



December 18, 2022

4th Sunday of Advent

Love

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 17 ~ Vigil/4th Sunday of Advent

5:30 PM Marion Cinque, David Barbuti

Sunday, December 18 ~ 4th Sunday of Advent

9:30 AM Richard Hutchings, Rose Parisi

Monday, December 19

9:00 AM

Wednesday, December 21

9:00 AM The People of the Parish

Friday, December 23

9:00 AM

Saturday, December 24 ~ Christmas Eve

5:30 PM Bill Pitt, Sr., Ernest Arsenault,
Nicholas Joseph, Deceased Mem-
bers of Kruk & Grzybek Families,

Sunday, December 25 ~ Christmas Day

9:30 AM Joan & Bruno Furlin

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Saturday, December 24 ~ Christmas Eve

5:30 PM Eileen Ernst

Sunday, December 25 ~ Christmas Day

9:30 AM Beth Texter

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, December 24 ~ Christmas Eve

5:30 PM Kathy Fayol (a), Barb Cinque (c)

Sunday, December 25 ~ Christmas Day

9:30 AM Marie Barnett (a), Sue Schmaus (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 1st, 3rd & 5th Saturday by Appointment
(9 AM start)

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 & Children's Pageant at 5:30 PM

Sunday, December 25 ~ Christmas Day

Mass of Christmas 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

Tuesday, January 3

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

Sunday, January 8 ~ Youth Mass at 9:30 AM

Tuesday, January 10

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

Mass Attendance/Collection

Attending Mass December 10 & 11: 99

Weekend's Collection: \$1,593.00

Today's Scripture Readings

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Isaiah 7:10-14

Romans 1:1-7

Matthew 1:18-24

ABOUT THE LITURGY: Saint Joseph and Hope

For the Northern Hemisphere, this week bears the darkest days as the earth approaches the winter solstice. Yet hope lies between these days of much darkness and little light, of a busy time and silent reflection. Our Advent waiting gradually brightens, much like the Fourth candle in the wreath illumines hope for the journey ahead. The Northern Hemisphere will turn back towards the Sun. God's movement in our lives will never cease.

The Angel in Matthew's gospel today appears to Joseph with such mystery and movement. God's love manifested in Joseph embodies the faithful action and a close accompaniment with Mary and the Baby growing inside her. Joseph's example teaches us to balance the exterior world with inner light, both in big and small ways.

From the ancient church the "O" Antiphons of Advent offer an additional perspective and illuminate a way of renewal that leads on to Bethlehem: O Wisdom, O Lord of the House of Israel, O Root of Jesse's Stem, O Key of David, O Radiant Dawn, O King of All Nations, and O Emmanuel.

Very Important!



REHEARSAL this Sunday,
December 18
after the 9:30 am Mass



The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church

By the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

II. OUR RESPONSE

B. Conversion



50. Before we receive Holy Communion, we should make a good examination of conscience to ensure that we are properly disposed to receive the Body and Blood of the Lamb. If we find that we have broken communion with Christ and his Church, we are not properly disposed to receive the Eucharist. However, we should not despair since the Lord in his mercy has given us a remedy. He loves us and deeply desires to forgive us and to restore our communion with him. On the first Easter night, the Risen Jesus gave to the Apostles and their successors the power to forgive sins and to reconcile sinners with the Church. He gave the Church the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation when he breathed on the Apostles and said to them: *Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.* Whenever we sin, we have this beautiful opportunity to be renewed and strengthened by God's grace. If we have sinned gravely, the sacrament provides us with the opportunity to recover the gift of sanctifying grace and to be restored to full communion with God and the Church. All the sacrament requires of us as penitents is that we have contrition for our sins, resolve not to sin again, confess our sins, receive sacramental absolution and do the assigned penance. We encourage all Catholics to a renewed appreciation for this wonderful sacrament in which we receive the Lord's pardon and peace. In the words of Pope Francis, we say to all Catholics in our country: "Don't be afraid to go the Sacrament of Confession, where you will meet Jesus who forgives you."

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve ~ Dec. 24

Pageant/Mass at 5:30 PM

Christmas Day ~ Dec. 25

Mass of Christmas

at 9:30 AM

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