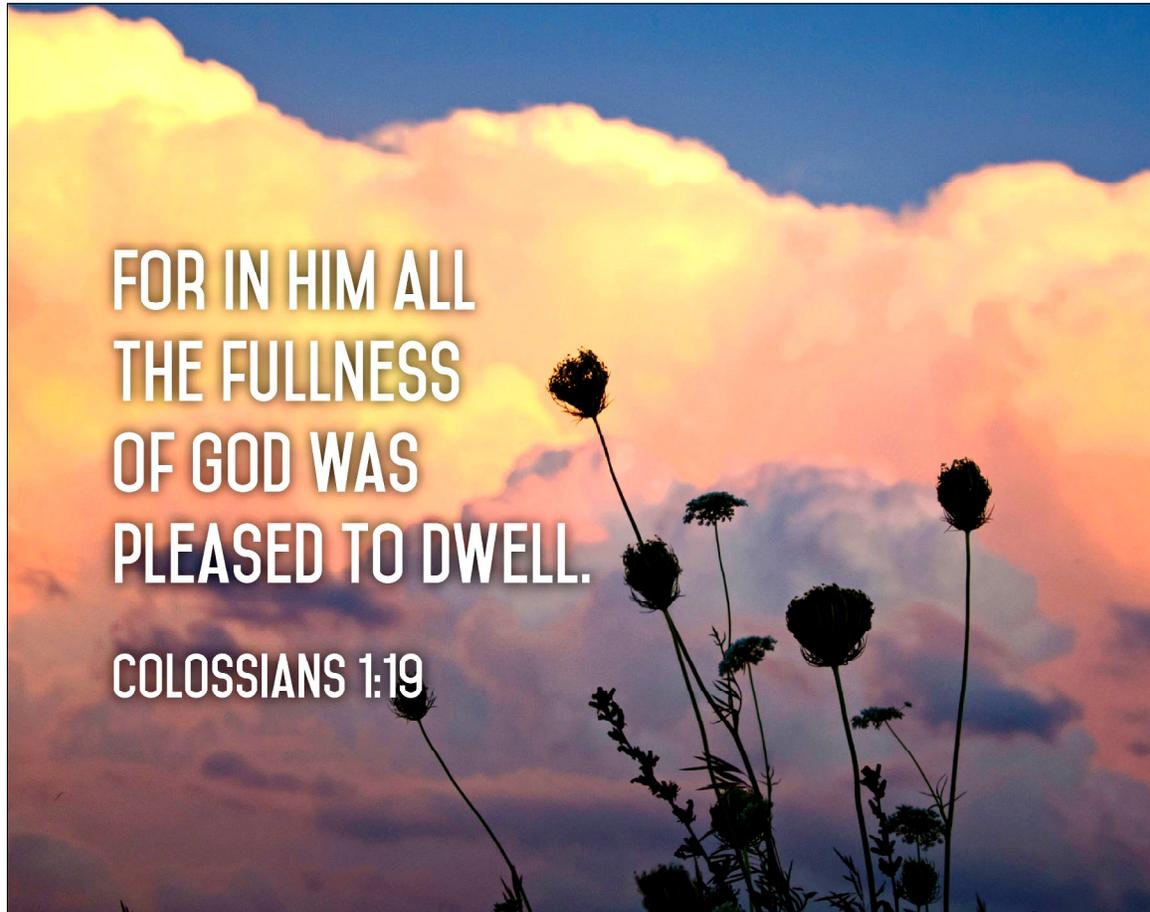


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Remembering Our Sick

Please pray for those in our parish who are sick,
their families and caregivers:

Bob Alderdice	Theresa Arzillo
Jo Barry	Kathy Barry
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Dan Bryan	Ann Callari
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Diane Jones	Maureen Jost
Kristen Kennedy	Roberta Lamb
Dora Libretti	Gerald Losquadro
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Erin & baby Malley	Jeanne Marie Malley
Olivia Melia	Loretto Narducci
Mary Polik-Gunther	Carina Ranieri
Liam Richards	Elaine Ruane
Barbara Sherry	Celeste Sichenze
Kyle Sweeney	Peter Warns
Danny Youngworth	

