

**Mass Intentions This Week****Saturday, December 1, 2018**

4:00 PM †Angie Dinovo-Theresa &amp; Brant Dunn

**Sunday, December 2, 2018**

10:00 AM Saint Patrick Parishioners' (pro populo)

12:00 PM Spanish Mass-Brigida Diaz-Brigida Diaz

**Tuesday, December 4, 2018**

8:00 AM †Paul &amp; Dora Rath-Charles Rath

**Thursday, December 6, 2018**

6:15 PM †Mary Lou Carr-Nancy

6:45 PM Penance Service

**Saturday, December 8, 2018**

4:00 PM †Frank &amp; Angie Dinovo—Their Children

**Sunday, December 9, 2018-Second Sunday of Advent**

10:00 AM Saint Patrick Parishioners' (pro populo)

*Additional Masses at St Mary of Woods:* Saturday, 6:00 pm and Sunday, 8:00 am; Wed. 8:00 am, Thurs, 6:15 pm, second and fourth Thursday of the month, Fri., 8:00 am, beginning Sunday, 27 May 10:00 am Mass

**Weekend Mass Attendance: not available**

**Parish Offering Weekend:** (not available because of early submission of the bulletin) **OUR GIFTS TO GOD—Many contribute generously. We all need to share the burden of parish support. May God bless your sacrifice for Him!**

**December, 2018 Lay Ministry****Sat Dec 8, 10:00 am**

Mus/Cant: n/a

Serv: Jay Tuttle, Fiona &amp; Liam Sweeney

Lect: Steve Oder, Wendy Miller

Min: Becky Meyer, John Vicario, Anthony Marcelli

**Sat Dec 8, 4:00 pm**

Mus/Cant: Judy Wells

Serv: Sutton Daring, Daniel Dinovo, Anthony Marcelli

Lect: Theresa &amp; Brant Dunn

Min: Sharon Hess, Mike Vektorino, Anthony Marcelli

**Sun Dec 9, 10:00 am**

Mus/Cant: n/a

Serv: Choe &amp; Caitlin Stolly, Anthony Maracelli

Lect: Bill O'Connor, Terry Stolly

Min: Mary Giannola, Brien Woolf, Anthony Marcelli

*Formed.org Parish Subscription:* St. Patrick has renewed our subscription to Formed.org. This website has an amazing database of videos, books, movies, and audio talks available for all parishioners. We will be using content from this website as part of our PFF curriculum. The parish access Code is HJ34VZ.

**Pastoral Care of the Sick:**

*Distributors to the sick and homebound ... your parish is in need of help to perform this minister. Please call the office 592-1656 to make arrangements to perform this ministry.*

***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.*

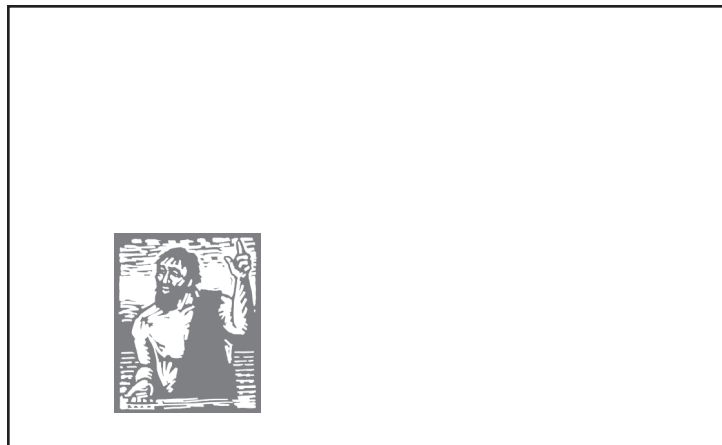


ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (592.9455)  
Hours: 10:00 am-12:00pm, Tuesday & Thursday;  
5:00-7:00 pm, Wednesday Dates:  
Money Spent: Clients:  
Need: laundry detergent, soups, pasta,. Thank you

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**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**

**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.**



**COMING UP—SAVE THE DATE**

**Dec 6, 6:45 PM PENANCE SERVICE**

**Dec 7, 7:00 PM Advent Lessons & Carols**

**Rest in the Peace of Christ: Mr. Dan Wells**

**Parish Prayer Line: Tammy Bauer 937.441.0645**

*Schedule of Christmas Masses*

**December 24**  
 4:00 pm Mass St Patrick Church  
 6:00 pm Mass at Saint Mary of Woods  
 11:00 pm Mass St Patrick Church

**December 25**  
 8:00 am Mass at Saint Mary of Woods  
 10:00 am Mass at St Patrick Church

Preparing for the True Meaning of Christmas

"In Advent, Christians relive a dual impulse of the spirit: on the one hand, they raise their eyes towards the final destination of their pilgrimage through history, which is the glorious return of the Lord Jesus; on the other, remembering with emotion his birth in Bethlehem, they kneel before the Crib.

The hope of Christians is turned to the future but remains firmly rooted in an event of the past. In the fullness of time, the Son of God was born of the Virgin Mary: "Born of a woman, born under the law", as the Apostle Paul writes (Gal4:4). --  
*Pope Benedict XVI, -First Sunday of Advent*

During the Season of Advent we join the thousand-year expectation for the Messiah on the part of God's people of the Old Covenant, and look forward to His coming at Christmas. The Messianic hope was kept alive by the Prophets like Micah, who prophesied that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem. Our prayer should be filled with the hope of Israel and its thousand-year expectation in order to prepare us to hear the tidings of great joy announced by the Angels at Christmas.

We are encouraged by the Church to pray with the three greatest figures who originally prepared for Christ's coming in the flesh: the prophet Isaiah, John the Baptist, and Mary the Mother of God. By concentrating on them, we can benefit from His coming to us in Mystery at Christmas and in Majesty at the end of the world.

Each of these three can show us the virtues we should have in preparing for Christmas and bringing Christ into our lives and to the world. Among these virtues are listening to God's Word without preconception, understanding it without pretense, and responding to it without reserve. The most important virtue is to put God first in our lives, to carry out His will, and to lead others to Christ.

By preparing for the Lord's coming time and again at Christmas, we prepare for His final coming when He will establish the Kingdom of God, His Father, and be glorified in all those who have believed in Him

**—ALL ARE WELCOME TO COME AND PRAY THE ROSARY BEFORE MASSES: SUNDAYS AT 9:00 AM, SATURDAYS AT 3:30 PM, AND TUESDAYS AT 7:30 AM!!!**