



DECEMBER 5TH 2021



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4th - 4:00pm

Doris Janson, requested by Harry and Eileen Mullen

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5th - 9:00am

(live-streamed)

John Labrusciano, requested by Al and Rose Augustine

11:00am

Our Parishioner

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6th - 8:00am

Margaret Sweeney, requested by Monsignor Sweeney

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7th - 8:00am

Adaline O'Harra

**EVE OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
(HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)**

7:00pm

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8th - 9:00am

**FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
(HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)**

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9th - 9:00am

John Censi, requested by the Censi Family

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10th - 8:00am

Special Intention

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11th - 4:00pm

Margaret Harris, requested by Mark and Marie Jennings

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12th - 9:00am

(live-streamed)

John Labrusciano, requested by Al and Rose Augustine

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 next weekend will be for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Sunday, November 11 th & 28 th (222)	\$ 7,137.00
St. Charles Seminary (2)	\$ 471.15
Christmas Flowers (13)	\$ 275.00
Christmas (4)	\$ 170.00
2 nd Collection	\$ 169.00
Block Collection (3)	\$ 90.00
Mission Sunday (2)	\$ 45.00
All Saints (4)	\$ 30.00
Religious Retirement (2)	\$ 30.00
All Souls (2)	\$ 10.00
Immaculate Conception (1)	\$ 5.00
TOTAL	\$ 8,432.15



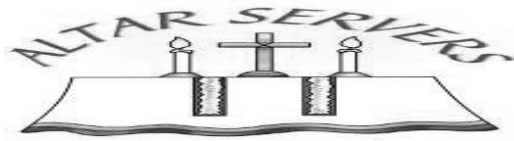
In your prayers, you are asked to pray for all the sick of the parish and those who care for them especially, Anna Marie Barry, Theresa Barthold, Ashley Brown, Linda Brown, Christopher Browne, Margaret Davidson, Daniel Evans, Terry Flanagan, Jane Latta, Edward Lawnton, Candida Leodora, Lisa Long, Rocky Long, Erin McFarlane, Megan McHugh, Conchetta Miller, Robert Price, John Ray, 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 and especially during the pandemic.



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4th - 4:00pm

Grace Welsh - Jocelyn Welsh

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5th

9:00am

Charlotte Welsh

11:00am

Joseph Arturo

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7th - 7:00pm

Grace Welsh - Jocelyn Welsh

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8th - 9:00am

Joseph Arturo



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4th - 4:00pm

Harry Mullen

SUNDAY, DECEMBER - 5th

9:00am

Pam Feinschil

11:00am

John Delaney



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4th - 4:00pm

Walt Wood

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5th

9:00am

Lolita Bennett

11:00am

John Delaney



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 Amoore @holyfamilychildcare.org



Nothing Compares to Being There is an Archdiocesan wide invitation to all the faithful primarily through electronic communication to recognize more profoundly the irreplaceable need to be in person for the celebration of Sunday Mass. For more information go on this website: archphila.org/nothingcompares, the following resources will be made available in the coming weeks.

**The
Giving
Tree**

Helping Those
in Need



Consider bringing Christmas to the elderly, children and needy of the parish. One way to do it is by taking one or more ornaments from our Giving Tree. You are asked to return the suggested gift (UNWRAPPED) ON OR BEFORE THE 11:00a.m on Sunday, December 19th. Volunteers are needed to deliver the gifts. Delivery takes about 20 minutes. Your generosity will help bring Christ to members of our parish most in need.



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.**



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

REFLECTIONS *by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson*

I imagine him to be a perfectionist. His Greek is the most refined of all four Evangelists. He notices small details about matters, such as Jesus' sweat in Gethsemane becoming "like drops of blood." Then there is the testimony of St. Paul that he was a doctor (Col. 4:14). Some commentators hold that he was Our Lady's doctor, based on information he gives us that only she would know. Author Taylor Caldwell calls him a "Dear and Glorious Physician" in her novel of that title. I refer to St. Luke. His gospel is my favorite, and that ranks him high on my list of people I hope to meet in heaven, presuming I get there.

In today's excerpt from Luke, Chapter three, I always conjure up the feel of a drum roll as I read his precise list of "who was who" in the list of rulers active at the time that the Word of God comes to John the Baptist. Thus began the quiet revolution that ultimately changed the world. Up until then, the world was controlled by the forces of the evil one, imprisoned in a dungeon of despair. Heaven's gates were locked shut due to sin.

he proclamation of John was about to set the world spinning in a different direction. God's plan is to be set in motion. His divine Son is about to exit His three decades of voluntary seclusion.

John, the last prophet of the Old Testament and the first of the New, reaches back to claim Isaiah's words as his own description as "a voice crying out in the desert." His preaching urges anyone who hears him to "prepare the way of the Lord, make straight His paths." What a confident announcement! People could only wonder "Is this the end of our long wait for redemption and relief?"

All of this brings you and me to Advent 2021. It is the season for us to recall those four centuries Israel waited for her Redeemer. An opportunity to fast before the feast. To do a little penance as our prep for the Feast of Christmas as we do it more intensely during Lent as prep for Easter.

Advent and Christmas will find us this year still suffering from the effects of the gray ghost of Covid hovering over us. Yes, we still live in a politically divided country. We are members of a weakened Church from various scandals. Obviously we need this Advent season to uplift us. To regain a Faith perspective that reminds us that "this too shall pass."

May I humbly suggest that we take new notice during the next few weeks of little details in life that St. Luke the doctor and evangelist did? The gifts of family and friends that are with us all year? The anticipation of children counting off the days before Christmas? The smile on the face of a supermarket cashier? The frost on the pumpkin? The satisfaction of a good football win? The unexpected Christmas card? The making of a conscience-clearing confession?

Here's one more detail that rings true for many of us that I found: "*One of the nice things about Christmas is that you can make people forget the past with a present.*"

God love you and give you His Advent peace.

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