Mass Intentions Schedule

Week of November 20, 2022, 9AM Mass

Mon. Mary Conlin
Tue. Anthony J. Manne
Wed. Francis Gallagher
Thu. People of the Parish

Saturday, November 26th, 5 PM Mass

Nancy Gallagher, Bobby Kieley, Nell Cangiano,
Allison Hall, Dcn. George Reich, Irene Rodechko

Sunday, November 27th, First Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM People of the Parish
9:30 AM Lorraine Olsen
11:30 AM George Harkin, Robert Alderdice Jr.,
Louis Italiano, Alec Ross, Leo
Niedjielski, Stanley Czwartacki



If you would like to have the name of your loved one listed in our prayers for the sick, please call 631-265-2200 x122.

LORD, I AM NOT WORTHY

by Father Michael

On Saturday morning I received a call on my cell phone. It was from a woman asking if I could go and anoint her mother-in-law. Saturday was already a packed day; there was a funeral, a wedding, Holy Hour, and then the usual confessions and 5:00 Mass. I asked if her death was imminent. The woman said that although she was declining, she did not think it was urgent. I said I would go immediately after the evening Mass.

I arrived at the house at 6:30. The woman was in a hospital bed in the family room of the house. Her husband, children, and grandchildren filled the home. She was unconscious but seemed to be comfortable. The family gathered around. I offered the Prayers for the Anointing of the Sick which includes the laying on of hands and anointing her forehead and hands. That was followed by the Commendation of the Dying. The prayer concludes with a final blessing. After that I offered a few words to the family recognizing that they were sharing in a beautiful but difficult task, journeying with someone to the end of this life. No sooner had I finished, when one of the granddaughters announced, "I think she has passed." In amazement we all looked at her, and in fact she was no longer breathing. Within a minute of receiving the sacrament, she passed away.

It was a moment of disbelief for all. Everyone in the family came forward to give a final embrace and kiss. Amid the tears was a silence that spoke volumes. Never before in 34 years of priestly ministry have I experienced someone dying so close to having received the sacrament. It was a remarkable moment for all.

There are times when priesthood has its challenges. Administrative duties can be taxing. Sometimes it is lonely. Wearing many hats can be exhausting. But then there are times like this that are just filled with wonder and awe. As a priest, there are moments when people allow you into very deep and personal moments in their lives. It is humbling to receive such levels of openness and trust. It is equally humbling to recognize that at that moment, I am the bearer of Christ's grace and presence.

Walking away from a moment of death is a grounding experience. I drove home in silence. I sat at a red light watching the cross traffic moving back and forth, thinking how all the little journeys we make, while necessary, are really quite trivial. I got home, made myself some dinner and quickly fell asleep on the couch. It was a fruitful day "in the vineyard." I was feeling very blessed recognizing what a rich gift I have been given. There are times when God calls us to moments of holiness that make us stand in awe of a gracious God.

PARISH NEWS

Weekly Calendar

Saturday, November 19th 9 AM - 6 PM
• **PRE-CANA WEEKEND** Atr./Worship Area

Sunday, November 20th 1 PM
• **BAPTISMS** Worship Area
• **TG. BASKET DROPOFF** 3-5PM Atrium

Tuesday, November 22nd 10 AM
• **IN STITCHES** Fr. Joe Room
• **LEV. 1 ADVENT WREATH** 5:30 & 7PM Atrium

Wednesday, November 23rd 9 AM
• **MORNING MASS** Worship Area
(The Parish Office closes at 12 noon.)

Thursday, November 24th 9 AM
• **THANKSGIVING MASS** Worship Area
(The Parish Office is closed for the Thanksgiving holiday.)

Friday, November 25th
(The Parish Office is closed for the Thanksgiving holiday.)

Special Collections

This week our special collection will support the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development** (CCHD). More than thirty-eight million people in the United States live in poverty. Please pick up a flyer in the atrium. Also, to learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development go to www.usccb.org/cchd.

