

Mass Intentions This Week**Saturday, November 30, 2019**

4:00 PM †Patty Foreman & Katie Turner-Ron Foreman

Sunday, December 1, 2019

10:00 AM Saint Patrick Parishioners (Pro populo)

Tuesday, December 3, 2019

8:00 AM †Barbara Daly-Shirley & Mike Meeker

Thursday, December 5, 2019

6:15 PM †David Reed-Ashley

Mass, Adoration and Advent Penance

Saturday, December 7, 2019

4:00 PM †Gil Misplon-Misplon Family

Sunday, December 8, 2019

10:00 AM Saint Patrick Parishioners (Pro populo)

Upcoming Dates:

Dec 5, 2019: -6:15 PM Mass, Adoration, & Advent Penance

Dec 24, 2019, Vigil Mass 4:00 PM

Dec 24, 2019, Night Mass 11:00 PM

Dec 25, 2019, Christmas Mass 10:00 AM

Parish Offering, Weekend Mass Attendance, Ministry Schedule—not available because of early submission.

*Our Gifts To God—many contribute generously. We all need to share the burden of parish support. May God bless your sacrifice for Him!***Building and Grounds Update**

Take a look at the new windows in the convent! We recently replaced all of the windows in the sacristy and convent area behind the church. The old windows were in very bad shape. There were large gaps in the frames due to deteriorating wood. Ice would form on the inside of some of the windows in the winter. In addition to making the rooms more comfortable for our PFF classes and choir, the new windows should also lower our energy bills. The outside frames are wrapped in aluminum, so we will not need to worry about painting the window frames in the future.

We are also benefiting from lower electric bills due to new LED lighting in Makley Hall. We changed around 175 florescent lights to LED's. This was done for free due to a DP&L rebate program. While there is still work to be done, we have made tremendous progress in updating our buildings in the past few years. We have an incredible parish, and we are working hard to ensure that our buildings will continue to serve our parish many years into the future!

Fr Shawn Landenwitch, Pastor

First Week of Advent

Stir up Thy power, a Lord, and come, that by Thy protection we may be rescued from the dangers that beset us through our sins; and be a Redeemer to deliver us; Who livest and reignest with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

The Advent Wreath

The Advent Wreath, a venerable European tradition, can be a way to involve even very little children in learning about Christian preparation -- not only for celebrating Our Lord's birth, but to make our hearts truly ready to receive Him.

The wreath's symbolism of the advent (coming) of Light into the world is clear. The gradual lighting of the four candles, one on each Sunday of the Advent season, combined with the liturgical colors of the candles --- purple is the penitential color used during Advent and Lent; rose is a liturgical color used only on *Gaudete Sunday* (the third Sunday of Advent) and *Laetare Sunday* (the fourth Sunday of Lent) --- help to symbolize not only our expectation and hope in Our Savior's first coming into the world, but also in his Second Coming as Judge at the end of the world.

MASS INTENTIONS: Please, fill out the form below and drop in the collection basket or mail to the office. There is a \$5 stipend for each Mass requested. **PLEASE, PRINT!**

Intention: _____

Offered by: _____

Date requested: _____

Mass requested: _____

We will make every attempt to get them on the date you request, however, funerals, prior requests and other events may prevent this, a specified date needs a 3 week notice to meet publication deadlines.

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READING:

Mon., Dec 2: Is 4:2-6 Ps 122:1-9 Mt 8:5-11

Tues., Dec 3: Is 11:1-10 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8 12-13, 17 Lk 10:21-24

Wed., Dec 4: Is 25:6-10a Ps 23:1-6 Mt 15:29-37

Thurs., Dec 5: Is 26:1-6 Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a Mt 7:21,24-27

Fri., Dec 6: Is 29:17-24 Ps 27:1,4,13-14 Mt 9:27-31

Sat., Dec 7: Is 147:1-6 Mt 9:35—10:1,5a,6-8



Is 11:1-10
Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17
Rom 15:4-9
Mt 3:1-12

Rosary will be recited: Sat at 3:30 pm & Sun 9:15 am before the Mass. ALL ARE WELCOME!

