

First Sunday in Advent

Advent



Dear Parishioners,

This weekend we begin our observance of Advent, one of the most beautiful seasons of the year. For me, much of its beauty comes from the fact that it approaches the next few weeks in such a different way than the world around us does. The secular world is already decorated for Christmas; in fact, much of the world is already celebrating Christmas. We, however, as a Catholic Christian community have just begun to prepare. While the outside world is being overwhelmed with the commercialism of the “shopping season”, we are called to prayerfully prepare for the coming of Christ.

Because society jumps right into Christmas after Thanksgiving (for some, Halloween), we are often in danger of losing sight of the true nature of the Advent season. This is a time of joyful anticipation of the coming of Christ, not just as a babe in Bethlehem, but also for His coming at the end of time. I realize that we all have to take some time to prepare for the physical celebration of Christmas, but I also hope and pray that we all take time to spiritually prepare during this Advent season. Without this spiritual preparation, all the shopping, wrapping, baking, decorating, etc., is ultimately worthless because it is not a reflection of the joy we should have at the coming of the Prince of Peace.

Next Sunday, December 8th, Bishop Lucia will be awarding the Immaculata Award. This award was instituted in celebration of the 125th Anniversary of the Diocese of Syracuse. The award is given to a layperson from each parish who generously and unselfishly volunteers time and service to their parish. I am pleased to announce that this year’s recipients of the Immaculata Award from Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter’s are Eric & Colleen Rosenthal. Colleen & Eric are dependable volunteers in the parish and are involved in many aspects of parish life, especially involving the youth and our parish school. They are truly a blessing to the parish and I am extremely pleased that the Bishop is recognizing the great contribution they make to our community.

As we begin our Advent journey, I assure you of my continued prayers for all of you; please keep me in your prayers.

In Christ’s Peace,
Fr. Caruso

Advent Candles

St. Therese Society will be selling Advent Candles after each Mass in the Gathering Space. Candles are \$5.00 each.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass Schedule

Monday, December 9th is the Feast of The Immaculate Conception which is a Holy Day of Obligation. The 9:00 am will be here at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter and a Noon Mass at St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity.



*Sounds
of the
Season*

**This Wednesday,
December 4th at 7:30pm!
LeMoyne’s Magnificent
Symphony Orchestra is
coming to Our Church...
Free of charge!!!**

We are only days away from the much anticipated Christmas Concert coming to our Church! We hope you will be part of this joyful evening!! It’s certainly a wonderful way to bring in the Christmas Season with our beautiful Parish Family.

LeMoyne’s Wonderful Symphony Orchestra and their incredible Jazzuits are teaming up to bring this evening to us. There will be 70 musicians/singers in all gracing our altar!! Our hearts are sure to be filled with delight as they perform songs such as Christmas Time is Here, Do You Hear What I Hear, Variation on Jingle Bells, and much more. Many of you remember that a few years back the LeMoyne’s symphony did a concert here that was absolutely spectacular...well expect the same this year plus the accompaniment of their wonderful Jazzuits, it is sure to be beyond any expectations!!!

Because of the incredible continual support and generosity of LeMoyne College, we are blessed to say this concert is coming our way free of charge! (There will be a free will offering that will come back to our parish school’s music program.

We hope you will join us for what is sure to be a beautiful evening of song, spirit and Christmas joy!



Be included in our Photo Directory Two Days of Sessions Left

Dates, times and place below:

At OLP/St. Peter in the Parish Office, Monday, December 2 and Tuesday, December 3 both from 2-9.

At St. John/Holy Trinity in the Parish Center Thursday, December 6, Friday, December 7 from 2-9; Saturday, December 7 from 10 am-5 pm

Schedule your session and be included in our new Parish Pictorial Directory. You may schedule your photo session after all Masses in the Gathering Space.

This Week We Remember...

