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*First Sunday of*  
**ADVENT**



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**First Sunday of Advent**  
**November 27, 2022**

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

**SATURDAY, November 26 - Vigil – 1st Sunday of Advent**

4:00pm OLOP + Anthony Ventura, Sr.  
by Wife & Children

4:30pm SVDP + Theresa J. Fucci  
+ Daughter, Cindy

**SUNDAY, November 27 – 1st Sunday of Advent**

8:00am OLOP + Salvatore Amendola  
by Wife & Family

9:00am ST. B + Jerry Redenti by Wife, Diane  
+ Antoinette Borrelli (Birthday)  
by Solomine Family

10:00am OLOP + William Pearce  
by Family

11:15am SVDP + Andrea Palmucci  
by Family

**MONDAY, November 28 - Weekday**

8:00am OLOP + Leonard Calandriello  
by Family

8:00am SVDP + Laura Anderson

**TUESDAY, November 29 – Weekday**

8:00am OLOP + Joyce Hutt

8:00am SVDP + Sr. Susan Carlin, R.S.M.

**WEDNESDAY, November 30 - St. Andrew**

8:00am OLOP + Dorothy Marinaccio  
by Porto Funeral Home

8:00am SVDP + Laura Anderson

**THURSDAY, December 1 - Weekday**

8:00am OLOP + Deacon Hank Lotto

8:00am ST. B + Robin Baldini (1st Ann.)  
by Family

**FRIDAY, December 2 - First Friday**

8:00am ST. B + Jason Sagnella  
by Clancy-Palumbo Funeral Home

**SATURDAY, December 3 - Vigil – 2nd Sunday of Advent**

4:00pm OLOP + Pat & Anthony DiLungo  
by Family

4:30pm SVDP + Savino, Massarelli & Montanaro Families  
+ Family

**SUNDAY, December 4 – 2nd Sunday of Advent**

8:00am OLOP + Steve, Catherine, Stephen  
& Stephen III Bogusky  
by Arlene Van Der Maelen

9:00am ST. B + Paula AnneMarie Conte  
by Husband, Calvin  
+ Susan Gagliardi  
by Family

10:00am OLOP + Mary DeNittis & Ray & Nancy  
by Mucka Family  
+ Anthony Amendola  
by Family

11:15am SVDP + Dominick & Nicholas Langelo by Family  
+ Ryan Kiley by Mom, Liz, Ashley & Sean

**STEWARDSHIP**

Regular Collection \$0.00

Campaign for Human Development \$0.00

Online Giving \$0.00

**December 3 & 4 Second Collection:**

Monthly

DUE TO EARLY PRINTING TOTALS WILL BE IN NEXT  
WEEKENDS BULLETIN.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Sunday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Rom  
13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

Monday: Is 4:2-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/  
Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk  
10:21-24

Wednesday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22

Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/  
Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt  
9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

**CONFESSION SCHEDULE:**

**Our Lady of Pompeii:** Saturday at 3:00-3:30pm

**St. Vincent de Paul:** Saturday at 3:30-4:00pm

**SILENCE.**

**Please, be mindful that many parishioners arrive early prior to the start of Mass in order to sit reflectively with the LORD in prayer. Please, be mindful of the level of your voice and that voices carry from the back of the church to the front. Please, maintain a subdued tone when speaking so that other's quiet time is not disturbed.**



**Holy Hour**  
Come spend time in  
the presence of Jesus.

Every Monday, immediately following morning Mass at Our Lady of Pompeii, there is one hour of **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**. This *Holy Hour* is also streamed for those who cannot join us. Go to <https://www.stpioofpietrelcinaeh.com>

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# MINISTRY & EVENT CALENDAR

<b>SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27</b> <b>NO ACTIVITIES OR EVENTS SCHEDULED</b>	<b>SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4</b> <b>NO ACTIVITIES OR EVENTS SCHEDULED</b>
<b>MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28</b> <b>Holy Hour</b> - 8:30-9:30am in Our Lady of Pompeii Church <b>Fr. Patrick Prayer Class</b> - 2:00pm at SVDP Parish Office <b>Bible Study</b> - 7:00pm on Zoom <b>Contact Christine Sandford at 203-469-7823</b>	<b>MONDAY, DECEMBER 5</b> <b>Holy Hour</b> - 8:30-9:30am in Our Lady of Pompeii Church <b>Fr. Patrick Prayer Class</b> - 2:00pm at SVDP Parish Office <b>Bible Study</b> - 7:00pm on Zoom <b>Contact Christine Sandford at 203-469-7823</b>
<b>TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29</b> <b>Fr. Patrick Prayer Class</b> - 6:30pm at SVDP Parish Office <b>Rosary Group</b> - 8:00 pm on Zoom <b>Contact Sally Mucka at 203-469-0764 ext. 8</b>	<b>TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6</b> <b>Fr. Patrick Prayer Class</b> - 6:30pm at SVDP Parish Office <b>Rosary Group</b> - 8:00 pm on Zoom <b>Contact Sally Mucka at 203-469-0764 ext. 8</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30</b> <b>Bible Study</b> - 6:30pm at SVDP Parish Office <b>Contact Marie Connors at 203-468-1184</b> <b>Rosary Group</b> - 8:00 pm on Zoom <b>Contact Sally Mucka at 203-469-0764 ext. 8</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7</b> <b>Bible Study</b> - 6:30pm at SVDP Parish Office <b>Contact Marie Connors at 203-468-1184</b> <b>Rosary Group</b> - 8:00 pm on Zoom <b>Contact Sally Mucka at 203-469-0764 ext. 8</b>
<b>THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1</b> <b>Scriptural Rosary</b> - 6:00pm at OLOP Chapel <b>Contact Sally Mucka at 203-469-0764 ext. 8</b>	<b>THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8</b> <b>Holy Day of Obligation</b> <b>See Mass Schedule</b> <b>Scriptural Rosary</b> - 6:00pm at OLOP Chapel <b>Contact Sally Mucka at 203-469-0764 ext. 8</b>
<b>FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2</b> <b>Rosary Group</b> - 8:00 pm on Zoom <b>Contact Sally Mucka at 203-469-0764 ext. 8</b>	<b>FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9</b> <b>Rosary Group</b> - 8:00 pm on Zoom <b>Contact Sally Mucka at 203-469-0764 ext. 8</b>
<b>SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3</b> <b>Divine Mercy</b> - 11:00am at Our Lady of Pompeii Chapel <b>Rosary Group</b> - 8:00 pm on Zoom <b>Contact Sally Mucka at 203-469-0764 ext. 8</b>	<b>SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10</b> <b>Divine Mercy</b> - 11:00am at Our Lady of Pompeii Chapel <b>Rosary Group</b> - 8:00 pm on Zoom <b>Contact Sally Mucka at 203-469-0764 ext. 8</b>



**FROM THE PEN FR.  
MURASSO  
GIFT CARDS NEEDED**

As the food prices continue to rise and the holiday season upon us, several of our parishioners are having trouble buying food as they struggle to purchase other household necessities.

