

Masses For The Week

Monday - December 18

6:30 Richard Pollock, 1st Anniversary
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Tuesday - December 19

6:30 Charles Marmorale
 9:00 Ann & Charles Zolnick

Wednesday - December 20

6:30 Catherine & Silvio Sita
 9:00 Bill Holt

Thursday - December 21 - St. Peter Canisius

6:30 Sonia & Wallace Kankos
 9:00 Edward Naughton

Friday - December 22

6:30 Frank Dillon
 9:00 Terri Minett & Flynn Family

Saturday - December 23

9:00 MULTIPLE INTENTIONS ANNOUNCED AT MASS
 5:00 Louis Ruggiero & John & Gertrude O'Rourke
 7:00 Pat Lee Volino

Sunday - December 24- 4th Sunday of Advent

7:00 The People of the Parish
 8:30 George & Doris Held
 10:00 Helen & Henry Ruff
 11:30 Kristine Benasutti

No 1PM or 5:30PM Masses

Sunday - December 24 - Vigil of Christmas

4:00PM Joseph Spoto Church
 4:00PM Auditorium
 4:30PM Knights of Columbus
 6:00PM, 9PM, Midnight Mass

Monday - December 25 - The Birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ

7:00 The People of the Parish
 8:30 Margaret Lannon
 10:00 Patrick Hopkins
 11:30 Andrew McCarthy
 1:00PM John R. Kirk

No 5:30PM Mass

Readings For The Week

Mon. Jeremiah 23:5-8; Matthew 1:18-25
 Tues. Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a; Luke 1:5-25
 Wed. Isaiah 7:10-14; Luke 1:26-38
 Thurs. Song of Songs 2:8-14; Luke 1:39-45
 Fri. 1 Samuel 1:24-28; Luke 1:46-56
 Sat. Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24; Luke 1:57-66

Sun. 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 David wants to build a temple for the Lord, but hears from the Lord that he will build a family dynasty for him that will last forever.

Romans 16:25-27 This passage is a hymn of praise giving glory to God.

Luke 1:26-38 The Gospel tells of the angel Gabriel's message to Mary that she would conceive and bear the Son of God, Jesus.

Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift

Weekly Budget: \$17,500.00
Weekly for 12/10/17: \$17,203.84
Immaculate Conception: \$ 3,920.00
Religious Retirement: \$ 4,043.00

Thank you, SMT, for your generosity!

Reflection & Living Stewardship



All of the people in today's readings - the prophet Isaiah, the Virgin Mary, St Paul, St. John the Baptist - seemed to understand clearly and rejoice in what God was calling them to be and to do. Do I?

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who announce the coming of Christ by increasing their acts of charity during this season of giving.

Charismatic Prayer Group

One Week Left!

Still shopping? What are you giving Jesus? It is HIS birthday after all. Here's His wish list:

- To be invited into and live in your heart
- Peace in our families
- For us to treat everyone with the same love, kindness, and respect that you expect from them
- And as my Mom would say "Just be good!"

Give yourself a gift that doesn't cost anything but some time. Come to our last meeting before Christmas - Monday, December 18th at 7:30PM in St Alphonsus Hall (next to the rectory). Newcomers and returnees welcome. Call 516-993-9672 for more information or prayer requests.

Congratulations to ALL H.O.P. Club Winners

12/11/17 #63	N. Grosser	\$25
12/12/17 #378	Ray & Marilyn Walther	\$25
12/13/17 #360	Barbara Hayes	\$25
12/14/17 #156	Maria Lanzarone	\$25
12/15/17 #600	Marion Pensabene	\$250



"Whatever you do for one of these, the least of my sisters and brothers, you did it for me."

This week the Pantry can use sweet cereal, pancake mix, coffee, mayonnaise, boxed milk, Jell-O, jelly, cookies, sugar, juice boxes, dish soap, laundry soap, chili, beef stew, paper towels and napkins.

As always, we thank you so much for all that you do for those in need.

Parish Outreach Food Pantry:

208 Broadway, Bethpage
 Phone: 516-931-7332
 Monday: 9:30AM - 2:30PM
 Thursday: 2:00PM – 7:00PM



*Altar Bread & Wine
 Week of Dec. 17 - 23, 2017*

*In Loving Memory of
 Amelia Regatiero*



*Sanctuary Candle
 Week of December 17 - 23, 2017*

*In Loving Memory of
 Mary O'Neil*



Rest in Peace

Acts 7:49:

"Lord Jesus, receive my spirit."

