

December 22, 2019

Advent Week 4

St. Columbanus Parish

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LOVE

For this is how God loved the world: he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

-John 3:16

Masses for the Week

SUNDAY ~ December 22

8:00 a.m. The Davoren Family (living)
 9:45 a.m. Traditional Latin Mass
 11:45 a.m. For Our Parish & Parishioners

MONDAY ~ December 23

St. John of Kenty, Priest

9:00 a.m. Jean C. Sherman

TUESDAY ~ December 24

7:30 a.m. Patrick & Bridget O'Brien
 9:00 a.m.
 4:00 p.m. The McKenna and Pablo Families (living & deceased)
 8:00 p.m.
 Midnight The Ramos & Zaldiver Families (living & deceased)

WEDNESDAY ~ December 25

The Nativity of the Lord

8:00 a.m.
 10:00 a.m.
 12:00 p.m.

THURSDAY ~ December 26

St. Stephen, the First Martyr

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

FRIDAY ~ December 27

St. John, Apostle & Evangelist

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

SATURDAY ~ December 28

The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

8:30 a.m. Deceased Members of the O'Donnell Family
 6:00 p.m. John M. Samoylo



SUNDAY'S READINGS



1st Reading: *Behold the virgin shall conceive. (Isaiah 7:10-14)*

Psalm: Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory. (Psalm 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6)

2nd Reading: *Jesus Christ, descended from David, is the son of God. (Romans 1:1-7)*

Alleluia: *The virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel.*

Gospel: *Jesus will be born of Mary, the betrothed of Joseph, a son of David. (Matthew 1:18-24)*



WINE, HOST, AND TABERNACLE CANDLE



The Wine/Host and Tabernacle Candle are being offered and lit this week in loving memory of William H. Simunek. Please keep William in your prayers.



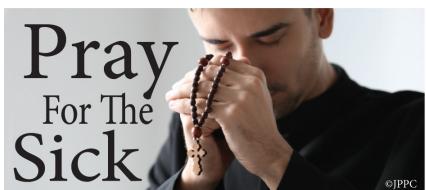
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Due to the Christmas publishing schedule, this will be reported next week.

NOTE:

We have had phone issues on and off for a time now. This is a Verizon issue and they are working on it. Please bear with us as this issue is resolved. We appreciate your understanding.

Names of the sick are listed for six months from the date of the initial request. Contact the rectory to add someone.



Trina Aguilar, Ann Marie & Patricia Barber, Thelma Doebbler, Juliet Epasmo, Justin Fedele, Catherine Fenyo, Matthew Hempel, Alex Hetsko, Colleen Kennedy, Kerri Kennedy, Kevin Kolosky, Vincent McKenna, Robert McLoughlin, Roselea Megna, Robert Modena, Dennis Orlando, Lorraine Orza, Vivian Pabon, Debbie Pinto, Doreen Robinson, Baby Ellie Ruvo, Patricia Salvador, Fr. Frank Samoylo, Cathy Samoylo, Patrick Scelza, Joan Schneider, Aurea Simbulan, Kelly Small, Rosamma Thomas, Brigid Velluzzi, Terry Vidal, Camila White, Wendy White, Doreen Williams-Ricci

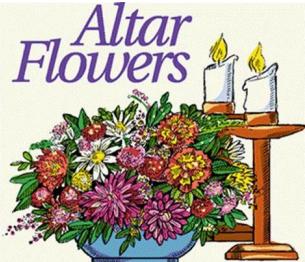
PRAYER TO BABY JESUS

O Most Amiable Child Jesus,
You who said: "Ask and you
shall receive," graciously hear
my petition and grant me the
favor I ask of You, if it be for
Your Greater Honor and Glory
and for the good of my soul.
Amen.

RECONCILIATION

St. Columbanus will offer
confession as follows:

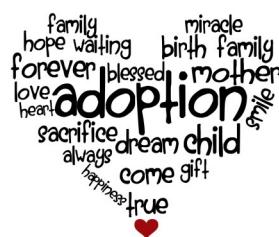
Tues., Dec. 24
10 a.m. - 12 noon
(at St. Columbanus)

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, or place in the collection basket, indicating the
name(s) of the donor(s) and honoree(s).

There will be no Bingo on
December 27th.
Bingo will resume on
January 3rd.

FAMILIES NEEDED

Did you know there are close
to 500,000 children in the United
States in the foster care system
whose parents have lost all
legal rights to them? They live
their little lives dreaming of
having a forever family, a per-
manent school, and a house to
call home. Most of them age
out of the system because not
enough families consider adoption.

