



SEASON OF ADVENT - On that first Advent, the Scripture reminds us: "I send my messenger before you to prepare the way of the Lord...Thus it was that John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance which led to forgiveness of sin..." How are we preparing the way of the Lord? What can we do to make Advent count more in our lives? Try going to daily Mass. Get to Confession more frequently. Prepare to receive the Lord Jesus more worthily in the Holy Eucharist. Make kindness a big part of your life. Recite daily the Holy Rosary. Look for Christ in every person you meet today. During these four weeks of Advent, let us try to refrain from the worldly commercial spirit that surrounds us and think of the greatest event in the history of mankind; **the Eternal Son of God became man among us!** This marvelous and miraculous event took place among us on the first Christmas.

Advent Daily Prayer

*Come and rest in our hearts this Advent Season.
Bless us and guide us as we await Your birthday.
With great joy and deep gratitude
we look forward to this celebration of your birth.
In these days of Advent, change us,
soften our hearts and forgive us our sins
that we might greet You this Christmas
with pure hearts, to forgive, hearts ready
to celebrate.
Come Lord Jesus, and rest in our hearts
this Advent Season and always.
AMEN*

A sincere thank you to our Parish Ladies Guild and all who volunteered to make the Turkey Trot a successful and enjoyable Parish event. Thank you to everyone that attended and to those businesses and parishioners who donated food items, gifts, and certificates. Together a total profit of \$3,570.00 was raised for our Church. Thank you for your cooperation and generosity!

THE ADVENT GIVING TREE

Go into many stores and you cannot miss the fact that Christmas is soon approaching. Some of us have already begun to think about our Christmas shopping. Once again, this season we invite our parishioners to reach out to our parish families who are in need.

The ADVENT GIVING TREE is now placed in the front vestibule of the church.



Please consider taking a "Gift Tag" and prayerfully fulfill the child's gift request and return it to the church or parish office by December 17th, to be delivered in time for Christmas.

Let us enter into the true spirit of Christmas, for we celebrate God's greatest gift to the world...the gift of His Son! Thank you to all who will participate.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – On **Friday, December 8th** we celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a **Holy Day of Obligation**. This Feast celebrates the dogma of our Catholic Faith that Mary was sinless from the very moment of her conception. This privilege was granted to her because of her mission to be the Mother of our Savior, in order to make her a worthy dwelling for Him. Our Lady, under the title of The Immaculate Conception, is the patroness of the United States. **Holy Day Mass will be offered on Friday, December 8th at 7:30 am & 5:30 pm in English and 7:00 pm in Spanish.**

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Your donation to the Religious Retirement Fund supports the day-to-day care of thousands of elder sisters, brothers, and priests. Please give generously to the Second Collection on **December 9th & 10th.**

MASSES FOR

DECEMBER 4 - 10, 2023

Every Mass is offered for the faithful, living or dead, however the following are specifically remembered this week.

Monday, December 4 – Advent Weekday

7:30 am – Intentions of Parishioners

Tuesday, December 5 – Advent Weekday

7:30 am – Phil Caliri - Birthday Remembrance

Wednesday, December 6 – Advent Weekday

St. Nicholas

7:30 am – Intentions of Parishioners

Thursday, December 7 – Advent Weekday

St. Ambrose

7:30 am – Intention of Priest Celebrant

Friday, December 8 – Advent Weekday

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:30 am – Holy Day Mass in English

5:30 pm – Holy Day Mass in English

7:00 pm – Holy Day Mass in Spanish

3:00 pm – Divine Mercy Chaplet

Saturday, December 9 – Advent Weekday

8:00 am – Intentions of Parishioners

2024 Mass Intentions: The scheduling of Mass Intentions for next year will begin on **Monday, December 4, 2023**, Monday – Friday from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm. **Every Mass will be a Community Mass, offered for every intention requested; in this way every family will be considered.** An offering should be given at the time of scheduling. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Sanctuary Candle &
Altar Bread & Wine:**



*In Memory of
Charles Beaune
Jeannette Carreau*

+ Died in Christ +

*Lucy Emma
Cristina Sorvillo
Steven Verdecchia*

LORD’S DAY MASSES

Saturday, December 9

5:00 pm

Teresa DiMaio – 50 Year Remembrance –

by grandson, Bob & Bernie

Louis V. Spertini by family & friends

Angelo Valentino by family

6:30 pm – Mass in Spanish

In Honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Sunday, December 10
Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 am

Intentions of Parishioners

9:30 am – Mass in Spanish

11:30 am

Robert Beaudoin

Frank & Marion Cuiccio by daughters

Orlando Giansanti, Jr. – 3rd Year Remembrance –

by wife & family

Augusto & Giovannina Lupoli by granddaughter, Rose

Francesco & Carmine Nocera by son & daughter-in-law

WEEKLY CHURCH SUPPORT

What Our Lord Asks Is Not Equal Gifts - But Equal Sacrifice.
(Increased Giving Campaign)

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Thanksgiving Masses & Weekend of

November 25 & 26, 2023

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