

WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 4, 2016
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Second Sunday in Advent
Rev. Adam Sedar, M.A., M.Div. Pastor
Deacon Michael Boyle
Deacon Thomas J. Murphy, Principal & D.R.E.

MASSES	DATE	
Weekday	Monday, Wed. & Friday	6:30 AM
	Tuesday & Thursday	7:00 PM
Weekend	Saturday	8:00 AM, 4:30 PM
	Sunday	6:00, 7:30, 10:15 AM
Confessions	Tuesday & Thursday	6:40 PM
	Saturday	3:15 PM – 4:00 PM

Sunday Collection	\$ 8, 021.00
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PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Alicia Wurster, Helen Ragone, Tara Wyman, Eric Hoehl, Ron Myslak, Ed Kugent, Jason Michael, Lucy Riebling, Toby Minner, Romana Kemp, Jarrid Keller, Donald Minner, George Showers, Lisa Derocher, Leroy Shaw, Eleanor Larson, Marcy Marks, Bradley King, Ed Hurys, Julianna Di Pietro, Francis "Fritz" Henry, Bill and Rita Stephens, William Pfeifer, Albert Weinstein, Sr., Margaret Kuhn, Dan Bauer, Brian Kelly, Elizabeth Klocek, Grace Ziegler, Ilene Herrlinger, Yvonne Watts, Brandon Dubble, Charlene Long, Matthew Palmer, Liz Rotondo, Bill Eliasson, Gail Russell, Joe Bintner, Richard Slavinski, Thomas Rymal, Joseph Neill, Bonnie Bowman, A.E. Hill, Jennifer Sivco, Chris Stavinski, Mike Sobjak, Emalyn Faith Moyer, Phillip MacKelvy, Tony, Brian Muthersbaugh, Rudy Freimann, Maria Rossi, Albert Babilon, Kathi Donia, Veronica Babilon, Volker Kaestel, Cynthia Pennypacker, Jennifer Farrey, Miranda MacKenzie Richard, Frances Jacobs, Ryan Gerhold, Russell Reigner, Cathy Heimbach, Christian, Linda Seiber, Mary Burns, Michael Furey, Mary Lou Stufflet, The Bonner Family, J. Hilferty, Peggy Dwyer, Lauren Petrosky, Dr. Paul Newcomer, Kevin Richter, Kathleen Detuliis, Steve, Betty Ann Daily, Andrea Romig, Emily Brumbach, Karen Davis-King, Jeremy Beidler, Michael Kane, Sadie Grater, Hannah Levensgood, Gerald Cleary, Joan Nichols, Victor Bastecki, Marie Hobson, Pat Fry, Christian Walters, Rita Meck, Mark Zigenfuse, Jackie Repko, Teresa Nethers, Barbara Schott, C. Simes, Jay Bauer, Karen Baker, Joanne Mathias, Louisa Frey, Jon Strain, Robert Strain, Robert Baumer, Tammy Hubickey, Michael McCormick, Eileen Daulerio, David Henry, Kelly Barry, Richard Bauman, Michael Quigley, Frances DeMedio, Karen Waldron, Earl Ziegler, Carol Minner, Christine Chesney, Mel Mundy-Williams, Dennis Weinstein, Anna Mae Melcher, David Farrell, Francesca Thaler, Nancy Grim, Karen Buler-Baker, Tillie Sodano, Tony Rossetti, Eleanor Miller and Allen Melcher.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SHUT-INS:

Sr. Joseph, Dennis Fronheiser, Francis S. Henry, and Betty Saladino.

Remembering our Loved Ones in the Military

Please keep in your prayers:

ISSN Keith Essig, SGT Jeffrey Ferry, CPT. Kevin Bergan, SGT Brad Kline, USMC 2nd Lt. Peter C. Fisher, SPC Daniel Saylor, CPL Matt Renner, PSC Derrick Avant, SPC Michael Greaves, SGT Vince Sodano, Chief Noah W. Ziegler, MAJ Jeremy Bushyager, SGT Eddie Pierce, Airman 1st Class Jordan C. Garcia, CAPT Justin Knepp, PFC Sam S. Myers, Lt. 1st Class Heather Cupitt, Staff SGT Eric J. Crews, PVT Nathaniel Walters, Sr. Airman Anthony Lucarelli, MAJ Michael O'Kane, SSG Antonio Rivera, Airman 1st Class Andrew Gerard, PVT Daniel Walters, Sr. Airman Michael Viola, Douglas Philip Murray, Sr. Airman J.T. Walters, Lt. Justin Hazlett, MSTR SGT Jason Robbins, CPT Tylara Romero, 2nd LT Konrad Thaler, Midshipman Piper Thaler, David Stavish, Capt, USN, Joseph Stavish, Cdr, USN, SPC James O' Connor.

