

Third Sunday of Advent

Advent



Today is the Third Sunday of Advent. There is so much comfort to be found in the practice of pausing to read, pray and reflect over the course of the Advent season in which believers eagerly anticipate the celebration of Christ's birth. The Third Sunday of Advent gives us the opportunity to prepare in our hearts a sense of holy anticipation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus as well as for his promised second coming.

At this time we are invited to reflect on the **joy** we have access to because of our faith in Jesus. One of the defining characteristics of Christ-followers is their *joyful demeanor*. Let's not allow the struggles of this year steal from the **great joy** we have because of Jesus.

"Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near."

Philippians 4:4-5

Over this Advent, would you pray that the *joy of the Lord* would be evident in your heart and home? May God's spirit transform the days leading up to Christmas into a time of holy anticipation; preparing our hearts, as we joyfully await the chance to celebrate the arrival of our king.

Advent season is an invitation to set your mind off the stresses of the year. We can take our focus off the crazy hustle of the season and the sadness that could accompany the different ways some of us may be choosing to observe the holiday season this year. Even when things feel chaotic we can find peace in Jesus. Advent is a chance to focus our thoughts on the gift God has given us in his son Jesus who stepped down from heaven and took the form of a man *so that we might believe*.

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

(from the Office of Family Life Education)

Today's Gospel tells us to SHARE! This Christmas resist the pressure to give token gifts. Instead, use those funds to give necessities to the poor. If our impoverished brothers and sisters are not on our gift list, we have missed the point of Christmas.



Christmas & New Year Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve, December 24

4:00 pm Vigil Mass at OLP/St. Peter

4:00 pm Vigil Mass at St. John/HT

7:00 pm Carols in Vietnamese at OLP/St. Peter

8:00 pm Mass in Vietnamese at OLP/St. Peter

9:00 pm Mass at St. John/HT

11:30 pm Service of Carols followed by
Midnight Mass at OLP/St. Peter

Christmas Day, December 25

7:30 am Mass at OLP/St. Peter

9:00 am Mass at St. John/HT

9:00 am Mass in Vietnamese at OLP/St. Peter

11:30 am Mass at OLP/St. Peter

New Year's Eve, December 31

5:30 pm Mass at St. John/HT

5:30 pm Mass in Vietnamese at OLP/St. Peter

New Year's Day, January 1

9:00 am Mass at St. John/HT

9:00 am Mass in Vietnamese at OLP/St. Peter

11:30 am Mass at OLP/St. Peter

The "Light Is On" Campaign



Again this year, the Diocese of Syracuse will be participating in the Light Is On For You Campaign. Priests will be hearing confessions (the Sacrament of Reconciliation) in all churches throughout the diocese. This year confessions will be heard on **Monday, December 22nd** at OLP/St.P from 5 –7 pm.

Also, at the regular times: Wednesdays at OLP/St.P from 4-5 pm and at St.J/HT Thursdays from 4-5 pm. Let us all take time to be reconciled to the Lord and to each other as we prepare to celebrate the dawn of our Salvation. This is a wonderful opportunity to set aside our sinful ways and draw closer to our Lord.

HOPE Appeal reminder: There is only 3 weeks left to reach our goal. Won't you please prayerfully consider giving, if you haven't already done so? Thank you to those who gave.

This Week We Remember...

Monday: *December 13 St. Lucy*

9:00 am

Phyllis Ludovico, 1 Yr. Ann/Tara, Lyra and Bill
In Honor of St. Lucy/Mary D'Amato

12:00 pm

Rosanna Pennachia/The Family

Tuesday: *December 14 St. John of the Cross*

9:00 am

Mary Kalska/Son, Paul
Lucille Veronica Dwyer (B)/Vinnie and Denise

12:00 pm

For the Parishioner of St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

Wednesday: *December 15*

9:00 am

Robert Kalska/Son, Paul
Anne Marie DiBello/Angela and John Cappuccilli

12:00 pm

Brian Mott/The Family

Thursday: *December 16*

9:00 am

William M. Merriett/Paul
Suzanne DeCarlo/Cathy Saya

12:00 pm

Special Intention for Parker/Grandpa Wall

Friday: *December 17*

9:00 am

Alex J. Cimino, Sr., 7 Yr. Ann/Michelle and The Kids
Frank, (Ann.) & Virginia, (Ann.) Albanese/Jim and Angela
Albanese

