



December 19, 2021

4th Sunday in Advent



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 18 ~ 4th Sunday in Advent/Vigil
5:30 PM Marion Cinque, Sue & Frank Schmaus/Special Intentions

Sunday, December 19 ~ 4th Sunday in Advent
9:30 AM Betty Sutton, Richard Hutchings

Monday, December 20
9:00 AM Maria, Joseph Maria

Wednesday, December 22
9:00 AM Cecilia, Mary (*Thanks Be to God*)

Friday, December 24 ~ Christmas Eve
5:30 PM Ernest Arsenault, Deceased Members/Grzybek & Kruk Families

Saturday, December 25 ~ Christmas Day
9:30 AM Thomas Gallo, Anna Gallo/healing

Sunday, December 26 ~ The Holy Family of Jesus
9:30 AM Stiano Family, Bill Pitt

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Friday, December 24 ~ Christmas Eve
5:30 PM Joe Herschel

Saturday, December 25 ~ Christmas Day
9:30 AM Ted Wall

Sunday, December 26 ~ The Holy Family of Jesus
9:30 AM Beth Texter

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Friday, December 24 ~ Christmas Eve
5:30 PM Lisa Dyer (A), Kathy Fayol (C)

Saturday, December 24 ~ Christmas Day
9:30 AM Marie Barnett(A), Seema Cristallo (C)

Sunday, December 19 ~ 4th Sunday in Advent
9:30 AM Sue Schmaus(A), Ann Clouse(C)

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 Cox, Brian Cross, Nicole Dawson, Agnes Ferrone, Anna Gallo, Joe Gallo, Michael Gallo, Diane Hriniak, Anthony Pagano, Sr., Helen Ryan, Frances Salewski, Sue Schmaus, 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)

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)

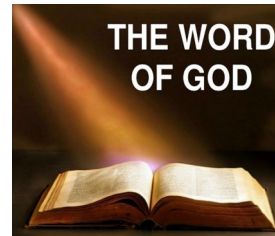
Sunday, December 26
 Mass at 9:30 AM

NO Religious Education on December 28

Saturday, January 1, 2021
 Mary, Mother of God ~ Mass at 9:30 AM

Sunday, January 2 ~ Mass at 9:30 AM

Today's Scripture Readings



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Micah 5:1-4a
 Hebrews 10:5-10
 Luke 1:39-45

How can I keep Christ before my eyes while I am so busy things, entertaining, cleaning up, etc.?

I might have to steal moments throughout the day to keep my perspective and balance so that I do not lose a sense of true Christmas joy.

On these days before Christmas, we can reflect upon the fact that there are often different layers of meaning to what is going on. Things are often said during the holiday season that have a deeper meaning (e.g. sometimes referring to the past, sometimes reflecting on one's hopes or fears, etc.).

Mass Attendance/Collection

Attending Mass December 11 & 12: 126
 Weekend Collection: \$2,400.00

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
Lenny Marino
Beloved Husband, Father, Grandfather, Uncle Entered into Rest in Bloomingburg on Dec. 10, 2021. The people of Our Lady of the Assumption will continue to pray for Lenny's soul and the solace of his family.



Holy Water

For many months folks from the parish shared with me the loss they experienced from the absence of holy water. I feel their pain. However, what are we to do? We can't simply shrug our shoulders, dismissing the issue with lamentations. I believe the answer to this concern is to be found in the traditional piety of a previous generation.

Folks used to keep and use holy water in their homes, so this form of piety needs to be brought back to our times and homes once again. Our parish churches may not be allowed to have holy water within them at this time, but that does not mean our domestic churches (our homes) can't again embrace the use of holy water in them.

On the Feast of Epiphany at our parish, we invite people to bring containers filled with water to the Mass. At the end of Mass, the water will be blessed. As the prayer for the blessing of water reads, "Grant that, when we are sprinkled with this water or make use of it, we will be refreshed inwardly by the power of the Holy Spirit ...". May the use of holy water in our homes help to cultivate an awareness in our hearts and minds that God desires to dwell with our families in our homes!

Pax Christi,

Fr. Nicholas Blackwell, O. Carm.

"Remember that you have only one soul; that you have only one life, which is short and has to be lived by you alone; and there is only one Glory; which is eternal. If you do this, there will be many things about which you care nothing." St. Teresa of Avila

IN LOVING MEMORY

May Her Soul Rest in Peace
Pam Sibley
Beloved Daughter of Mike & Leslie Hurd Entered into Rest in Bloomingburg on Dec. 4, 2021. The people of Our Lady of the Assumption will continue to pray for Pam's soul and the solace of her family.



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