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THIRD SUNDAY

of

ADVENT

"Gaudete Sunday"

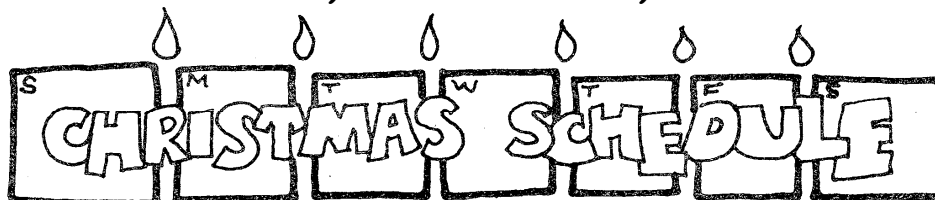
The "Sunday of Joy"

DECEMBER 16, 2018



TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 4:00 to 7:30 PM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22, 3:45 PM



MONDAY, DECEMBER 24, CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

5:00 PM & 8:00 PM

and

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25, CHRISTMAS DAY MASS



Weekend Masses, THIRD SUNDAY of ADVENT

Saturday, December 15:

5:00 PM Peter P. Madori

Sunday, December 16:

9:00 AM Joseph Lubnewski

11:00 AM Martha Jarocki

Late Advent Monday, December 17

8:00 Robert Cordani

Late Advent Tuesday, December 18

8:00 Alice & Lawrence Cooke

Late Advent Wednesday, December 19

8:00 Sr. Lisbeth Hartnett, IHM

Late Advent Thursday, December 20

8:00 Libby Guardiani

Late Advent Friday, December 21

8:00 Emma Motl

Weekend Masses, FOURTH SUNDAY of ADVENT

Saturday, December 22:

5:00 PM Robert Faulls

Sunday, December 23:

9:00 AM Daniel Thomas

11:00 AM Margaret "Peg" Reilly

Please pray for all our deceased parishioners, benefactors, relatives and friends, especially: James "Jimmy" Lane; Seamus Sexton; Msgr. Lamont Hamilton; Mrs. James Vaughey; Francis Cardinal Spellman; Bishop Fulton J. Sheen; Rev. Robert Trainor; Msgr. John Healey; Rev. Peter Ensenat; Rev. F. Peter Malet; Msgr. John Harrington; Msgr. John Karpinski.

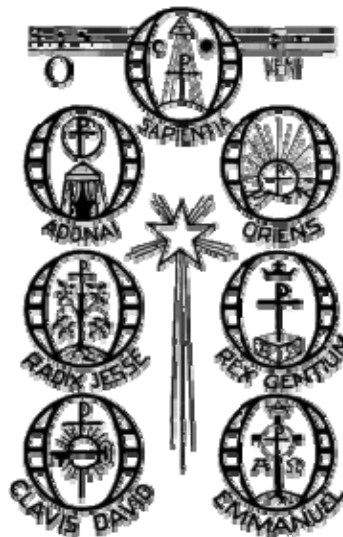
Please pray for those who are ill, especially: Miskit Airth; Brian Amrhein; Robert Banks; the Berchtold Family; Sue Berry; Eleanor Bessler; Sharon Bierman; Dolores Bonpietro; Ed Boyle; Connie Brandin; Marie Broccoli; Frank Caramico; Albert Caravello; Lottie Carney; Ronald Carr; Thomas Cashman; Elijah Charles; Nickolas Civitano; Coddington Family; Rocky Collins; Mikie Congemi; Carl Consolo; Donna Consolo; Paula Cornine; Thomas Coughlin; Anna Courneya; William Cronin; Sue Currier; Helen Curcio-Zeh; Diane

Loomis Czahor; Donna Dalton; Reilly Davis; Rosemarie Delia; Joan DeLizza; Nancy Donohue; Thomas Dunn; Connie Durante; Elizabeth Earl; Jerry Earl; Larry Eisen; Josephine Emanuele; Lillian Esposito; Robert Esposito; Rev. John Fanning; Shawn Finneran; Jennifer Florio; Joe Franklin; Jake Gabriel; Lawrence Gallott; Jim & Pat Gatens; Kevin Garvey; Matthew Germann; Amy Giuseffi; Dillon Gleason; Erik Godfrey; Alex Goodman; Jenna Graham; Robert Green; Karen Hackett; Mark Hairie; Jack Haley; Vic Haring; Josh Harrison; Jill Hey; Steven Higgins; Ola Hillar; Dennis Holohan; James Holden; Maggie Horne; Brenda Jansons; Conchita Javier; Cliff Jessup; Carolyn Johnson; Colin Johnston; Nathaniel Kegler; Fred, Margaret, Timothy & James Kinsella; Russell Kinsella; Patricia Kirby; Aidan Kokakis; Alfred Kramer; Ron Kramer; Patricia & Ed Krekorian; Kate Labuda; Verdanna Lawrence; Ojars Lasmanis; Rick Lewis; Robert Linzer; Mr. Lynn; William Maher; Diana Martinez; Eileen Maryrose; Tandy McClung; Kerrin McHugh; Maree McKinney; James McMahon; Steve Melchionne; Terry Mills; Mickey Mirra; Dawn Montforte; Kevin Moore; Liz Moore; Kenneth Moore; Robert Morris; Brian Mortonson; Jennifer Motillo; Eileen Murphy; Sr. Mary Murray, OP; Sharon Nelson; Margaret Nichols; Carol Niedermeyer; Carole O'Neill; Donald Paccione, Sr.; Piper Paddock; Patricia Parish; Bobby Patchuoli; Florence Penzo; Susan & Janet Peters; Eileen & John Pinsl; Gerry Ragusa; Regina Rahilly; Carolyn Ramsay; Thomas Reinholz; John Rivera; Frank Roosa; Vivian Rutherford; Ed Ryan; Vincent Sabastiano; Sheila Scurca; Susan Sheridan; Loretta Spordone; Joan Springwalt; Aimee Swift; William Tappan; Gary Texter; Therese Van DeBogart; Louis Vega; Christian Vidale; Dominic Velardo; Rita Volpe; Catherine Wanner; Mary Wardell; Joel & Joan Welsh; William Wetzel; Linda Williams; John Williamson; Christian & Anna Wojtak; John Wolceck; Evelyn Young; Esther Zeller.