John J. McGlynn, William J. Ellinger
 Vincent Jambrone, Margaret White

REMINDER: Please call the rectory at 931-0818 to remove a name from the list.

Please pray for the sick of our parish:

Leevalli Annearosa, Leigh Murphy, Richard Piernini
 Joseph Simon, Douglas Torres, James Robertson, Amy Hayes
 Mom & Dad, Bill Kelly, Matthew Messina, Pat Cannata
 Christopher Gratton, Barbara Thompson, Donald Castor
 Dorothy Quinn, Zachery Duff, Sam Zubov, Patricia Morrone
 Mary Henson, Mary Lynn Brassil, Brendan Rodriguez
 Rebecca Passaro, Dot Widyn, Annette Giuliano
 Madeline Ciaravino, Nicole Cagna, Gary Vlahov, Tom Schuerlein
 Katie Walsh, Louise Sandberg, Anthony Luisi, Tommy Johnson
 Chris & Raymond Mirendia, Florencio Carmenate, Mary McCarthy
 Karen Kilgard, Ann Marie Frayler, Nicholas Balducci,
 Robert Kennan, Corey Voboril, Baby Scarlett, May Duffey
 Anna M. Bosco, Janet Medina, Kevin Henson, Marie Newman
 The Mascia Family, Ceil Hollander, Daniel Costa, Hector Valentine
 Theresa DuRoss, Bob Baciaska Carol Ann Scudder, John Scudder
 Justine & Nicole Scudder, Vincent Esposito, Terry Hall
 Catherine A. McCarthy, Paul Granberg, Charles Boyce, Elsa Ryan
 Sarah Messina, William Boyce, Jo Ann Anastos, Michael Arato
 Connie Burgess, Dolores Miller, Elizabeth Ryan, Layla Barr
 Susan Carroll-Goyan, Patty & Tom Turano, Nicholas Amato
 Jesusa Aquin, Joseph McCroary, Richard Graziano, Jean Mulligan
 Taylor, Edward Boyce, Geraldine Zeterberg, Fran Gandolfo
 Fr. Edmund Faliskie CSSR, Tom Doty, Joseph Kostyak, Johnny D.
 William Castle, Anthony Krich, Aida Gilday, Frank Ballatore, Jr.
 Anthony Della Croce, Nicole Carbone, Barbara Rusch
 Beverly Viselli, Casey, Betty Mara, Teri Pigott, Connie Kane
 George Reif, Ed Ingels, Liam Escaniel, Gus Kunze
 Eddie Morales, Tom Miles, Debra Dowdell, Elizabeth Hill
 Louie Gandolfo, John Anderson, Daniel McCullough
 Mary Lafauci, Gerry Russo, Allegra LaFalce, Jessica Czarnecki
 Bill Monahan, Maureen Roberts, Francis Meehan, Trish Berge
 Brendan Donahoe, Janet Scarpelli, Helen Uhl, Andrew McCarthy
 Alicia Manetta, Frank LoPinto, Baby Lucia Bianchi
 Pat James Joseph, David Iovieno, Robert Daniel, Kurt Hamilton
 Dorothy Eisenstadt, David Drohan, Martin Lee, Ralph Caputo
 Kristen Smith, Michael Vigotty, Vinny Vanturini, Tom Mitchell
 Pat Murphy, Tarabokija Family, Philip Marino, Henry Hamilton
 Joann Bruno, Libia & Maria Teresa Valdez, Nancy Gerace
 Jim Moran, Robert Collelouri, Arthur Baudo, Kathy Smith
 Veronica McCarthy-Pigott, Unborn Identical Twins
 Anthony Hanlon, Janine, Mary Jedlicka, Lisa Lazzara
 Pete Moran, Bernard Kelly, Brian John Roe III, The Kloos Family
 Patricia Olive, John Bunker, Jacklyn Baddalucco, Yolanda Zitelli
 Rose Marie Gaccione, Filomena Rosa, Andrew Bartolozzi
 Pat Bergersen, Robert, Amy & Richard Ferranti
 Joseph V. Pace, Jr., Justin Turner, Christopher Hehn
 Baby Remy, Jimmy Rizzo, Thomas Kelly, Linda Reilly
 John Murphy, Colette Sin, Al DeBatto, Adeline Norton
 Ann Marie Wezel, Jeanie Wilkins, Rosemary Curtin
 Ann Soehngen, Jerry Vega, Mary Leonard, Ed Segretto
 Gregory Happ, Fred Cameron, Bill Veltri, Peter Volberg
 Ryan Westbrook