What better way is there to respect life in all of its stages
than by adopting a homeless child? Be the light in dark-
ness for them. If there is room in your heart, there is
room in your home and we make adoption affordable. To
learn more, contact Downey Side Adoption at the address
below:

c/o Grace Episcopal Church
33 Church Street
White Plains. N.Y. 10601

Mass IntentionsMARTYRS INTENTIONS

As you know the Martyrs Mission Church is temporarily
closed while mandatory structural repairs are completed,
to ensure the safety of our parishioners as well as to en-
sure our beautiful Martyrs Church is not permanently
damaged. Those who took out intentions at the Martyrs
will have their mass changed to an available mass at St.
Columbanus. If we have a contact number we will at-
tempt to contact you about the change. If no contact
number is on file, we will move the intention to an open
mass, which may be a weekday mass. You are welcome
to call the rectory with any questions.



Our parish has reached **83%** of our campaign goal! This includes our 2019 Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal.

Please prayerfully consider making a pledge today. Doing so couldn't be easier.
Either complete a form which can be found in the vestibule of the church and drop it in
the collection or at the rectory. Or you can go to the website: [www.RenewReBuild.org/
donate](http://www.RenewReBuild.org/donate).

Be sure to change the 'designation' drop down menu to St. Columbanus, Cortlandt Manor. Then select your
pledge amount and submit it. Please call the rectory with any questions.

We gratefully thank those families who have already made a sacrificial pledge, enabling St. Columbanus to make the
needed repairs for the future.

St. Columbanus, pray for us.

~PASTOR'S NOTES~

December 22, 2019

It is hard to believe that we will be celebrating Christmas in a few days. For Advent we sang the traditional hymn, "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel." Each verse invokes a title given to our Lord, e.g., Wisdom, Lord, Rod of Jesse, etc. The hymn actually comes from the Magnificat (Canticle of Mary) Antiphons said by priests and religious at Vespers beginning December 17. They are called the "O" antiphons because each one begins with the exclamatory word, "O" and is then followed by one of the prophetic titles of our Lord. In The Latin, the titles of our Lord are: Sapientia (Wisdom), Adonai (Lord), Radix Jesse (Root of Jesse), Clavis David (Key of David), Oriens (Day Spring), Rex Gentium (King of the Nations), and Emmanuel (God with us). If you start at the last antiphon and go forward, taking the first letter of each antiphon (I underlined them), it spells ERO CRAS. In Latin this means, "I will be (born) tomorrow."



The Adoration of the Shepherds, circa 1640, by Guido Reni

Despite all the commercialization of Christmas and the attacks against our religion and faith, there is still something very special in the air this time of year. We feel, I believe, a little bit of the joy and peace that Jesus wants us to have if only we would make room for Him in the inn of our hearts.

We were created to seek happiness. This happiness cannot be found in any material wealth, or power or fame, but only in Jesus. He came in the innocence of a child born in a cave, and we can only find Him in the innocence and simplicity of a life lived for Him. Let us welcome Him into our hearts and homes not just this one day of the year but every day.

As I think about the past year and our current needs, I reflect on our need to recognize our total dependence on God for everything. I trust in His divine mercy and I continue to give thanks to God for the blessings of this past year and the generosity, kindness, and charity of our parishioners.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you and your families and loved ones a Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year. May the Christ Child be reborn each day in our hearts and may His tender Mother Mary, and St. Joseph watch over and protect and guide us.

In Jesus and Mary,
Fr. Frank Samoylo

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORDMass Schedule**All at St. Columbanus**

Tues., Dec. 24 - 4: 00 p.m, 8:00 p.m. - Vigil Masses
12:00 midnight Mass

Wed., Dec. 25 - 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 noon

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GODMass Schedule**All at St. Columbanus**

Tues., Dec. 31 - 4: 00 p.m.- Vigil Mass

Wed., Jan. 1 - 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 noon


**Calendar
of Events**

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

- Adoration ~ Monday, 7:00 p.m.
- **No Religious Ed** ~ Mon
- Reconciliation ~ Tue 10am - 12pm
- **No Bible Study** ~ Wed
- **No RCIA** ~ Thu
- **No Bingo** ~ Friday
- **No Religious Ed.** ~ Sat or Sun



Merry Christmas to all parishioners. Enjoy this special time with family and friends, remembering to be thankful for all the Lord's blessings. We pray, Lord that you continue to strengthen St. Columbanus Parish and School in the years to come. May the Lord grant us the grace we need to continue to glorify Him and grow in our faith.

