

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

BAMBINELLI SUNDAY

On the Third Sunday of Advent the children of Rome gather in St. Peter's Square for the noon Angelus with the Holy Father. During that time the Pope blesses the children and their statues of the Infant Jesus (the "Bambinelli") which the children bring from their nativity sets at home. On the weekend of December 13-14, the Third Sunday of Advent, we will have a special observance of this beautiful tradition here at St. Joseph's. Families are invited to bring their statues of baby Jesus to be blessed at all of our Masses.

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, this Monday, December 8th, is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be offered at 7:30am & 7:00pm.

GIFTS FOR GREENBRIAR & CARDINAL HAYES RESIDENTS, If you would like to purchase a gift for one of the residents, please pick a card from the basket located in the back of the Church. Please wrap, tape the original card to the gift and bring it to Church on or before December 21st.

UNCLE AL'S CHRISTMAS SHOP IS OPEN FOR THE SEASON, located on Franklin Ave. (next to Stewart's parking area/across from Aurelia). The Christmas Shop has an extensive and wonderful assortment of merchandise for sale at reasonable prices. There are toys, games, books, Christmas decorations and many gift items. The hours of operation are: Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 10:00am to 4:00pm and Saturday from 10:00am to 1:00pm. Please consider doing some Christmas shopping here at this local and convenient location. The retail space this year was made available through the kindness and generosity of Tess Rotunno. Don't forget there is always plenty of wonderful merchandise at Uncle Al's Thrift Shop too. The Thrift Shop is located on Front Street and is opened the same hours as the Christmas Shop. Please stop by and check out both shops- you will not be disappointed! For additional information please call during the open hours of operation 677-5002.

OPLATEK (POLISH CHRISTMAS WAFERS) are now available in the Rectory. This Polish custom of the breaking and passing of the thin wafer, Oplatek bread, at the Christmas Eve meal reminds us of our daily bread and the Bread of Life who came into the world.

THANK YOU! To ALL the volunteers who worked so diligently at the Antique Appraisal Road Show. Also want to thank all those who donated the delicious baked goods. It is because of your dedication and effort that this event was so successful.

FOOD COLLECTION, next Sunday is the collection for Immaculate Conception Church, Amenia. Please leave food on the Rectory porch.

A LETTER FROM BIRTHRIGHT OF DUTCHESS COUNTY

Dear Msgr. Colacicco,

We would like to thank you, the Women's Guild and the parishioners of St. Joseph's for the generous donations of baby items for Birthright. It is such a comfort and affirmation of the work we do at Birthright to know that we have your backing.

In the past five years we have provided material help to over 600 moms, babies and families. In this year alone we were able to provide maternity clothing, infant and toddler clothing, diapers and formula to over 130 moms, in addition to over 50 existing clients and babies in most need. We also gave out 55 layettes to welcome newborn babies.

But most importantly we provided a safe, loving, non-judgmental place for women who are distressed by an unplanned pregnancy. With your support, our best effort comes from our dedicated volunteers who give unselfishly of their time and talent to encourage and help women make life affirming decisions and plans for themselves and their children.

Thank you for helping us help those in crisis!

Sincerely, Donna Byrnes

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, December 6th -

St. Nicholas

7:30am Mother General

5:00pm Janet Jones

Sunday, December 7th -

Second Sunday of Advent

8:00am John & Sadie Whalen

8:00 (LSJ) Lyle Woodward

10:15am People of the Parish

12:00pm Deceased Members of the
Alderman Family

**Monday, December 8th – Solemnity of
The Immaculate Conception**

7:30am Michael Misik

7:00pm Conversion of Sinners

Tuesday, December 9th -

St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

7:30am Fr. William Kelliher

Wednesday, December 10th -

7:30am Deceased Members of the
Albert Rotunno Family

Thursday, December 11th –

St. Damasus I

7:30am Peter Wing

Friday, December 12th –

Our Lady of Guadalupe

7:30am People of the Parish

Saturday, December 13th – St. Lucy

7:30am Nazzareno & Magdalena Manzi

5:00pm Anthony, Angelina & Albert
Paolucci

Sunday, December 14th -

Third Sunday of Advent

8:00am Victor Misik & Misik Family

8:00 (LSJ) Intentions of Melissa Gatti

10:15am People of the Parish

12:00pm Bob Lehmkuhl