NEXT SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURES

The Scriptures for the *Fourth Sunday of Advent* are *Micah 5: 1 to 4; Hebrews 10: 5 to 10; and Luke 1: 39 to 45.*

"LATE ADVENT WEEKDAYS"



If you look at the column opposite, you'll notice the odd designation of the weekdays as "Late Advent." The last nine days (starting with December 16) are different in mood and purpose from the rest of the Advent season. Our focus turns from preparation to anticipation. The Old Testament readings present the prophetic words which the Church has seen as foreshadowing the coming of the Christ. The Gospels home in on the ancestry of Jesus and the events

that signaled His coming. Beginning in the Eighth Century, monasteries in Europe added a special beginning and ending (called an "Antiphon") to the singing of Mary's "Magnificat" at Vespers. Because each began with the exclamation of wonder, "Oh!", they became known as "The O Antiphons." From them came the hymn "O Come, O Come Emmanuel." Christ came to a world not ready, except in God's judgment. Christmas comes to us each year, ready or not . . . for God is always ready.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Sunday, December 16
Ave Maria Guild at 9 AM Mass
Religious Education , Grades K through 6
K of C Christmas Dinner in Summer Hall, 4 PM

Monday, December 17
Ave Maria Guild at Giovanni's Inn

Tuesday, December 18, 4 to 7:30 PM
Confessions

Sunday, December 23
NO Religious Education
Classes resume on Sunday, January 6

meet the month's-end bills. The parish stocking is hung by the chimney with care, in hopes that your generous donation soon will be there.

COLLECTION REPORT: DECEMBER 8 & 9

MASS	ATTENDANCE	COLLECTION
5 PM	180	\$ 1,083.00
9 AM	99	\$ 881.00
11 AM	76	\$ 1,073.00
Totals	355	\$ 3,037.00 * *

* * The parish took 4 % of this Offertory total (equaling \$ 121) and added it to the freewill gifts amounting to \$ 651 for the Special Collection for Retired Religious. The special collection topped out at \$ 772 and the Offertory then came to \$ 2,916. Both finished in fifth place over six years. Only attendance, boosted by Confirmation, came out above average, best ever in six years by at least 50 people.

"150 CLUB" NEWS

The winner for Sunday, December 9, was Jailyn Labuda, #93. For information, call Kate, 888-2652.

EARLY "BULLETIN" DEADLINES

The "Bulletin" for December 23 has gone to press this past Friday, December 14. The one for December 27 will be sent on Thursday, December 20. The one for January 6 must be e-mailed by December 28. This will disrupt our reporting of attendance, income and expenditures. If you have a "Bulletin" item, be sure to submit it ASAP.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

In last week's "Bulletin," Lisa Weronick was left off the list of those being confirmed. "How" that happened is too confusing to go into detail. Chalk it up to human error. Our apologies and belated good wishes and prayers.

ATTENDANCE & COLLECTION: HOLY DAY

Gathering all our worshipers at one Liturgy to celebrate the Immaculate Conception seems to have paid off. Sixty people attended Mass -- just about average in any year when the Sacrament of Confirmation was not tied to the holy day Mass schedule. The Offertory netted \$ 1,035, a significant amount for a holy day collection.

EXPENDITURES: THROUGH DECEMBER 9

Religious education expenses	\$ 579.43
Water bills (2 bldgs.)	\$ 110.04
Altar expenses	\$ 243.88
Office expenses	\$ 72.00
Landscaping expenses	\$ 480.00
Salting & sanding	\$ 100.00
Cable TV (\$ 3 increase)	\$ 137.28
Clergy expense	\$ 400.00
Total	\$ 2,122.63

FLOWER DONATIONS

We welcome donations for the decorations we use each Christmas season. We encourage "memorializing" these donations. Early in the new year, a list of donors and/or memorials is enclosed in the "Bulletin." Any offering in any amount will be received with gratitude. Envelopes are available in the pews and the lobby.



CHRISTMAS OFFERING

We receive less in the basket each month than we spend. Keeping the checkbook afloat is a constant balancing act. Moreover, the amounts we pay monthly for *Cathedraticum* (a fee for services provided by the Archdiocese), pension, liability and medical insurance do not reflect their actual cost. We make "catch-up" payments from the Christmas collection, while continuing to



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