

# First Sunday of Advent– November 28, 2021

*“Brothers and sisters: May the Lord make you increase and abound  
in love for one another and for all.” 1 Thessalonians 3:12a*



## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Sunday</b>	Jer 33:14-16; 1 Thes 3:12-4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36
<b>Monday</b>	Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11
<b>Tuesday</b>	Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24
<b>Wednesday</b>	Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37
<b>Thursday</b>	Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27
<b>Friday</b>	Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31
<b>Saturday</b>	Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

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## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday –	November 27	4:00 PM	Helen Morris (Ed Hartman & Genny Embleton)
Sunday –	November 28	9:00 AM	Sister Mary (The Kilmer Family)
Monday –	November 29	12:00 PM	Intention of Donor
Tuesday –	November 30	12:00 PM	Richard A Embleton (Genny Embleton)
Wednesday –	December 1	12:00 PM	Intention of Donor
Thursday –	December 2	12:00 PM	Tolise Otis- Mass of Healing (The Kilmer Family)
Friday –	December 3	12:00 PM	Intention of Donor
Saturday –	December 4	4:00 PM	Peter Durand (Genny Embleton)
Sunday –	December 5	9:00 AM	Giuseppe Scarfalloto (The Kilmer Family)



### 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

When Jeremiah spoke these words he was probably referring to the end of the Babylonian exile. From a Christian perspective, these words can be seen as the advent of Jesus Christ, God’s final deliverance of ‘justice’.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

Paul is here encouraging the people to love one another in expectation of Christ’s imminent return. This is an obvious scripture choice for the beginning of Advent. In the second part of the reading, Paul is reminding the community of Thessalonica about how he instructed them when they first met, and again this is a fitting passage for Advent.

### Gospel Reading: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

This passage seems like an odd choice for Advent. We tend to think of Advent as the season for anticipating and then celebrating the birth of Jesus, and so it is. But it can easily be thought of as the season for anticipating the *Parousia*, the second coming of Jesus. As Christians we can fold these two events together by remembering that Jesus Christ is both human and divine. Jesus was born, as all of us were born, and yet His return will be in the full glory of Divinity. In this way the birth and the return are one and cannot be separated. Our preparation for the celebration of Jesus birth can’t help but remind us of why He was incarnated in the first place: *to die for us, for our human capacity to sin, and then to raise us up with Him*. The mystery is as compelling today as it was in the first century. Perhaps the best way to consider the mystery is to do what Mary did: just accept the gift and praise God for the incomparable blessing.



**MEMBERS OF THE HOLY NAME OF MARY PRAYER CHAIN** are available to pray for you or your loved ones in need of prayer. Please call Maureen Van Nostrand at: 570-278-4590.

**LET US PRAY THIS MONTH:**

We remember in prayer those who are ill & pained in body, heart & mind. We pray especially for Betsy Arnold, Richard Arnold, Frank Bayer, Anne Belles, Jerry Blodgett, Ralph Blodgett, Brad Booker, Ellen Booker, Brad Bozzo, Al Breiner, Ellen Burns, Tanya Calafut, Katie Calvin, Jo-Anne Catlin, Becky Cole, David Conklin Jr., Odessa Cornell, Wilma Daniels, Manny DeBonis, Jeanne Falk, Larry Ferris, Mary Ferris, Harvey Fletcher, Geraldine Flynn, Maria Garvey, Brandy Golden, William Hector, Gerard Heiser, Jane Heiser, Wayne Hibbard, Byron Hilgner, Susan Jennings, Timothy Jones, Deb Kessler, Bill Kozerski, Ken Landes, Nancy Landes, Sue Landes, Josh Landis, Dolores Makowski, Barry Markow, Walter Miller, Alexis Mock, Christian Mondì, Luis Muloski, Jamie Myers, Mike Rayias, Kimberly Richey, Luke Richey, Bob Roccia, Ann Paolucci, Debbie Rossi, Rob Rossi, Jack Rozanski, Lennas Russell, Dorothy Sergent, Caesar Siedlecki, Edith Siedlecki, Kathleen Sitkowski, Delores Slatter, Jerry Stahl, Florence Trowbridge, Ruth Vandermark, Wayne Vandermark, Jesse Wells, Rosemarie Whalen.



**LET US PRAY FOR THOSE WHO PROUDLY SERVE IN THE MILITARY:**

Floyd Beamer, Thomas Butler, Daniel Daly, Christopher Jordan, James Kane, Mark Nowalk, Michael Pelicci, Nate Seymour, Julie Snyder, Aaron Taylor, Nancy Travis, and Travis Walter.



**PARISH FINANCES 11/21/2021**

(FY18/19 Budget)	\$	(4867.00)
Sunday Collection	\$	3,002.68

*Thank you for your generosity & support*



**Please remember that during these difficult times, Holy Name of Mary is relying on your continued support to meet our financial obligations. Thank you!!**

**2021 ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE**

Our Parish goal: **\$16,000**. Percentage of Goal pledged as of 11/24/2021 is 57%.



**Sunday, November 28<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 AM**  
Bernadetta & Albert Paolucci

**Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 AM**  
Isaiah Torres

**Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 AM**  
Lee John Sullivan

**Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 AM**  
Bernadetta & Albert Paolucci

**Would you like to become an Altar Server?** If so, please contact Pam Tometchko at 570-278-0497 or speak to Fr. Philip directly.

