

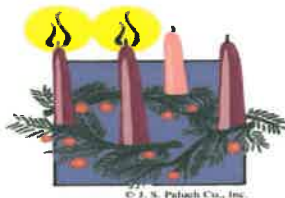


December 10, 2017 • Second Sunday of Advent

Eagerness. Today's readings combine to tell a story of eagerness—enthusiasm, zeal, wholehearted dedication. Eager anticipation is not a surprising topic for the Advent season, but very surprising, perhaps, is what our readings urge us to be eager about: the cleansing of sins. Isaiah tells God's people to cry out loudly, proclaiming that the Lord will come with power to comfort them and forgive all their sins. Saint Peter inspires

us to "be eager to be found without spot or blemish." In Mark's Gospel, people from all over stream to the Jordan, acknowledging their sins and repenting. John the Baptist preaches the mighty power of the Lamb of God, who takes away our sin. Today's readings wake us up, reminding us how great God is. May we eagerly seek the powerful peace that God's forgiveness brings.

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**SECOND SUNDAY OF
ADVENT
DECEMBER 10, 2017**

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 9, 2017

5:00 pm †Thomas & Diane Paulaskas req. by Ann Marie Jasinski Family

Sunday, December 10, 2017

9:00 am †Rose Smith req. by Bob & Mae Johnson /also Parish Family of St. Patrick

Monday, December 11, 2017

9:00 am Christine Sintic - Special Intention - requested by Niemiec Family

Tuesday, December 12, 2017—NO MORNING MASS

6:00 pm Adoration until 9:00 pm

Wednesday, December 13, 2017 - NO MASS

Thursday, December 14, 2017

9:00 am †Ronald Hellhake req. by Mark & Heidi Porter

Friday, December 15, 2017

9:00 pm NO MASS / NO ADORATION

Saturday, December 16, 2017

5:00 pm †Kelly Jasinski req. by Ann Marie & Family

Sunday, December 17, 2017

9:00 am †Leonard & Rosella Smith req. by Don Smith

Altar Servers:

Saturday, December 16, 2017- 5:00 pm

Matthew Jasinski, Brent Bieschke

Sunday, December 17, 9:00 am

Andy, Eddie, Emily Horath

Extraordinary Minister:

Saturday, December 16, 2017 - 5:00 pm

Sue Nugent, Carmen Kinsella

Sunday, December 17, 2017 - 9:00 am

Steve Hoehn

Lector

Saturday, December 16, 2017 - 5:00 pm

Jerry Kinsella

Sunday, December 17, 2017 - 9:00 am

Lisa Price

Usher:

Saturday, December 16, 2017- 5:00 pm

Bill Phelan, John Meyer

Sunday, December 17, 2017- 9:00 am

Jim Price, Bruce Boyle

Music: Cathy Engler / Matt Baskerville

Collection Counters : Horath & Price

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

For the new fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, the weekly Sunday collection goal is \$2,463.93

Sunday, December 3 \$2,453.00

Thank you for your support of our Parish



Our Two Week Candle is burning for
Keigher & Kuntz Families
req. by Roger & Janet Keigher.

***Please Participate!
Your Gift Makes a Difference!***

Parish Goal:	\$ 9,635.00
Amount Pledged:	\$12,615.00
Amount Paid:	\$11,840.00
2017 Rebate	\$ 1,544.00



Thank you for your generous response.

2018 Collection Envelope Boxed Sets will be available next weekend. If there are any changes in your address or phone number, please contact the parish office. If you are new to the parish and would like envelopes please call the office; also if you have decided to use on-line giving and do not wish the boxed sets let us know. With some families using on-line giving we have had to change a few envelope ID numbers.

Buy from Amazon You can start your Advent with "The Wonder of the Greatest Gift" by Tyndale House Publishers, Inc. The link is on our website. Log into your amazon account through our website first. "We are a participant in the Amazon Services LLC Associates Program, an affiliate advertising program designed to provide a means for us to earn fees by linking to Amazon.com and affiliated sites."



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The Second Collection this weekend is for the Retired Religious. Extra envelopes are in the back of church.



**ST. PATRICK PARISH
2015-2016 FISCAL YEAR**

	<u>Actual</u>					<u>Annual</u>
	Church	Rel Ed	Cemetery	Organization	Total	Budget
Revenue:						
Sunday Collections	\$114,173	\$-	\$-	\$-	114,173	105,000
Other Collections	15,559				15,559	17,150
Unrestricted Donations	9,108				9,108	4,885
Tuition and Fees		2,920			2,920	4,000
Interest Income	6,551		658	1	7,210	4,280
Cemetery Revenue			9,150		9,150	
Unrestricted Revenue	2,020	497	-150	2,323	4,690	4,896
Restricted Revenue	12,887		1,100		13,987	10,980
Total Revenue	\$160,298	\$3,417	\$10,758	\$2,324	176,797	151,191
Expenses:						
Salaries & Wages	\$62,866	6,420			69,286	59,161
Fringe Benefits	17,970	727			18,697	21,252
Repairs & Maintenance	2,960				2,960	5,800
Services	11,983	1,133	5,769		18,885	15,000
Materials & Supplies	17,224	1,353	54		18,631	18,500
Rental Expense					0	
Insurance	7,083				7,083	6,944
Utilities	12,204	885			13,090	5,703
Curriculum Expenses		860			860	836
Diocesan Assessment	8,148				8,148	8,300
Ministry & Outreach Exp					0	3,000
Other Operating Expens	0			2,092	2,092	1,278
Restricted Expenses	1,841				1,841	3,600
Capital Expenditures	8,510		10,730		19,240	10000
Investment in Education	7,962	-7,962			0	
Total Expenses	\$158,751	\$3,416	\$16,553	\$2,092	180812	159,374
Gain/Loss	\$1,547.41	0.63	-\$5,795	\$232	-\$4,015	-8183

