

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 3 ~ Vigil/2nd Sunday of Advent Hank Bodendorf, Dave Barbuti 5:30 PM Sunday, December $4 \sim 2^{nd}$ Sunday of Advent 9:30 AM Hank Bodendorf Monday, December 5 9:00 AM Wednesday, December 7 9:00 AM Thursday, December 8 ~ Immaculate Conception William & Paula Zahn, Pam Sibley 7:00 PM Friday, December 9 9:00 AM The People of the Parish Saturday, December 10 ~ Vigil/3rd Sunday of Advent 5:30 PM Hank Bodendorf Sunday, December 11 ~ 3rd Sunday of Advent Rich Cinque, 9:30 AM Dominick & Phyllis Zelnick

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Thursday, December 8 ~ Immaculate Conception Beth Texter 7:00 PM Saturday, December 10 ~ Vigil/3rd Sunday of Advent Joe Herschel 5:30 PM Sunday, December 11 ~ 3rd Sunday of Advent Ann-Marie Minerly 9:30 AM

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Thursday, December 8 ~ Immaculate Conception 7:00 PM Kathy Fayol (a), Lisa Dyer (c) Saturday, December 10 ~ Vigil/3rd Sunday of Advent 5:30 PM Kathy Fayol (a), Jen Zupetz (c) Sunday, December 11 ~ 3rd Sunday of Advent 9:30 AM Lisa Dyer (a), Sue Schmaus (c)

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO SERVE

Alexandria Baker-Bonitz (Navy) Dylan Bonitz (Navy) Sarah Bowen (Navy) Juan Gonzalez (Navy) Anthony Pagano (Navy) Kaila McGowan *(Marines)* Joseph Ruize (Navy) Carissa Tironi (Army) Elliott Weidel (Marines)

PRAY FOR THOSE IN NURSING HOMES

Regina Parthesius, Robert Wise

"St. Paul said, "Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God." Romans 15:7



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PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Bridget Auer, Joanne Bach, Rob Brosnan, Sr. Margaret Ellen Burke, Courtney Collins, Peter Cavalier, Barbara Ceriale, Brian Cross, Nicole Dawson, Marie DiMare, Tina DiMare, Mary Donnelly, Agnes Ferrone, Anna Gallo, Joe Gallo, Lenore Giansanti, Margaret Hale, Judy Jackman, Ninette Kondratowicz, Laura Lade, Nicole Langer, 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)



Saturday, December 3 Christmas Movie Night "The Bishop's Wife" Homemade Pizza, Popcorn & Beverages *Come to the Parish Center* lower level right after the 5:30 Mass.

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

Thursday, December 8 (Holy Day of Obligation) **Immaculate Conception** ~ Mass at 7:00 PM

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

Mass Attendance/Collection

Attending Mass November 26 & 27: 128 Weekend's Collection: \$1,430.00



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Today's Scripture Readings

2nd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 11:1-10 **Romans 15: 4-9 Matthew 3:1-12**

ABOUT THE LITURGY: Justice Shall Flourish

In this season of Advent preparation, John the Baptist reminds us to look deep into our lives in search of the things that distract us from bringing peace and justice into the world. Repentance requires a shaking up of a regular, daily routine of relating to God and each other. We are invited to a greater awareness that would lead to choices bringing us closer to the Kingdom of God that Isaiah describes, a peaceable Kingdom where justice will flourish.

Sowing peace and justice into the world requires small changes or shifts in our daily routine. Repentance urges us to step out of ourselves and into the community, paying attention to the little details that we have overlooked, tending the blind spots and sharpening our vision to see God's presence around us. Within John the Baptist's call to repent, we have an invitation to shift our hearts back to God, to reflect on what it means to rescue the poor and the afflicted, and how we can encourage a sense of belonging with everyone.

A Triduum Celebrating the Immaculate Conception



Presented by Fr. James Hess. O.Carm.

Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday, Dec. 5-8 At the National Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Middletown

Days 1-3 ~ Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday, Dec. 5-6-7 10:15 am Conference 11:00 am Rosary 11:30 am Mass Wednesday Evening, 7:00 pm Solemn Evening & Taizé Prayer

> Day 4 ~ Thursday, December 8 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Mass at 11:30 am

Free Will Offering Basket available each day

Refer Questions to: Carol Bezak, National Shrine Director at 845-343-1879

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The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church

By the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

II. OUR RESPONSE B. Conversion

48. We also need to keep in mind that "the celebration of the Eucharist presupposes that communion already exists, a communion which it seeks to consolidate and bring to perfection." The Eucharist is the sacrament of ec-



clesial communion as it both signifies and effects most fully the communion with Christ that began in Baptism. This includes communion in its "visible dimension, which entails communion in the teaching of the Apostles, in the sacraments and in the Church's hierarchical order." We repeat what the U.S. bishops stated in 2006:

If a Catholic in his or her personal or professional life were knowingly and obstinately to reject the defined doctrines of the Church, or knowingly and obstinately to repudiate her definitive teaching on moral issues, however, he or she would seriously diminish his or her communion with the Church. Reception of Holy Communion in such a situation would not accord with the nature of the Eucharistic celebration, so that he or she should refrain.

Reception of Holy Communion in such a situation is also likely to cause scandal for others, weakening their resolve to be faithful to the demands of the Gospel.