Pastor's Letter



Father Pat's Homily of 12/3/17

There are all kinds of waiting in life. Ten years ago I was in my office in Brooklyn. I called my doctor's office since there has been a delay in a recent test report that I had taken. I had echocardiograms several times in the past so I was very relaxed as I waited for either the doctor or nurse to get on the phone. After about a minute or so, the nurse came on the phone and said that my doctor was away on vacation, but another doctor would call me back because he needed to talk to me as soon as possible.

I immediately knew that there must be something wrong since this was not the usual routine. Although it seemed like forever as I stared at the phone waiting for the red light to go on to signal a call, it was about an hour before the doctor called back. He told me that the test showed I would need a serious heart surgery. Ironically, once I knew the results, I calmed down. That waiting was the longest hour of my life.

Waiting. There are all kinds of waiting. Spouses or parents are filled with anxiety when they have a spouse, son or daughter serving in the military in a war zone. A woman in her ninth month of pregnancy has her hospital bag packed and makes sure her husband always has gas in the car. A high school senior waits with nervous expectancy for an acceptance letter from a college that he or she dreams of attending. A little boy says, *Mommy, how long till Santa Claus comes.* A bride-to-be says, *how will we get it all done. There are only six months until the wedding.*

Waiting. We wait in the doctor's office reading year-old magazines until we get the wonderful call to go in to see the doctor. Then we sit in the little room, on the medical table, staring at the scale and wondering if our physician will ever open the door. During this time of Christmas preparation, we may wait on long lines or yet at our computer for not turning on fast enough.

Waiting. No doubt, you are waiting for this sermon to finally end! The four weeks of Advent recalls the thousands of centuries that human beings have turned to the skies, to the sun, to the moon, to the stars, to the mountains, and longed for God. We hear the haunting words of the prophet Isaiah that captures the longing of people for God to come among them: *Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, with the mountains quaking before you, while you wrought awesome deeds we could not hope for, such as they had not heard of from of old. No ear has ever heard, no eye ever seen, any God but you.*

Oh, rend the heavens and come down is a prayer - a cry - of great compassion. Over the past year as we saw the destruction of hurricanes, the evil of dark acts of terrorism, the fear of nuclear war, we too have cried to the heavens begging God to come down. In our personal lives as we faced a serious illness, as we worry about growing old, as we saw a son struggle with an addiction or had a daughter have her heart broken in a bitter divorce, we have joined Isaiah in his call for God to come among us.

Waiting. But we are not the people of ancient times. Advent for us is not a time of waiting for God to come among us. Jesus did rend the heavens and come down among us. He was born in a little town named Bethlehem. He walked the dusty roads of Israel for thirty-three years. He did that which is the most human of all things - he died. And then the story of our faith bursts forth in the resurrection on the first Easter. Then to Pentecost and the continual outpouring of the Holy Spirit among us, in the Eucharist where we encounter the bread of life. Then in the word of God where we hear him speak, and in our faith community where we gather to celebrate weekly that *Christ has died, Christ has risen. Christ will come again.*

Although we look forward with joy to the gathering of family and friends, to the decorating of the tree, to the sparkling Christmas lights, to wonderful innocent excitement of our children and grandchildren, to the sweet smell of Christmas cookies as they bake, and even to the endless playing of Christmas carols, these special moments are not about waiting, but about celebrating. God is with us. *His name shall be called Emmanuel, a name which means God with us.*

If I could be a "Scrooge" for a moment, I will tell you that before the clock strikes midnight, it will be January and you will be sadly packing up your Christmas lights, seeing discarded, sad, browning Christmas trees on the street, nervously opening your credit card bills and wondering how could Christmas be over already. So I invite you to ponder the words of Jesus in our Gospel today: Jesus said to his disciples, *Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come.* A key word of Advent is to be watchful - to not miss the presence of God in our daily lives. We live and move and have our being in the presence of God. Say a prayer for the person to whom you are writing a card; taste that wonderful cookie; treasure the person for whom you are shopping; see the lights around your house as a sign of the one who is the Light of the World; let your tree be firmly on the ground but pointing you to the heavens; explain each figure in your Christmas crèche to your child or grandchild; sing *O Come O Come, Emmanuel* with enthusiasm; welcome Christ into your hearts at Holy Communion; do a good deed for someone in need. Don't miss him!

