

## Fourth Sunday of Advent



# 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 4PM to 7PM on Monday, December 21 at St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity 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. Lester 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,

### The "Light Is On" Campaign



The Diocese of Syracuse will be participating in the Light Is On For You Campaign. Priests will be hearing confessions in all churches throughout the diocese. The last time confessions will be heard is Monday night, December 21st at St.J / HT from 4 pm –7 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.

Please remember to wear your mask, use your hand sanitizer and practice social distancing. Thank you.



### Christmas 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 Mass in Vietnamese at OLP/St. Peter

9:00 pm Mass at St. John/HT\*

Christmas Day, December 25

Midnight Mass at OLP/St. Peter\*

7:30 am Mass at OLP/St. Peter\*

9:00 am Mass at St. John/HT\*

9:30 am Mass in Vietnamese at OLP/St. Peter

11:30 am Mass at OLP/St. Peter

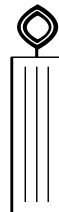
***\*The Masses marked \* will be live-streamed on the OLP/St. Peter Facebook Page.***

Finally, Father Caruso would like to ask each of us to recognize that with a surge in Covid-19 cases, the situation may change. We will keep you posted of any changes that become necessary.



***This Week's Sanctuary Lamps Are Burning  
In Loving Memory Of  
Anthony J. and Rose Duchessi  
Requested By  
Children***

### Padre Pio



Devotional Candle Burning for  
My Special Intention  
Requested By  
Laura DelVecchio



## **This Week We Remember...**

### **Monday:      *December 21***

**9:00 am**

Mary Kalska/Son, Paul

Rosetta Sisera/ Sister-in-law, Gilda

**12:00 Noon**

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

### **Tuesday:      *December 22***

**9:00 am**

Curly Paris/Family

Jacqueline Farone Price, Ann/Family

**12:00pm**

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

### **Wednesday:      *December 23***

**9:00 am**

Luke, Joseph and Rose Oscuro/Estate

**12:00pm**

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

### **Thursday:      *December 24 Christmas Eve***

**4:00 pm at OLP/St. Peter**

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

**4:00 pm at St. John/Holy Trinity**

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

**9:00 pm at St. John/Holy Trinity**

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

### **Friday:      *December 25***

*The Nativity of the Lord*

**12:00 am & 7:30 am at OLP/St. Peter**

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

**9:00 am at St. John/Holy Trinity**

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

**11:30 am at OLP/St. Peter**

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

### **Saturday:      *December 26***

**4:00 pm**

Frank, Tony and Louise Donati/Laura an Family

Libby Scalzo (B)/OLP/St. Peter's Office Staff

Frank and Anna Pascarella/Esther and Henry

Anne and Alfonso Carfagno, Ann/Mary Anne and Frank

Frankie Pascarella/Esther and Henry

Adele and Enrico Fabrizi/Family

Roseann and James Iannuzzo/Family

Frank Giannantonio and Julio DeLorio/Frank and Sue

Gennaro Salvatore/Roseann and Stanley Sobon

Benny and Terry Cimio/Son, Joseph

### **Sunday:      *December 27***

**7:30 am**

Robert Kalska/Son, Paul

Tex Simone/Wife, Joanne

**11:30 am**

Mary, Philip and Anthony Catalino/Family

Victoria, John, Carmella and Frank Vecchiarelli/Family

**Continued**

**11:30 am**

Pasquale and Giovannina Geremia/Gilda

The Notcher, Caracci and Roffo Families/Fran and Joanne

Joseph Manfredi, Ann/Daughter, Rose

Santina Sindoni/Family

Tony Felicia (B), Ann/Wife, Mary Ann

Karen Magnarelli/Family

**5:00 pm**

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

**REMINDER:** There will NOT be a Noon Mass at St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity on Monday, December 28 and Tuesday, December 29.

## **SACRIFICIAL GIVING**

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

### **OLP/St. Peter Collection:**

December 6th \$7,325.00

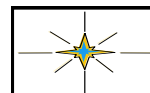
December 13th \$11,622.00

### **SJ/HT Collection:**

December 6th \$4,896.00

December 13th \$4,445.00

During this time of Covid, our parishes will still need to meet its financial obligations. So, if possible, please mail your donations to the Parish Offices or place them in the collection boxes at the entrance of the church. I appreciate how generous you have been.



Bread and Wine

For Masses Celebrated During The Week

In Loving Memory Of

Nicholas and Antoinette (B) Silvaggio

Requested By

Tony, Nick and Joe



*Eucharistic Angels In Loving Memory of*

*Richard Tortora*

*Requested By*

*Doug, Rita and Jeffrey Fox*

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS Weekend of December 26-27



4:00 pm OLP/St. P. J. Taft  
 5:30 pm St.J/HT C. Schotthoefer  
 7:30 am OLP/St.P. J. Nicoletti  
 9:00 am St.J/HT P. Minnoe  
 11:30am OLP/St.P. M. Merola  
 5:00 pm OLP/St.P. Fr. Caruso



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 Thursday, December 24th through Friday, January 1st. We will open again on Monday, January 4th. Tis the Season!!!



### Pre-order your Advent Candles On Sale Now!!

There are three options:

1. 4 piece boxed set (for advent wreath) \$10.00
2. 4 (5-day single) candles (3 purple & 1 pink) \$20.00
3. Single (5-day) 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 thru December 20th (this is the last week to order). Thank you for your participation, prayers and generosity during this church endeavor.

