

The Second Sunday Of Advent

December 8, 2024

Mass Intentions

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| December | 9 | 8:00 AM | Intentions Of Sherry Notestine requested by Deacon Robinson |
| December | 10 | 8:00 AM | Don Shaeffer requested by The Shaeffer Family |
| December | 11 | 8:00 AM | Intentions Of Tara Smith |
| December | 12 | 8:00 AM | Intentions Of Tom & Joni Abeling requested by Deacon Robinson |
| December | 13 | 8:00 AM | Craig Pugh requested by The Pugh Family |
| December | 14 | 5:00 PM | People Of The Parish |
| December | 15 | 8:00 AM | Rachel Scheib requested by Ron & Kathy Scheib |
| | | 10:30 AM | Monsignor Edward Mullen |

Liturgical Ministries December 14-15

| | Lectors | Extraordinary Ministers | Servers |
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| 5:00 PM | Dave Suydam | Patty Suydam | Austin Hoffman |
| 8:00 AM | Joe Dailey | Scott Sheaffer | Joseph Morrison Helena Krieger |
| 10:30 AM | Jeff Aro | Mark Ticehurst | The Robinson Family |

Schmidt Center Cleaning

December 15

Robin & Mike Chiccini

December 22

Madeline Rogers & Pat Harshberger

Next Sunday's Readings

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

Zephania 3:14-18a

Isaiah 12:2-6

Luke 3:10-18

Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$11,479.00

The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to: \$5,072.00

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, December 8th (Second Sunday of Advent)

Confessions, 7:00-7:45AM

Masses, 8:00 and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

Monday, December 9th

Mass, 8:00AM

Tuesday, December 10th

Mass, 8:00AM

Wednesday, December 11th

Mass, 8:00AM

Prayer Group, 8:30AM

Thursday, December 12th

Mass, 8:00AM

Friday, December 13th

Mass, 8:00AM

Saturday, December 14th

Church Cleaning, 8:00AM

Confessions, 4:00-4:45PM

Sunday Vigil Mass, 5:00PM

Sunday, December 15th (Third Sunday of Advent)

Confessions, 7:00-7:45AM

Masses, 8:00 and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

Advent Vespers/Covered Dish Dinner, 4:00PM

☉ Come, ☉ Come, Emmanuel!

From the Pastor's Desk:

On this second Sunday of Advent, when the hustle and bustle of the season is already upon us, I find Paul's words in his Letter to the Philippians very comforting. He says he is confident "that the one who began a good work in [us] will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus." Jesus will continue to be our

Advocate and our Rock until the day he comes again. Yes, these are comforting words, indeed. But we know that being a disciple of Christ requires our cooperation

and our daily assent to doing God's will. How do we know God's will for us? In his letter, Paul goes on to pray that our love may continue to increase in knowledge and perception "to discern what is



of value." In other words, if we are going to be able to choose what is good, we must be able to recognize it and then focus on it.

This is where "the voice of one crying out in the wilderness" speaks to us during this season in which we prepare for Christ's coming. It is a season of hope and anticipation, but it also must be a season of preparation. In today's Gospel, the proclamation of John the Baptist takes center stage; he proclaims a "baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins" and says to "prepare the way of the Lord." These words do not suggest passivity – waiting patiently for the Lord to come. They suggest action: Repent. Prepare. Make straight his paths. Today let us consider how we can prepare for the Lord's coming in our own lives. God has made us good, and he wants to bring that goodness to completion. As we continue in this Advent season, let us stay focused on recognizing and choosing "what is of value" in our lives so that we are able to truly rejoice that the Lord draws near.

Dear Savior, haste

Come, come to earth

Dispel the night and show your face

And bid us hail the dawn of grace

Remember the Sick of our Parish in your charity and prayers: Rosemary Anderson, Cathy Steiner, Marietta McQuaid, Marie Dishman, Suzanne Matunis, Pat Widdowson, Kay Dorundo, Gene Odato, Annetta Round, Joann Speis, Joni Lawrence, Shirley Scotta, Samantha Strazisar, Ellen White, Tara Smith, Dennis Haag, Louise Kline, Frances Kute, and all the long-suffering in our community and at Perry Village.

Deacon Robinson's Contact Information: Contact Deacon Robinson at his cell phone (602-6298) or deacon.robinson@analogypologetics.com.

Online Information: You can access the weekly bulletin and other information at our parish website (www.stbernardsnbpa.org).

Knights of Columbus Christmas Cards: Our Knights are offering Christmas cards for sale. They were designed by the children in our CCD program. The cost is \$10 for a pack of 15 cards and can be purchased after Mass at the kitchenette.

Blood Donors Needed: The Perry County Commissioners are sponsoring an American Red Cross Blood Drive on December 20th from 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM at Christ Lutheran Church at 38 West High Street, New Bloomfield, PA. To make an appointment, please visit redcrossblood.org and enter code: “PerryCo” or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) Blood donations help people like Gene Odato, from our parish, and others. Questions may be directed to Kathy Odato, Red Cross Volunteer, at 717-275-7549. Thank you for your support!!



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 Sunday, December 22nd.



Church Cleaning for Christmas: We will gather to clean the church for the coming Christmas Season on Saturday, December 14th 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 23rd 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.



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 the Parish Hall on Sunday, December 15th 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.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception: Our nation’s patronal feast day is the Immaculate Conception, celebrated on December 8th. In the Church calendar it is a solemnity and usually a holy day of obligation. Since it falls on the Second Sunday of Advent, December 8th, the feast has been transferred to December 9th. Bishop Senior has dispensed the Diocese of Harrisburg from the obligation of attending Mass. Mass in honor of Mary’s Immaculate Conception will be celebrated at 8:00AM on Monday, December 9th.



The Advent Spirit: The mood of the Advent season is one of somber spiritual preparation that increases in joy with each day that draws us closer to the celebration of the Nativity of the Lord. So, the worldly “Christmas” commercialism that surrounds it in the Western world should be overcome as much as possible. We should strive to keep the liturgical season of Advent holy, penitential, reflective, and prayerful, always remembering, as they say, that “He is the reason for the Season.” Jesus came once in the flesh; He comes to us now in spirit and power through His Word and His sacraments; He will come again in glory at the end of the age!

“Christianity has died many times and risen again; for it had a God Who knew the way out of the grave.” (G. K. Chesterton)

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve Masses
Tuesday, December 24th
4:00PM and 6:00PM

Mass on Christmas Day
Wednesday, December 25th
9:00 AM