

# The Second Sunday Of Advent

December 10, 2017

## Mass Intentions

December	11	8:00 AM	Norma Brandon requested by Jeannie Ishman
December	12	8:00 AM	Nellie Polcha requested by Reid & Judy Wilson
December	13	8:00 AM	Karen Magnarelli requested by Mary & Ginny Ticehurst
December	14	8:00 AM	Patsy Grieb requested by Carol Minns
December	15	8:00 AM	Intentions of Father Robert Sharman req. by Patty Price
December	16	5:00 PM	Jenny Boyer requested by Linda Myers
December	17	8:00 AM	Dorothy Kemble requested by Mark & Ginny Ticehurst
		10:30 AM	People Of The Parish

## Liturgical Ministries for the Week of December 16-17

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Dave Suydam	Pat Pray	Daniel & Zack Raugh
8:00 AM	Debbie Whitmoyer	Scott Sheaffer	Anna Horn & Helena Krieger
10:30 AM	Nicole Wood	Mark Ticehurst	The Morrison Family

## Schmidt Center Cleaning

December 10	Terri Ryan, Paula Goerman & Jessica Smith
December 17	Jen Meek

## Next Sunday's Readings

*Please prepare for Mass and the Homily by reflecting on these texts from the Sacred Scriptures*

Isaiah 61: 1-2, 10-11	1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24	John 1: 6-8, 19-28
-----------------------	--------------------------	--------------------

## Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$5,332.51

The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to: \$3,608.33

**May God Bless you for your generous and responsible stewardship!!!**

## Church Weekly Calendar

### *Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent)*

Masses, 8:00 and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM (SC)

\*Blood Pressures after Masses

Coffee Corner, 9:00-10:00AM (DH)

Advent Vespers/Covered Dish, 4:00PM

### *Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup>*

Mass, 8:00AM

### *Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>*

Mass, 8:00AM

RCIA, 6:45PM (DH)

### *Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>*

Mass, 8:00AM

Prayer Group, 8:30AM (C)

### *Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup>*

Mass, 8:00AM

### *Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup>*

Mass, 8:00AM

### *Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>*

Confession, 4:00PM

Mass, 5:00PM

### *Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent)*

Masses, 8:00 and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM (SC)

MCA Cookie Sale after all Masses

Practice for Christmas Pageant, 9:30AM (C)

Knights of Columbus, 7:00PM (DH)

## From the Pastor's Desk



Patience is the virtue extolled throughout all of Advent. As we light the second candle on our Advent wreath, the theme of patient waiting echoes in our hearts. "Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God."

Just in hearing these loving words, we feel our hearts warm with solace much as the welcoming hearth warms our bodies during these cold, dark days of winter. Saint Paul tells us to "be patient...but be ready." Saint John the Baptist echoes this with words like 'prepare' and 'repent' and 'forgive.' Patience begins here. On the day of our baptism with water and the Holy

Spirit, we became God's holy people: people who prepare God's way, ever vigilant and ready, while patiently awaiting the day of God's coming. Patience people...*We know You are coming, Lord, for You are true to Your word. When it seems that You delay, help us to keep watch for You, for You will surely come!!*

**Remember the Sick of our Parish** in your charity and prayers: Beth Kingsborough, Sam Kingsborough, Lynn Dorundo, Cindy Miller, John and Martha Kapp, Katherine Fitzpatrick, Sue Jones, Marie Shreck, Mary Ellen Bielski, Joan Mathews, Gordon Stowell, Russel Montrose, Avielle Zerance, Patricia Hannon, Louise Kline, Dennis Haag, Father Larry, Sue Cover, Reid Wilson, and all the long-suffering in our community and at Perry Village.

**Deacon Robinson's Contact Information:** You may contact Deacon Robinson at his cell phone (602-6298) or through his email: [dcnrobin@ptd.net](mailto:dcnrobin@ptd.net).

**On Line Information:** You can access the weekly bulletin and information at our parish website at [www.stbernardsnbpa.org](http://www.stbernardsnbpa.org).