Parish Prayer Line: Tammy Bauer, 937.441.0645

Project Merry Christmas—It is that time of year again! The time when we ask for your help with Project Merry Christmas to help local needy families with food and/or children with a gift. The stars and trees will be put up for the weekends of Nov 23,24,30 and Dec 1. Bags will be available with a list of food items at those weekend masses. All items should be returned to the church by **DEC 8. Contact CATHY DINOVO 937.935.2557. Any questions, "would like to help"—St. Vincent de Paul.**

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (592.9455)

Hours: 10:00 am-12:00 pm, Tuesday & Thursday;

5:00-7:00 pm, Wednesday. Dates:

Money Spent: Clients: Not available

THANK YOU!

ANGEL OF GOD, my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here, ever this day be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide, Amen.

ADVENT

In the Catholic Church, Advent is a period of preparation extending over the four Sundays before Christmas. The word *Advent* comes from the Latin *advenio*, "to come to," and refers to the coming of Christ. And the term *the coming* includes three references: first of all, to our celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas; second, to the coming of Christ in our lives through grace and the Sacrament of Holy Communion; and finally, to his second coming at the end of time.

Our preparations, therefore, should have all three comings in mind. We need to prepare our souls to receive Christ worthily.

First We Fast; Then We Feast

Advent has been called a "little Lent," because it traditionally has included a period of increased prayer, fasting, and good works. Although the Western Church no longer has a set requirement for fasting during Advent, the Eastern Church (both Catholic and Orthodox) continues to observe what is known as Philip's Fast, from November 15 until Christmas.

Traditionally, all great feasts have been preceded by a time of fasting, which makes the feast itself more joyful. Unfortunately, Advent today has supplanted by "the Christmas shopping season," so that by the time Christmas Day comes, many people no longer enjoy the feast or even specially mark the next 12 days of the Christmas season, which lasts until Epiphany (or, technically, the Sunday after Epiphany, being that the next season, called ordinary time, starts on the following Monday).

The Symbols of Advent

In its symbolism, the church continues to stress the penitential and preparatory nature of Advent. As during Lent, priests wear purple vestments, and the Gloria ("Glory to God") is omitted during Mass. The only exception is on the Third Sunday of Advent, known as Gaudete Sunday, when priests can wear rose-colored vestments. As on Lactare Sunday during Lent, this exception is designed to encourage us to continue our prayer and fasting, because we can see that Advent is more than halfway over.

The Advent Wreath

Perhaps the best-known of all Advent symbols is the Advent wreath, a custom that originated among German Lutherans but was soon adopted by Catholics. Consisting of four candles (three purple or blue and one pink) arranged in a circle with evergreen boughs (and often a fifth, white candle in the center), the Advent wreath corresponds to the four Sundays of Advent. The purple or blue candles represent the penitential nature of the season, while the pink candle calls to mind the respite of Gaudete Sunday. The white candle, when used, represents Christmas.

Celebrating Advent

We can better enjoy Christmas—all 12 days of it—if we revive Advent as a period of preparation. Abstaining from meat on Fridays or not eating at all between meals is a good way to revive the Advent fast. (Not eating Christmas cookies or listening to Christmas music before Christmas is another.) We can incorporate customs such as the Advent wreath, the Saint Andrew Christmas Novena, and the Jesse Tree into our daily ritual, and we can set some time aside for special scripture readings for Advent, which remind us of the threefold coming of Christ.

Holding off on putting up the Christmas tree and other decorations is another way to remind ourselves that the feast is not here yet. Traditionally, such decorations were put up on Christmas Eve, and they would not be taken down until after Epiphany, in order to celebrate the Christmas season to its fullest.