

We await the Savior

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT ~ November 27, 2016

Sunday Scripture Meditation

Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:37-44

EMMANUEL *Every day we wake up and get ready to engage our time and energy in all sorts of activities. As we end the liturgical year and begin Advent, let's find time to pray and thank Jesus for redeeming us, for deepening our faith, and for giving us the gift of the Holy Spirit.*

Together let us pray, "Come, Lord Jesus." Printed with the permission of *The Word Among Us 2016*

CELEBRATION OF MASSES THIS WEEK

- Sat. Nov 26 4:30 PM +STEVEN CHATLOS, JR, ~ *Daughter, Sandy Chatlos*
- Sun. Nov 27 7:30 AM +MARION GRESKO ~ *Linda and Rick Dominick*
9:00 AM THE RYAN FAMILY~ *The Saranich Family*
11:00 AM +BARBARA GEORGETTE ~ *Diane Buda and Eleanor Burke*
- Mon. Nov 28 7:30 AM +EDWARD BOROSKI, Anniversary ~ *Lorraine McNulty*
- Tues. Nov 29 7:30 AM +FRANK ZIZA ~ *The Ziza Family*
- Wed. Nov 30 7:30 AM +GEORGE AND +YOLANDA MARUS
- Thurs. Dec 1 7:30 AM THE LIVING AND DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOLS, GROUP 2
- Fri. Dec 2 7:30 AM +JOHN DEMARTINO ~ *Dorothy Roman*
- Sat. Dec 3 8:00 AM +JEFFREY BOWNS ~ *The Silhavey Family*
4:30 PM +BARBARA GEORGETTE ~ *Sandy Chatlos*
- Sun. Dec 4 7:30 AM +JAY SANDOR ~ *The Family*
9:00 AM +ANTONIO, +ROSE & +JOSEPINA MUCCIACCIARO ~ *Maria and Family*
11:00 AM +CATHERINE FABIAN, Anniversary ~ *Ted and Rose Bielen.*



FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH - The weekend of 11-20-2016 will be available in next week's bulletin.



PRAYER CORNER: Your prayers are requested for the sick and the suffering, those in ongoing treatment and/or rehabilitation and those whose lives are heavily burdened. If you are a parishioner or know of a parishioner who would like to be included in the Prayer Corner, please call the parish office at 203-375-5815. Please pray for the good health of:
Richard Miller, Dottie Millo, Helen Mino, Peter Panicale, Jo-Ann Petreycik, Charles Rader, T.J. Recupido, Jennie Tesla

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION November 27:
Thanksgiving Break ~ No Religious Education Classes. No Confirmation Class
December 4: *Religious Education Classes/Children's Liturgy ~ K through 8 ~ Reconciliation ~No Confirmation Class*

Youth Choir News: Rehearsal is held every Wednesday in the Church Choir loft. *We thank the Youth Choir for their beautiful singing at last week's Sunday 9:00 AM Mass.*



Promoting Healthy Living
Our Parish Nurses will be available Next 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.

EVANGELIZATION CORNER

As Advent dawns, Saint Paul calls to us to awake and prepare to greet the Lord at His coming. **Let us always live our lives in such a way that we may not dread this coming but await it in joy**

Sanctuary Candles for the month of December

are given in loving memory of **Anna and 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

The Ladies Guild is now selling Oplatky (Christmas Wafers) in the vestibule of the church before and after Masses until the weekend of December 17 & 18. Cost for a package of 6 wafers is \$3.00. Oplatky will also be available at the parish office during business hours.

CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE
REMINDER
Be sure to PICK UP YOUR ORDERS
NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4
between 10:00 AM and 12:00 Noon in the Parish Hall.





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 two weeks away - the weekend of 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, Monday through Friday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. *Thank you for your continued generosity in this worthy activity.*



The Ladies Guild will hold their Christmas Party on 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. Please call in your entrée selection to Nancy Vietri 203-685-8147 by the cutoff date of December 4. 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.

Our Holy Name of Jesus Men's Society will hold their Annual Christmas Party on Thursday, December 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 reservations is December 11. Please contact Larry Wells at 203-375-2836 or lawman56@optonline.net



The Slovak Alliance of Greater Bridgeport will be holding their Christmas Party on Sunday, Dec. 18

from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM at the Mill River Country Club in Stratford. **Vinny Carr will be providing the afternoon's entertainment!** For more information please call Marta Suchyak 203-377-1874 or Monique Antonelli 203-878-2214 **by Dec 11.**

St. Margaret Mary Women's Group is hosting their Holly Fair on Saturday, December 3 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM at 50 Donovan Lane, Shelton. Vendors, food, raffles, cookie walk and a visit from Santa. For more information call LeAnne at 203-231-1609.



From our Parish Nurses: Stress ~Coping with Everyday Problems, continued from

last week Meditate – Just 10-20 minutes

of quiet reflection can bring relief from chronic stress. Use the time to listen to music, relax, try to think of pleasant things. **Visualize**- Use your imagination to manage a stressful situation by visualizing how you would successfully accomplish it. **Exercise** – Regular exercise is a popular way to relieve stress. 25-30 minutes daily benefits both the body and mind. **Hobbies** - Take a break from your worries by doing something pleasurable and enjoyable. Indulge your interests, such as gardening, fishing, painting, hiking, dancing, reading or whatever.. **Share your feelings** – If you are feeling overwhelmed, talk to a friend or family member. Stay in touch. Let them provide love, advice, support and guidance. Do not try to cope alone. *If you know of either yourself or someone else who may be in crisis, seek help immediately. Call 1-800-273-TALK or reach a 24 hour crisis center or dial 911 for immediate assistance. From Healthy Mind, Body & Soul, the Lourdes Publication for Parish Nurses*



Young people of the Parish – We invite you to participate in the upcoming Annual

Christmas Eve Pageant! If you like to sing and are in grades 4 through 12, please

come to the choir rehearsals, held in the church choir loft from 6:00 PM to 6:45 PM on Wed. Nov. 30, 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.* **Grades 1 through 12 – we need a cast of characters** to include; Shepherds, Shepherdess, Wisemen, Angels, Holy Mother Mary and St. Joseph. Please come to the costume fitting **And first run through**, held in the church on Wed. Nov. 30 from 6:00 PM to 6:45 PM. Additional rehearsals on Wed. 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. **Please see the flier in the bulletin. Registration forms can be found at the church entrances.** *Participants need to attend all the rehearsals, unless prior arrangements are made.* A Cast & Choir Pizza Party will conclude this beautiful annual parish event.

The Knights of Columbus Museum, at 1 State Street in New Haven, has opened its annual Christmas exhibit.

The show features crèches from Germany as well as many from the museum's own collection, including a hand-carved cedar nativity scene from Mexico and its popular 120-square-foot Baroque Neapolitan (Italian) diorama. Open daily. Free admission & parking. More at 203-865-0400 or kofcmuseum.org.

If you are a parishioner who is a carpenter or painter and would like to help our parish with occasional odd jobs, please let Fr. Andy know or call the parish office 203-375-5815.