



December 10, 2017

**Masses for the Week**

Saturday	Regina Mihm	5:00pm
Sunday	People of the Parish	8:00am
Sunday	Norman List	10:00am
Monday	Mario Occhi	5:30pm
Tuesday	<i>Our Lady Guadalupe</i> Joe & Bridie Reid	8:00am
Wednesday	<i>St. Lucy</i> Priolo Family	5:15pm
Thursday	<i>St. John of the Cross</i> Kathleen Lawrence	8:00am
Friday	Ann Jerkowski	5:30pm
Saturday	Regina Mihm	5:00pm

**Please Pray for Our Sick**

Fanny Bonventre, Herb Cahill, Billye Doria, Hal Holly, Fred Kimlin, Maureen Krom, Lynne Lazzaro, Mary McNamara, Grant Nicolson, Joseph Mongelluzzo, Tony Peralta, Joe & Virginia Petras, Daniel Sweeney, Alice Theiss, Thomas Vavrinc, Irene Waddell, Luisa Walsh, Denise Woltman, Amelia Zak

**Please Pray for Our Deceased**

Tom Browne and Gail O'Kelly

**Tithing \$5,617.00**

**Second Collection Retirement Appeal**

In the midst of this Advent season, I ask your generous support for the Annual Appeal for our Retired Consecrated Religious women and men who have dedicated their lives serving others with love to all they ministered to in our Archdiocese.

Please be as generous to our 2nd collection on December 10, 2017 as you can to support our retired sisters and brothers, particularly in defraying the ongoing costs of their health care. I know you join me in thanking them for their untiring service and by showing them our appreciation by your contribution to this most worthy cause. With prayer best wishes for a blessed Advent Faithfully yours in Christ, Timothy Cardinal Dolan

**Reconciliation Monday**

On Monday, December 18th, we will celebrate our Advent Reconciliation Monday. The time will be from 4-8pm in the confessionals in the rear of the Church.

**Parish Financial Statement**

St. Peter's Parish Financial Statement for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2017 are available in the back of church.

**Our Lady of Guadalupe**

St. Joseph's Church located at 34 South Chestnut Street, New Paltz will be having a Bilingual Eucharistic Celebration accompanied by mariachis and followed by a potluck of traditional dishes from Mexico on Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm celebrating Our Lady of Guadalupe. We invite anyone who would like to celebrate this Holy Mass with our Hispanic brothers & sisters to come and participate in this celebration.

**WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE**

Knights of Columbus announce the starting of the "2017 Annual Winter Clothing Drive". All proceeds and donations go to benefit all in need of our local community. Please drop off well-kept and near new items in box in the back of the church.

***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*



**Christmas Gifts**

We are collecting Christmas gifts for local youngsters. Gift tags for children in need are on the tag tree in the rear of the Church. Please attach

the tag to the gift you donate. We ask that you place an **unwrapped** gift in a gift bag. Food items for our Christmas baskets are also appreciated. No expired food items, please. Bring the gifts and food no later than Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>.

### **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.



### ***Best Advent Ever***

Christmas is a time of hope, but during the busy holiday, it's easy to get overwhelmed and lose sight of the reason for the season. This Advent, take an incredible journey to rediscover the gift of hope.

Join us for Best Advent Ever! Every day during Advent beginning December 3<sup>rd</sup>, you'll receive short inspirational videos, practical tips, or real-life stories that will help you experience a Christmas full of hope. Are you ready for your best Advent—and Christmas—ever?

Sign up at [DynamicCatholic.com/SignUp](http://DynamicCatholic.com/SignUp)

### **Christmas Crib**

“Following a beautiful and firmly rooted tradition, many families set up their crib immediately after the feast of the Immaculate Conception, as if to relive with Mary those days full of trepidation that preceded the birth of Jesus. Putting up the crib at home can be a simple but effective way of presenting the faith, to pass it on to one's children. The crib helps us contemplate the mystery of God's love that was revealed in the poverty and simplicity of the Bethlehem Grotto. Saint Francis of Assisi was so taken by the mystery of the Incarnation that he wanted to present it anew at Greccio in the living nativity scene, thus beginning an old, popular tradition that still retains its value for evangelization today. Indeed, the crib can help us understand the secret of the true Christmas because it speaks of the humility and merciful goodness of Christ, who ‘though he was rich made himself poor’ for us (2 *Cor* 8:9). His poverty enriches those who embrace it and Christmas brings joy and peace to those who, like the shepherds in Bethlehem, accept the Angel's words: ‘Let this be a sign to you: in a manger you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes’ (*Lk* 2: 12). This is still the sign for us too, men and women of the third millennium. There is no other Christmas.”

*Pope Benedict XVI*



### **Stamps for Missions**

As the holidays approach and we begin receiving many card and letters, please consider supporting the missions through the cancelled stamp recycling program. Simply trim around the stamp leaving a ½” border. There is a basket located in the rear of the church by the statue of St. Anthony to deposit your stamps or you can drop them off at the rectory.

### **CATHOLIC PILGRIMAGE TO GREECE “WAY OF ST. PAUL” SUMMER OF 2018**

Join Father Michael McLoughlin, Pastor of St. Columba, Hopewell Junction and Peter's Way Tours on a wonderful Pilgrimage to Greece “In the Footsteps of St. Paul” on July 29 – August 7, 2018. It will make the Letters of St. Paul come alive! Stops include Thessaloniki, Philippi, Veria, Meteora, Athens (including the Parthenon) and Corinth. A three day cruise is included! Stops include Mykonos, Ephesus (Mass at the House of the Virgin Mary), Patmos, Heraklion (Crete) and Santorini. Please call Father Michael at St. Columba 845-227-8380 or [emailrectory@stcolumbaonline.org](mailto:emailrectory@stcolumbaonline.org) for a Pilgrimage Brochure! Spaces are limited so do not delay.

### **PASSION PLAY AT OBERAMMERGAU**

The Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany is held once every ten years. Tickets and accommodations are always in high demand so we must make reservations now. Father Michael McLoughlin, Pastor of St. Columba, Hopewell Junction, and Peter's Way Tours invites you to join us on a Pilgrimage on July 30 – August 8, 2020. We will visit Vienna (St. Stephen's Cathedral, Schonbrunn Palace & free time), Melk Abbey, Cruise the Danube, Shrine of Mariazell, Salzburg (Shrine of Maria Plain, guided tour of city including St. Peter's Abbey from “Sound of Music” and free time), King Ludwig's Castle, Oberammergau, Dachau and Munich. Please call Father Michael at St. Columba 845-227-8380 or [emailrectory@stcolumbaonline.org](mailto:emailrectory@stcolumbaonline.org) for a Pilgrimage Brochure! Spaces are limited so do not delay.

### **Masses for Loved Ones**

What a perfect way to remember loved ones at this blessed season is with a Mass. Call the rectory or stop in with your requests.

### **Rosary Altar Society**

Next weekend team *three* is scheduled