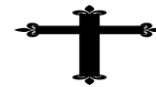




# First Sunday of Advent ~ November 29, 2015



I will raise up for David a just shoot; He will do what is right and just in the land. ~Jeremiah 33:15

## Weekly Mass Intentions

### Saturday November 28

8:00am- ~ Kimberly Cuesta's Health  
5:00pm- † Paula Lopez ~Anniversary~  
7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

### Sunday November 29

8:30am- † Mavis & Jacobo Dollison  
10:00am- † Dolores Elizabeth Zukowski  
11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions  
1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions  
6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

### Monday November 30

8:00am- ~ Special Intentions of Patricia & Maria Bertolini

12:05pm- †

### Tuesday December 1

8:00am- †  
12:05pm - †

### Wednesday December 2

8:00am- †  
12:05pm- †

### Thursday December 3

8:00am- † Isabel Maria Quiñones  
12:05pm - †

### Friday December 4

8:00am- † Florence Forlenza  
12:05pm- † Margie & Charlie Bianco

### Saturday December 5

8:00am- † Philip & Rosendo Cintron  
5:00pm- † Perez & Cabot Family  
7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

### Sunday December 6

8:30am- † Carol Pogostin  
10:00am- † Frederick & Elaine Bienz  
11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions  
1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions  
6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions



## Mass Intentions

Offered by: O.L. Mt. Carmel School

Offered by: Joe & Nina Lopez

By: children & grandchildren

By: Victoria & Wilfredo Garay

By: Nancy & Marcella Mikos

Offered by:

Offered by:

Offered by:

Offered by:

Offered by:

Offered by: daughter, Martha

Offered by:

Offered by: Family

Offered by: Bianco Family

Offered by: Sister

Offered by: Family

Offered by: Theresa Contardo

Offered by: Cappucci Family

## Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine  
Tabernacle Candle  
Memorial Candles  
Memorial Candles



## Liturgical Minster's Schedule DECEMBER 2015

### Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Lectors: Linda Graves & Angelo Sabella (carry Gospel Book)  
E. M.: Linford Smith, Nancy Velez & Angelo Sabella

### Sunday 8:30 a.m.

Lectors: Ceferino Albarracin & Maria Oliveras (carry Gospel Book) Sub: Joan Knighton  
E.M.: Delmeter Carey, Maria Oliveras & Samuel Torres Sub: Cinderella Wonsewitz

### Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Sharley Manuel (carry Gospel Book) Substitute.: Victoria Garay  
E. M.: Emmanuel Fode, Beverly Marryshaw & Dianne Murphy Sub: Mariana Zukowski

Advent has begun. What can you do



between now and Christmas Day to enter into this season so as to receive the rich graces and blessings this season offers us?

Pray. This should be the obvious first step! If you have a habit of prayer, then give some of that time to pray that specifically focuses on Advent. If you pray in the morning or mid-day, spend the first few minutes reflecting on how Jesus came to you in the persons and events of the previous day. If you pray in the evening, reflect on how Jesus entered your life that day. How did Jesus reveal his presence in the persons and events of my day? If you do not have a habit of prayer, then start with five minutes of prayer each day and use those five minutes to reflect on how either Jesus entered your life the previous day, or the day that is ending. As you grow in faithfulness to this prayer, you should find that you want to spend more time in prayer. Let your prayer grow in length as the Spirit leads you. Advent is a season in which we seek to grow in our ability to recognize Jesus Christ as he comes to us in prayer, in scripture, in the sacraments, and in the ordinary persons and events of our daily lives.

Be the presence of Christ for others. Christ seeks to enter our world daily and desires to do so most especially in and through his disciples. How can you be the incarnation of Christ for someone else this day and every day of Advent? Call that person who is sick or alone. Bring a meal to an elderly person who is alone. Volunteer in a program that serves those in need, or that provides mentors to young people. Make a contribution to Catholic Relief Services or the Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) to assist them in their work with refugees in the Middle East. Pray for someone who is confronting significant problems in his or her life. Every day, we can be the incarnation of Christ in the world in which we live.

If you spend the next four weeks seeking to be faithful to these two simple practices, then when Christmas comes you will experience the great gift of Christ's presence with and in you.

**Fr. Mark Hallinan, S.J.**

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

These readings are found complete on our parish web page ([www.olmcsi.org](http://www.olmcsi.org)). Click on "USCCB Daily Readings."

### **TODAY: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Advent**

Jeremiah 33:14-16  
1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2  
Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

### **Next Sun: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Advent**

Baruch 5:1-9  
Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11  
Luke 3:1-6



**CHILDREN'S CHOIR** – A Children's Choir will be forming that will sing at the 5 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass in English. Please visit the parish office for information and permission slips. Rehearsals begin on Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m. in the Padre Miguel room in the rectory.

