



December 5, 2021

2nd Sunday in Advent



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 4 ~ 2nd Sunday in Advent/Vigil
5:30 PM Cecilia Nguong, Mary (Thanks Be To God)
Sunday, December 5 ~ 2nd Sunday in Advent
9:30 AM Jerzy Jablonski, Mary Ann Costa
Monday, December 6
9:00 AM Maria, Joseph Maria
Wednesday, December 8 ~ Immaculate Conception
9:00 AM Thomas Gallo, Anna Gallo/healing
7:00 PM Paula & William Zahn
Friday, December 10
9:00 AM Peter Phero, Maria Phung
Saturday, December 11 ~ 3rd Sunday in Advent/Vigil
5:30 PM Richard Cinque, Gail DiMartino
Sunday, December 12 ~ 3rd Sunday in Advent
9:30 AM Gail DiMartino

MINISTERS OF THE WORD


Wednesday, December 8 ~ Immaculate Conception
7:00 PM Beth Texter
Saturday, December 11 ~ 3rd Sunday in Advent/Vigil
5:30 PM Eileen Ernst
Sunday, December 12 ~ 3rd Sunday in Advent
9:30 AM Eric Halahan

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Wednesday, December 8 ~ Immaculate Conception
7:00 PM Volunteers
Saturday, December 11 ~ 3rd Sunday in Advent/Vigil
5:30 PM Jen Zupetz(A) & Kim Grzybek(C)
Sunday, December 12 ~ 3rd Sunday in Advent
9:30 AM Rosemary Osborn(A), Lisa Dyer(C)
 (A) Assist on the Altar;
 (C) Serve those unable to come forward plus the Choir

Consult not your fears but your hopes and your dreams. Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential. Concern yourself not with what you tried and failed in, but with what is still possible for you to do.
 St. John XXIII

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, Mikiann Dowson, Anna Gallo, Joe Gallo, Michael Gallo, Diane Hrianiak, Anthony Pagano, Sr., Helen Ryan, Frances Salewski, Sue Schmaus, Pam Sibley, Chris Strobl, Gary Texter, Katylynn Auer Weidel, 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)

Tuesday, December 7

Religious Education ~ 6:30-7:30 PM
Advent Reconciliation for Students & Parents

Wednesday, December 8

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
 Mass at 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM

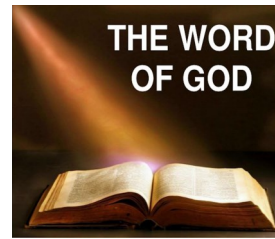
Sunday, December 12

Finance Council Meeting ~ 10:30 AM

Monday, December 13

Parish Council Meeting ~ 7:00 PM
followed by a Christmas Get-Together

Today's Scripture Readings



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Baruch 5:1-9
 Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11
 Luke 3:1-6

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

Paul is writing to this community from prison, which explains his longing for them with "the affection of Christ Jesus." After all, Christ's suffering was an act of love, too. We should think of this affection not as simple fondness but as zealous love. The phrase "fruit of righteousness" describes the active response of Christian believers to the gift of right relationship with God. Elsewhere, Paul calls it "faith working through love".

Mass Attendance/Collection

Attending Mass November 20 & 21: 108
 Weekend Collection: \$2,699.00



A Gift For You

Life is messy. It isn't a color within the lines exercise. It's a wild and outrageous invitation full of uncertain outcomes. The mess of life is both inevitable and unexpected. It is filled with delightful mysteries and frustrating predicaments.

Based on his own heart-wrenching personal journals, Matthew Kelly shares how the worst three years of his life affected him, by exploring this question: Can someone who has been broken be healed and become more beautiful and more lovable than ever before? The answer will fill you with hope. There has never been a more urgent need for us to attend to what is happening within us. This is quite simply the right book at the right time.

The book also ties in to a *brief, daily* Advent talk entitled "Move Toward the Light" by Matthew Kelly at www.MatthewKelly.com.

Copies of this book are available as a gift from the Cross family in memory of Bob Cross. They will be handed out after the Saturday (12/3) Mass, or by getting in touch with Alice Cross or Brian Cross (386-1965).

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Middletown Warming Station for the Homeless

... a safe, overnight space for homeless men and women. Our New Home (recently renovated) is located at 8-10 Mulberry Street!

Every night (9 P.M. to 7 A.M.) during the cold months the Warming Station in Middletown will provide a warm and safe environment for homeless adults (up to 30) living on the streets in Middletown through April 7, 2022. Men and Women are encouraged to volunteer in one or more of the following ways:

- ◆ For 2 hours, serving food
- ◆ Overnight to supervise Middletown homeless men and women who have been screened for suitability
- ◆ for food pickup and delivery (1 hour)
- ◆ for sorting newly cleaned laundry (1 hour)

Are you called to this service?

Join us at one of the orientation/training sessions:
Monday, December 6 or Wednesday, December 15
 Each session begins at 7:00 P.M.
 GMIC Warming Station

8-10 Mulberry Street, Middletown, NY 10940
 To volunteer or if you have questions, contact Marilyn (845-346-6110) or midduce@hvc.rr.com
 Volunteer calendars are up and running.
 Please go to our website & sign up!
<https://middletownwarmingstation.com>

An Advent Prayer

by Terri Castillo

Father, prepare our hearts for your coming.
 Quiet the stirrings within. Calm the busyness without. Renew us with Your Spirit.
 We are ready, Lord — ready for Christmas . . .
 Ready to hear the cry of our injured neighbor.
 Ready to extend our hands to a fallen brother.
 Ready to sit with a hurting friend.
 Ready to comfort a grieving child.
 Ready for You.

With open hearts, we receive the Christ Child into our lives today.
 Amen

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