Grocery Shopping cards in any denomination to any of the local supermarkets would help me help members of our parish family who presently are in need of assistance for the purchase of food. These gift/shopping cards can be dropped into the collection basket or brought to the parish office. Whatever you can do, is greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance. JNM

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #3300**



Our Knights of Columbus Assembly in conjunction with the Catholic War Vets of Derby will be sending Christmas care packages to active duty military. Please help us identify Active duty, deployed Military personnel that are friends, neighbors or relatives of anyone from the parish. Email their full name, Rank, Unit, and Military APO, FPO, DPO or domestic address if deployed Stateside and reside off-base to Chris Neumann at [Hello.Neumann@KOLonline.com](mailto:Hello.Neumann@KOLonline.com) or call 203-393-2924. Deadline is Nov. 21

**The Candles burn this week for these special intentions:**

**Our Lady of Pompeii Candles**

*Sanctuary Lamp (Right Side) ~ In Memory of Billy Richmond & For All the Souls in Purgatory*

*Sanctuary Lamp (Left Side) ~ In Memory of the Mauro & Elko Families Chapel ~*

*Sacred Heart of Jesus ~  
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Icon ~  
Our Lady of Pompeii Picture ~*

**St. Vincent de Paul Candles**

*Sanctuary Lamp (Right Side) ~ In Memory of the Balzano & Avitable Families*

*Sanctuary Lamp (Left Side) - In Memory of Ronald Paolillo*

*Our Lady's Altar ~ George Iacobellis  
by JoAnn MacCatherine & Ed & Bella Giza;  
Gina Parisi by Parisi & Sabatino Families  
St. Joseph's Altar ~*

**St. Bernadette Candles**

*Sanctuary Lamp (Right Side) ~  
Sanctuary Lamp (Left Side) ~*

**PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH**

Nick Vessicchio, Sally Ann Fallon, Lynette Ely, David T. Boyle, Richard Lucibello, Carmel Ferretti, Bryan Surprenant, Sharon Spadacenta, Marie & Charles Zambrano, Helen Langello, Brian Savo, Gerry Andrea, Alan Poirier, Connie Rasimas, Jane Pyka, Harry Clark, Lou DiNola, Geraldine Licciardi, Joanne Cretella, Joseph Anyzeski, Fran Sofo, Elizabeth Kuen, Deborah Sanning, Paula Ferrara, Patricia Brasile, Tina Marie Fionia, Joseph Parise, Frank DelGrego, Moira Ferguson, Danielle Joubert, Frances Polaski, Pauline Condon, Rose Anna Izzo, Angelo DeMatteo, Patricia Aulenti, Michael Pascale, Alyce Richmond, Catherine Leach, Mark Schettino, Patty DiMilo, Rose Rogalski, Elaine Smith, Karen Rescigno, Virginia Pisano, DJ DiVincenzo, Sgt. Anthony Rybaruk, Philip & Sally DeMilo, Anna Concelmo, Anna Marie Nappi, Brian Higney, Rich Tortora, Frances Randi, Denise Bailey, Joseph Peterson, Marion Mahl, Paula Ruddock, Pamela Willis, Laura Luzzi, Brian Wilson, Maureen Redmond, Kristianne Argentino, Shirley Perrelli, Bill Izzo, Andrew & Catherine Criscuolo, Patricia Miles, Joe Coscia, Deborah Verab, Dona Marie, Louis Messina, Christina Meoli, Michelle Smith, Ron Mattei, Angela Riccio, Charlene Tantalio, Al Forgione, Gabriella Garrity, Beverly Fucci, W.D. Merkle, Phyllis Anastasio, Cheryl Barbara, Carmine DelBasso, Lennar-Phyllis Esposito, Diana Vitelli O'Brien, Meghan Keeney, Genaro Millone, Jo Vuolo, Felicia DeRoche, Marilyn Kozin, Mike Barnett, Richard Costanzo, Carole & Frank Casapulla, Gerrie Amendola, Michael Bowen, Linda Montone, Mary Diamante, Carol Esposito, Fred & Barbara Brow, Christopher Farrell, Roberta Sanders-Gray, Jeannette Winston, Marilyn Sisson, Ryder Feeley, Theodore Siwinski, Michael Enders, Nicholas Cerillo, Edwina Cinque, John Soleski, Rudolph Pohlman, Linda Esposito, Renee Flynn, The Cooper Family, Rosemary Riccitelli, Marie Riccitelli, Lynn Ely, Ethan Roche, Frances Graney, Barbara Kapusta, Megan Maturo, Rose Paula Dziedulonis, Roma Criscuolo, Lucille Ready, Taras Mychajlowskyj, Denise Steiner, Mary Ann Anastasio, Guy Brasile, Gloribeth R., Stacie Bouchard, Daija Diaz, Al Sappinetti, Guy Racino, Michael Polaski, Martha Catel, Eddie Villecco, Isaiah Colville, Marie Monico, Jennie Nazario, Joan Proto, Caitlin Rustic, Michael Filion, Joanne Gondek, John Torello, Mauro Antonio Bezanilla, Matteo Criscuolo, Robert Filion, Lucy Carbone, Dorene Izzo, Lucille Palange, Carmine Riccitelli, Sr., Louise Amato, Mark Houston, Avery Bye, Mark Palmisano, Alex Bernaitis, Vincent Pisano, Charles Scalesse

Please send prayer requests to [stpiofpietrelcina@gmail.com](mailto:stpiofpietrelcina@gmail.com) so that our parishioners and friends can be remembered in our prayers.

