



# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ DECEMBER 3, 2017

Scripture Meditation: Isaiah 63:16-17,19;64:2-7; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:33-37

*Welcome to Advent – a season of hope and expectation!*

Jesus is looking for new ways to touch our hearts. He is preparing special gifts of grace and blessing for us – Advent and Christmas presents that he will give us as we open our hearts to him. Do everything to be ready to receive Jesus and his gifts. Printed with the permission of *The Word Among Us* 2017

## CELEBRATION OF MASSES THIS WEEK

Sat.	Dec 2	4:30 PM	+JOHN and +ANNA ZAHURSKY, <i>Anniversary</i> ~ <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Bill Uhelsky</i>
Sun.	Dec 3	7:30 AM	+ JAY SANDOR, <i>Anniversary</i> ~ <i>Connie Sandor</i>
		9:00 AM	+ROBERT and +ERMINE BARONOWSKI ~ <i>Maria Petrus &amp; Family</i>
		11:00 AM	+MICHAEL J. BUDA, SR. ~ <i>Daughters, Michele &amp; Danielle</i>
Mon.	Dec 4	7:30 AM	GOD'S BLESSINGS and GRACE for PHAM LOC
Tues.	Dec 5	7:30 AM	GOD'S BLESSINGS for KEVEN MICLEORY ~ <i>Rosa Lopez</i>
Wed.	Dec 6	7:30 AM	+HELEN LINDBERG ~ <i>Edna Tomis</i>
Thurs.	Dec 7	7:30 AM	+JOHN KMEC, JR. ~ <i>Anna Leszczynski (Prayer Service)</i>
Fri.	Dec 8	<del>The IMMACULATE CONCEPTION of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Holy Day of Obligation</del>	
		7:30 AM	+JOSEPH and +BETTY MEZICK ~ <i>Maria Mucciacciaro &amp; Family</i>
		9:00 AM	+BETTY KARCSINSKI ~ <i>John &amp; Maria DeGiralomo</i>
		5:30 PM	+MARIA HLAVON ~ <i>Daughter, Anna Sobek</i>
Sat.	Dec 9	8:00 AM	+COMMUNITY MASS
		4:30 PM	+PRIHODA and +SKOVIRA FAMILIES ~ <i>Marge Prihoda</i>
Sun.	Dec 10	7:30 AM	+ LUCY CANTAFIO, <i>Anniversary</i> ~ <i>Connie Sandor &amp; Family</i>
		9:00 AM	+MICHAEL PERKOWSKI ~ <i>The Perkowski Family</i>
		11:00 AM	+RONALD D. BARBER & +JAMES BARBER ~ <i>The Barber Family</i>



**PRAYER CORNER:** Your prayers are requested for the sick and the suffering. Please pray for the good health of



Fr. Andy, Msgr. Cuneo,  
James Bepko, Ceil Elias,  
Millie Elias, TJ Recupido

*If you would like a loved one added to our*

*Prayer Corner or Prayer Board, please call the parish office.*



**Our sympathy and assurance of prayer** is extended to the families of **Shirley Dias, Daniel Hannan and Katherine Patrick**, who recently died.



**Sanctuary Candles for the Month of December** are given in loving memory of **Anna and William Lashinsky** by **Mary Ann Salvaggio**



**The St. Joseph Altar Candle Intention for the Month of December** is for **God's Blessings and Health**  
The Kmec Family

**YOUTH CHOIR NEWS:** The Youth Choir will rehearse on Wed., Dec. 6 at 5:15 PM to 6:30 PM in the Church Choir Loft

**Our Parish Nurses are available this weekend, Dec. 2 & 3,** to take blood pressure readings and answer any medical concerns. The nurses will be in the Church Vestibule/ Confessional Room following all the weekend Masses.

**Evangelization Corner:** *We know that Christ has not left us since his resurrection. During Advent we pray for his promised return in the fullness of salvation, as the sun returns at dawn after the long hours of night.*

My dear Parishioners of Holy Name of Jesus Church,

On Monday, November 27, 2017 Bishop Caggiano visited your pastor in the hospital. He asked Fr. Marus if it would be "OK" with him to appoint me as a temporary administrative director of your lovely parish. Fr. Marus agreed, hence I was so appointed. I have been helping here at H N of J since September and thank you for the very warm reception. Like you, I hope and pray Fr. Marus returns in full health soon to continue his serving this community. In the meantime, I shall do my best to minister in my new role. So, please keep me in your prayer, too.  
My thanks and blessings ever,

Fr. Michael A. Boccaccio

**HNJ Faith Formation Program:** Dec. 3 ~ Students (Grades 4, 5, 6 will meet in the Convent Building. Confirmation: No class Dec. 10 ~ Students Confirmation: Session 6

**Our next Community Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, Dec. 9, at 8:00 AM.** If you would like to have your loved ones remembered at this Mass, please call the parish office at 203-375-5815 by Thursday morning.

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**\*REMINDER: BE SURE TO PICK UP YOUR BAKED\*  
 GOODS ORDER this weekend on Sunday, December 3.  
 \*between 10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon, in the Parish Hall\***

**The Ladies Guild is selling Oplatky** (*Christmas Wafers*) before and after Mass every weekend until Dec. 16/17. Cost is \$3.00 for a package of 6 wafers. Oplatky is also available at the parish office.

