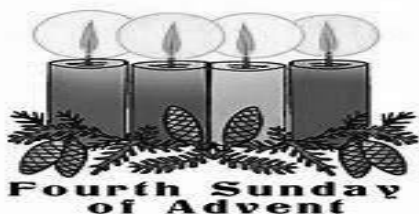




DECEMBER 19TH 2021



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18th - 4:00pm

McNabb and Capella Families, requested by their family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19th - 9:00am

(live-streamed)

Genevieve Zane, requested by the Prechtel Family

11:00am

Our Parishioners

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20th - 8:00am

Joseph Prechtel, requested by the Prechtel Family

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21st - 8:00am

Deceased Sisters of St. Joseph, requested by Sisters of St. Joseph

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22nd - 8:00am

Aloysius P.J. O'Harra

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23rd - 8:00am

Salvatore and Marie Mattoccia, requested by Louisa and John Mancuso

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24th - 8:00am

Special Intention

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24th
CHRISTMAS VIGIL – 4:00pm

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25th
CHRISTMAS DAY- 10:00m

NO 4:00pm MASS ON SATURDAY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26th - 9:00am

(live-streamed)

Robert Firth, requested by Harry and Eileen Mullen

11:00am

Our Parishioners



Please remember your Church Weekly Offering. You can either mail it in or do it by Electronic Giving@www.ParishGiving.org

The second collection this weekend will be for the Parish.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Sunday, December 12 th (19)	\$ 1,955.00
Immaculate Conception (27)	\$ 379.00
Christmas (4)	\$ 300.00
Christmas Flowers (5)	\$ 100.00
Religious Retirement (4)	\$ 125.00
All Saints (1)	\$ 10.00

TOTAL \$ 2,839.00



In your prayers, you are asked to pray for all the sick of the parish and those who care for them especially, Anna Marie Barry, Theresa Barthold, Ashley Brown, Linda Brown, Christopher Browne, Margaret Davidson, Daniel Evans, Terry Flanagan, , Jane Latta, Edward Lawnton, Candida Leodora, Lisa Long, Rocky Long, Erin McFarlane, Megan McHugh, Conchetta Miller, Robert Price, Ronald Rigler, Daniel Seddon, Bill and Theresa Sherwin, Fred Smeltzer, Ava Snick, Frances Sprenkle, Joe Szewczak, Fran Thomas, and Roy (Toysie) Turvey, Jr..



LCPL. Shane Canavan, Sgt. Shane Carlson, SPEC Chase Dixon, PFC Tyler Manigly, RTC Dominic Remolde, Captain Zach Schwatka, Col. Scott Shore, and Cpl. Christopher Starrett



Please pray for the happy repose of all the faithful departed especially, Carol Lauber Robert (Bobby) Leahy and especially during the pandemic.





SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18th - 4:00pm

Grace Welsh - Jocelyn Welsh

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19th

9:00am

Charlotte Welsh

11:00am

Joseph Arturo



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18th - 4:00pm

Mary Alice Missimer

SUNDAY, DECEMBER - 19th

9:00am

Louise Mancuso

11:00am

Jay Feinschil



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18th - 4:00pm

Kathy Duffy

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19th

9:00am

Mary Reed

11:00am

John Naab



SUPER NEW YEAR'S

50/50 RAFFLE

Drawing will be held on 12/31/21 after the 4:00pm Mass.

Ticket stubs due to rectory by December 29, 2021.



FREE CHRISTMAS TREES

Melady Landscaping has a limited number of Christmas trees to donate to a family in need. Please call the rectory and we will make arrangements for you to receive a free Christmas Tree.



If you are interested in our daycare, you can email the Director Amore @holyfamilychildcare.org



Immaculate Heart of Mary School will be hosting an Open House on Monday, January 17, 2022.





SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18th at 6:00P.M.

We are excited to offer an evening organ recital presented by our parish organists, Reid Simmons and Joseph O'Brien. A wide variety of music will be performed on the historic instrument at our church. Please consider attending if you are available.

This event is free and open to the public. A free will offering will benefit our music ministry.



CHRISTMAS EVE CONCERT

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24th at 3:00 P.M.

Come celebrate Christmas with your friends and family by attending our Christmas Eve Concert prior to Mass. Carols will be sung and a variety of festive choral music will be presented. All are invited to attend.

This event is open to the public.



CONFESSIONS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2021

7:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2021

12:00 P.M. – 1:00 P.M.

CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL MASS

4:00 P.M.

CHRISTMAS DAY

10:00 A.M.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2021

(FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY)

9:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.

NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS

4:00 P.M.

(RAFFEL DRAWING AFTER THE MASS)

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS

10:00 A.M.

4:00 P.M. (VIGIL FOR EPIPHANY)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, 2022

9:00 A.M. – 11:00

****PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT THE DATE/DAY FOR CONFESSION FOR CHRISTMAS HAS BEEN CHANGED TO FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24TH FROM 12:00 P.M. TO 1:00 P.M. AND NOT THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23RD.**



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

REFLECTIONS by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Often enough the definitive biographies of great people offer an air of “little did we know” about them as they start to recount their story. It’s natural in many ways, because only God knows for sure how an infant or toddler will turn out as a mature adult. From the benefit of his or her historical hindsight, the reader already knows what’s going to happen. The biographer can only provide intriguing details, or researched tidbits, to add to the story of what eventually unfolds.

In the case of Our Lord Jesus Christ, we really don’t have a biography in the modern sense of the word. Evidently the Holy Spirit was not interested in such. Nor did the evangelists who gave us a four-part accounting of Jesus’ words and deeds have a biographical intent. The closest we can come to filling in the blanks is to appreciate what the producers of the online series “The Chosen” have created for us.

St. Luke brings his readers a well-designed literary piece about a visit of the Blessed Mother to her cousin Elizabeth. Respected biblical scholars explain. Here is Professor Father Robert J. Karris, O.F.M. : *“Luke’s intent in these verses is missed if one accentuates Mary’s charity and social concern in visiting her aged, pregnant relative Elizabeth. Note that if he were intent on presenting Mary as a model of charity he would not have written of Mary departing from Elizabeth at the time of her greatest need. It also strains credulity to imagine a fourteen-year-old Jewish virgin making a four-day journey by herself. Luke’s intent is literary and theological. He brings together the two mothers-to-be so that both may praise God active in their lives and that Elizabeth’s child might be presented as the ‘precursor’ of Mary’s child.”*

We believers know John the Baptist’s role in the story of our salvation. We know also how much he was held in esteem by Jesus. Our only task in Advent is to remember how God the Father prepared the world for His Son’s arrival and what that means for us now and for our future life. We continue to watch how His Mother Mary lived in perfect accord with the Father’s will and how love of Him permeated her sinless life. We also learn so much from her.

As our own biography is being written each and every day, including Christmas Day and beyond, we can only hope that a copy of it will be available in heaven.

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