If a member of your family or a friend is currently serving in the armed services, please let us know 610-845-2460. We would like to especially pray for them and you during these difficult times.



For tips and resources to strengthen your marriage, visit



www.foryourmarriage.org.

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The Diocesan Website for Protection and Youth can be found online at: www.allentowndiocese.org. – Then click on the link on the left for the Protection of Youth.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist urges us to "Prepare the way of the Lord." This is what Advent is all about, for we are called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our own hearts, in our family and to reach out to those in need.



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

4:30 PM Richard Stahl, by Mr. & Mrs. Roger Eidle & Sons

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

6:00 AM Parishioners of Most Blessed Sacrament

7:30 AM Shirley Melcher, by Daniel & Rosanne

10:15 AM In Thanksgiving for Anthony & Mary Di Pietro, by The Di Pietro Family

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5

6:30 AM The Deceased members of the Leroy Koch Family

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6

7:00 PM Newton Longacre, by John & Lisa Romero

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

NO MASS TODAY

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8

7:00 AM For the Health of Anna Mae Melcher, by Joe & Family

9:00 AM Anthony McNamara, by Eileen Zoltowski

7:00 PM In Thanksgiving for Continued Support of St. Vincent de Paul

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9

6:30 AM Donna Kramer, by the Estate

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

8:00 AM Philip Ferrizzi, 1st Anniversary

4:30 PM Sue Zambanini, by The Zambanini Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

6:00 AM Elmer & Anna Gilbert, by Ronald & Monica Gilbert

7:30 AM Parishioners of Most Blessed Sacrament

10:15 AM Jim & Marie Rapp, by Joe & Kathy

ALTAR SERVERS

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

7:00 PM Ryan Willing – Tyler Smith

SATURDAY

4:30 PM Matthew & Gianna Graczyk – Olivia Campbell

SUNDAY

6:00 AM Autumn Kline

7:30 AM Gabrielle & Annika Snyder – Shane Clark

10:15 AM Marlena Agrcoli - Kayleen La Salle – Adam Frank

BINGO CREW # 4

Caller: Tammi Eccleston

Controller: Carolyn Schaeffer

Kitchen: Joanne Haas – Angie Millard - Margie Kelsch

Floor: Kate Sherwood

Bakers: Janet Wronowski- Kathleen Moser – Linda Moll

THE WEEK AHEAD

- ✓ CCD Sunday morning 9 – 10 AM.
- ✓ LEGION OF MARY 7:30 PM Tuesdays.
- ✓ NO MASS on Wednesday, Dec. 7th.
- ✓ The Rectory will be closed Thursday, December 8th.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION DECEMBER 8th

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass schedule: Dec. 8th at 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, & 7:00 PM.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Every week we gather as the People of God to celebrate the Holy Mass on the Lord's Day. In fact some of us gather every day to celebrate the Holy Mass. What is it that we are doing? This is something we should pause and think about often. And actually, when we do pause to think about it, we realize that even our question, "what are we doing?" may not be quite the right question. The real question is "what is God doing?", after all what God does is at the heart, the essence, of this great act of worship we call the Holy Mass. Think about it: what happens at Mass is that by the power of God, the working of the Holy Spirit to be precise, through the ordained priest, and again ordination is something that happens to a man by the power of God, the sacrifice of Jesus Christ is offered by His priest, to God the Father for us. The sacrifice of Christ is something the Son of God has done for us and is something we cannot do of ourselves. We share Holy Communion, the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Christ, as a gift given by God, through His priesthood, for us. The Holy Mass is all about what God does, and again, it is not something we can do for ourselves. Of course what God does at the Mass is something we partake of and in which we participate. God is working through us and in us with our co-operation. So, the exterior aspects of what we do at Mass, e.g., the decorating, the music and singing, the reading, even the delivery of the homily, is very important but we must remember not most important. What is most important is what God is doing. Our exterior participation should open us up to the real work that is God's work. This is why, as disciples, we cannot ever be content to pray only on our own, because on our own we cannot do for ourselves what God can and does do for us in the sacraments and most especially at the Holy Mass. Again, this not to say we do nothing at Mass. Far from it. Our truest participation is found in accepting the gift of what God is offering us there and of being joined to the sacrifice of Christ. God's gift to us in the Holy Mass is not to be found anywhere else in all the universe, in all creation. Peace— Father Adam

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS & LECTORS

On December 17th a mandatory Workshop for Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors will be held. The Workshop will begin after the 8 AM Mass. Fr. Keith Mathur, Director of Office of Divine Worship will be the speaker.

