



# December 12, 2021

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent



### MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 11 ~ 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent/Vigil

5:30 PM Richard Cinque, Gail DiMartino

Sunday, December 12 ~ 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent

9:30 AM Gail DiMartino

Monday, December 13

9:00 AM Maria, Joseph Maria

Wednesday, December 15

9:00 AM Cecilia, Mary (*Thanks Be to God*)

Friday, December 17

9:00 AM Peter Phero, Maria Phung

Saturday, December 18 ~ 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent/Vigil

5:30 PM Marion Cinque

Sunday, December 19 ~ 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent

9:30 AM Gail DiMartino

### MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Saturday, December 18 ~ 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent/Vigil

5:30 PM Al Ceriale

Sunday, December 19 ~ 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent

9:30 AM John Drumm

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, December 18 ~ 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent/Vigil

5:30 PM Eileen Ernst(A) Barb Cinque(C)

Sunday, December 19 ~ 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent

9:30 AM Sue Schmaus(A), Ann Clouse(C)

(A) Assist on the Altar;

(C) Serve those unable to come forward plus the Choir

### PRAY FOR THOSE WHO SERVE



Alexandria Baker-Bonitz (*Navy*)

Dylan Bonitz (*Navy*)

Sarah Bowen (*Navy*)

Juan Gonzalez (*Navy*)

Kaila McGowan (*Marines*)

Anthony Pagano (*Navy*)

Joseph Ruize (*Navy*)

Carissa Tironi (*Army*)

Elliott Weidel (*Marines*)

### PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Joanne Bach, Judy Bennett, Sr. Margaret Ellen Burke, Barbara Ceriale, Patty Ann Coxe, Brian Cross, Nicole Dawson, Anna Gallo, Joe Gallo, Michael Gallo, Diane Hriniak, Anthony Pagano, Sr., Helen Ryan, Frances Salewski, Sue Schmaus, Pam Sibley, Chris Strobl, Gary Texter, Elissa Zahn

### PRAY FOR THOSE IN NURSING HOMES

Regina Parthesius, Robert Wise

### LOOKING AHEAD

Helping Hands Food Pantry  
Every Saturday by Appointment (9 AM start)

Sunday, December 12

Finance Council Meeting ~ 10:30 AM

Monday, December 13

Parish Council Meeting ~ 7:00 PM

followed by a Christmas Get-Together

Tuesday, December 14

Religious Education Classes, 6:30-7:30 PM

Monday, December 20

Advent Reconciliation Monday

Available at Our Lady of Mount Carmel ONLY

from 4:00 to 8:00 PM

Friday, December 24

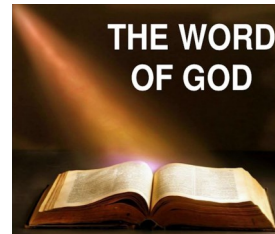
Christmas Eve ~ ONE Mass Only at 5:30 PM

Saturday, December 25

Christmas Day ~ Mass at 9:30 AM

(NO 5:30 PM Mass)

### Today's Scripture Readings



### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent

Zephaniah 3:14-18a

Philippians 4:4-7

Luke 3:10-18

*St. Paul's prayer is that the Philippians' love will increase.*

The third Sunday of Advent is traditionally celebrated as Gaudete ("rejoice") Sunday. In the liturgy for this day, which is at the midpoint of Advent, the theme is joy and gladness as we anticipate the celebration of Christ's coming. The priest's vestments are rose in color.

Rejoicing is one of the central themes of Paul's letter to the Philippians. Nowhere does Paul actually define what he means by joy and rejoicing, but it is not equivalent to happiness, contentment, pleasure, or satisfaction. He praises them for steadfastness in their faith in the face of persecution. In other words, for Paul, joy is closely related to suffering as Christ suffered.

### Mass Attendance/Collection

Attending Mass December 4 & 5: 142

Weekend Collection: \$2,134.00

### Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve ~ Friday, December 24

One Mass Only at 5:30 PM

Christmas ~ Saturday, December 25

Mass at 9:30 AM (No 5:30 PM Mass)

Sunday, December 26 ~ Mass at 9:30 AM

IN LOVING MEMORY

**May His Soul Rest in Peace**  
**Richard Hutchings**

Beloved Husband of Antoinette  
Entered into Rest in Middletown on Nov. 24, 2021.  
The people of Our Lady of the Assumption will continue to pray for Rich's soul and the solace of his family.

### OLMC Columbiettes



After several months of dialogue and discernment the OLMC Women's Group has decided to form a Columbiettes Council. *The Columbiettes*, an organization of Catholic women dedicated to our Patronesses, Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Theresa the Little Flower and St. Joan of Arc, are comprised of affiliated Auxiliaries of the Knights of Columbus Councils.

Currently there are 26 active members (including two from OLA). **Our next meeting is January 10 at 7:00 PM in the OLMC Parish Center. OLA Parishioners are welcome!**

Advent is . . .

The term 'Advent' originates from Latin and means "coming;" as its purpose is to look forward to the coming of Christ to Earth. Advent spans the four Sundays before Christmas Day. It has been a season that centers upon waiting gracefully for the gift of Jesus'. Therefore, "Advent means something new is coming. The dawn of a new and better era. This is really what the Christmas season is all about, isn't it? It's the celebration of the ADVENT of a new era. God broke into time and space and entered our world"

(Daniel Darling, "What Advent Is and Why We Should Celebrate").

IN LOVING MEMORY

**May His Soul Rest in Peace**  
**Hank Bodendorf**

Beloved Husband of Betty & Father of Sherri Rufer  
Entered into Rest in North Carolina on Nov. 26, 2021.  
The people of Our Lady of the Assumption will continue to pray for Hank's soul and the solace of his family.

**Funeral Arrangements for Hank . . .**  
**Visitation in the Gathering Area**  
of Our Lady of the Assumption Church  
Monday, December 20 ~ 10:00-11:00 AM  
**Funeral Mass at OLA**  
Monday, December 20 ~ 11:00 AM

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