John Shea, a spiritual writer, has a book of Christmas poems called **Seeing Haloes: Christmas Poems to Open the Heart.** Here is part of one of his writings entitled *Seeing Haloes*:

*Even at Christmas, when haloes are being pre-tested by focus groups
For inclusion in their mass market campaign,
They are hard to see. But seeing haloes is more than a lucky sighting.
It entails the advent skill of sustaining attention.
This is how haloes are seen. By looking into largeness.
By tucking smallness into the fold of infinity.
Haloes suffer time even as they show us what happened beyond time.
When haloes fade, they do abruptly fade,
abandoning us to the sorrow of lesser light.
They recede as Gabriel departed Mary
Leaving us pregnant.*

Father Patrick Woods, CSSR

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On Friday, December 15th, the high school teens made sandwiches for the homeless at Hope for the Future Ministries. We were also able to drop off the socks that were donated by our parishioners in the Sock-tober Drive.

On Saturday evening, December 16th, we delivered the adaptive tricycle to a very deserving child who lives with his parents in Massapequa. The Massapequa Fire Department helped Santa deliver his present in time to enjoy before Christmas Day.

Once again the Youth Ministry would like to thank you all for contributing to these worthy causes and for your prayers and support.

Upcoming Meeting: Sunday, December 17th we will be singing Christmas Carols at Apollo Circle following the 5:30PM Mass. This year the 4th Sunday of Advent is December 24th. There is NO 5:30PM (or 1PM) Mass that day. Life Teen will be celebrating Christmas Mass at 9PM, December 24th. All are welcome!

There will be no Life Night meetings on December 24th and December 31st. Our first meeting of 2018 will be on Sunday, January 7th after the 5:30PM Mass.



4th Sunday of Advent/Christmas Mass Obligations

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- Although Christmas this year is the day after the fourth Sunday of Advent, the U.S. Catholic Bishops said Catholics should attend separate Masses for the two days.

A newsletter issued in February by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Divine Worship noted that a "two-for-one" Mass cannot occur in the very rare circumstances when two of the six holy days of obligation -- the feast of the Immaculate Conception or Christmas -- fall the day before or after Sunday. "When consecutive obligations occur on Saturday-Sunday or Sunday-Monday, the faithful must attend Mass twice to fulfill two separate obligations," the committee said.

The reason Catholics might consider the idea of receiving dispensation from a Monday Mass likely stems from the U.S. bishops' vote in 1991 to lift the obligation to attend Mass on holy days of obligation that fall on Saturdays or Mondays. But that vote was only for **three** of the six holy days: the feast of Mary, Mother of God, January 1; the feast of the Assumption, August 15; and the feast of All Saints, November 1. This does not apply to Christmas and the feast of the Immaculate Conception, which is December 8. *Source: Long Island Catholic*

LIFE LINE SCREENING
Wednesday, January 10, 2018 - St. Alphonsus Hall


Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, is pleased to offer a preventive health event at St Martin of Tours Parish St Alphonsus Hall on 1/10/2018. Five screenings will be offered. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **There are three ways to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call toll-free 1-888-653-6441 or visit <http://lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle> or text the word circle to 797979.**

GIRLS CYO VOLLEYBALL OPPORTUNITY

St. Martin of Tours will be offering for the first time CYO Volleyball for girls in grades five through eight. Priority for the program is that the family members are registered parishioners of St. Martin. Local travel to other parishes in the Diocese will be required.

Please contact Dave Fantry, CYO Coordinator, at Fantry14@aol.com. Depending on the interest, we will offer teams at each grade level, so please be sure to contact Dave as soon as possible in order to establish this new program. Registration will be held some time in December in the school auditorium and the program will begin after the Christmas break.

St. Gerard Majella, CSsR is a very popular saint of the Catholic Church as the special patron of those who are seeking to get pregnant or adopt and those who are pregnant and praying for a safe delivery. He is Redemptorist, the same religious community that has served here at St. Martin's for the past thirty years.



As you know, we have a beautiful icon of St. Gerard in our prayer area of our church. You are welcome to ask any of the priests or deacon for a blessing with the St. Gerard relic if you are seeking to become pregnant, adopt or are pregnant.