**Midnight Run  
Taylor Avenue Campus**

The Midnight Run for **December** is the **2nd Monday**, which is **December 12th**. Donations of brown bag lunches, water, juice boxes and toiletries are appreciated. These donations can be dropped off to Sue Stacey's home, 82 Forbes Place, up until 7pm on **Monday, December 12th**. At this time, because of Covid, clothing and blankets can not be accepted. Thank you and God bless you for all donations. Stay safe & well.

**Midnight Run  
Foxon Road Campus**

On the last Monday of each month, we bring 75 bagged lunches to the Columbus House Overflow Shelter.

**Donations Needed:**

ShopRite Gift Cards or  
Gallon Size Ziploc Bags  
Quart Size Ziploc Bags  
Peanut Butter & Jelly  
Juice Pouches  
Raisin Boxes  
Fruit Cups & Pudding Cups  
Granola Bars  
Individual Packaged Cookies, Crackers or Chips

We are also looking for small amounts or full skeins of yarn, it will be used to make hats and scarves for the midnight run. Please leave your donations at any entrance of the church. Thank you.

Midnight Run is the **LAST** Monday of **EVERY** month from Our Lady of Pompeii Church from 6-7 pm. Thank-you for being so generous!



**St. Bernadette Food Pantry** located at the East Shore Senior Center is open every Saturday from 10:00am-11:00am. We are always in need of non-perishable foods. Top choices are, canned: tomatoes, tomato sauce, vegetables, tuna fish, soups and fruits. Pasta, mac & cheese and peanut butter. Consumption guidelines provided to us from the CT

**Food Bank:** Expiration/Code Date Extensions past expiration: high acid foods (i.e. tomatoes) 12-18 months. Low acid foods (canned meat, most vegetables) 2-5 years. Food in jars, 12 months past expiration, dry cereal 6-12 months, rice/pasta (dry) 1 year. Questions, please contact Deb or Rico at 203-468-7489



**THE EAST HAVEN FOOD PANTRY** is asking for cranberry sauce, gravy, stuffing, coffee, tea and instant mashed potatoes the month of October. Please leave your donations of food at the church entrances.

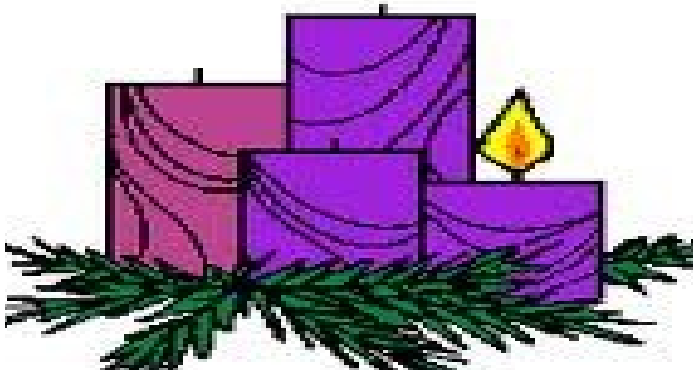
\*Starting October 1, the Food Pantry will be open from 9:00am-11:00am on Saturdays & Tuesdays.

For more info call Christine Sandford 203-469-7823

**From the Pen of Fr. M.**  
Reverend Jeremiah N. Murasso, Ph.D., Ed.D., Psy.D.

### **The First Sunday of Advent**

Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:11-14;  
St. Matthew 24:37-44:  
*Advent, the Hope of a New World*



This weekend November 27, the Church begins the joyous *Season of Advent*. This beautiful season provides Christians with a period of *prayerful expectation* in anticipation of the *Feast of Christmas*. As Christians, we are called to be a people whose lives are *ablaze* in anticipation of the Prophet Isaiah's dream for a *new world*; a world that will come into existence at the second coming of Christ.

#### **The Prophet Isaiah**

As we begin the *Season of Advent*, 2022, Christians are urged to listen attentively to the *Word of God* as it is prophesized by the Prophet Isaiah. Isaiah speaks about the beginning of a *new world* where war and famine and discord will be no more. Isaiah acted as a political advisor, as well as a spiritual mentor to both the kings and the people of his day. He lived and wrote in the eighth century B.C. Unfortunately, as is true with most prophets, Isaiah's words were not taken very seriously by either the leaders or the people, and much of what the Prophet said was either minimized or dismissed altogether.



Isaiah was approximately sixty years-of-age when he compiled his writings: the book which bears his name. The Book of the Prophet Isaiah consists of a series of poems or oracles in which the Prophet shares his yearnings for and looks forward to a *new age*; an age where peace and justice will reign supreme. This *new age* will come about through the rise of the *Second David*, the *Prince of Peace*, and the long-awaited-for *Messiah* called *Emmanuel*.

#### **New Liturgical Year**

With the first Sunday of Advent, the Church begins a new liturgical year and a new cycle of readings for weekdays and Sunday worship. Having concluded a year-long relationship with St. Luke in Cycle 'C,' the Church begins this new liturgical year with Cycle 'A' as we listen for the next twelve months to the Gospel according to St. Matthew.

The theme that is captured on this first Sunday in Advent is the same theme that continues throughout the four weeks of the *Advent Season*: an invitation to be *vigilant*, to *stay awake* by becoming more *attentive* to the *signs of the times*. The readings for *Advent* reinforce the fact that this world is passing away and man's life is coming to an end as he knows it; thus, he must concentrate on those aspects of life that prepare him for Eternal Life.

#### **Isaiah 2:1-5**

On this first Sunday of *Advent*, the Prophet Isaiah speaks about a *new world* where mankind will no longer bear weapons, but instead work toward the preservation of peace and love. The powerful and pertinent message for 21<sup>st</sup> century Christians is worth reflection.

#### **Isaiah 2:1**

*"This is what Isaiah; son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem."*

The actual translation from the Hebrew text is, *"The word which Isaiah, son of Amoz saw...."* The Hebrew translation of the word (*dabar*) has the broader meaning of *"event or matter."* Isaiah indicates that the message that he must impart does not come from him. Rather, his words are the result of an *announcement* that he has received from God. The Prophet has been the recipient of a vision (*haza*) where some information about Judah and Jerusalem was imparted to him by God.

#### **Isaiah 2:2**

*"The mountain of the Lord shall be established as the highest mountain and all the nations shall stream toward it."*

This same verse (2) is also recorded in Micah. The Prophet Micah was a contemporary of Isaiah and Amos and prophesized about the same time. Scholars speculate if, in fact, it was Isaiah who copied this verse from Micah or vice versa.

