



**December 2, 2018 • First Sunday of Advent**

We the Church enter into Advent and the new liturgical year with a call for a watchful confidence. Our readings were originally addressed to communities undergoing great loss and confusion. Jeremiah speaks confidently of God fulfilling the ancient promises to Israel, even during a time of foreign invasion. Paul speaks of God leading the Church into holiness, while the community longs for the coming of Jesus. In the Gospel passage from Luke, Jesus

speaks of powerful signs and of great confusion to come, but emphasizes that we may look forward knowing that God brings not cause for despair, but hope. We celebrate Advent to remind each other of God's faithfulness. We are to be watchful, to see how God is stirring up our world. God both disturbs our pride and complacency, and brings us healing and justice. We prepare ourselves to welcome Jesus, confident that God indeed fulfills all these divine promises.

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FIRST SUNDAY OF  
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Mass Intentions

**Saturday, December 1, 2018**  
5:00 pm †Jim & Rita Phelan req. by Ed & Judy Phelan

**Sunday, December 2, 2018**  
9:00 am †Loretta Long req. by Linda Cakora /  
The Parish Family of St. Patrick

**Monday, December 3, 2018**  
9:00 am †Gloria Oliver req. by Stauffenberg Family

**Tuesday, December 4, 2018—NO MASS**  
6:00 pm Adoration until 9 pm

**Wednesday, December 5, 2018—NO MASS**

**Thursday, December 6, 2018**  
9:00 am Special Intention req. by Family

**Friday, December 7, 2018 — FIRST FRIDAY**  
9:00 am Special Intention req. by Family  
5:00 pm Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass  
Special Intention req. by Family

**Saturday, December 8, 2018**  
5:00 pm †Jerry Phelan req. by Ed & Judy Phelan

**Sunday, December 9, 2018**  
9:00 am The Parish Family of St. Patrick

Altar Servers:

Saturday, December 8 - 5:00 pm  
Nick, Ella & Maddie Phelps  
Sunday, December 9 - 9:00 am  
Alexander & Annabelle Lawson

Cantor / Lector (Reader):

Saturday, December 8 - 5:00 pm  
Sue Nugent / Jim Kreske  
Sunday, December 9 - 9:00 am  
Sarah Hoehn / Steve Hoehn

Extraordinary Minister:

Saturday, December 8 - 5:00 pm  
Ryan Wilhelmi  
Sunday, December 9 - 9:00 am  
Grace Niemiec

Usher:

Saturday, December 8 - 5:00 pm  
Brad Phelps, John Meyer  
Sunday, December 9 - 9:00 am  
Bruce Boyle, Eddie Horath

Music: Cathy Engler

Collection Counters : Hoehn, Nugent

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

For the new fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, the weekly Sunday collection goal is \$2,584.62  
**Sunday, November 25 .....\$2,677.00**

**Thank you for your support of our Parish**

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

Parish Goal:	\$ 10,600.00
Amount Pledged:	\$ 10,930.00
Amount Paid:	\$ 10,269.00
2017 Rebate	\$ 0



Thank you for your generous response.

If you are unable to come to church because of illness, rehab, or living at a health care center please let the office know. A priest or home bound minister can come to your home. If there is an emergency and you need a priest, Fr. Sebastian can be reached at 1(630)639-0563.

Mass intentions can be requested through the office, or dropped in any weekend collection, please mark in a separate envelope. Think about having a Mass for a loved one. Weekday and weekend Masses are available. We are also accepting requests for our 2-week Sacred Heart Candle.

The second collection this weekend is for our Maintenance Fund. To help with the general upkeep of our parish. Your support is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your generosity.



**Our Two Week  
Candle is burning for  
Special Intention  
Req. by  
The Giver**



### CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Extra Flower offering envelopes are in the back of the church. If you would like to honor a special person or make a donation in memory of a loved one, enter their name(s) on the envelope or sheet of paper and return in the collection. The names will be published in the Christmas Bulletin. Flowers will remain in church. Donations must be returned by December 9 to be included in the Christmas Bulletin.

## ST. NICK NITE POT LUCK



Our annual Parish "St. Nick Nite" Pot Luck Supper will be on Saturday, December 8 after the 5:00 pm Mass. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the vestibule. Please let us know how many are coming and if you will be bringing a vegetable, salad or dessert. Meat will be provided by the Council of Catholic Women. Winners of the CCD Christmas Tree Raffle will be selected. This year we are asking for a donation of a non-perishable food item to go to the local food pantry. A good time is in store for all. Everyone is invited - so plan on attending.

## CHRISTIAN HELP FOUNDATION.



Gift tags are on the table in the back of church  
Please take a tag or two and bring an Unwrapped gift back  
BY DECEMBER 9.

Here are some gift-giving guides:

- Please refrain from giving clothing, except for babies. The sizes of the children begin served is unknown.
- Please no food items because of unknown food tolerances
- Young children-building blocks, board games and art supplies
- Teens -MP3 players, fishing gear, games and gift cards (Mar Theater, Subway, McDonalds, Burger King, Hair/Nail salons, other local establishments)

Hats, mittens, gloves & scarves are always needed.

Our Caring Closet in Wilmington will be collecting children's and adult's winter wear for Christian HELP Association until December 9th. If you would like to participate, they are looking for new or like new winter outerwear, boots, coats, snow pants, snow suits, gloves, mittens, scarves and hats. All items should be clean, free of stains, no holes or snags, with working buttons, snaps and zippers. Donations can be left in the vestibule.