Next week at the offertory we will also be collecting for the **Catholic Ministries Appeal**. Your gifts bring hope and love to so many through our Parish Outreach Programs and Catholic Charities. More than 600,000 people are served each year through your faithfulness and generosity. Thank you!

Scripture Readings for November 27th, 2022



- + Isaiah 2:1-5
- + Romans 13:11-14
- + Matthew 24:37-44

Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses, November 26th/27th



- 5:00 PM Fr. Michael
- 8:00 AM Fr. Michael
- 9:30 AM Fr. Michael
- 11:30 AM Fr. Michael



Attention - Lectors, EMs & Ushers!

SIGN UP FOR CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S MASSES

this weekend, November 19th and 20th, in the large Sacristy after all the Masses.

Attention Liturgical Ministers!

The Annual Recommitment of Liturgical Ministers will take place the weekend of **November 26th and 27th** at all the Masses.

We ask that all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, Ushers, Music Ministers and Altar Servers participate.



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THANKSGIVING



Begin the day with your parish family
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Please bring a food item from your table for a blessing.
Each family will receive bread that will be blessed
to take home.

Assist Parish Outreach to replenish the pantry with any of the
following items:

***coffee, tea, cookies, canned chicken, mayo, jelly,
and shelf stable milk.***

PARISH OUTREACH

Thanksgiving Basket Program

For all those who were assigned a basket: We ask that you drop off your completed Thanksgiving Basket on Sunday, November 20th, from 3 PM - 5 PM in the Parish Center. We thank you in advance for your help in making the Thanksgiving Basket Program a huge success.



Christmas Angels

This weekend and next weekend, Angels will be available in the baskets on the altar pillars and throughout the atrium. We have placed extra baskets with Angels to allow for social distancing. If you would like to help a needy family this Christmas, choose an Angel, purchase the item written on it and return by Sunday, December 4th.



We are requesting gift cards to local stores (Kohl's, Target, Walmart) to enable our families to purchase for themselves and their children the items they need. We are also requesting supermarket gift cards to enable each household to have a special holiday meal.

(Reminder: Gift cards need to be activated at the register.)

Some Angels are coded (orange, purple, green, red) for the agencies we reach out to each year (Mercy Haven, Talbot House, Pronto, Olsen's Rest Home). If you choose one of these Angels, place the angel tag on top and **return** to the atrium on the labeled table **by December 4th**.

Note: We ask that you do not wrap any of the gifts. Thank you!

We thank you for the Spirit of Generosity you bring to our project each year.

LITURGY BYTES

Happy New Year!

It might seem like I am rushing the season and heading to 2023. Fortunately, I am not. Even though, as we look around, we notice Christmas decorations, holiday sales no matter where we go. Some houses are even decorated outside already for Christmas.

This year as a Church we will go from Thanksgiving right into the season of Advent, for the Advent season begins Thanksgiving weekend. On Thanksgiving morning, we will see the fall colors of flowers and mums on the altar and then that weekend, the purple will adorn the Church and sanctuary reminding us of that great time of waiting. Advent also marks the beginning of our liturgical year and so the “happy new year” greeting above!

Advent is a sacred season for a two-fold preparation: first, we as the Church ready ourselves for the second coming of Christ; and secondly, the Church prepares for a festive celebration of the birth of Jesus. The words *ready, wait and anticipation* have always surrounded Advent. My question today is, what do we anticipate?



The readings of Advent paint a poetic image of the lived justice and peace that will flourish in the Kingdom of God at the end of time. While Advent is marked by silence, stillness, and contemplation, we should realize that action is also necessary and needed. We should be doing acts of justice and mercy. It seems easier at this time of the year because we are engaged in widespread giving and generosity to our sisters and brothers, especially those in need. First and foremost, we all need to get our spiritual homes in order. We do see Advent as a season of penance but not the same as the season of Lent. Penitential doesn't mean an absence of joy. Also, signs like darkness and light guide both Advent and Christmas. How will they touch us this year?

Have a safe, blessed, and healthy week ahead!!! ~ *Michele Hall*

*Due to space limitations in this weekend's bulletin, we were unable to fit the **Fall Cash Fling**. Copies are on the bulletin table in the atrium!*



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