The stanza opens with, *"In the days to come,"* referring to the *final days* that remain in human history up to and including the coming of Christ. It makes reference to man's existence in the world in which life, this life is coming to an end; thus, in the final part of human history, Isaiah's prophecy will be fulfilled. According to the Hebrew method of designating history, *human history* was referred to as *"the days."* In other words, *"the days"* signify the age of the coming of the Messiah in which mankind will experience the period of salvation and deliverance.

In the passage for this first Sunday in *Advent*, the Prophet speaks not of the present age. Rather, Isaiah is referring to the future as a way of instilling hope for the faithful followers of God's Law. When the day comes and Jesus returns, the estrangement that sin caused between God and man will be restored.

David's Zion, about which Isaiah speaks, was not very high. However, according to the Prophet, in the future Mount Zion will be described in terms of its exaltation above the rest of the mountains. This means that the mountain of the Lord will even be higher than the many high places that were (in Isaiah's day) reserved for pagan worship.

With exaltation will come the conversion of many people, i.e. the phrase:

*"And all the nations shall stream toward it,"* parallels the phrase, *"Many people shall come and say: 'Come, let us climb the Lord's mountain...'"* indicating that while not all people will see the light of conversion, the majority of the nations will respond to God's invitation in faith, and as they do so, they will abandon their old ways of worship (of the pagan gods) believing that the One True God is the Truth.



This is a very important teaching of Isaiah for at least two reasons. (1) The imagery in this passage enforces the fact that the worship of the Lord, as the mountain of the house of *One True God*, will triumph over all other religions and over all other forms of worship. (2) In Isaiah's day, the kind of worship of God, about which the Prophet speaks, was incomprehensible and confined to Israel alone. In other words, the nations regarded God, the God that was worshipped by the Israelites as being a local deity, who belonged only to Israel in the same way that the various pagan gods were unique to or attached to the various tribes of people.

Isaiah is saying that in the *final days* of man's existence, *the days* that have already begun, this religion (worship of the Israelites' God) will be known and practiced throughout the world. Considering the times in which Isaiah lived, his prophecy is incredibly brilliant; a message that the people of his day did not want to hear because the entire style of religion and their approach to worship would take on new meaning, not only for present times, but for all ages.

The *New Covenant* will be a source of unity. For the first time, Israel's God will be worshipped by people of other nations who were not Jews. This is as radical, as it is profound, given the times in which Isaiah writes. The Prophet's message points to the fact that just as Jerusalem had been the center for many pilgrimages during *Old Testament Covenant times* (the Jews made three pilgrimages each year), so *during the final days*, Jerusalem will become the center of the entire world.



The *mountain* is to become the means of unification; the unifying *spiritual energy* for the entire world. In Isaiah's day, the people would have interpreted these powerful words to mean that the portrayal of Babel as the place of confusion and dispersion is about to be reversed. At Babel there was confusion and mankind dispersed. Jerusalem will now become the city of peace. In Jerusalem all the nations of the world will be united by their belief in the *One, True God*. The God who has called all people and all the nations of the world by name.

#### New Testament Prophecy

The message of the Prophet Isaiah continues to be fulfilled in the New Testament. Jesus establishes the Church with the choosing of his twelve apostles as well as the multitude who followed him. These would be his future disciples through the renunciation of sin and re-birth in baptism. Beginning at Jerusalem, the disciples went out to all the nations proclaiming the "*Good News*" of salvation through God's unconditional mercy and love, which is extended to all people of the world.

#### Isaiah 2:3

*"Many people shall come and say: 'Come, let us climb the Lord's Mountain, to the house of the God of Jacob that he may instruct us in his ways, and we may walk in his paths.' For from Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem."*

The message in verse 3, points to the fact that God is the source of Truth. The line, *"Many people shall come...."* implies they come not of their own accord. They are *called* by God. It is in this *call* that they come to realize their dissatisfaction with their present conditions. They *"come"* because God has stirred up their hearts; thus, they recognize that the God of all the nations is the *True God*. Past forms of worship and beliefs are abandoned for Truth. No longer will it be accurate to say that just one nation will know God because *during these last days* all people and all nations will know God.

The *"many"* will then persuade others to join them in their ascent to Mount Zion. Conversion will be contagious as those who have *responded* to the *call* will be quick to share with others their experience of the new found Truth.

*"Come, let us climb the Lord's Mountain, to the house of the God of Jacob that he may instruct us in his ways, and we may walk in his paths."*

The *"house of the God of Jacob"* is the Temple. It was important for the Jews as well as the nations of the world to recognize that the ascent to Mount Zion was not a hiking expedition. Rather, it was where God resided in His holy Temple. And that the God whom their Prophet Jacob adored was now the God who will be recognized and venerated by the people of all the nations of the world. This God who the Israelites claimed for their own is not a cultic deity belonging to the Israelites alone. This is the God of all the people of every generation, and for all times.



Once presented with God's *Word*, the people will desire to demonstrate this newly-found faith by living in a manner that will reveal and prove their love for God:

*"...to the house of the God of Jacob that he may instruct us in his ways, and we may walk in his paths."*

This is *Discipleship*; the kind of *Discipleship* about which Luke spoke throughout this past liturgical year. Once the people of the world are presented with, and choose to embrace the *Word* of God, they will automatically, willingly and without any doubt or hesitation, *"Place their hands on the plough and not look back,"* to what they left behind. Why? Because they would have found: Truth.

#### Isaiah 2:4

*"He shall judge between the nations, and impose terms on many peoples. They shall beat their swords into the plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; one nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again."*

In verse 4, the Prophet speaks of God's dominion: *"He shall judge between the nations, and impose terms on many peoples."* Isaiah portrays a world in which peace and goodwill govern because of God's presence. As a result of the presence of God, His nonviolent and nonaggressive dominion will prevail. Isaiah makes it clear that the peace, which reigns as a result of the Lord's presence does not stem from human effort. Universal peace can only come from God. And in His bestowal of peace, it can only be profitable to mankind to the degree that the *Spirit of the Lord* is received by a receptive heart.



Man must *desire* something other than the false and fleeting values of this world. He must strive to avoid sin and he must be intent on embracing God *Word*; thus, he must endeavor to demonstrate the *living-out* of God's unconditional *love*. Isaiah paints a striking picture of what the world could become if only man would exchange war for peace and hatred for love.

