



LIVE IN HARMONY

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT ~ December 4, 2016

Sunday Scripture Meditation: Isaiah 11:1-10; Romans 15:4-9; Matthew 3:1-12

In today's Gospel passage, John the Baptist talks about baptism. Jesus has come to baptize us not with water, but with the Holy Spirit and fire. Water in baptism washes us from original sin and brings us into a new relationship with God. **Baptism by the Spirit and fire is God's way of setting a fire in our hearts so that we will want to go out and share His love.**

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CELEBRATION OF MASSES THIS WEEK

Sat.	Dec 3	4:30 PM	+BARBARA GEORGETTE ~ <i>Sandy Chatlos</i>
Sun.	Dec 4	7:30 AM	+JAY SANDOR ~ <i>The Family</i>
		9:00 AM	+ANTONIO, +ROSE & +JOSEFINA MUCCIACCIARO ~ <i>Maria and Family</i>
		11:00 AM	+CATHERINE FABIAN, <i>Anniversary</i> ~ <i>Ted and Rose Bielen</i>
Mon.	Dec 5	7:30 AM	PABLO CRUZ AND CARMITA MOROCHO ~ ~ <i>In Thanksgiving to God upon their Engagement</i>
Tues.	Dec 6	7:30 AM	+NICHOLAS DEFAZIO
Wed.	Dec 7	7:30 AM	+JENEATH QUICK ~ <i>The Tran Family</i>
<i>Immaculate Conception Vigil</i>			
		7:00 PM	+JENNIE SEKELSKY ~ <i>The Family</i>
Thurs.	Dec 8	7:30 AM	+JOHN KMEC, JR ~ <i>Anna Leszczynski</i>
		9:00 AM	+JOHN KOKINDA ~ <i>Marge and Dianne Marcinov</i>
		5:30 PM	+RONALD BARBER ~ <i>Wife, Betty Barber</i>
Fri.	Dec 9	7:30 AM	+NICHOLAS AND +MARY DVORSKY ~ <i>Granddaughter, Eleanor Buda Burke</i>
Sat.	Dec 10	8:00 AM	+COMMUNITY MASS
		4:30 PM	+JOHN AND +ANNA ZAHURSKY ~ <i>Mr. & Mrs. Bill Uhelsky</i>
Sun.	Dec 11	7:30 AM	+LUCY CANTAFIO ~ <i>Connie Sandor</i>
		9:00 AM	+JENEATH QUICK ~ <i>Diem Tran</i>
		11:00 AM	+AUGUSTIN PETRUS ~ <i>Alex and Anna Onuska</i>



FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH ~ WEEK OF 11-20-2016

Operating Costs – Weekly amount needed to meet expenses of all five buildings ----	\$9,975
Sunday Collection	\$ 5,449
Other Collections: Annual, Monthly, Holy Day...	\$ 868
School Lease Income	\$ 14,062
TOTAL WEEKLY INCOME.....	\$ 20,379
SURPLUS	\$ 10,404



FISCAL YEAR TO DATE OVERVIEW Operating Costs Year to Date \$9,975 x 21.....\$209,475
Actual Weekly Income Year to date \$198,462 Shortfall \$11,013

FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH ~ WEEK OF 11-27-2016

Operating Costs – Weekly amount needed to meet expenses of all five buildings ----	\$9,975
Sunday Collection	\$ 4,858
Other Collections: Annual, Monthly, Holy Day...	\$ 949
TOTAL WEEKLY INCOME.....	\$ 5,807
SHORTFALL	\$ 4,168

FISCAL YEAR TO DATE OVERVIEW Operating Costs Year to Date \$9,975 x 22.....\$ 219,450
Actual Weekly Income Year to date \$204,269 Shortfall \$15,181

PRAYER CORNER: Please pray for the good health of:
Helen Lindberg, Richard Miller, Dottie Millo, Helen Mino,
Peter Panicale, Jo-Ann Petreycik, Charles Rader,
T.J. Recupido, Delmino Rodrigues, Jennie Tesla

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: December 4: *Religious Education Classes/Children's Liturgy ~K through 8 ~ Reconciliation ~ No Confirmation Class* **December 11:** *Religious Ed. Class/Children's Liturgy ~ K through 8 ~ Reconciliation ~ Confirmation Class held in Convent*

Our Parish Nurses will be available This weekend 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.

Sanctuary Candles for the month of December are given in loving memory of **Anna & William Lashinsky** from Mary Ann Salvaggio
Candles at the St. Joseph altar for the month of December are given in loving memory of **Kevin Sewell** from the Kmec Family



We offer our sympathy and assurance of prayer to the family of **Beverly and Ernest Allen** who were buried from our church this past week.

