



**Fourth Sunday of  
Advent  
December 20, 2015**

**Masses for the Week**

Saturday	Thomas Merck	5:00pm
Sunday	People of the Parish	8:00am
Sunday	Bill Welsek	10:00am
Monday	Robert Kimble	5:30pm
Tuesday	John & Josephine Yost	8:00am
Wednesday	Deceased Parishioners	5:15pm
Thursday	Christmas Vigil	4:00pm
Friday	Christmas	8:00am
	Christmas	10:00am
Saturday	Denis Scanlon	5:00pm

**Please Pray for Our Sick**

Mattie Berhang, Elsie Harcut, Robert LaFera, Lynne Lazzaro, Thomas McGovern Sr., Grant Nicolson, Mario Occhi, Salvator Paone, Chico Perez, Dcn. Bob Repke, Ronald Smith, Daniel Sweeney, Alice Theiss, Thomas Vavrinec, Luisa Walsh, Irene Waddell

We also want to remember parishioners who are currently in Nursing Facilities. They are: Dorothy Boodakian, Frank Cahill, Nilka Rosado, Rose Sferrazza, Donato Tintori, Alice Tochterman

**Tithing \$4,091.00**  
**Retired Religious \$1,561.00**



**Holiday Mass Schedule**

**Thursday, Christmas Eve 4:00pm**  
**Friday, Christmas Day 8am & 10am**  
**Thursday, New Year's Eve 5:30pm**  
**Friday, New Year's Day 10am**  
**NO Adoration on 1st Friday**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Saturday, 8am & Rosary & 5pm**

**Update on the High Falls Mission**

After almost one year, we have closed on the mission in High Falls. Linda O'Keefe, a writer, purchased the mission for \$75,000, which St. Peter's will keep. This was a welcome Christmas gift.

**Religious Ed News**

Religious Ed classes will not be in session on December 23rd and December 30<sup>th</sup> but will resume on January 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Blessing of Toys**

On Sunday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Feast of the Epiphany, we ask once again that boys and girls bring one of their Christmas toys to the ten o'clock Mass to be blessed at a little ceremony after the homily.

**Remember Christ this Christmas**

Shop until you drop! Buying, having, possessing and allowing your possessions to possess you! Sad to say, this has all become the modern immediate preparation for Christmas. Moreover, in many places even the word "Christmas" has been forbidden from modern vocabulary.

*Jesus is the reason for the season.* The whole focus of Advent which culminates in the Solemnity of Christmas is a *person!* That person is Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Jesus is the true reason for the entire season. Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary in the humble, poor stable of Bethlehem. The name "Jesus" means Savior. He came to open up the gates of heaven, to save us from slavery to sin, the devil, and eternal damnation. This Christmas let us contemplate the Person of Jesus and the purpose of His mission. Let our hearts overflow in humble praise and thanksgiving. St. Ignatius of Loyola accentuates the fact that Jesus did all of this not simply for humanity as a whole but for you and I, individually. Jesus was born, suffered, died and rose from the dead for me, as if I were the only person in the universe. How important I am for God! How important Christmas—the birth of Jesus—should be for me.

Fr. Ed Broom, OMV

**Hail, favored one!**

**The Lord is with you.**

Mary in the mystery of her annunciation and visitation is the very model of the way you should live, because first she received Jesus in her life, then she went in haste to give to her cousin Elizabeth; what she had received, she had to give. You must be like her, giving in haste the world you have received in meditation. In every Holy Communion, Jesus the Word becomes flesh in our life, a special delicate, beautiful gift of God; it's a privilege-why you...and not someone else, I don't know. But you must protect it with tender care because he is giving himself, the Word, to you to be made flesh, to each one

of you, and to those who will come after.  
Blessed Mother, pray for us, and teach me to  
live as you lived.  
Mother Teresa

### **Advent**

“Advent . . . helps us to understand fully the value and meaning of the mystery of Christmas. It is not just about commemorating the historical event that occurred some 2,000 years ago in a little village of Judea. Instead, it is necessary to understand that the whole of our life must be an ‘advent,’ a vigilant awaiting the final coming of Christ. To predispose our mind to welcome the Lord who, as we say in the Creed, one day will come to judge the living and the dead, we must learn to recognize him as present in the events of daily life. Therefore, Advent is, so to speak, an intense training that directs us decisively toward him who already came, who will come, and who comes continuously.” *St. John Paul II*



### **Flower Memorial Fund**

Envelopes for Christmas memorials are in the rear of the church. Just fill in the envelope and place it in any first collection basket. We are indebted to our parishioners who choose to remember their deceased loved ones by contributing to this fund. It is the primary means we have for funding the decoration of the sanctuary.

### **Post Abortion Help**

If you are suffering from the pain of a past abortion, know that there is hope and healing! Retreats are available in the tri-state area for those who have lost a child to abortion. You must preregister for a retreat by contacting the Sisters of Life toll free at 866-575-0075 or you may e-mail [hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org](mailto:hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org)  
*All communication is confidential*

### **A Thank You Received**

Dear Friends at St. Peter’s Church,  
I am writing to thank you very much for my Thanksgiving basket.  
I hope that all of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving.  
Best Wishes,  
LB

### **Want to be a Tech Wizard Mentor**

Mentors do not need to be experts in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) but are asked to be ready and willing to work, learn and mentor youth.

Mentors are asked to commit to a full calendar year of meeting once per week after school.

Email Allison Solian at Cornell Cooperative for more info [aar66@cornell.edu](mailto:aar66@cornell.edu) or call 845-340-3990.

### **Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

The mission of Worldwide Marriage Encounter is to proclaim the value of Marriage and Holy Orders in the Church and in the world. Together we are making marriages, families, and our Church stronger and healthier. The Lord will bless His people with peace” Give your marriage the gift of His peace on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend.

“Here I am Lord I come to do your will” Find out the will of God for your marriage on a WWME weekend. For more information or for a listing of upcoming dates go to [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org) or call 877-NYS-WWME ext. 3

### **SPOTLIGHT: Holy Hikers: Catholic Hikers of the Hudson Valley**

For young adults college-age to 40 who are interested in hiking and fellowship among other Catholic young adults.

They host hikes all over the Hudson Valley on a regular basis!

For more info

[www.facebook.com/groups/hvholyhikers/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/hvholyhikers/)



### **Rosary Altar Society**

Next weekend team *four* is scheduled.  
The RAS Meeting will be on January 10<sup>th</sup>.



### **Sacred Heart Bible Study**

### **Jewish Roots of the Sacraments**

### **DVD Lectures by Dr. Brant Pitre:**

**All classes on Thursday evenings**

**February 18, 25, March 3, 10**

**6:30 to 8:30pm**

Classes include DVD lecture and discussion  
Coffee will be provided.

To Register:

Name, address, phone number and check or cash in the amount of \$5.00 to Lorraine Krasinski, PO Box 6, West Park, NY 12493 or to Sacred Heart Church, 1055 Broadway, Esopus, NY 12429