Isaiah describes God as the just Judge; He who intervenes in human history as One who brings peace. The Lord is described as He who will intervene in the disputes among the nations of the world in such a way that the nations will change the trappings of war into instruments for peace. Consequently, man's knowledge of war will be forgotten and it will never again be remembered.

In these "*final days*," which will usher in a "*new world*," Isaiah says that from now on, whenever nations need to settle disputes with other nations, they will *no longer* resort to artillery. Rather, they will appeal to God above and petition His merciful judgment. In so doing, they will be guaranteed a response from God; a judgment that is guaranteed to be just.

#### New Testament Prophecy

We see the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophetic message in the New Testament. It is through the Messiah, the Christ of God that God in the person of Jesus intervenes into human history. The Lord reads the hearts of man with the hope that man's life and his life-choices will conform to God's will. Man is invited to embark upon a journey in faith. This is called *Discipleship*. To the degree that man accepts the invitation and the challenge to "*walk in the ways of the Lord*," to this degree will God find a receptive vehicle for bringing about Isaiah's prophecy for peace and goodwill.

The final stanza of verse 4 is as powerful as it is awe-inspiring:

*"They shall beat their swords into the plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks."*

What a lovely thought! In other words, men will "*cut*" their swords in half. This is the beginning of what will result when man finally decides to make peace instead of war; when man relinquishes control over his world and over other nations and people and begins to rely on God. When this comes about, man will readily choose to put his weapons aside and find another use for them; a more domestic purpose.



Swords, which are made of iron, will now be modified for a different purpose. The Hebrew word, *'ittim*, denotes a sharp-edged instrument such as a *mattock*, an ax-like, fork-like instrument used for chopping or digging into the soil. Isaiah says that now the sword, having been refashioned will be used for the plough-hook because of its sharp blade. The blade cuts into the earth for the planting of crops. The new purpose for which instruments of war will be used will *produce* life instead of *taking* life.

The final stanza of verse 4 speaks of the unwillingness and the inability of nations to take up arms with one another.

*"...one nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again."* A lovely sobering message! As a result of the refashioning of instruments of war for more domestic purposes, nations will no longer have malice toward another nation, nor will individuals take up weapons against others. Not only will nations not inflict harm on another, they will no longer know how to do so. And in not knowing how to make war, they will be unable to teach their children.

#### Isaiah 2:5

*"O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!"* In the final verse, Isaiah exhorts the house of Jacob, which does not deserve the name "*Israel*." He encourages the people to walk in the light of the Lord; to embrace God's teachings and to open their hearts to His blessings. Only then will the *final days* give way to the dawn of a *new world*.

#### St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 13:11-1

In his Letter to the Romans, St. Paul gives the disciples of Jesus instructions; the formula for earning the experience of God's kingdom.

*"Let us throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us conduct ourselves properly as in the day, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in promiscuity and lust, not in rivalry and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ."*

The "*armor of light*," about which Paul speaks is God's grace. Once the disciple chooses to embrace God's *Word*, he begins to live differently as he cooperates with God's grace, which becomes like armor, a shield against the darkness of sin. St. Paul warns disciples that as the "*days of the Lord approach*," they must be prepared to be received by the Lord. This means a change in those behaviors that too often become obstacles for experiencing God's kingdom.

#### St. Matthew 24:37-44

In Matthew's gospel account for this first Sunday of *Advent*, the evangelist, like the Prophet Isaiah and St. Paul warn the disciples about the consequences of not being attentive to the dawn of the "*new days*" that will lead up to the return of the Lord.

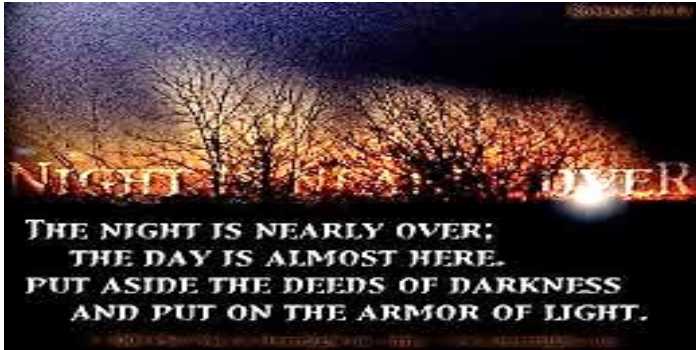
*"Jesus said to his disciples, 'It was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. In those days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day that Noah entered the ark. They did not know until the flood came and carried them all away. So, it will be also at the coming of the Son of Man.'"*

Matthew warns that just as in the days prior to the flood as people were going about their daily routines and were indifferent to the ways of the Lord, so it will be in the present age. In man's preoccupation with the things of the world, he may not be *spiritually prepared*; thus, he will miss the return of Jesus and his offer to enter into his kingdom.

All three readings for this first *Sunday of Advent* set the tone for *Advent*, which ushers in the birth of Christ. The readings *re-define* the manner in which the 21<sup>st</sup> century disciple of Jesus should live his/her life and the way in which he/she should conduct his/her affairs. Men and women of faith must become more *attentive* to the Lord's invitation to, "*Follow in his ways*" (Isaiah 2:3) by embracing and *living-out* His *Word*.



This is a call to **“wake-up-from-slumber”** (Romans 13:11). It is an invitation to become less self-absorbed and overwhelmed by personal crises, by the problems of this world. It is a call to be mindful of God’s gifts, which are not to be taken for granted.



The *Advent Season* becomes a reminder to men and women of faith to begin to focus on Truth, to establish priorities in their lives and to demonstrate their faith in Jesus by their choices. The readings and their common theme of *alertness* to the coming of Christ and the need to focus on Jesus, also sets the tone for how Christians should live their lives throughout the year: in faithful anticipation of Christ’s return, striving always to hear and respond to the *Word* of God. Jesus is God’s *Word*. JNM

Additional Note: Although sensitive of gender-related language; he/she, him/her, it is often necessary to refer to the generic, “man” when reference is made to the essence of human nature.

