



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT ❖ DECEMBER 4TH 2016

SATURDAY, December 3rd
 8:30 A.M. In honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Req. by Renna Meyer
 4:30 P.M. People of the Parish

SUNDAY, December 4th - 2nd WEEK OF ADVENT
 8:00 A.M. + Loretta Treval
 Req. by the Youssefbaik Family
 10:30 A.M. Special Blessings on Richard & Christopher Esposito and Family
 Req. by Marguerite Violante

MONDAY, December 5th
 8:00 A.M. + Ed Byrne
 Req. by Carol Passaic

TUESDAY, December 6th
 8:00 A.M. + Verna & Charles Esposito
 Req. by Marguarite Violante

WEDNESDAY, December 7th Vigil of Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary
 5:30 P.M. Special Blessings Charles & Eva Esposito
 Req. by Marguerite Violante

THURSDAY, December 8th Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 8:00 A.M. Special Blessings on Louise and Tim Hadley and Family
 Req. by Marguerite Violante
 7:00 P.M. + Peter C. LeRose
 Req. by Alice Heidecker

FRIDAY, December 9th
 8:00 A.M. + Patrick Nugent
 Req. by his Wife and Family

SATURDAY, December 10th
 8:30 A.M. + Ed Byrne
 Req. by Abby Nakelski
 4:30 P.M. Deceased members of the LeRose and Harcher Families
 Req. by Jean & Peter LeRose

SUNDAY, December 11th - 3rd WEEK OF ADVENT
 8:00 A.M. People of the Parish
 10:30 A.M. Special Blessing on Verna & Frank Dando and Family
 Req. by Marguerite Violante

IF YOU HAVE ARRANGED FOR A MASS TO BE SAID, WE REMIND YOU THAT IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BRING UP THE GIFTS- PLEASE SEE THE USHERS BEFORE MASS BEGINS. THANK YOU.



PLEASE PRAY FOR AN INCREASE IN VOCATIONS.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL.



CHOIR PRACTICE IS HELD ON SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 9 AM. COME JOIN THEM.

LECTORS

12/03	4:30 p.m.	Ann Gulbrandsen
12/04	8:00 a.m.	Kathleen Fowler
12/04	10:30 a.m.	Ed Provanzana

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST

12/03	4:30 p.m.	Peter LeRose, Marguerite Violante, Ann Gulbrandsen
12/04	8:00 a.m.	Ginny Gravatt, Cathy Naclerio, Janet Betanzos
		Morans: Ginny Gravatt
12/04	10:30 a.m.	Jamie Hoyt, Emily Mele, Alice Heidecker

ALTAR SERVERS

12/03	4:30 p.m.	Danielle and John Reynolds
12/04	8:00 a.m.	Frank Seelmann
12/04	10:30 a.m.	Need Volunteers

MEMORIALS

Catherine Nugent and Kathleen Puntar donated this week's Bread & Wine in memory of **Michael Esposito**. Arrangements for Memorials can be made in the rectory office. You may call or stop in.



Our parish family warmly welcomes new members. You may register by coming to the rectory office or completing the form on the front cover of the bulletin. Registration is necessary for Sacramental participation and Religious Education. For letters of eligibility, you must be registered in the parish and actively participating in our parish.



Nicole Mullan, William Connolly, Dora Carolan, Betty Cambalik, MaryAnn Herzog, Ettore Naclerio, Gabe Capobianci, William & Dorothy O'Hagan, Carolyn Koppel, Gerard Croce, Peggy Napolitano, Kim Rossner, Joyce Fazio, Verna Dando, Anthony (8 year old), Robert Bradshaw, Cornelius (Corny) Crist.

If you know of someone in need of prayer - please let us know by calling the rectory.

ST. CHARLES FOUR SEASON CLUB

Sixth Week's Winner: Marianna Nelson.
Seventh Week's Winner:

ATTENDANCE & COLLECTION -

November 19 th & 20 th	Attendance: 278
(243 Adults - 35 Children)	
Regular Collection:	\$3132.00
Human Development:	\$ 924.00
November 26 th & 27 th	Attendance: 295
(252 Adults - 43 Children)	
Regular Collection:	\$3318.00
Human Development:	\$ 63.00



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

In this beautiful passage, a messianic prophecy, Isaiah exults in the coming of the Lord, who will bring justice and peace for all.

Second Reading: Romans 15:4-9

Paul reveals to us the necessity of living in peace and harmony. His words "Accept one another, then, as Christ accepted you, for the Glory of God" are as needed today as they were in Paul's own time.

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

John the Baptizer prepares the way for Jesus. Clothed in a garment of camel's hair, he baptizes the people in the Jordan River, but warns the Pharisees in ringing tones that they must give evidence that they mean to reform.