Remember that God prefers the poverty of our hearts to the most sublime thoughts borrowed from others.

--St. Peter Julian Eymard



**LITURGICAL MINISTERS PLEASE HELP**

**THERE IS A SIGN UP SHEET IN THE VESTIBULE  
FOR CHRISTMAS**

**PLEASE CONSIDER YOUR PERSONAL SCHEDULE  
AND SIGN UP WHERE YOU CAN**

*Save the Date*

**FOR NATIONAL WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA DAY**

**ABRAHAM LINCOLN NATIONAL  
CEMETERY**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15**

- **ARRIVAL TIME 9-10 A.M.**
- **CEREMONY AT 11:00 A.M.**
- **WREATH PLACEMENT  
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING  
THE CEREMONY**

#### **Wreaths Across America**

**Save the Date** - This year St. Rose is coordinating a group to participate in the National Wreaths Across America (WAA) Day at the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood. The event takes place the morning at Saturday, December 15th and open to all youth and adults. Watch for further details in upcoming weeks.

#### **Community wide Christmas Caroling**

Calling all youth grades 6-12th to help us provide joyful Christmas Carols this holiday season. We are inviting youth and their families from St. Rose, St. Patrick and other churches throughout the community to go Christmas Caroling on December 22nd. Please join us Monday, November 26th at 6 pm at St. Rose for practice. Fellowship and food will be provided after Christmas Caroling on Dec. 22nd.



Dear Friends in Christ,

Soon our parishes will be conducting the Retirement Fund for Religious collection. This annual appeal benefits 31,000 elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests—women and men who have consecrated their lives to serving God and the Church.

During the 2018 World Day for Consecrated Life, Pope Francis remarked, “There is no growth without roots and no flowering without new buds.”<sup>1</sup> This analogy has certainly born out within the life of the Church in the United States. Senior religious were the roots that established Catholic schools, hospitals, and social service agencies—allowing generations of Catholics to flourish. Today, the example of older religious inspires younger members to persevere in mission and ministry.

Yet many religious communities struggle to provide for aging members. Most elder religious served for small stipends, leaving a large gap in retirement savings. Rising health-care costs and decreased income compound the struggle to provide adequate care. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious provides vital funding for medications, nursing care, and more. It also helps religious congregations implement long-range retirement strategies, even as they continue to serve the People of God.

I recognize this is but one of numerous worthy causes in need of assistance; I ask simply that you give what you can. In thanksgiving for their faithful service, please join me in supporting the Retirement Fund for Religious and in praying for God’s blessing on our nation’s elderly religious.

Most Reverend Bishop Colon



This second collection will be next weekend, Dec. 8 & 9



### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Marge Flint; Grace Niemiec; Cathy Engler, Nancee Long, Shay Phelan, Jeanne Kuzmicz, Bonnie Hack; Ron Bzdil; Adrian Wilkerson, Michelle Schneider; Joyce Heffern, Lisa Bernhard, Jim McGrath ; Torie Jasinski; Judith Wright; Frank Wahlen; Cecelia Mundt; Don Tures; Kyle Cassidy; Derek Knauer; Marilyn Cieply; Norma Boyle; Judith Wright; Lorenzo Rossi; Joyce Albers; Tom Oliver; Brent Bieschke; Jean Haas

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

### Intention of the Holy Father MONTH OF DECEMBER

- That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

Each Religious Ed. Class has decorated a Christmas tree that was donated by CCW. You can purchase a raffle ticket before or after Mass or from any student. Drawing will take place on St. Nick nite.



### READINGS FOR THE WEEK December 2, 2018



- Monday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
- Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
- Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
- Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
- Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
- Saturday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
- Sunday: Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

- Sunday: First Sunday of Advent
- Monday: St. Francis Xavier
- Tuesday: St. John Damascene
- Thursday: St. Nicholas
- Friday: St. Ambrose; First Friday  
Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
- Saturday: The Immaculate Conception of  
the Blessed Virgin Mary



## WIDENING OUR VISION

In daily life, it's easy simply to focus on the here and now. Life can be complex and rapidly changing. It's often plenty for us just to get through the day. Yet it seems that in Luke's Gospel today, Jesus is asking his followers, and us too, to widen our focus and see a larger reality.

We are asked to observe not only the routines of daily life, not only the large forces of history acting upon us, but also God bringing forth the birth of a new creation. Jesus asks us to see beyond today's troubles and watch God stirring up hope. We are to more truly see persons in need, those who experience violence, loss, or injustice. We are asked to see beyond the superficial during the Christmas shopping season, and to see Christ as ultimate Gift and gift-giver.

## WAITING WELL

Today we begin Lectionary Year C, when the Gospel readings are frequently from the Gospel of Luke. Luke wrote for a community that wrestled with questions about what had happened and what had not (yet) happened. Some in the community had anticipated the promised return of Jesus during their lifetimes. In today's Gospel, Jesus does not offer a timetable for his coming, but asks us to watch and wait. We can learn to wait faithfully, not knowing what will happen next, but living in trust. Advent is a time to learn again about waiting well.

Many of the events we most cherish in life involve waiting: the birth of a child, graduation, a new job, retirement. How we receive these events often depends on how well we have waited and prepared. Waiting well is not passive. We often work hard to prepare for life's big events, both externally and in our hearts. We ready ourselves, but allow for surprises. Advent's preparation for Christmas mirrors our many waitings, knowing that God may come into our lives by surprise, without a timetable.

Today's Readings: Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14; 1 Thes 3:12 — 4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

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