

Fourth Sunday of Advent



Dear Parishioners,

This weekend we observe the Fourth (and last) Sunday of Advent. Christmas is just a few days away. The emphasis of our prayer has shifted from looking forward to the Second Coming of Christ at the end of time to preparing to celebrate His Holy Birth in Bethlehem. While we are all busy with the last minute physical preparations for Christmas, we should all take a step back to see if we are spiritually prepared.

If we have let the first three weeks of Advent pass us by without taking the time to be renewed and strengthened in spirit, to truly prepare for the celebration of the Lord's birth, it is not too late. Perhaps over the next few days we can all set aside a few extra minutes each day for prayer. Confessions are scheduled from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM on **Monday, December 20th** at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter for those who would like to celebrate the sacrament during this season of preparation.

On behalf of the staff (including Mary & Petey, the Wonder-Puppies), Sr. Elizabeth, Fr. John, Fr. Major, Fr. Smith and myself, I would like to wish you all a Blessed Christmas. This has been a difficult year for all of us. I pray that the love of God will fill all of our hearts this Christmas and that the true peace of the season will be with each of us.

Please know that you are all in my prayers during these final days of Advent; please keep me in yours.

In Christ's Peace,
Fr. Caruso

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

(from the Office of Family Life Education)

Mary was excited about her first pregnancy and rushed to tell her cousin. Sadly children are often seen as a liability, "another mouth to feed" or an "obstacle to my career." It is said "Christmas is for children." It is more accurate to say "Christmas is for adults to appreciate the gift of children!"



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

Did you ever find yourself wishing that God would just step in and fix all that is wrong with the world? After all, how much longer can all of this go on? There is so much inequity in life. Our world's political, economic, and environmental systems do not always serve the best interests of people. We read stories about injustice, disregard for human life, greed, heartache, and people being hurt and deprived every day. This is not the way God intended it to be. Realizing that we have caused most of these problems ourselves, we look to God for an answer and a way out of the difficulties we have created. Taking responsibility for our actions is not something that comes easily. What we fail to see is that God has already sent the answer in the person of Jesus Christ. God did fix our problem! Mary had to set her needs aside in order for the Son of Justice to come into the world. We need to do the same. It is only by believing in, listening to, and acting upon what God has spoken that true peace will ever come to be, and God's fix be made known.

This Week We Remember...

