

# The Second Sunday Of Advent

December 4, 2022

## Mass Intentions

December	5	8:00 AM	Santo Giambro requested by Ron & Kay Utzig
December	6	8:00 AM	Intentions Of Father James Peak
December	7	8:00 AM	Blanche Chiccioppo requested by Pat & Glenn Harshberger
		7:00 PM	People Of The Parish
December	8	8:00 AM	Intentions Of Teresa Cudihy
December	9	8:00 AM	John Rudzinski requested by Laura Fridirici
December	10	5:00 PM	Martin Kupris requested by Jerry & Karen Kupris
December	11	8:00 AM	People Of The Parish
		10:30 AM	Catherine Chiccini requested by Mike & Robin Chiccini

## Liturgical Ministries December 10-11

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Sue Guarducci	Mary Zimmerman	Terry Meek
8:00 AM	Trudi Heffley	Scott Sheaffer	Helena Krieger
10:30 AM	Jeff Aro	Mark Ticehurst	The Robinson Family

## Schmidt Center Cleaning

December 11

The Raugh Family

December 18

Jim DiPofi & Tonya Sands

## Next Sunday's Readings

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

Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10

James 5:7-10

Matthew 11:2-11

## Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$4,255.4

The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to: \$5,553.08

The November Parish Contingency Collection amount to:\$890.00

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

## Church Calendar

**Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> (Advent Sunday II)**

Masses, 8:00 and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

**Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup>**

Mass, 8:00AM

**Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>**

Mass, 8:00AM

**Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>**

Mass, 8:00AM

Vigil Mass Immaculate Conception, 7:00PM

**Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> (Solemnity)**

Mass, 8:00AM

**Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>**

Mass, 8:00AM

**Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>**

Church cleaning for Christmas, 8:00AM

Confessions, 4:00-4:45PM

Mass, 5:00PM

**Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> (Advent Sunday III)**

Masses, 8:00 and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

Advent Vespers/Covered Dish, 4:00PM

**The spirit of the Lord will rest upon  
him: a spirit of wisdom and  
understanding, a spirit of knowledge  
and of the fear of the Lord.**

### 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.*

This Advent Season, let us ask for the grace of spiritual rebirth. Spiritual rebirth is very similar to childbirth: no one can do it for you. Each one of us must undergo the painful process one step at a time. The Baptist warns us not to be like the Pharisees and the Sadducees who came but did not believe and who did not bear fruit. Instead, he bids us further into the wilderness where our souls are laid bare. His words and witness reveal the urgency and importance of the spiritual birth that is about to take place when the Messiah appears.

**Remember the Sick of our Parish** in your charity and prayers: John Kapp, Jane and Dennis Haag, Bill Sharman, Kay Dorundo, Joni Lawrence, Cathy Steiner, John and Sue Cover, Bill Selle, Diana Prowell, Marietta McQuaid, Tom Mellis, Marie Dishman, Suzanne Matunis, Judy and Joe Rich, Jeanette Fasick, Mike Landis, Greg Nye, 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 (717-602-6298) or through his email: [dcnrobin@ptd.net](mailto:dcnrobin@ptd.net).

**Online Bulletin:** [www.stbernardsnbpa.org](http://www.stbernardsnbpa.org)

**Hospitality Apostolate:** This group would like to offer meals on a short term basis to parishioners just released from the hospital, new mothers, and shut-ins who need temporary care. If you can use their services or know someone who can, please contact Phyllis Krieger ([kriegerkrew@aol.com](mailto:kriegerkrew@aol.com)/717-834-9433).

**Memorial/Commemorative Bricks:** Parishioners have asked to have additional bricks memorialized on the walkway that leads to the parish pavilion. As part of our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year celebration, you can memorialize a brick on the walkway. The bricks are 6"x 9" with a maximum 4 lines of 15 characters each. Engraved bricks are \$50 and will be placed in the walkway in the spring. To order a brick, please complete the order form (found on the bulletin board) and

return it to the parish office with your payment. Checks are payable to "St. Bernard Catholic Church."

**The Mitten Tree:** Each year at Christmas, our parish reaches out to our own parish family and the community and provides approximately 100 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 18<sup>th</sup>.



**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 11<sup>th</sup> at 4PM. A special visitor will arrive for the children. You are requested to bring a salad, vegetable dish, or dessert. The meat course will be provided by the parish. Please sign up at the bulletin board so adequate provisions can be made. For further information, please call Erin Jenkins at 834-6946.



**Baptized in Christ:** Our parish is pleased to welcome to our faith family Natalee Pearl Seaman, Landen James Seaman, Leah Allyson Seaman, and Bryce Walker Seaman, who received the Sacrament of Baptism in our church last week. May the Lord continue to bless and guide them as they grow in age, grace, and wisdom!

**Knights of Columbus Christmas Cards:** Our Knights are offering Christmas cards for sale. They were designed by the children in our CCD program. Cost is \$15 for a pack of 15 cards and can be purchased after Mass at the kitchenette.

**Church Cleaning for Christmas:** We will gather to clean the church for the coming Christmas Season on Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 8:00AM. If you can assist, please sign up at the bulletin board in

the narthex.

**Church Decorating for Christmas** will take place after Mass on Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 PM. Your gracious assistance is needed to help with the Christmas trees



and poinsettias that beautify our sanctuary. Please sign up at the bulletin board if you can assist us.

**An Advent Thought:** This Sunday's Gospel records the preaching of St. John the Baptist and his call to repentance. It's essential that we regularly consider his strong words of preaching and allow those words to shake us to the core. In what ways do you need to hear John's message of repentance? In what ways are you like the Pharisees and Sadducees? In what ways are you self-centered, envious, jealous, prideful and the like? If you



think you are much better than the Pharisees and Sadducees who were addressed with these harsh words by John, then you may actually be fooling yourself more than you realize. The humble soul will also see the sin in their soul and will always allow the powerful words spoken by John and by our Lord to lead them to deeper repentance. Reflect, today, upon the unerring truth that you need to repent. You do. The only person who doesn't need to daily repent is the one who lives perpetually in a state of perfect communion with the Most Holy Trinity. But these holy souls are rare. Don't be offended by this truth but rejoice in it. Give thanks to God for the strong words of Saint John the Baptist, spoken to the Pharisees and Sadducees, and allow yourself to hear those words yourself, as if they were spoken just for you. Receive them with humility and rejoicing, and allow them to prepare you more fully to receive our Divine Lord more deeply into your soul this Advent season.

**Repent, for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand!"**