CALLING ALL ANGELS, KINGS AND SHEPHERDS

The Children's Christmas Pageant will be on Sunday, December 24th at the 6:00PM Mass in the Church. Please fill the space below and submit it to the rectory by December 21st. The one and only practice for the pageant will be on Thursday, December 21st at 4PM in Church.

CHILD'S NAME(S): _____

AGE(S): _____ **PHONE:** _____

PART REQUESTED: _____

PARENT SIGNATURE & DATE

St. Martin of Tours Church

BASKETBALL CLINIC

FOR BOYS AND GIRLS - Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd Graders

Where: St. Martin of Tours Auditorium

When: Sundays from 11AM - 12 Noon

Starts: January 14, 2018

Registration forms are in the gathering area of the Church.

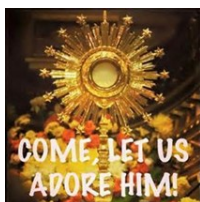
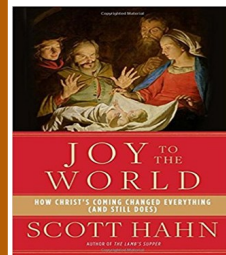
Registration Ends January 7, 2018

Minimum participation needed for clinic - 20 children



Spiritual Book Club

Spiritual Book Club: our next selection is Scott Hahn’s “Joy to the World.” We will meet on Friday, December 22nd at 7:30PM in St. Alphonsus Hall.



The Advent Holy Hour will be on Wednesday, December 20th from 3:00 to 4:00PM.



The Parish Men’s Club will meet on Thursday, December 21st at 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall.

During this Advent, I have been reading a book of poems by John Shea entitled **Seeing Haloes: Christmas Poems to Open the Heart**. He is one of my favorite spiritual writers. Shea seeks to help the reader see God in the ordinary. In this selection, he has the figures in the crèche speak in this poem about the new born Savior.

The Child in the Manger

My Son is too young to speak. So I will say few a words
to help you place him at the center of your crèche and,
as you do it, allow him to place himself in the center of you.

How many have I courted in dreams and deserts only to be forgotten in the demands of day?
They put me on a throne, so you must kneel. They say I withhold blessings, so you must beg.
They claim I punish, so you must be afraid.

Then my Son came out of the water and swallowed my word from the sky.
The dove of love descended and my pleasure ran through him.

He never looked back, but looked everywhere else and saw what no one else did.
When people cried from the crowd, he turned.
When people hid in their sins, he forgave.
When people lost their way, he pursued.
When people were shunned, he reached out.
When people were in pain, he touched.
When people did not understand, he explained.

He gave himself away like one who lays in the feeding trough of the manger
as food for every hunger. He knows Me well.
Yet no one could thin a crowd like my Son.
His parables were mirrors. People saw themselves and did not like what they saw.
His actions were scandalous attacks on the conventions of separateness.
His arguments silenced adversaries. The cry of the child in the manger
became the voice of the prophet.

My word of mercy was never so strong, yet never so rejected.
My word of love was never so perseverant, yet never so avoided.
Of course, they came for him with clubs and swords and lies
and he met them with Me. I was always his welcome for those who do not know,
drawing light from their darkness, life from their death.

In him, I Am Who I Am. You see, he is Me among you.
So my question to you will be no surprise.
How do **you** listen to my Word?

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

Article from DRVC Respect Life

When someone is facing great trials, we need to meet them where they are, walk with them on their journey, intercede for them, and be open to sharing Christ's love however he directs. When a woman becomes pregnant, and her boyfriend threatens to leave if she continues the pregnancy, we need to lovingly walk with her. When family members or friends become seriously ill, we need to assure them that God still offers them something in this life, and they still have purpose. We need to consistently be with them every step of the way. Sometimes our actions speak for themselves; other times, words are needed. Whatever the situation, Jesus knows how to speak to each person's heart; we simply need to follow where he leads.

A Culture of Life

This is how we answer our missionary call. This is how we build a culture of life, a culture that joyfully proclaims the truth of God's love, purpose, and plan for each person. Changing the culture is a process of conversion that begins in our own hearts and includes a willingness to be instructed and a desire to be close to Jesus—the source of joy and love.

When we encounter Christ, experience his love, and deepen our relationship with him, we become more aware of our own worth and that of others. His love for each person is cause for great joy, and growing understanding of this priceless treasure motivates us to share his love with others. Our lives are often changed by the witness of others; so too, others' lives may be changed by our witness and authentic friendship with them.