Additional Information

Funds on Deposit 392,754

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Parish Checkbook	33,559
Diocesan Saving Acct	293,080
Cemetery Diocesan Saving Acct	16,896
Cemetery Diocesan Income Care	45,628
CCW Checking Acct	3,591
Total	392,754

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES

ST. PATRICK—FR. SEBASTIAN WILL BE AVAILABLE ON TUESDAY EVENING
DECEMBER 12,19 at 7:00pm

Sunday, December 17—St. Patrick Penance Service - 3:00 pm

ST. JOSEPH, MANHATTAN—MONDAY, DECEMBER 18—6:00 PM

ST. PAUL, PEOTONE— WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20—6:30 PM

ST. BONIFACE—THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21—6:00 PM

ST. ROSE, WILMINGTON—EVERY THURSDAY EVENING FROM 6-7PM



LITURGICAL MINISTERS PLEASE HELP
THERE IS A SIGN UP SHEET ON THE TABLE IN
THE VESTIBULE FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS
PLEASE CONSIDER YOUR
PERSONAL SCHEDULE AND SIGN UP WHERE YOU CAN



CONGRATULATIONS
FIRST RECONCILIATION STUDENTS
On Tuesday, December 5, our 2nd grade Religious Education Students received the sacrament of reconciliation for the first time. They have been working hard. May we all set a good example by going to confession.

Sienna Alexander

Aubry Hoger

Madelyn Hoger

David Horath

Annabelle Lawson

Jillian Roark

An Advent prayer

Be with us, Lord, as we enter this waiting season of Advent. We thank you for the many blessings in our lives and with anticipation, preparation and hope we look forward to the arrival of the your Son, Jesus, the light of the world. *Amen.*

St. Nick Night 2017





PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Preston Wilcox; James Drozd; Nancee Long; Brett Burkhalter; Joyce Albers; Jeanne Kuzmitz; Steve Gallagher; Shay Phelan; Michelle Schneider; Barb Flatt; Naomi Theresa; Mary Cole; Torie Jasinski; Loretta Long; Nancy Lawrence; Megan & Lucy Skolasinski; Allison Grskovic; Mike Irle; Kurt Dobbertin; Grace Niemiec; Cathy Engler; Joe Zeman; Bonnie Hack; Kristin McBee

Anyone wishing to be on the prayer list should contact the office.

Intention of the Holy Father MONTH OF DECEMBER

- That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.



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OUR LDAY OF GUADALUPE DECEMBER 12

READINGS FOR THE WEEK December 10, 2017



- Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26
- Tuesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of The Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712
- Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
- Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
- Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
- Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
- Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Second Sunday of Advent

Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths.

-- Mark 1:3

Advent

It is not enough to celebrate that Christ came into the world. We are also to continually make our hearts places where His love grows within us as we interact with one another. Doing this helps prepare us to stand before the Lord, so we might be judged worthy of eternal life.



REALITY CHECK

The spiritual world is real, every bit as real as the material world. We cannot properly “see” spiritual realities like love, wisdom, and goodness, but we know they exist and influence our lives. We may not be able to point out hatred or sin on a map, but each one of us has encountered those destructive powers. Today’s readings testify to a fact we often overlook: sin is real. Sin changes our hearts and has real consequences for our relationships with others. For followers of Christ, acknowledging the reality of sin is not at all depressing. We naturally grow frustrated with ourselves when we sin, but Jesus has a different reaction. In his astonishing mercy, the Lord sees our sin as an occasion to show just how much he loves us—and how he loves us. Jesus Christ takes our own sin upon himself and accepts the punishment—death—that should rightfully come to us.

AIM HIGH

In dying for us, Jesus shattered the limitations of human life. Sin had doomed our earthly existence, but then Jesus died for us and gave us an all-access pass to everlasting life. Saint Peter speaks gently to us about Jesus’ gift. Jesus is patient with us, Peter assures us, “not wishing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.” Knowing that Jesus opened heaven to us, we can aim high each day, striving to avoid sin and do good. Not even the sky is our limit! Peter encourages us further. We are not frightened to hear “the heavens will pass away with a mighty roar and the elements will be dissolved by fire,” because we are not trapped in the material realm. The salvation of God is real and unifying. We hope one day to live—body and soul—in the “new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.” This is the Lord’s plan for us, a plan of deep and lasting peace.

Today’s Readings: Is 40:1–5, 9–11; Ps 85:9–10, 11–12, 13–14; 2 Pt 3:4, 6; Mk 1:1–8

12/10/2017