### From the Pen of Fr. M.

Reverend Jeremiah N. Murasso, Ph.D. Ed.D, Psy.D

#### *Advent and Mary*

We begin this first Sunday of *Advent* with readings from the Prophet Isaiah, St. Paul in his *Letter to the Romans*, and from the *Gospel according to St. Matthew*. The theme for the first Sunday of *Advent* is one of “*Expectation*.” The readings focus our attention on the need to be “*alert*,” to “*wake from slumber*” and to be “*vigilant*” with regard to the return of the Lord. The *Season of Advent* is a wonderful season in which *alert* and *faithful* Christians become ever so mindful of God’s love; a love that is expressed through his Son, born in poverty for the salvation of mankind.



During the *Advent Season*, the Church’s focus is on Mary, the Mother of Jesus and our Mother. Having been chosen by God to birth the long-awaited-for Messiah, *Advent* spotlights Mary as being the *Model of Discipleship* as well as the *Model of Obedient Faith*. The hallmark of Mary’s *Discipleship* and her *Obedient Faith* is characterized by her witness to Elizabeth and in her beautiful message to her cousin, which is referred to as “*The Magnificat*” (Lukel:46-55). Mary possessed joy and conviction, in the midst of:

- Confusion**, as she was told by the Archangel Gabriel that she would be the Mother of the Messiah.
- Wonderment**, as she was told that a sword would pierce her heart because of her Son.
- Sorrow**, as she stood at the foot of the cross gazing at the broken and blood-soaked body of her Son, as he slowly relinquished his spirit to the Father.

I use the word *joyful*, not to describe light-heartedness. Rather, *joyful* with regard to the *certitude* that *Mary* possessed in the belief that God was in charge, that God would provide, and that God would never permit harm to those who trust. Not knowing at any one particular time in her life what being the mother of God’s Son would mean, *Mary trusted*.

The *Season of Advent* is actually about *trusting*. In Luke’s account of the *Visitation*, which is read on the feast of the Immaculate Conception, Mary responds to the Archangel Gabriel by saying, “*I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.*” Herein lies Mary’s greatness; not so much that she was the Mother of God, but that she *trusted* in God’s *Word*. Despite Mary’s confusion, despite the fact that she did not know, nor could not see the whole picture, Mary said, “*Yes*” to God.

The sending of Jesus into the world has made all things new. The readings for this weekend serve as a reminder to all Christians and to all of mankind that when the *Second Coming* occurs, the entire created world will respond and in this response, all will be renewed. Each year, during the *Advent* and the *Christmas Seasons*, Christians are called to celebrate and to remember that because of Jesus, they have been given an abundance of graces and a reason to hope for a future when all of mankind will live in peace and become one in the Lord.

*Advent* is a time for recognizing all the blessings that God has given to each of us. It is a time to channel these blessings to others by tearing down *once-and-for-all-times*, the obstacles that prevent each of us from finding Jesus in our neighbor and even in our enemies.

*Advent* is a time for discovering reasons for believing and for hoping. It is a time to remain “*alert*” and to “*awake from slumber*” in order to read the *signs of the times*; thus to make those changes in our lives that continue to thwart God’s graces from being a source of transformation and change.

### The Immaculate Conception

On Thursday, December 8, the Church celebrates the *Feast of the Immaculate Conception* of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is a holy day of obligation. The feast of the Immaculate Conception honors Mary as having been conceived in the womb of St. Anne free from any touch of Original Sin. Mary is also honored as the Patroness of the United States.

This year marks 168 years since the institution of this dogma of faith by Pope Pius IX, who in the year 1854 proclaimed what the Church had already believed: that Mary chosen by God to be the Mother of his Son, was conceived in the womb of St. Anne, free from any trace of Original Sin.

As far back as the first century, the Church believed that if God chose Mary as the Mother of his Son, it would be fitting that she, unlike any other woman would be spared from any trace of sin.

St. Luke describes the Archangel Gabriel attesting to Mary’s unique favor with God by addressing Mary with the following words, “*Rejoice, O highly favored daughter! The Lord is with you.*” (1:28).



Four years after the Dogma of the Immaculate Conception had been established, the Blessed Virgin Mary, in 1858 appeared to a young fourteen year old girl by the name of Bernadette Soubirous at Lourdes in France. The Blessed Mother appeared to the young girl a total of eighteen times. Each time Bernadette pressed Our Lady to identify herself, so that she might relay her identity to the parish priest and to the local bishop. It was on March 25, 1858, that Bernadette, having been instructed by her parish priest to, "Ask the Lady who she is," that Bernadette did so.



St. Maximilian Kolbe translated the dialogue from Bernadette's own deposition:

*"...at my third request her face took on a serious expression, and at the same time, an expression of deep humility....then joining her palms as if for prayer, she raised them to the height of her breasts. She then looked up to heaven and slowly opening her hands, and bending down towards me, she said to me in a voice in which one could sense a slight trembling, 'I am the Immaculate Conception.'"*

Mary's identification of herself as the Immaculate Conception puzzled both the local clergy at the time and scholars for years later. Her description of herself transcends a mere title. Rather, it describes a state of being, referring to her *essence* or nature. The title describes a permanent state of existence; who Mary is for all ages.

The Blessed Mother did not say, "I am the one who was immaculately conceived, or I am immaculately conceived." Rather, her words were plainly spoken to Bernadette as she told the young girl, "I am the Immaculate Conception."

Mary, a mere mortal like Bernadette was the *handmaid* of the Lord, and as such was the *embodiment* of God's greatness and God's goodness. Mary, having been marked-out among women was given a special privilege because of her role in salvation history.

### **Our Lady of Guadalupe**

On Monday, December 12, the Church celebrates another great feast in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is the feast that recognizes Mary under the title of *Our Lady of Guadalupe*. This feast dates back to the 16<sup>th</sup> century in which Mary appeared to a young Mexican, Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin on a hillside in the vicinity of Mexico City between December 9 and 12, 1531.



Juan Diego was declared *Blessed*, the first step toward canonization by John Paul II in 1990 and in 2002, John Paul canonized Juan Diego at the Basilica in Guadalupe.

Juan Diego was said to be a very devote man who walked many miles to church on Sunday mornings. During one such walk, Mary appeared to Juan. Speaking to him as her "*dearest of sons*," Mary asked Juan to have a church built on the spot where she appeared. In his report to the local bishop, Juan reported that he saw a "*lady*" who was dressed like an Aztec princess. He also reported that he knew that it was the Blessed Virgin.