## PARISH EVENTS

- December 4 – Christmas Bazaar:**  
Parish Center, 9AM – 3PM
- December 5 – Second Collection:**  
Retirement Fund for  
Religious
- December 19 – Second Collection:**  
Missionary Appeal



### **Our 2021 Sponsorship Drive is still underway.**

This fundraiser replaces the Harvest Moon Festival and your support is vitally important for the financial health of the Parish. We have currently raised 98% of our \$25,000 goal. Contributions of any amount are greatly appreciated and we thank those who have already given.

### **This year Interfaith has asked Holy Name of Mary to collect cans of cranberry sauce**



to assist them with providing food for families who have signed up for the Christmas Bureau Program. There is a box in the crying room (the confessional side) labeled Cranberry Sauce.

**Donations are being accepted through November 28.** Providing help and hope for Christmas is a beautiful gift. We have almost reached our goal of 150 cans!



**ADVENT BEGINS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup>.** *Little Blue Books* and *Word Among Us* daily reflections for Advent and Christmas are available in the back of the church for you to take.



## 2021 CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

**December 4<sup>th</sup>: 9am – 3pm  
in the  
Parish Center**

**Raffle of Some Special Items**

**All Things Christmas:**

**Decorations**

**Ornaments**

**Cards**

**Fresh Homemade Wreaths**

**Fresh Table Decorations**

## WINTER PRAYER

In the midst of Winter, when the days are cold and wind can pierce remind us of the warmth of your love.

In the midst of Winter, when days are short, dawn comes late, and dusk arrives early remind us that in the darkness your light still shines.

In the midst of Winter, when the flowers of spring still lie hidden in the earth, when leaves are off the trees, and the world can seem bleak remind us that Easter is but a short time away.

And when in our lives we feel as if we are experiencing a season of winter, reach out to us with the power of your resurrection so that we may feel the warmth of your love and see your light that alone can take away the darkness of our soul.

-- Cal Wick

## JESSE TREE/TOY DRIVE

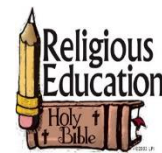
Throughout his ministry on earth, Jesus taught us that love and kindness that comes from the heart are great gifts for the receiver, and even greater gifts for the giver. As parishioners of Holy Name of Mary, our faith encourages us to follow in the footsteps of Jesus by sharing those blessings we have received with the poor and less fortunate in our community. We are given just such an opportunity by helping and participating in the Jesse Tree and Kiwanis Toy Drive service projects.

**JESSE TREE** – The Jesse Tree is located on the front altar of the church and contains 26 tags that identify a needy child. Each tag contains the age and gender of a child and the toy or gift they would like to receive for Christmas. The items on the tag can be purchased (\$20 - \$35 range) and then brought back to church and put under the Jesse Tree. **TOYS/GIFTS SHOULD NOT BE WRAPPED AND THE TAG SHOULD BE SECURELY ATTACHED TO THE ITEM OR THE BAG/BOX IT IS PLACED IN. THEY NEED TO BE RETURNED ON OR BEFORE MONDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2021.** All of the gifts will be taken to Interfaith for distribution to families and children.

**KIWANIS TOY DRIVE** – The Kiwanis Club of Montrose Area has conducted an annual Toy Drive for the past 44 years. Our goal is to collect new toys and cash donations in order to provide each child with 2 or 3 new toys. Cash or check donations can be given to Ed DeWitt or mailed to him at P.O. Box 345, Montrose, PA, 18801. Checks should be made out to Montrose Kiwanis Club. Also, they may be left with Father Philip or Parish Secretary, Pam Tometchko, in the rectory. In addition, new toys can be purchased and placed under the Jesse Tree or dropped off at Kost Tire on Grow Avenue in Montrose. All toys and cash donations will be given to Interfaith's Christmas Bureau for distribution to needy children in our communities.

Last year, 1035 children received Christmas presents because of the love and generosity shared by the many generous and faithful people throughout Susquehanna County.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



**Welcome Back! Religious Education classes have started!**

Classes are being held in person in the Parish Center beginning at 10:00 AM, since Sunday Mass will remain at 9:00 AM. As per Bishop Bambera, **masks are required to be worn by all vaccinated and unvaccinated children and adults.** Families previously registered last year should have received a registration form in the mail. Please fill out this form and return it in the enclosed envelope. If you are new to the parish and would like to register your child, forms will be available at the rectory. You may register for classes at any time.

**November 28<sup>th</sup>** – NO CLASSES;

Happy Thanksgiving!

**December 5<sup>th</sup>** – NO CLASSES

**December 12<sup>th</sup>** – Regular Classes

**December 19<sup>th</sup>** – Regular Classes

**December 24<sup>th</sup>** – Christmas Eve; Family Mass 4PM

**December 26<sup>th</sup>** – NO CLASSES; Merry Christmas!!



**We are in need of flowers for our altar!** Taking on the custom of having live flowers in the church (when liturgically appropriate) is a wonderful way to honor

Our Lord, the Holy Spirit, and Our Blessed Mother. It is also a special way to honor beloved family members who have predeceased us, or to recognize a significant family event such as an anniversary or birthday.

**This does not have to be an expensive endeavor!** Consider donating flowers from your garden, or purchasing inexpensive bouquets from the grocery store. We will be happy to arrange them for you! You can even simply place an envelope with your intention and monetary donation in the collection basket labeled "Flower Donation".

Please help us continue to keep Holy Name of Mary looking beautiful! Please call the rectory if you are interested in donating flowers. Thank you!