



# December 11, 2022 Joy

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

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, December 10 ~ Vigil/3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
 5:30 PM Richard Cinque,  
 Dominick & Phyllis Zelnick

**Sunday, December 11 ~ 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
 9:30 AM Sam & Ethel Osborne,  
 Hank Bodendorf

**Monday, December 12**  
 9:00 AM The People of the Parish

**Wednesday, December 14**  
 9:00 AM

**Friday, December 16**  
 9:00 AM

**Saturday, December 17 ~ Vigil/4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
 5:30 PM Marion Cinque, David Barbuti

**Sunday, December 18 ~ 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
 9:30 AM Richard Hutchings, Rose Parisi

### MINISTERS OF THE WORD

**Saturday, December 17 ~ Vigil/4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
 5:30 PM Al Ceriale

**Sunday, December 18 ~ 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
 9:30 AM Eric Halahan

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

**Saturday, December 17 ~ Vigil/4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
 5:30 PM Jen Zupetz (a), Joe Herschel (c)

**Sunday, December 18 ~ 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
 9:30 AM Ann Clouse0 (a), Marie Barnett (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 IN NURSING HOMES

Regina Parthesius, Robert Wise

### PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Bridget Auer, Joanne Bach, Rob Brosnan, Sr. Margaret Ellen  
 Burke, Peter Cavalier, Barbara Ceriale, Brian Cross,  
 Nicole Dawson, Marie DiMare, Tina DiMare, Mary Donnelly,  
 Agnes Ferrone, Anna Gallo, Joe Gallo, Lenore Giansanti,  
 Margaret Hale, Ninette Kondratowicz, Regina Lempka,  
 Jon Miller, Janet Murphy, Helen Ryan, Frances Salewski,  
 Sue Schmaus, Chris Strobl

### LOOKING AHEAD

**Helping Hands Food Pantry**  
*Every 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday by Appointment*  
*(9 AM start)*

**Monday, December 12**  
 Parish Council Meeting at 7:00 PM  
*followed by a Christmas Get-Together*

**Tuesday, December 13**  
 Religious Education Classes ~ 6:30-7:30 PM  
 Reconciliation, Levels 4-8 with Parents

**Sunday, December 18**  
 Pageant Rehearsal following 9:30 AM Mass

**Tuesday, December 20**  
 Religious Education Classes ~ 6:30-7:30 PM

**Saturday, December 24 ~ Christmas Eve**  
 Mass & Pageant at 5:30 PM

**Sunday, December 25 ~ Christmas Day**  
 Mass at 9:30 AM

**Monday, December 26**  
**NO 9 AM Mass, Office is Closed**

**Tuesday, December 27**  
**NO Religious Education**

**Saturday, December 31 ~ New Year's Eve**  
 Mass at 5:30 PM

**Sunday, January 1 ~ The Solemnity of Mary**  
**New Year's Day ~ Mass at 9:30 AM**

### Mass Attendance/Collection

Attending Mass December 3 & 4: **133**  
 Weekend's Collection: **\$1,469.00**

### Today's Scripture Readings

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Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10  
 James 5:7-10 Matthew 11:2-11

### ABOUT THE LITURGY: Finding Joy

Take some time during this season of preparation to think of the things that bring you the most joy: moments that make your soul sing, conversations that revive your spirit, situations that grant hope in the darkness. Pope Francis reminds us in his encyclical, *Evangelii Gaudium*, that "the joy of the Gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus" (EG1). On this Gaudeté Sunday, we are reminded of the encounter and experience of the presence of Jesus in the blind, lame, labor, death, dead, and poor. Pope Francis' call beckons us to an understanding of the joy of salvation rooted in encounter with Christ, found present in each other. Look for signs of joy, for signs of life, and of the saving action of God in our daily routine.

While we await the coming of the Lord, rejoice in the present and patient waiting. Embrace a patient trust in God. A deep encounter with Christ dwells in these moments of peace and integrity when we seek to trust God through the despair and distress that threatens our lives. In this world, despite the evil that surrounds us, we can praise our faithful God for these moments of joy, and plead for God to come quickly and save us.



### Important Information

This weekend costumes will be given out after Mass for all children participating in the Christmas Eve pageant that takes place during the 5:30 PM Christmas Eve Mass. The only rehearsal will be next Sunday, December 18, immediately following the 9:30 AM Mass.

**More children are still needed!**

We need more Wise Men, shepherds and angels...plus singers and readers. Please call Mildred Pitt as soon as possible by calling her at 845-733-4051, or let Chris Herschel know right away by calling 845-733-1518.



**A tremendous effort is being put forth to resurrect our Children's Pageant. Please help us make this happen!**

### The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church

By the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

### II. OUR RESPONSE B. Conversion



**49.** One's communion with Christ and his Church, therefore, involves both one's "invisible communion" (being in the state of grace), and one's "visible communion." St. John Paul II explained: The judgment of one's state of grace obviously belongs only to the person involved, since it is a question of examining one's conscience. However, in cases of outward conduct which is seriously, clearly and steadfastly contrary to the moral norm, the Church, in her pastoral concern for the good order of the community and out of respect for the sacrament, cannot fail to feel directly involved. The Code of Canon Law refers to this situation of a manifest lack of proper, moral disposition when it states that those who 'obstinately persist in the manifest grave sin' are not to be admitted to Eucharistic communion.

It is the special responsibility of the diocesan bishop to work to remedy situations that involve public actions at variance with the visible communion of the Church and the moral law. Likewise, the Code of Canons of the Eastern Churches states that "those who are publicly unworthy are forbidden from receiving Divine Eucharist. So must he guard the integrity of the sacrament, the visible communion of the Church, and the salvation of others."



The Christmas Movie Night last Saturday has been deemed a success! More than 30 people came to view "The Bishop's Wife" starring Cary Grant and Loretta Young, while

enjoying delicious homemade pizza prepped and baked by our own Ted Wall. He even brought his official pizza oven from home to make it authentic!

Thanks, too, to Colleen Wall, Joe Herschel and Rocco Gallo for their contributions to a great evening. There are considerations for having another Movie Night sometime in early 2023. Let Ted know what you think—and maybe even offer to help stage it! Many hands make light work!!



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