The local bishop did not believe Juan and insisted that he return to the hillside and request from this lady a sign. Juan did so, but was instructed by Mary to once again return to the bishop with the assurance that she was who she claimed to be. The bishop would not believe Juan and insisted that he depart and not return until he was able to present evidence that the "*lady*" that he saw was in fact the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Depressed, Juan returned, not to his own home, but to the home of his uncle. He vowed never to go near Tepeyac Hill again. His uncle was very close to death and asked for a priest. On his way in search of the local pastor, but intent on *not* going near the site where he saw the Blessed Virgin, he was startled by the appearance of Mary who stopped him in his tracks. She indicated that if the bishop wanted a sign, then a sign would be given to him.

Reassuring Juan that his uncle would recover, Mary instructed Juan to climb the hill and to collect flowers. Although it was a typically cold December day and nothing was in bloom, Juan came upon a multitude of beautiful white roses. Mary placed the roses in the fold of Juan's tunic. She instructed Juan not to show the flowers to anyone except the bishop. Juan made his way to the bishop and did as Mary had instructed. As he unfolded his garment, the roses fell to the floor and the icon of Our Lady of Guadalupe was miraculously revealed.





The image of Our Lady of Guadalupe has often been thought to be a coded image of the *Woman of the Apocalypse* from the Book of Revelations (12:1). The woman is described as being "Arrayed with the sun and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars."

Like Mary, *Advent* reminds Christians that they are called to bring to birth Jesus in their daily relationships with one another.

#### Mary, Advent and the Liturgy

The *Advent season* provides Christians with a glimpse of the events which surround the person of Mary who with the announcement of the angel Gabriel becomes the Mother of the long-awaited-for Savior of the world. Mary's story is a story of a Woman who is chosen and molded by God for the special role she was to play in the history of salvation.

The Sunday Liturgy throughout the four short weeks of the *Advent season* focuses our attention on Mary and upon her pillar-like faith that enabled her to cooperate with God's plan for the redemption of mankind. The New Testament readings focus our attention on Mary, the Mother of God and our Mother; she who is full of grace, the Chosen One of God. JNM



#### **Inclement Weather**

**As we approach the winter months ahead, we know how quickly our New England weather can change. The cancellation of morning Mass will be on Channel 8 news. Look to the bottom of your screen under "closings" and look for *St. Pio of Pietrelcina*.**



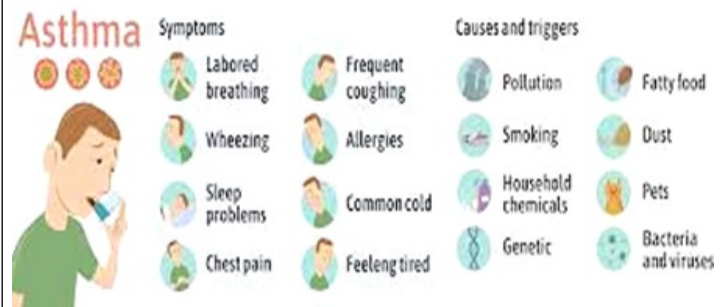
**Thursday, Dec. 1, is *World AIDS Awareness*, commemorated throughout the month of December. We pray for all those who continue to be victims of this virus and that someday soon a cure will be found.**



**From the Pen of the Parish Nurse  
Kimberly Petrillo, R.N.**

#### ASTHMA

Asthma affects more than 25 million people in the United States. This includes more than 5 million children. Asthma, also referred to as *bronchial asthma* is a disease that affects the lungs. It is chronic in nature, meaning it does not go away and needs ongoing medical management. Asthma can be life-threatening if it is not treated.



#### Types of Asthma

##### Exercise-induced asthma.

This type is triggered by exercise and is often called exercise-induced bronchospasm.

##### Occupational asthma.

This type usually affects those who work around irritating substances such as chemical fumes, gases or dust.

##### Asthma-COPD overlap syndrome (ACOS).

This happens when a person has both asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). Both diseases make it difficult to breathe.



Asthma can be broken down into types based on the cause and the severity of symptoms. Healthcare providers identify asthma as follows:

- **Intermittent.** This type of asthma comes and goes; thus an individual can feel normal in between asthma flares.
- **Persistent.** Persistent asthma means a person has symptoms most of the time. Symptoms can be mild, moderate or severe. Health care professionals assess the severity on the frequency of symptoms. They also take in consideration how well a person can function during an attack.
- Asthma has many causes:
  - **Allergic.** In some cases, suffering from allergies can, also cause an asthma attack. Allergens include, yet are not limited to: molds, pollens and pet dander.
  - **Non-allergic.** Outside factors that might bring about an asthma attack include: exercise, stress and illness. Weather can also be a causative factor.



Asthma can occur in adults and children. Adult on-set usually starts after the age of 18. Childhood asthma often begins before the age of five years of age, and can also occur in infants and toddlers. Children, however, often outgrow asthma.



### **Asthma Attack**

What exactly is an asthma attack? As a person breathes, the muscles around the airways are relaxed, letting air move easily and quietly. During an asthma attack, three things occur:

1. **Bronchospasm**: the muscles around the airways constrict (tighten). When the muscles tighten, it makes the airway narrow. Air is unable to flow freely through the constricted airways.
2. **Inflammation**: the lining of the airways become swollen. Swollen airways reduce air flow and out of the lungs.
3. **Mucus production**: during an asthma attack, the body creates more mucus; thus, the increased mucus clogs airways. When the airways become constricted, a sound called *wheezing* occurs during inhalation and/or exhalation. A person can begin to feel shortness of breath as the airways continue to constrict, making it difficult to breathe.



### **Common Asthma Attack Triggers**

Triggers can be different for each person. A trigger exposure can immediately result in an asthma attack right for some people. For others, an attack may start hours or days later. Some common triggers include:

- **Air pollution**. Many things out-of-doors can cause an asthma attack such as: exhaust from a motor vehicle, a wildfire, smoke and/or factory emissions.



- **Dust mites**. One cannot see these bugs; however, they are in our homes. If a person has a dust mite allergy this can cause an asthma attack.
- **Exercise**. For some people, vigorous exercise can cause an attack.
- **Mold**. Damp places can spawn mold, which can induce an attack. A person does not have to be allergic to mold to have an attack.