This weekend at the Sunday, 9:00 AM Mass, we commission our new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Ministers of the Word.



"Lord you know that I love you."

(Jn 21:15-17) The Eucharist is, in a certain way the culminating point of this answer. I wish to repeat it together with the whole Church to Him, who manifested His love by means of the Sacrament of His Body and Blood, remaining with us "to the close of the age" Saint John Paul II.



"The Lord God has given me a well trained tongue, that I might know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them." Isaiah 50:4-5

We ask God to bless all our ministers as they serve God and parish.

****CHRISTMAS BAKE SALES REMINDER****

Be sure to PICK UP YOUR ORDER THIS WEEKEND, SUNDAY, DEC. 4 between 10:00 AM and 12:00 Noon in the Parish Hall.

On Thursday, December 8 we celebrate the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary,

a Holy Day of Obligation.

The Mass schedule:

Vigil, Wednesday, 7:00 PM.

Thursday Masses: 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM and 5:30 PM.



The Christmas Giving Tree is in place at the altar rail. If you would like to participate please select a tag and have your gift returned unwrapped and placed under the tree. THE DEADLINE FOR DROPPING OFF GIFTS IS NEXT WEEKEND, December 10 & 11. Gifts not returned by the cutoff date cannot be distributed in time for Christmas. You may also drop off your gifts to the parish office during the week, Mon.- Fri. 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Thank you for your continued generosity in this worthy activity.

The Ladies Guild Christmas Party is Wednesday, Dec. 14 at Stanziale's in Stratford. Cost is \$25 with cocktails at 6:00 PM and a sit down dinner at 6:30 PM.

Members and their guests have a choice of three entrees: Chicken Parmesan with Pasta, or Stuffed Filet of Sole or Sliced Roast Beef, both with Potato and Vegetable. **THIS WEEKEND, December 4. IS THE DEADLINE FOR CALLING IN YOUR ENTRÉE SELECTION TO Nancy Vietri 203-685-8147 All dinners must be paid for in advance** via the collection basket marked "Guild Christmas Dinner" or dropped off at the parish office during normal business hours. Those wishing to participate should bring a \$5 grab bag. Members are also asked to bring an unwrapped toy for a girl or boy or a monetary donation for the poor.

EVANGELIZATION CORNER The Psalmist captures John the Baptist's advice to every age: follow the ways of right and not of wrong. The tree that bears the fruits of goodness will flourish in the promised reign of God. The tree that bears no taste of life will perish.



The Ladies Guild is now selling Oplatky (Christmas Wafers) in the vestibule of the church before and after Masses until the weekend of Dec. 17 & 18. Cost for a package of 6 wafers is \$3.00. Oplatky will also be available at the parish office Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

Our Holy Name of Jesus Men's Society will hold their Annual Christmas Party on Thursday, Dec. 15 at 6:00 PM at the Blue Goose Restaurant.

Dinner choices are roast Prime rib au jus, Baked Stuffed Jumbo Shrimp & Chicken Marsala or Fresh Atlantic Salmon.

Complimentary hot Hors D'oeuvres will be served. All entrees served with Homemade Bread and butter, Fresh Garden Salad with house dressing, Baked Potato,

Vegetable du jour, Dessert and Coffee or Tea. Total person cost \$32 for members and \$38.50 for nonmembers. **THE DEADLINE FOR RESESRVATIONS IS DEC. 11.**

Please contact Larry Wells at 203-375-2836 or

lawman56@optonline.net

Youth Choir News – Rehearsal is held every Wednesday in the Church Choir Loft.

*****Annual Christmas Eve Pageant News*****

Choir rehearsals are held in the church choir loft from 6:00 PM to 6:45 PM on Wednesdays, Dec. 7 and Dec. 14. And on Wed. Dec. 21 from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM. *Participants must be able to attend all rehearsals, unless prior arrangements are made.* **Cast of characters;** Shepherds, Shepherdess, Wisemen, Angels, Holy Mother Mary and St. Joseph. Additional rehearsals are on Wednesdays, Dec. 7 and Dec. 14 from 6:00 PM to 6:45 PM and Wed. Dec. 21 from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM. *Participants need to attend all the rehearsals, unless prior arrangements are made.* **A pizza party will be held for the choir and cast members on December 21.**

Our next Community Mass will be Saturday, Dec. 10 at 8:00 AM. If you would like your deceased loved ones remembered at this Mass please call the parish office by Thursday morning, 203-375-5815

The Quilting Group Ministry will not be meeting during the month of December. We thank them for their kindness and compassion to those in need. Weather permitting they will resume their good work in January. Please watch the bulletin for updates.

Next weekend the second collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

Thank you for your generosity in giving back to those who have given a lifetime of service.