Monday: December 2
9:00 am Communion Service at the Convent

Tuesday: December 3
St. Francis Xavier

9:00 am Mass at the Convent
 Santina Sindoni/Family

Wednesday: December 4
St. John Damascene

9:00 am Mass at the Convent
 In Honor of St. Lucia/Mrs. Solimini

Thursday: December 5
 9:00 am Mass at the Convent
 Barb Milazzo/3 Sisters and 3 Daughters

Friday: December 6
St. Nicholas
First Friday

9:00 am Mass at the Convent
 Carmen Cesta/Betty Toia

Saturday: December 7

4:00 pm
 Catherine More/Family
 Benny and Terry Cimino/Son, Joseph
 Tom Zirilli (B)/Jack and Melanie Tymofy
 Connie Pallotta (B)/Patty, Tommy, Tommy Nappi
 Dery Family

Dominick DelVecchio, Ann/Wife and Family
 Robert Kissane/Joanne
 Rose Campolo/Daughter, Famia

Sunday: December 8
Second Sunday of Advent

7:30 am
 Brynn Levitsky/Linda and Ray Banach
 Mary Ann Labeff/Kay and Frank Procopio
 Gerry Phillips/Cousins, Joanne Simone & Jacki Abbott

8:45 am Mass in Vietnamese

11:00 am
 Nicholas Longo (B)/Family
 Maria Laura & Antonio Pallotta/M/M Mastrogiovanni
 Angelo Borreggine/The Vona Family
 Carmen S. Angotti/Wife, Rosalie
 William Bowen, Ann/Wife, Carm
 Dominick DelVecchio/Wife and Family

Weekend Masses at St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity:
 5:30 pm Vigil Mass on Saturday as well as 9:00 am
 Mass on Sunday.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Income shown is for the week of November 24th.
 Please contact Fr. Dan if you have any questions
 about our parish finances.

OLP/St. Peter Collection

November 24, 2019

Regular	\$5,488.00
Loose	<u>683.00</u>
Total	\$6,171.00

Catholic Campaign: \$356.00



Bread and Wine
 For Masses Celebrated During The Week
 In Loving Memory Of
 Libby Scalzo
 Requested By
 Pat and Alex Turkett



Christmas Flowers Envelope Due

In your newest envelope packet, you should have received an envelope marked Christmas Flowers. If you would like to donate towards the decorating of our Church this Christmas Season in memory of or, in honor of a loved one, please do so by sending in this envelope. Each intention is \$10.00. A special booklet will be made listing all your intentions. We are still accepting Christmas Flower envelopes.

REMINDER:

Since we are in the midst of the flu season, it is respectfully requested that if you feel sick or have a cough that you refrain from shaking hands at the sign of peace during Mass. Instead you may just offer some other gesture of greetings and peace to others and lessen the risk of spreading any germs. Always remember that if you are really sick, you should stay home and rest and recover. The Lord understands your absence during times of illness. We will discontinue the use of the Communion Chalice. We will resume use of the Chalice at Easter time. Thank you for your understanding and consideration.



THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES IN OUR PARISH:

Wednesday: December 4
7:00 pm Christmas Concert with Le Moyne

Thursday: December 5
 6:30 pm Choir

Friday: December 6
 9:00 am Mass in Church– First Friday

Saturday: December 7
 1:00 pm Vietnamese Language Group

Sunday: December 8
 9:50 am Day of the Son
 FFI, FFII

2:30 pm Immaculata Award at the Cathedral
 5:30 pm Christmas Party at Traditions

Monday: December 9
 9:00 am Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate
 Conception at OLP/St. Peter

Noon Mass at St. John/Holy Trinity

LITURGICAL MINISTERS
 Weekend of December 7-8


Lectors:

4:00 pm J. Gillette, R. Fabrizi
 7:30 am J. Magnarelli
 11:00 am G. Lostumbo, T. Matrobattisto

Eucharistic Ministers:

4:00 pm S. Shoen, P. & A. Turkett
 7:30 am J. Nicoletti, A. & J. Abt
 11:00 am L. Pennacchia, A. DelGiorno,
 A. Townley

Servers:

4:00 pm J. Fabrizi
 7:30 am Jean Paul, Jean Claude
 11:00 am A. & K. Mathewson

Ministers Schedules

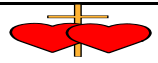
The new Lector schedules and workbooks are available after all Masses in the Sacristy. If anyone is interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister/Lector, please call the Parish Office at 315-422-7163.

Catholic Campaign For Human Development

Thank you for your contributions to the collection for the Catholic Campaign For Human Development (CCHD). Your generous gifts will help CCHD break the cycle of poverty in the U. S. through better education, improved housing, and economic development. If you missed the collection, it's not too late too late to give. Visit www.uscch.org/nationalcollections & click on "How to Give" on the left.



A belated Happy Birthday to Julie Monteleone, who celebrated 90 years young on November 30th. Best wishes.