### Family Perspective

(from the Office of Family Life Education)

**QUESTION:** What do you call a family, which began with an unmarried, pregnant teen and had a twelve-year-old son who ran away from home and was eventually executed as a criminal?

**ANSWER: HOLY!** Two lessons in today's Gospel: (1) No matter what is happening in your family, "The Lord is with you." (2) "Do not be afraid" for "nothing is impossible with God."

### RESPECT FOR HUMAN LIFE

The Church...is called to proclaim the gift of life, to serve life and to promote a culture of life...This is the message of hope we are called to proclaim and embody in a world where self-centeredness, greed, violence and cynicism so often seem to shock the fragile growth of grace in people's hearts.

PEACE ON  
EARTH

### Let us Pray

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

Christopher Aldrich, Vincent Aldridge, Shawn Babcock, Nancy Bailey, Margaret Brigandi, Lena Campanino, Rosaria Campolo, Robert Capria, Rosemarie Capriotti, Cheryle Cacchione, Catherine Cushman, Grayce Costantini, Linda Deapo, Joni Uva DelGiorno, Peter DiBello, Gen DiMento, Ginny & Erin Donovan, Aaron Doty, Dan Fahey, Marilyn Ferretti, Beverly Frey, Ellen Gangemi, David Gehres, Gladys Graham, Joseph Guinto, Jeanne Hammond, Josephine Indelicato, Mary Isgar, Dory Jones, Mattia Kinslow, Shirley Kerr, Jane Kwasigroch, Rosemary Lane, Kay Ledermann, Jackie Limeri, Maria Luisi, Diane Mackey, Norm MacKenzie, Madge Maffei, Peggy Miccinelli, Bill Moran, Michael Morga, Jean Padden, The Pavia Children, Cathy Galutz Sacco, Faith Setzer, Marion Sherwood, Timothy K. Suppes, Barbara Traino, Shelly Visco, Matthew Watkins, Samuel and Sue Wilson.



### 2020 HOPE APPEAL UPDATE

The HOPE Appeal Campaign for 2020 is rapidly coming to a close as of December 31st. To date the number of parishioners who have donated is 118 and the total amount given is \$11,332.00. If you have not responded in some way to the HOPE Appeal, either by donating or responding that you cannot donate at this time, won't you please prayerfully consider doing so. Wouldn't it be great to have 100% participation? Thank you to those who have responded!



## Amazon Smiles

Don't forget Amazon Smiles when ordering from Amazon to help support our Church!! With Christmas right around the corner no doubt there will be a lot of Amazon shopping and ordering going on. Just a reminder that if you are ordering from Amazon (or Amazon Prime) to sign in as Amazon Smiles and at the drop down look for Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter and our Parish will receive a percentage of your order. It doesn't cost anything more, it is just like ordering through regular Amazon. Thank you for taking this extra step to help support our Church family! Happy shopping!



The Christmas Flower Booklet will be online starting December 25th on the Parish website & Facebook. If you wish to receive a paper copy, please call the Parish Office, 315-422-7163.

## Serving our Country

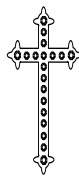
Always keep in your prayers all our brave servicemen and women. **Anthony Cangemi, Richard L. Cooper, Jack McAndrew, Matthew McAndrew, Bryan M. Oakes & Rob Smith. Thank you for your service.**

## Please remember in your prayers...

Please pray for all health care workers of our parish serving in this crisis of Covid 19. That God helps to guide their decisions and to keep them safe as well. We pray for, **Dr. Patrick Abt, Alisa Albanese, PA, Gia DeMichele, Claire Dwyer, Nurse, Christopher Jacques, EMS, Lynda Keller, Nurse Ross Mathewson, Nurse, Joseph and Rita Nicoletti, Nurses, Robert C. Palucci, Nurse, Dr. Alyssa Toia, Stacy Toia, Nurse, and Lauren Townley, Nurse.**

**It is not too soon to remind all our parishioners who will be going to warmer climates:** please notify the Parish Offices (315-422-7163) in advance so that your envelopes can be stopped until your return to the area, then we can reactivate the mailings. This should be a large savings in paying out the return postage fees. This worked very well in the past and we are hoping for the same good response. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

## BEREAVEMENT



Please remember in your prayers, Carmella Sucapani, Phyllis Ludovico, and Guy De-Mascole, who passed this week. Our deepest sympathy to their families. ***May they rest in peace.***

## Vocation for Children

Dear Heavenly Father,  
You know me more  
Than I Know myself.  
You love me more  
Than I love myself.  
Therefor, I can trust you.

## **Help me to say yes to my vocation**

Like Mary and Joseph did,  
So Jesus will be welcomed  
Into every heart in the world.  
Amen.

Composed by Fr. Jason Hage, Office of Vocation Promotion)

## Vocations

“”Do not be afraid” if the Lord is calling you to discern the priesthood or religious life. Follow Mary’s example and respond with humble trust. Call Fr. Jason Hage at 315-470-1468 or write: [vocations@syrdio.org](mailto:vocations@syrdio.org).

“It is Christmas  
every time you let God  
love others through you...  
Yes, it is Christmas every time  
you smile at your brother  
(And sister)  
and offer them your hand.”

Mother Teresa

NOEL