12:00 pm

For the Parishioner of St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

Saturday: *December 18*

4:00 pm

Grace Ianno, Ann./Family
Dorothy Yaizzo/Grace Frontale
Matteo & Antonietta Paduano/Daughter, Cnora Cooper
Frank and Anna Pascarella/Henry and Esther
Anthony "Midnite" Silvaggio/Nick and Joe
Antoinette Silvaggio (B)/Tony, Nick and Joe
Virginia Lanza/Family
Angie Cacciotti/Mary Prince
Joan Rey/Joanne Licitra
Helen and Dorothy Dali/Bertha and Family
Marianna D'Ambrosio/Frank and Sue
Frank Giannantonio and Julio DeLorio/Frank and Sue
Rosita Simiele/Joanne Licitra
Larry DeSantis (B)/Sandy, Dan and Danny
Benny and Terry Cimino/Son, Joseph

Saturday: *December 18*

5:30 pm at St. John's/Holy Trinity

Angeline Viggiano/The Family

Sunday: *December 19 Fourth Sunday of Advent*

7:30 am

Eleanor Zaccaria/Cousins, Frances Borrggine and
Ann Selicato

Michael Iacampo/Daughter, Caterina
Rose Duchessi/Children
Eugene Penizotto, Ann./Wife, Kathleen
Frances DeGilormo, Ann./ Joanne Licitra

9:00 am at St. John's/Holy Trinity

Nancy Hali McLaughlin/Mother-in-law
Antonio and Maria Princi/Daughter
Maria Condello/Niece
Angeline Banac/Twin Cousins

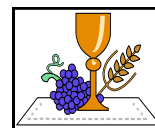
11:30 am

Victor, Gert & Annette DelGiorno/Peter, Marian,
Robert and Pamela

Merino Merola, Jr., Ann./Wife, JoAnne
Guy DeMascole/Joe and Gloria Falcone
Michael and Rose Russo/Family
James Carioti, Ann./Maria, Ron & Grandchildren
Mary and Larry Sunser/Sons, John and Larry
Mary and Anthony Catalino/Family
Phil and Sharon Catalino/Pam and Gary
David Petragnani/Aunt Marietta Blasi
Mary Ellen Sunser/Rosemarie Losurdo
Maria and Domenico LaFace/Son, Lorenzo and Family
Gino Fabrizi/Joe and Tina Gullotto
Samuel Grosso (B)/Daughter, Karen

5:00 pm

James Arena/Karen O'Connell
Mary Anne Scarfino/Cathy Saya
Cathy DiBello (B)/Family
Frank Scarfino III/Nicki and Pete Penizotto
Dolores DiBello/Jack and Melanie Tymofy



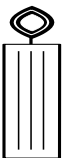
Bread and Wine
For Masses Celebrated During The Week
In Loving Memory Of
Anthony "Midnite" Silvaggio
Requested By
Nick and Joe



*This Week's Sanctuary Lamps Are Burning
In Loving Memory Of
Yolanda Rosati (Ann.)
And
Aida Scipione (Ann.)
Requested By
Margaret and Steve Zogg*



*Eucharistic Angels In Loving Memory of
Frank (Ann.) & Virginia (Ann.) Albanese
Requested By
Jim and Angela Albanese*



Padre Pio

Devotional Candle Burning
For Carmel Squadrito, Ann.
Requested By
The Faaborg Family

Retirement Fund for Religious: An ongoing collection to help our aging religious. Elderly religious have offered their lives in service to others-educating the young, comforting the sick and ministering to the less fortunate. Today, many are frail and need assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund helps furnish medications, nursing care and more. Please give as generously as you can to this collection. Thank you.

THANK YOU

Thank you to the Thomas J. Pirro, Jr. Funeral Home for their generous donation of our parish calendars for 2022 and also for their continued support of Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter Church. Please take only one per family so there will be enough for all to enjoy. Thank you.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Please contact Fr. Dan if you have any questions about our parish finances.



OLP/St. Peter Collection:

December 5, 2021 \$8,332.00

SJ/HT Collection:

December 5, 2021 \$5,317.00

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Weekend of December 18-19



4:00 pm OLP/St. P.	R. Fabrizi
5:30 pm St.J/HT	C. Schotthoefer
7:30 am OLP/St.P.	J. Magnarelli
9:00 am St.J/HT	A. Stoddard
11:30 am OLP/St.	F. Brice
5:00 pm OLP/St.P	Fr. Caruso

LET US PRAY

Please remember in your prayers the sick of our parish and all those in hospitals, nursing homes and the home bound.