**ADVENT PRAYER with FR. ROSELLI** – Fr. Roselli will be offering a weekly Advent Prayer series on Wednesdays at 11am starting on December 2<sup>nd</sup> and continuing until December 23<sup>rd</sup>. Persons can choose to stay for the 12:05 Mass.

**PARISH RECONCILIATION SERVICE** – Parish Reconciliation Service with individual confessions, Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m.

**RUN FOR THE FEAST of OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE** – Every year, there is a run on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, December 12<sup>th</sup>. The run starts at the ferry terminal at 5:00 p.m. and concludes at the Church. Mass in Spanish follows at 7:30 p.m. All participants receive a certificate and a medal. If you would like to participate, please register in the parish office.

**FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE** – Please feel free to join our Hispanic community in their celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, and Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. On December 11<sup>th</sup>, there will be a procession from Veterans Park to the Church at 7 p.m. In the Church, the rosary will be prayed, Mariachis will offer hymns to the Virgen and the community will spend the night in prayer. At 5 a.m. on December 12<sup>th</sup>, there will be morning prayers to the Virgin followed by coffee and sweet bread. At 5:00, the Torch Run will begin at the ferry terminal and make its way to the Church. After an awards ceremony, the Feast Day Mass will be celebrated at 7:30 p.m. After the Mass, there will be a grand "convivio" in the gymnasium of our school. Come to all or any part!

**YOUNG ADULT MASS with CARDINAL DOLAN** – On Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 p.m., Cardinal Dolan will celebrate a Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral for young adults. Confessions and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with music by Matt Maher and Audrey Assad will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Please arrive early. To learn more, please go to: [www.CatholicNYC.com](http://www.CatholicNYC.com).

**TACKLING YOUTH SUBSTANCE ABUSE** – TYSA has a Youth Council that meets every Wednesday from 5 pm to 7 pm at the Jewish Community Center (JCC) – 1466 Manor Road on Staten Island. The meeting covers all issues of substance abuse and alcohol use, fosters best decision making skills, and provides opportunities for leadership and community engagement. Any young person 12-25 is welcomed and encouraged to join – a light dinner is always provided! Staten Island Partnership for Community Wellness. [www.sipcw.org](http://www.sipcw.org)

**CELEBRATION of the FEAST of St. LUCY** – On Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, Cardinal Dolan will lead the Xavier Society for the Blind in celebrating the Feast of St. Lucy at the 10:15 a.m. Mass. Seats will be reserved for the visually impaired. Please call the Xavier Society for the Blind to reserve a seat – 800-637-9193 or 212-473-7800. The order of the Mass and the words to the hymns will be provided in both braille and large print.

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE:** December 24 – 5 p.m. Family Mass, 7:30 p.m. Mass in Spanish, Midnight Mass at Midnight. *Yes, we returned Midnight Mass to Midnight!* December 25 – 10am in English and 11:30am in Spanish.

**START THE CHRISTMAS SEASON THE OLD FASHIONED WAY!** – St. Peter's High School Seton Chorale/Glee Club Alumni present the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Concert at St. Peter's Church, December 13<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 p.m. Come and enjoy some beautiful Christmas music! Tickets are \$10/\$15/\$20 – children, students and adults. Call 718-971-3267.

**HANDBELL CHRISTMAS CD** - The Holy Child Bell Choir has recorded a CD of Christmas music in honor of the parish's bicentennial anniversary. These CDs make a wonderful holiday gift and are only \$12 each or 2 for \$20. Please call 347-560-1793 or [holychildmusic@yahoo.com](mailto:holychildmusic@yahoo.com)

**WEEKLY OFFERING:** November 22: \$4,379; \$654 CCHD. Thank you for your support of our parish!

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**Jubilee Year of Mercy - First Sunday of Advent:** Besides a new liturgical year, this Advent features an additional "beginning"—next week's opening of the Jubilee Year of Mercy, a graced opportunity to contemplate more profoundly and live more concretely the mystery of God's unconditional love. Pope Francis says that mercy, as the bridge connecting God and the human family, opens our hearts to welcome God's love for us sinners and our eyes to recognize others, especially society's least loved and most vulnerable, as brothers and sisters entrusted to our care. Today's scriptures provide a perfect Jubilee preparation. Jeremiah comforts us with the promise of God's justice; Paul challenges us to abound in love for all; Luke bids us anticipate Jesus' future coming as the joyful advent of our redemption. But in a unique way, this Jubilee Year's Advent reminds us that Jesus, whose coming we await, is already present among us, in those for whom we need to become instruments of God's mercy. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.