Do you feel a call to serve the Lord in His Church in a new and exciting way? Why not inquire about becoming a lector or extraordinary minister of Holy Communion? Our parish is looking for new parishioners to serve the Lord at the altar. Why not you? Applicants need to be Catholics in good standing and should be registered as parishioners for 2 years. Extraordinary ministers need to be confirmed Catholics and be at least 18 years of age. Lectoring would be a great way for our youth to give of themselves in service to the Lord. If interested please call the parish office 610-845-2460.

HELP NEEDED AT CHRISTMAS MASSES

Altar Servers are needed Christmas Morning at 7:00, 9:00 & 10:30 AM.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND USHERS are needed Christmas morning at 9 & 10:30 AM. Please call the rectory to volunteer.

MASSES FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

Christmas Eve Masses

4:30 PM, 7:30 PM.

Christmas Day Masses

12:00 AM Midnight Mass.

7:00 AM , 9:00 AM , 10:30 AM.

HISTORY FACTS

There is a relic of "The True Cross" in St. Paul's Chapel.

The new History Book of Most Blessed Sacrament Church, by Ronald Thren and Michael Miller, is available for purchase in the museum after the 10:15 Mass. The cost is \$20.

COLLECTION for Retired Religious will be held the weekend of December 11th. Please place your envelope in with the general collection.

AN INVITATION

The German's from Geinsheim, our sister parish, wanted to inform us that the town plaza is being named for Fr. Theodore Schneider. The dedication of the plaza will be Sunday, May 14, 2017 and "the Americans" are welcome to come and celebrate. If you are interested in attending please contact Margaret @ mchova1084@gmail.com by December 17th.

VESPERS

Mark your calendars, Saturday, December 17th at 6:30 PM Berks Catholic High School will be singing vespers here at MBS! All are welcome to hear the festive music and singing!

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS WISH PROGRAM

Thank you to everyone who has taken a child's name. **Gifts going to Boyertown Multi-Service or Boyertown Salvation Army need to be dropped off by December 4th. DO NOT WRAP THE GIFT.**

A LOCAL FAMILY THIS CHRISTMAS

Return Gifts for our local family by December 11th. **Please gift wrap presents and attach Wish Card to the outside of the present.**

"CHRISTMAS PROJECT – MARY'S SHELTER"

Collection for Mary's Shelter, Reading, ends December 11th. A donation box will be in the vestibule beginning, December 3rd.

ST. FRANCIS ACADEMY

Dec. 6 – No 10:45 Liturgy

Dec. 8 – Mass Immaculate Conception at 9 AM.

Please join us for our annual Tree Lighting ceremony after Mass.

Dec. 9 – Dance for Gr. 6, 7, 8, SFA Cafeteria 7:00-9:00 PM

Remember Plastic Cash for the holidays.

WIDOW/WIDOWER GREIF SUPPORT

The next "REACH OUT" session will be on December 11th at St. Columbkil's Church in the Office Meeting Room also at 1 PM. All are welcome. We ask for prayers for the families who are searching for the meaning of the Holidays without their loved ones. All come to recognize that Grief has a voice and when it is your voice, what you are hearing is the worst grief of all. The support of those who understand is most needed. The Reach Out sessions can help sort out and validate these complicated issues. For more information and for **anyone** who has suffered a loss of **any one** close to them, please call Dn. Mike Boyle at 484-336-9849.

BINGO

Holiday cookie bakers, would you share some of your heavenly cookies with Bingo? The Bingo Committee would like to treat each Bingo player with some home baked cookies. Drop off your cookies Sunday, December 11th by 11:00 AM or call 484-925-6315 for a cookie pickup. Volunteers are needed for next year's schedule.

HOSPITAL CONFIDENTIALITY

Parishioners are encouraged to let the parish know when they are in the hospital, nursing home or other medical care facilities. Due to the laws on confidentiality hospitals will not release information to the parish unless a patient requests parish notification.

MARCH FOR LIFE BUS TRIP: FRIDAY, JANUARY 27, 2017

St. Columbkil Church invites you to join their bus trip to the March for Life. Cost is \$50 per person which includes morning refreshments, bus transportation and buffet dinner on the return trip. Participants are asked to dress warmly and bring a bagged lunch. To reserve a seat, please contact Lisa in the parish office at 610-367-2371 or Candee Holzman at 484-431-2085 or candeeh@stcolumbkil.org.

YOUTH GROUP

For information about the Youth Group please contact Heather at: 484-336-9200 e-mail mailto:youthgroup@stcolumbkil.org.