of Advent



1st Reading: *Jerusalem, God will show your splendor.*
(Baruch 5:1-9)

Psalm: *The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.*
(Psalm 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6)

2nd Reading: *Show yourselves pure and blameless for the day of Christ.*
(Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11)

Alleluia: *Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all flesh shall see the salvation of God.*

Gospel: *All flesh shall see the salvation of God.*
(Luke 3:1-6)



WINE, HOST, AND TABERNACLE CANDLE

The tabernacle candle will be burned this week in loving memory of **Lydia Pacio** (6th anniversary), donated by Patricia Roden.



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, 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



FOOD + REFRESHMENTS + BINGO = FUN

Join us every Friday in Dillon Hall at 7:20 p.m.

*Try your luck at our "Quickie" games

*Come for the \$250 Early Bird Special

*Play the "\$900 Jackpot" each week

*Bring a new player & get a FREE admission Ticket for that night!

December 14th is Team #1

D. DiPierro, G. Ojeda

No one under 18 is allowed in Dillon Hall while Bingo is in session.



TITHING GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

December 2, 2018 ~ \$6,595.20

December 3, 2017 ~ \$6,547.60

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY

A second collection will be taken up today 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.



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

St. Columbanus:

Monday, December 24, Christmas Eve
4:00 p.m. Vigil and 12:00 Midnight Mass

Tuesday, December 25th, Christmas Day
8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 Noon
No Evening Mass on Christmas Day

North American Martyrs

Monday, December 24, Christmas Eve
10:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 25th, Christmas Day
9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
No Evening Mass on Christmas Day



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Envelopes are now available in the vestibules of both churches to make a monetary donation in honor of loved ones. These donations will be used to defray the cost of Christmas flowers for both churches. Please drop off or mail your envelopes to the Rectory, indicating the name(s) of the donor(s) and honoree(s).

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.

USHERS' SOCIETY MEETING

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

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.

FOOD COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY



Donations of non-perishable food items will be collected at next week's Masses. Please place your items in the bins located in either of our Churches' vestibules. Thank you for your generosity to this much needed cause.

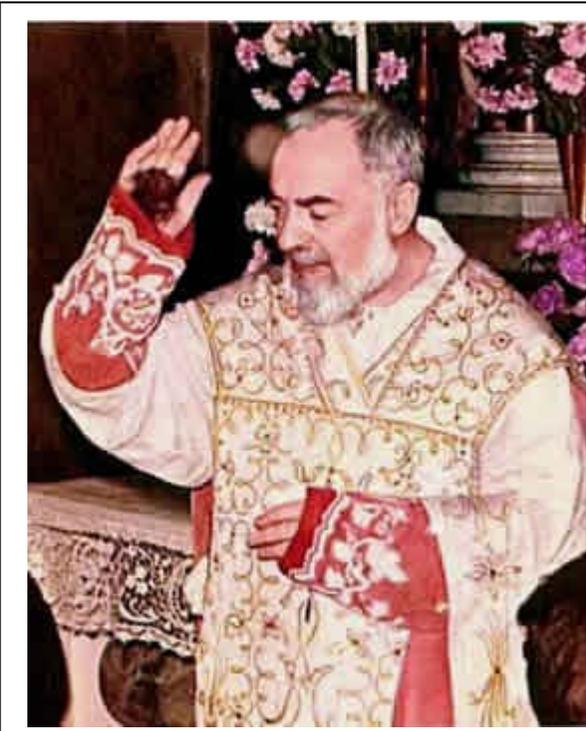
~PASTOR'S NOTES~

December 16, 2018

New Yorkers for Constitutional Freedoms in its Albany Update wrote, "On November 26, 2018, the Senate Democrats unanimously chose Senator Andrea Stewart-Cousins (D-Yonkers) to serve as the Senate Majority Leader for the 2019-20 legislative session...the Senator is the prime sponsor of the Reproductive Health Act (better known by many as the Abortion Expansion Act)."

This barbaric act, put forward by the anti-life governor, would allow for abortions to be done for any reason at any time by people who are not doctors.

There are two points that came to mind when I read the update. One is that Stewart-Cousins is a member of a racial minority yet is pushing a policy that targets minority children for extermination by the cruelest means imaginable.



St. Pio of Pietrelcina

The second point is that there are Democrats in the senate who are Catholic, yet not one voted against the pro-abortion Majority Leader.

As British historian Lord Acton stated, "Power tends to corrupt; absolute power corrupts absolutely."

I also came across an article of an interview in the magazine "Maria Mensajera," with famous Italian exorcist Father Gabriele Amorth. The article states, "**Everybody is vulnerable to the work of Satan**" and that "**the devil loves to take over those who hold political office.**"

The Spanish daily "La Razon" published the interview in an article by Alexander Smolczyk in which the 82 year-old priest describes what happens in an exorcism. He said he has performed more than 70,000. "**Evil exists in politics, quite often in fact,**" Father Amorth said. "**The devil loves to take over business leaders and those who hold political office.** Hitler and Stalin were possessed. How do I know? Because they killed millions of people. The Gospel says: 'By their fruits you will know them.' Unfortunately, an exorcism on them would not have been enough, since they were convinced of what they were doing. We can't say it was a possession in the strict sense of the word, but rather a total and voluntary acceptance of the suggestions of the devil."

Nobody, he went on, not even himself, is "safe from the devil. Everyone is vulnerable." "The devil is very intelligent. He retains the intelligence of the angel that he was."

"The Pope supports exorcists," he explained, but "satanic sects are proliferating," and for this reason Father Amorth said his calendar for the next two months is full. "I work seven days a week, from morning until night, including Christmas Eve and Holy Week," he said. (Rome, Italy, Jun 6, 2008 / 11:10 am (CNA)) (Fr. Amorth has recently died.)

During this Advent let us keep in our prayers and sacrifices the conversion of politicians and all those who promote the "culture of death."

I'll end with a quote from St. Padre Pio sent to me by a friend: Take no notice, my son, let them publish what they like. I fear God's judgement and not that of men. Only sin is to be feared because it offends God and dishonors us. (Padre Pio Archives)

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.

BE-INFORMED

Not on FORMED yet? Go to stcolumbanus.formed.org. Click Register, then enter your name, e-mail address and desired password. You are now registered to enjoy the free parish subscription which gives you access to over many quality Catholic on line programs, movies, audios, & E-Books. Today is the Second Sunday of Advent. Study: Advent, session 2: *Trust in God*. Wednesday is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Watch: *Guadalupe* or *Guadalupe: The Miracle and Message*, or listen to: *Our Lady of Guadalupe and St. Juan Diego*.

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.
- K of C ~ Monday, 7:30 p.m.
- Bible Study ~ Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.
- Play Group ~ Friday, 9:30 a.m.
- Divine Mercy ~ Friday, 3:00 p.m.
- Bingo ~ Friday, 7:30 p.m.
- Religious Ed ~ Saturday, 8:50 a.m.
- Religious Ed ~ Sunday, 10:00 a.m.