Let us go, therefore, and not be afraid. God is always with us. As a society and as individuals, we often measure ourselves by false standards: by what and how much we do, our successes or failures, how others treat us, the degree of our pleasure or independence, etc. And when these changeable substitutes prove to be insufficient, or when we are faced with challenges and suffering, we may feel helpless, alone, or abandoned; we may be tempted to feel as though our lives have decreased value or worth.

But God's love—individual, real, unchanging—is the true source of our worth, identity, and dignity. It really is not a question of who we are, but rather *whose* we are. Because his love will never change, nothing can reduce our God-given dignity, and nothing can diminish the immeasurable worth of our lives.



On his feast day, December 6th, Saint Nicholas came to St. Martin's and distributed gifts to the children who had been good all year.

At first, Saint Nick was going to give Marliese coal for being a Yankee fan, but the pastor told him - "other than that, she was very good!"

The Psalms of the Church's Morning Prayer will be prayed at 8:30AM before the 9AM Mass. This will be done Monday to Friday during the four weeks of Advent.

K of C Hartigan Council *Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest*

The Hartigan Council Knights of Columbus is so very proud to honor our youth contestants from St. Martin of Tours who put their feelings of what Christmas means to them and their artistic talent into creating winning posters for the **2017 Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest**. This year we had 93 entries which was a phenomenal response. The contestants certainly gave the judges a work-out.



Thanks to several members of St. Martin of Tours who greatly assisted with the children - Pat Astarita from the Summer Bible Camp, George Lucas from the Young Artists Academy and Pat Ryan and Laura Leigh Agnese, religious education coordinators. Finally, I'd like to thank our judges Father Denis Sweeney, CSSR, Jeanine Marin and George Lucas who spent several hours one evening last week judging the 93 entries we received.

Congratulations to the following children from all of us at the Knights of Columbus and St. Martin of Tours parish!

<u>Age 5 - 7</u>	<u>Age 8 - 10</u>	<u>Age 11 - 14</u>
1 st Cadence Grieve	Grace Miller	Mitchell Mahomar
2 nd John McCarthy	Dylan Przynowa	Rachel Cohen
3 rd Lauren Toscano	Avery Wheeler	Joey Toscano

Gaudete Sunday

Certain Sundays throughout the liturgical year have taken their names from the first word in Latin of the Introit, the entrance antiphon at Mass. Gaudete Sunday is one of these. What Is Gaudete Sunday?



Answer: Gaudete Sunday is the Third Sunday of Advent. The Introit for Gaudete Sunday, in both the Traditional Latin Mass and the Novus Ordo, is taken from Philipians 4:4,5: "*Gaudete in Domino semper*" ("Rejoice in the Lord always").

Like Lent, Advent is a penitential season, so the priest normally wears purple vestments. But on Gaudete Sunday, having passed the midpoint of Advent, the Church lightens the mood a little, and the priest may wear rose vestments. The change in color provides us with encouragement to continue our spiritual preparation—especially prayer and fasting—for Christmas.

For this same reason, the third candle of the Advent wreath, first lit on Gaudete Sunday, is traditionally rose-colored. Gaudete Sunday has a counterpart in Lent: Laetare Sunday.

Please read carefully as this year the Mass schedule for December 24th includes the 4th Sunday of Advent.

CONFESSIONS, CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR SCHEDULE

CONFESSIONS

SATURDAY, December 16
2:00PM & after the 7:00PM Mass

MONDAY, December 18
9:30–10:00AM; 3:00–4:30PM & 7:00–8:00PM

TUESDAY, December 19
9:30–10:00AM; 3:00–4:30PM & 7:00–8:00PM

SATURDAY, December 23
2:00PM & after the 7:00PM Mass

MASSES

SATURDAY, December 23 - 5PM & 7PM

SUNDAY, December 24 - 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT
7AM, 8:30AM, 10AM & 11:30AM
There is NO 1PM or 5:30PM Mass

SUNDAY, December 24 - VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS

4:00PM - Church & Auditorium
4:30PM - Knights of Columbus
Fr. Hartigan Council Hall (Central Ave)
6:00PM - Children's Mass in Church
9:00PM - Life Teen Mass in Church
11:15PM - Pre-Midnight Mass Concert
12:00AM - Midnight Mass in Church