Monday: December 20

9:00 am

Santina Sindoni/Family

12:00 pm

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

Tuesday: December 21

St. Peter Canisius

9:00 am

Lucy Licitra/Daughter, Joanne

12:00 pm

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

Wednesday: December 22

9:00 am

Jacqueline Farone Price/Family

Curly Paris/Family

12:00 pm

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

Thursday: December 23

St. John of Kanty

9:00 am

Mary Anne Pagano/Veronica and Henry

12:00 pm

Albert Bleskoski, Jr. & Albert Bleskoski, Sr./McGuire Family

Friday: Christmas Eve, December 24

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

For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Pompei / St. Peter

11:30 pm Service of Carols followed by

Midnight Mass at OLP/St. Peter

For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Pompei / St. Peter

4:00 pm at St. John's/Holy Trinity

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

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

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

Saturday: Christmas Day, December 25

7:30 am Mass at OLP/St. Peter

For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Pompei / St. Peter

9:00 am Mass at St. John/HT

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

11:30 am Mass at OLP/St. Peter

For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Pompei / St. Peter

Sunday: December 26

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

7:30 am

Santina Sindoni/Family

Luke, Joseph and Rose Oscuro/Estate

Anne and Alfonso (Ann.) Carfagno/Frank

Tex Simone/Wife, Joanne

Rose and Dominic Simone/Joanne

Alice & Fred Venditti/Daughters, Joanne & Jacki

Dottie Yaizzo/Joanne Simone & Jacki Abbott

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

Clemente and Maria Vigliotti/M/M Antonio Rosano

Giovanni Failla/The Failla Family

Tony Spagnola/Friends

11:30 am

Nick Minozzi/The Muraca's

Nick Muraca/Family

Teresa LaGalante, 1 Yr. Ann./JoAnne Merola

Nino and Enza Mule'/Margherita and John

Frank and Nancy Fugale/Steve and Beth Fugale

Anthony Nuzzo, 1 Yr. Ann./Wife, Children and

Grandchildren

Pasquale and Giovanina Geremia/Niece, Gilda

Gennaro Salvatore, 15 Yr. Ann./Family

Santa Savoca/Daughter, Gina and Family

Francesco Savoca/Daughter, Gina and Family

Dr. George C. Heitzman/Wife, Gina and Family

Mary Discenza/Mary Linda Raccuia

The Deceased Members of the Caracci, Roffo and

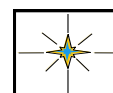
Notcher Families

5:00 pm

Mary Anne Scarfino/Connie and Skip Smithers

Ann (Ann.) and Alfonso Carfagno/Frank

Frank Scarfino III/Rosalie Trinca



Bread and Wine

For Masses Celebrated During The Week

In Loving Memory Of

Nicholas and Antoinette Silvaggio

Requested By

Tony, Nick and Joe

**WISHING YOU A VERY,
MERRY CHRISTMAS**



To allow our parish staff some time for rest and to be with their families during the Christmas season, the Parish Office will be closed beginning **Friday, December 24th through Monday, January 3rd.** Tis the Season!!!

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.



SACRIFICIAL GIVING

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



OLP/St. Peter Collection:

December 12, 2021 \$6,569.00

SJ/HT Collection:

December 12, 2021 \$2,557.00

Thank You to our generous parishioners!!

*Eucharistic Angels
For My Special Intentions
Requested By Laura DelVecchio*



*This Week's Sanctuary Lamps Are Burning
Anthony J. Duchessi
Requested By
Children*



Padre Pio

Devotional Candle Burning
For the Special Intentions of
Liz and Tony

LITURGICAL MINISTERS Weekend of December 26

4:00 pm OLP/St. P.	TBA
5:30 pm St.J/HT	TBA
7:30 am OLP/St.P.	TBA
9:00 am St.J/HT	C. Wisniewski
11:30 am OLP/St.	TBA
5:00 pm OLP/St.P	Fr. Caruso



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.



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.



The Giving Tree Last Chance

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.

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.

2021 HOPE APPEAL UPDATE LAST CHANCE TO GIVE

The Annual HOPE Appeal Campaign for 2021 will be coming to a close as of December 31st. If you have not pledged/donated to the appeal yet, won't you prayerfully consider doing so. To date 134 fellow parishioners have given; totaling \$14,770.00. Please remember no amount is too large or too small. Wouldn't it be great to have 100% participation?

Thank you to those who have responded!



DON'T FORGET OUR COOKBOOK WHEN MAKING OUT YOUR CHRISTMAS LIST

Whether you are giving or receiving, we hope you will remember to put our incredible Parish Cookbook on your list!!! It's surely a gift everyone would love! The recipes, the tradition, the warmth and fun of this cookbook will bring such joy to the people on your list...or if you don't already have one of your own, when being asked what you want for Christmas... ask for one for yourself!! 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!!



Vienna Boys Choir Tickets for Christmas!!

How about Vienna Boy Choir tickets for Christmas gifts? The concert scheduled for last Tuesday and rescheduled for Tuesday, December 6th, 2022 at 7:00pm in our church is a great idea for Christmas!!

Tickets will remain on sale throughout the year so even though it seems like a long time away we all know it will be here before we know it!!! Give us a call for tickets or questions, 315-422-7163. Thanks so much!!!!

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!!!!

Merry Christmas

Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter Golf League would like to wish everyone a safe, blessed and Merry Christmas!!!