**Prayer Group** meets each Wednesday morning at 8:30AM in church. If you have prayer intentions for your loved ones or family members, for sick co-workers or people in the community, please give them to Marie Dishman for prayer and spiritual support!

**Food Donations for Christmas:** As a parish, we are trying to make Christmas dinners for ten families in our area. All your non-perishable food items brought to the church each Sunday during the Advent Season will go directly to assist area families for their Christmas Dinner. Please be as generous as your means allow!!

**Christmas Cards:** Our Knights of Columbus are offering Christmas Cards for sale after all the Masses the next few weeks. These cards were designed by young people in our parish. Cards are \$9.00 for 18 cards. See the Knights after Mass to purchase yours!

**Church Cleaning for Christmas:** As we prepare for the celebration of Christmas, your assistance is needed to clean the church on Saturday,

December 16<sup>th</sup> at 8:00AM. If you can spare an hour or two to help ready our church for the Christmas holidays, please sign up at the bulletin board.

**Help Feed 2.6 million people in Haiti by Purchasing Cookies:** Are YOU ready to Make a Difference? Find out how YOU and cookies can help supply over 2.6 million meals to starving



people in Haiti this weekend, December 10<sup>th</sup>. We are joining *The Cookie Sale to Combat World Hunger* in their sales effort this year and cookie trays will be available to this weekend after all Masses! The cookie trays are only \$15 each and all money goes to Cross

International's school feeding programs in Haiti. The purchase of 1 tray allows 375 meals to be provided to children in Haiti. This is often the only meal they will receive that day so their parents make sure that they get to school. There are 8 each of Chocolate Chip, Sugar and Peanut Butter Cookies in the attractive gift trays that make excellent gifts. The proceeds from 1 gift tray provide at least 375 meals! Contact Linda Myers at 717.580.7788 with any questions.

**Advent Vespers and Covered Dish Dinner:** All parish families, especially our children, are cordially invited to an Advent Vesper Service and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, followed immediately with a covered dish dinner in Dattilo Hall on Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 4PM. A special visitor will arrive for the children. You are requested to bring a vegetable dish, side dish, or dessert. The meat course will be provided. Please sign up at the bulletin board so adequate provisions can be made. For further information, please call Erin Jenkins at 834-6946.

**Eucharistic Reflection:** "The Blessed Virgin is eager to make Jesus in the Eucharist known to all and to group them into a Eucharistic Guard of Honor, a court of devoted adorers. Mary lived in the Eucharist and by it. She



passed her days and her nights at the feet of her divine Son. (St. Peter Julian Eymard)

**The Mitten Tree:** Each year at Christmas, our parish reaches out to our own parish family and the community and provides approximately 125 gifts for those less fortunate. Again, this year, everyone is invited to select an ornament from our Mitten Tree and fulfill a



Christmas wish for the needy. For many people, these are the only gifts they will receive. The Mitten Tree is located at the main doors of the Church. Only one gift per tag!! Your gifts should be returned by December 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Christmas Decorating for Church** is scheduled for Saturday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>



beginning at 8:00AM. Your help is needed, welcomed, and appreciated. This is a fun time for all who come each year. Please sign up at the bulletin board if you can help us this year.

**Blood Pressure Screenings** are being offered this weekend after all the Masses in the Children's Chapel. Special thanks to our parish nurses for providing this valuable service each month!

**Coffee Corner** is available after the 8:00AM Mass this weekend in Dattilo Hall. You can enjoy a hot cup of coffee, a sweet treat, and conversation with fellow parishioners. Come and join us!

**CCD Bake Sale for Missionary Childhood Association:** Our CCD Students are hosting a baked sale after all the Masses on the weekend of December 16/17 to benefit the children in mission lands through the Missionary Childhood Association. Your patronage will help children in over 1150 mission dioceses have access to instructions in the faith, to education, medicine, and clothing. Thank you for your support!

☉ Come, ☉ Come  
Immanuel!