MONDAY, December 25, CHRISTMAS DAY

7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30AM & 1:00PM
No 5:30PM Mass on Christmas Day

SATURDAY, December 30 - Confession 2PM & 8PM

Masses 5PM & 7PM

SUNDAY, December 31

7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30AM, 1PM & 5:30PM

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Not a Holy Day of Obligation

MONDAY, January 1, 2018 - 9AM Mass Only



PLEASE PRAY CONSTANTLY FOR THOSE SERVING IN OUR MILITARY

Lord of Hosts, we commend to Your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with Your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils that beset them; and grant them Your abiding presence wherever they may be. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



CPT Gregory Holownia, US Army
 MAJ Erika Holownia, US Army
 PO2 Matthew Sadecki, USCG
 SGT Zachary John Sheehy, USMC
 PVT Travis Ruggiero, US Army
 SGT Dennis Diesel, USMC
 L CPL James Kruper, USMC
 SGT Matthew P. Sirianni, US Army
 CPT Conor B. Murphy, USMC
 CPT Victoria Meyer, US Army Nurse Corp
 PO1 John Paul Pedalino II, US Navy
 CPT Thomas P. Shea, USAF
 SGT Michael John Kelly, USMC
 1LT Brian McGrath, US Army
 SPC Matthew Castellano, US Army
 SGT Michael Patrick Murphy, US Army
 PFC William Corrigan, USMC
 PFC Salvatore Battiata, USAF
 LT Daniel Cloonan, USCG
 PVT Daniel Kuhlmann, US Army
 LCPL Jonathan M. Gordon, USMC
 2LT Sean O'Donnell, USAF
 A1C Jake DeRossi, USAF
 CPT Mike Polan, US Army
 L/CPL Daniel O'Shea, USMC

SGT Matthew C. Windisch, USMC
 E3 CORPSMAN Robert Fidnarick, US Navy
 1LT Brian Thorpe, US Navy
 PO3 Joshua Zimmerman, US Navy
 MAJ Brendan McEvoy, US Army
 SPC Matthew F. Mayerhofer, US Army
 PO3 James Fischer, US Navy
 LTC John Evans, US Army
 ABHAA Michael Creagh, US Navy
 PVT Steven DiPaolo, USMC
 SSGT Sean V. Oliva, US Army
 2LT Samantha Lopez, US Navy
 SSG George Howard, US Army
 LT Mario Lopes, USMC
 PVT Brian Barcavage, US Army
 CS1 Andrew L. DeMarsico, USN
 MAJ Thomas E. Mangiamele, US Army
 PVT Edward Morales, US Army
 MAJ Michael F. Wendelken, USAF
 PVT John Marcel, Jr USMC
 LCPL Brendan M. White, USMC
 PFC Clint Applegate, US Army
 CPT Patrick C. Looney USAF
 CPL Ryan O'Keeffe, USMC

MOMMAS HOUSE

MOMMAS HOUSE is a home for young women who are pregnant, homeless and alone. The young women are between 18 and 24 years old. While at MOMMAS, the young women will complete their education or vocational training. The babies are cared for by the staff and volunteers at MOMMAS House.

For more information, call 516 781-8637 or go to the website:
www.mommashouse.org

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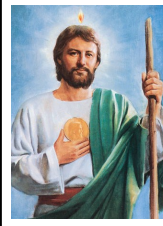
Baby Safe Haven, Safe Babies, Safe Place
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 Catholic Home Bureau 1 (800) 592-4357

NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE HOTLINE
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A candle has been lit for
Amelia Regateiro
in honor of St. Anne



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in honor of St. Jude



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in honor of St. Anthony of Padua



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in honor of St. Therese of Lisieux



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Every Friday at 2:00 p.m.
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*Rejoice in the Lord
always; for indeed,
the Lord is near.*

UPCOMING EVENTS



- Dec 18: Charismatic Prayer Group 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Dec 20: Advent Holy Hour 3PM Church
- Dec 21: Children's Pageant Practice 4PM Church
- Dec 21: Men's Club 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Dec 22: Spiritual Book Club 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Dec 23: Anointing of the Sick at 9AM Mass
- Jan 5: First Friday Devotions 7PM Church
- Jan 6: First Saturday Devotions 8:30AM Church
- Jan 10: Life Line Screening St. Alphonsus Hall
- Jan 17: Padre Pio Holy Hour 7PM Eucharistic Chapel