Wedding Banns

1. Antonia Nicoletti-Eaton and Brion Hardink

**Let us Pray**

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

Angelo Cannata, Lucy Copani, Joni Uva DelGiorno, Bernadette DelVecchio, Antoinette DiScenna, Josephine Indelicato, Mattia Kinslow, Madge Maffei, Pavia Children, Sandy Pisani, Leon Saya, Samuel and Sue Wilson.



St. Nicholas was a bishop who lived in the 4th century in Myra in Asia Minor which is now Turkey. He was a very rich and very kind man who had the reputation for helping the poor and giving secret gifts to people in need. Because of his kindness, Nicholas was made a Saint. He is the patron saint of children and sailors. December 6th is St. Nicholas Day.

The story goes that he helped some sailors caught in a terrible storm off the coast of Turkey. The men were terrified that their ship would sink. They prayed to him for help; suddenly he was standing on the ship. He ordered the sea to be calm and the storm died down and the sailors were able to sail their ship.

St. Nicholas was exiled from Myra and later put in prison during the persecution by the Emperor Diocletian. He died on the 6th of December in either 345 or 352 AD. His bones were stolen from Turkey in 1807 by Italian merchant sailors and are kept in the Church named after him in Bari, Italy.

On St. Nicholas Day the sailors of Bari still carry his statue from the Cathedral out to sea, so that he can bless the waters and give them safe voyages throughout the year. A tradition on this day was to put their shoes out the night before so they could receive treats if they were good. If they were bad they would receive lumps of coal.



The Giving Trees

The Annual Giving Trees have been set up in Church. We ask that parishioners pick up a tag (or two) from the Giving Trees. The tags will indicate the item needed to be purchased. The gifts will be given to local organizations for distribution. It is important that all gifts are placed under the trees by **December 14/15th** 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.

REMINDER:

It is not too soon to remind all our parishioners who will be going to warmer climates: please notify the Parish Offices 2 months 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.



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 & ordering going on. Just a reminder that if you are ordering from Amazon (or Amazon Prime) to sign in as Amazon Smiles & at the drop down look for Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter & our Parish/School 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!

Progresso Lodge

The Progresso Lodge #1047, Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America's Annual Christmas Party and Dinner Dance will be December 15th at 5:00 pm at Bella Domani, E. Taft Rd. Italian style buffet, wine, cookies, basket raffles and a Christmas carol sing-along. Music by Joey Nigro and John Nilsen. All are welcome to attend. Cost: \$40 pp. Reservations required, deadline is December 11th. Call Carmine Federico at 315-457-5010 or any Lodge officer.

New York City Trip

Join us on a one day trip to New York City on Wednesday, December 11th. Don't delay as there are only 6 seats left and thereafter we will have a waiting list. We will leave the Church parking lot at 6:30am and return around 12:30am. The day is yours to do as you wish. The cost is \$55.00 per person. To reserve your seat, please call Mary Anne Scarfino at 315-471-0785.



Christmas Breakfast with Santa

Sponsored by the Holy Name Society for our young parishioners on **Sunday, December 15th**. It will be in the CAP cafeteria from 8:30 to 11:00 am. Bring your children and/or grandchildren to visit with Santa. Pancakes and more will be served. A free will offering is appreciated.

CHANTICLEER LESS THAN 3 MONTHS AWAY...FEBRUARY 25!!!!

Have you purchased your tickets for Chanticleer yet? It's hard to believe it is less than 3 months away!!! The concert is **Tuesday, February 25th** here in our Church at 7:00 pm. We are so fortunate to have this world renowned group coming in from San Francisco.

If you haven't purchased tickets yet you can do so after all Masses and at the Parish Offices. We also have ad forms for the program booklet available for advertising and messages.

Have you thought of giving a ticket/s to the Chanticleer Concert for a Christmas gift? We have adorable Christmas boxes to put the ticket in for your gift giving!! It's a great idea!! Visit us in the back of Church to check it out. The concert is Tuesday, February 25th here in our Church at 7:00 pm. This is going to be a fantastic evening we really hope you are going to be part of it!!!!



The Catholic Shop

You can visit the Catholic Shop at 201 E. Laurel St. (corner of N. State St. & E. Laurel St.) for all your Catholic needs. Now is the time to get some Christmas gifts. Phone: 315-475-9332. Website: www.catholicshopsyracuse.com