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY

READINGS HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

"Not by appearance shall he judge, nor by hearsay shall he decide. But he shall judge the poor with justice and decide aright for the land's afflicted. He shall strike the ruthless with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall slay the wicked. Justice shall be the band around his waist, and faithfulness a belt upon his hips... When John the Baptizer made his appearance as a preacher in the desert of Judea, this was his theme 'Reform your lives. The reign of God is at hand.'"

Although the prophet Isaiah offers an image of the ideal king to come, we are able to apply his vision to the person of John the Baptist and even better to the future Messiah. Jesus, the Prince of Peace and King of Justice, offers hope to a people in turmoil, at the time of Isaiah, and in our own day.

The theme of John's preaching seems to fall on deaf ears and hardened hearts. The brief period of advent invites us to refocus on what is truly important. If the kingdom of God is at hand, what must I do to make it real in my life? What can I do to build that kingdom now? How often Jesus taught using parables to tell us what the kingdom of heaven, what the kingdom of God is like. It is found today in our church. Advent summons us to listen and recognize that the kingdom is here and we are to make it apparent. 'Come Lord Jesus.'



**Let us not forget...
For Catholics, Mass attendance is a**



~~vital part of weekly life. It is the time to gather together in God's presence, to be nourished by God and by one another. We listen to the words of the Scripture, we pray together and we share the Body & Blood of Christ.~~

~~**-DO IF YOU KNOW ANYONE WHO IS HOMEBOUND WHO WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION OR ONE OF THE SACRAMENTS, PLEASE CALL THE RECTORY.**~~

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Vigil Mass will be held on Wednesday, December 7th at 5:30 pm and on the feast day, Thursday, December 8th, Mass will be held at 8 am and 7 pm.



DURING THE SEASON OF ADVENT, THE WEEKDAY MASSES WILL BEGIN WITH MORNING PRAYER FROM THE DIVINE OFFICE. PRAYER BOOKS WILL BE PROVIDED. MAY THIS HOLY SEASON OF ADVENT BE ONE OF JOYFUL EXPECTATION. COME LORD JESUS, COME!



CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Parishioners who would like to contribute towards our Christmas decorations are asked to use their Christmas Flower donation envelope, found in their box sets. Those not on the envelope system is asked to use the appropriate envelopes found in the vestibule. Thank you for your generosity.

CHRISTMAS GIFT PROGRAM

Christmas Tag Trees" in both vestibules. If to join the Christmas Gift Program, select a gift for that person and return it to the rectory or leave in the church vestibule no later than December 18th. Any gifts received after December 18th will leave the person you have chosen without a Christmas gift. PLEASE BE SURE TO WRAP THE GIFT AND PUT THE ORIGINAL TAG ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE PACKAGE. The Helping Hand Ministry will distribute the gifts with the Christmas Food Baskets. Please help make Christmas a little happier for our brothers and sisters.

Pete & Jean LeRose



CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEA

Enter that special someone in our St. Charles Four Season Club. Our next season will begin in January. Entry forms are in the vestibules please return your entry form by January 1st so that you will be in the first drawing of the season. **Good Luck!**



**ADVENT TAIZE PRAYER SERVICE
HAS BEEN CANCELLED.**



The Fricker Family would like to thank our dear parish family for all their love, prayers, Mass cards and many expressions of sympathy during the long illness and recent death of our dear sister Mary. God bless you!

Gerry and Sally Fricker



LENDING LIBRARY

The Library has some new and gently used books FREE for the taking that can be used for Christmas gifts. Someone you know will benefit spiritually by receiving a book to enrich their beliefs. If a book has the St Charles Library stamp just add your name as the giver. On the top of the shelves are the new books but feel free to take and give any of the books you see. Remember, it is the thought that counts. Enjoy browsing and choosing books for everyone on your list. Blessings of the season to you.



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT – Missal Donation

We thank all who have already donated towards the parishioners' copies of the missal. **Donations may be put in the collection basket, in a separate envelope marked "Donation for Missals". Cost: \$6.00 per missal. There are In-Pew Envelopes available for your use in the vestibules.**

2017 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES

New this year..... Registered parishioners who are on our envelope system will receive a packet of envelopes every 2 months. This will allow us to update our envelope system – with change of address, name change, or add a new parishioner.



KNIGHTS CORNER:

The next Knights of Columbus meeting will be held this

Monday, December 5th at 7 pm in the Parish Hall.

We are always looking for members, if you would like to join and/or like more information, please contact Ray at 564-7867 or Bill at 883-0138.

KID'S KORNER