**Friday, Dec. 8 is the beautiful feast-day of the Immaculate Conception. This is a Holy Day of Obligation. Our Masses will be celebrated on Friday at 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM and 5:30 PM.**



*O Mary, conceived without sin, Pray for us who have recourse to you.~ You are all fair, O Virgin Mary, You never knew the stain of sin; You are the glory of Jerusalem, You, the joy of Israel, Mary, Mother most merciful, Pray for us, Intercede for us with our Lord, Jesus Christ.*

**Our Christmas Giving Tree is in place** and if you would like to participate please select a tag from the tree and have your gift returned unwrapped and placed under the tree. You may also drop off your gifts to the parish office during the week, Mon. to Fri. 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. **The Deadline to return gifts is NEXT weekend, Dec.9 &10.**

**Our Holy Name of Jesus Men's Society will hold their Annual Christmas Party on Thurs., Dec. 7, 6:00 PM at the Blue Goose Restaurant.** Total person cost \$32 for members and \$38.50 for nonmembers. **The deadline for reservations is this weekend, Dec. 3.** Please contact Larry Wells at 203-375-2836 or [lawman56@optonline.net](mailto:lawman56@optonline.net)

**The Ladies Guild will hold their Christmas party on Tues, Dec.12 at Vazzy's, Bpt.** (across from Treeland) with cocktails at 6:00 PM and a buffet dinner at 6:30 PM. **Please call your reservation in to Nancy Vietri at 203-685-8147 by the cut-off date of THIS SUNDAY, December 3.** All dinners must be paid for in advance. Those wishing to participate should bring a \$5.00 Grab Bag. Members are also asked to bring an unwrapped toy for a girl or boy or a monetary donation for the poor.

**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT NEWS: CAST REHEARSALS for Characters and Choir will be held on Wed. Dec. 6 and Dec. 13 from 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM and Wed. Dec. 20 from 5:30 PM to 7:00PM.** Our annual Christmas Eve Pageant is held on Christmas Eve BEFORE the 4:30PM Christmas Eve Vigil Mass. The pageant begins promptly at 4:00 PM and ends at 4:25 PM. **\*\*A Cast & Choir Pizza Party to be held in the Hall beginning 6:15 PM. (Wed. Dec. 20) Any questions: please call Nina DeMasi 203-394-3657**



**Next week's Second Collection will be for the Retirement Fund for Religious.** Elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests need your help. Many served for years in Catholic schools, hospitals, and parishes—often for little to no pay. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious provides funding for medications, nursing care, and more.  
*"Please give to those who have given a lifetime"*

**WE HAVE REACHED OUR GOAL!**

**Thanks to your generosity the Annual Holy Name of Jesus Appeal raised a total of \$ 38,986.**

**We received contributions from 189 of our parish families – you have made a difference!**

**May God bless your kindness and charity.**

*Always be joyful, then, in the Lord; I repeat, be joyful. Never worry about anything; but tell God all your desires of every kind in prayer and petition shot through with gratitude, and the peace of God which is beyond our understanding will guard your hearts and your thoughts in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:4-7*



**OUR BRICK WALK DRIVE** has concluded for this year with new bricks being placed for family loved ones, clergy, and a Veterans' brick. We thank all those who contributed to our HNJ memorial walk.

**Financial Support of our Parish-Week of Nov. 19, 2017**

Operating Costs – Weekly amount needed to meet expenses of all five buildings ...\$11,000

Sunday Collection .....	\$ 4,760
Other Collections: Annual, Monthly, Holy Day	\$ 301
Total Weekly Income.....	\$ 5,061
Shortfall.....	\$ 5,939

**Fiscal year to date overview**

Operating Costs Year to Date: \$11,000 x 21	\$ 231,000
Actual Weekly Income Year to date:	\$ 217,475
Shortfall .....	\$ 13,525

**Financial Support of our Parish-Week of Nov. 26, 2017**

Operating Costs – Weekly amount needed to meet expenses of all five buildings ...\$11,000

Sunday Collection .....	\$ 4,746
Other Collections: Annual, Monthly, Holy Day	\$ 15,351
Total Weekly Income.....	\$ 20,097
Surplus.....	\$ 9,097

**Fiscal year to date overview**

Operating Costs Year to Date: \$11,000 x 22	\$ 242,000
Actual Weekly Income Year to date:	\$ 237,572
Shortfall .....	\$ 4,428

**The Slovak Alliance Christmas Party will be held on Dec. 17 from 1:00 PM- 5:00 PM at the Mill River Country Club in Stratford.** Buffet Menu. Vinny Carr will be providing the afternoon's entertainment! For info-please call Marta Suchyak 203-377-1874 or Monique Antonelli 203-878-2214 by Dec. 11.

**Our Lady of Guadalupe ~ Feast day, Dec. 12** *"When the image of the Virgin appeared on Juan Diego's tilma, it was the prophecy of an embrace: Mary's embrace of all the peoples. Just as she made herself present to little Juan, so too she continues to reveal herself to all of us, especially to those who feel, like him, worthless."* Pope Francis  
 The pope is telling the people to be comforted with the idea that Mary is a mother, and as such, she loves her children and asks them to be her ambassadors, especially through prayer.  
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