- **Pets**. Dogs and cats have dander, i.e., dried skin flakes; consequently, breathing in the dander can irritate the airways causing an asthma attack.
- **Pests**. Cockroaches, mice and other household pests can cause asthma attacks.
- **Strong chemicals**. The odor of cleaning products can also trigger an attack if while use these cleaners, they are inhaled.
- **Tobacco smoke**. Exposure to smoke, or what is referred to as *secondary smoke* can cause an asthma attack. People who smoke can often cause an asthma attack. It is best to quit smoking.

### **Signs & Symptoms of Asthma**

The signs and symptoms of asthma include: chest tightness, pain or pressure, coughing (more often at night), shortness of breath and wheezing.

### **Treatment Options**

A health care provider can provide options to treat asthma. There is no cure for asthma; however, symptoms can be controlled and managed. Medicines for treating asthma include:

- **Bronchodilators**. These medicines relax the muscles around the airways. The relaxed muscles permit the airways to move air. They also allow mucus to move more easily through the airways. These medicines relieve the symptoms when they occur.
- **Anti-inflammatory medicines**. These medicines reduce swelling and mucus production in the airways. They make it easier for air to enter and exit the lungs.
- **Biologic therapies for asthma**. These are used for severe asthma when symptoms persist despite proper inhaler therapy.



Asthma medications can be given with a metered-dosed inhaler, nebulizer or another types of asthma inhalers. The doctor may prescribe oral medications as needed to treat asthma. The goal of asthma treatment is to control symptoms.

If a person has asthma and is following the treatment-plan that the doctor prescribed, symptoms should be well controlled. The person should be able to live a good quality of life and engage in routine activities without any difficulty. It is important to realize that if a person is taking the prescribed inhalers and medications, yet, he has a severe asthma attack, medical attention is necessary.

It would be important to call 911 for the following: anxiety or panic, bluish fingernails, bluish lips, chest pain or pressure, coughing that will not stop or severe wheezing or difficulty with speaking (c.f. clevelandclinic.org).

Individuals with moderate to severe asthma, or who exhibit symptoms that are not well controlled, are at a greater risk for hospitalization if the COVID 19 virus is contracted. **KP**

Parish nurse can be contacted via email [kimp51@comcast.net](mailto:kimp51@comcast.net) or mobile 203-908-0931.



## Ladies Guild Annual **Christmas Buffet**

will take place on:

- \* **Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00pm**
- \* **Our Lady of Pompeii Church Hall**
- \* **Tickets: \$22.00**



- ♦ *Salad*
- ♦ *Chicken Francaise*
- ♦ *Roasted Potatoes*
- ♦ *Ziti*
- ♦ *Eggplant Parmigiana*



### **INFORMATION & TICKET CONTACTS:**

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- ♦ **BETTY @ 203-208-1903**
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**Please return all gifts on or before,  
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**Gift Cards welcomed anytime to help with  
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**Thank you!**

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Connors at 203-468-1184**



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**Knights of Columbus Rodrigo Council 44 of St. Pio Pietrelcina  
Parish (St. Bernadette Church Campus)  
is now selling tickets for our 300 club**

Dear Rodrigo Council 44 Members, St. Pio Pietrelcina, and Friends,

Knights of Columbus Rodrigo Council 44 is offering an opportunity to join our annual 300 Club.  
The Club will run from January 2023 through December 2023.

Four winning numbers will be drawn each month for twelve (12) months.

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**One Grand Prize of \$1,000.00 will be drawn in December of 2023.**

Numbers will be drawn the second Saturday of each month at our Council meeting. All winners will be notified by phone or  
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Please indicate your preferred numbers. First, Second or Third Choice.

Numbers will be assigned on a first come first served basis.

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Call Mike Fimiani 203.627.9216

**Knights of Columbus  
Our Lady of the Rosary Council #3300**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Greenery Sales**

**Saturday Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> & Sunday Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Saturday Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> & Sunday Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Saturday Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> & Sunday Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Fantasy of Lights**

**Friday Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> (Lighthouse Park)**



**Lectors can pick up the workbooks  
for the new liturgical year in the  
sacristy.**



**Saint Pio of Pietrelcina Parish  
at St. Bernadette Church  
Presents:**

*Lessons & Carols of the World*

Adeste Fideles, Cantique de Noel, Tu Seendi Dalle Stelle,  
Dziasiah w Betlehem, Stille Nacht

*Christmas Concert*

**Sunday, December 11th at 2:00pm**

# ST. ANDREW ADVENT PRAYER

Hail and blessed be  
the hour and moment  
in which the Son of God  
was born  
of the most pure Virgin Mary,  
at midnight, in Bethlehem,  
in the piercing cold. In that  
hour vouchsafe,  
I beseech Thee, O my God,  
to hear my prayer and grant  
my desires,  
*[here mention your request]*  
through the merits of Our  
Savior Jesus Christ,  
and of His blessed Mother.

*Amen.*



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## Mass Schedule

### December 3 & 4, 2022

4:00pm OLOP: Fr. Borino

4:30pm SVDP: Fr. Patrick

8:00am OLOP:

9:00am SB: Fr. Borino

10:00am OLOP: Fr. Kelly

11:15am SVDP: Fr. Patrick

*Fr. Murasso in the Holy Land*

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### December 8, 2022

*Immaculate Conception*

*Holy Day of Obligation*

8:00am OLOP: Fr. Patrick

8:00am SB: Fr. Meehan

12:00pm SVDP: Fr. Borino

6:00pm OLOP: Fr. Kelly

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*Fr. Murasso returns, Dec. 8*

### December 10 & 11, 2022

4:00pm OLOP: Fr. Murasso

4:30pm SVDP: Fr. Patrick

8:00am OLOP: Fr. Patrick

9:00am SB: Fr. Borino

10:00am OLOP: Fr. Kelly

11:15am SVDP: Fr. Murasso

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### December 17 & 18, 2022

4:00pm OLOP: Fr. Patrick

4:30pm SVDP: Fr. Murasso

8:00am OLOP: Fr. Borino

9:00am SB: Fr. Murasso

10:00am OLOP: Fr. Kelly

11:15am SVDP: Fr. Patrick

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### December 24 & 25, 2022

#### Christmas Eve

4:00pm OLOP: Fr. Borino

4:00pm SB: Fr. Meehan

4:30pm SVDP: Fr. Patrick

11:00pm SVDP: Fr. Patrick

#### Christmas Day

9:00am SB: Fr. Borino

8:00am OLOP: Fr. Murasso

10:00am OLOP: Fr. Kelly

11:15am SVDP: Fr. Murasso