Christopher Aldrich, Larry Argiro, Shawn Babcock, Nancy Bailey, Rosaria Campolo, Robert Capria, Grayce Costantini, Catherine Cushman, Angela D., Linda Deapo, Joni Uva DelGiorno, Gen DiMento, Ginny and Erin Donovan, Aaron Doty, Mary Ann Felicia, Marilyn Ferretti, Beverly Frey, Ellen Gangemi, Gladys Graham, Robert Greenwood, Joseph Guinto, Jeanne Hammond, Keith Horton, Josephine Indelicato, Mary Isgar, Dory Jones, Shirley Kerr, Jane Kwasigroch, Rosemary Lane, Kay Ledermann, Jackie Limeri, Maria Luisi, Diane Mackey, Norm MacKenzie, Christina MacNuly, Peggy Miccinelli, Jean Padden, The Pavia Children, Cathy Galutz Sacco, Faith Setzer, Marion Sherwood, Timothy K. Suppes, Carmen Surace, Barbara Traino, Angela Vigliotti, Maryann Vigliotti, Shelly Visco, Jerry Vislosky, Matthew Watkins and Fred Wheeler.

The Advent candles shine brightly in the midst of darkness, symbolizing and reminding us that Jesus as Light in our dark world.



The Giving Tree

The Annual Giving Tree is set up in the Gathering space at Church.

We ask that parishioners pick up a tag (or two) from the Giving Tree. The tags will indicate the item requested to be purchased. The gifts will be given to local organizations for distribution. It is important that all gifts are placed under the tree by **December 19th** at the very latest. Let's have 100% participation in making this a truly special time for those who are less fortunate.

For an easier distribution, please only use gift bags—no boxes or wrapped gifts. You may attach the tag to the item, not the gift bag. Thank you as always for your support.



Christmas Breakfast with Santa

Sponsored by the Holy Name Society for our young parishioners on **Sunday,**

December 19th. It will be in the CAP

cafeteria from 9:00 am - Noon. Bring your children and/or grandchildren to Visit with Santa. Pancakes and more will be served. A free will offering is appreciated.



HOLY NAME 50/50 RAFFLE

Looking for a Christmas gift for the person who has everything? Why not purchase a ticket (or 2) for the 50/50 RAFFLE sponsored by the Holy Name

Society. Tickets are available for you to purchase and as a reminder there are 300 tickets at \$50.00 each. The drawing will be on **May 11, 2022.**

Please call Larry Cimino, 315-430-5645 or Joey Cimino at 315-430-0338 if you want a special number, it will be on a first come, first served basis. We thank you for your support.



Vienna Boys Choir...

less than a year away!!

Time does march on doesn't it? And here we are already counting down to the postponed, rescheduled Vienna Boys Choir. The concert was scheduled for this past Tuesday and now is rescheduled for Tuesday, December 6th, 2022 at 7:00 pm in our church! Yes, less than a year away! Tickets will remain on sale throughout the year so even though it seems like a long time away (we all know of people purchasing big concert tickets and shows a year in advance...and this is BIG). A great idea for this year's Christmas gifting too!!! Give us a call to reserve seats. 315-422-7163. Thanks!!



COOKBOOKS FOR CHRISTMAS

Don't forget our wonderful Parish Cookbook when making out your Christmas list. Whether you are giving or receiving, it's surely a gift everyone would love! The recipes, the traditions, the warmth and fun of this cookbook will bring lots of joy to the people on your list... or ask for one for yourself!! Or even treat yourself...you deserve it!!! Cuddled up on these cold nights reading or cooking and baking some of the awesome recipes will warm anyone's heart. ❤️

They are \$25.00 (only \$20.00 for Parishioners)... Call the Parish Office 315-422-7163 to arrange to pick one up... or we will be happy to deliver them to you!!! As always, thanks for your support!!



St. Therese Society Christmas Party

and cookie exchange will be Thursday, December 16th at 1:30 pm in the Parish Office.

Order Your Advent Candles

There are three options:

1. 4 piece boxed set (for advent wreath) \$10.00
2. 4 (5-day single glass) candles (3 purple/1 pink) \$20.00
3. Single (5-day glass) candle (purple or pink) \$5.00

To order please call Mary Scarfino at 315-437-9634. Payment and pick up is at Church only before each weekend Mass. Thank you for your participation, prayers and generosity.

Amazon Christmas Shopping?

Don't forget if you are shopping on Amazon, remember to go to *Amazon Smile*, then choose *Our Lady of Pompei/St Peter* from the drop down menu. Sign in with your regular amazon account and then shop away. Our Parish/School receives a percentage from each order!! It doesn't cost anything more...but gives back to our Church and School!!! Thanks!!!!

Lessons & Carols—Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter Church will host Christmas Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 12th at 3:00 pm. This prayer service consists of Advent Scripture Readings and Hymns which are sung.