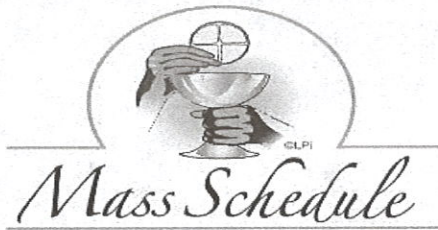


# 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday OF ADVENT





**Sunday, December 15**

9:00 AM Catherine Grochowski - Stanley & Charlene Parduski  
 11:15 AM Anne & Joseph Chepulis - Stella Page & Patti

**Monday, December 16**

7:00 AM Stella Franckowiak - Theresa Franckowiak  
 6:00 PM Penance Service

**Tuesday, December 17**

7:00 AM Leona Strobel - Family  
 5:30 PM St. Anthony of Padua Novena

**Wednesday, December 18**

7:00 AM Jack & Joanne Smith - Mary, Joanne, Shannon & John

**Thursday, December 19**

7:00 AM Joseph Yaskus - Family

**Friday, December 20**

7:00 AM Monica Novak - Dr. & Mrs. John Jewell & Family

**Saturday, December 21**

4:00 PM Thomas J. Nardone - Joseph McKeown & Family

**Sunday, December 22**

9:00 AM Wilma Swiontek - Swiontek Family  
 11:15 AM Sabina Vojtek - Christian Women

**SANCTUARY VOTIVES:** In Memory of Rita Zasada - By Son, Jude

**BLESSED MOTHER CANDLES:** In Memory of Joseph & Victoria Bykowski- By Eileen Bykowski

**SACRED HEART CANDLES:** In Memory of Anthony Procida - By Sister, Carolyn Graziano

**SUNDAY COLLECTION:** \$4,096.01  
**LOOSE:** \$286.00  
**RELIGIOUS:** \$1,077.00  
**SECOND COLLECTON NEXT WEEKEND:**  
**ACOLYTES**

**ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE** - One of the major preparations for the celebration of Christmas is to purify our minds and hearts and souls. The Sacrament of Reconciliation provides the opportunity for you by offering this chance to go to confession. We hope to have several priests here to celebrate this sacrament. Take advantage of this chance. The service begins at 6:00 pm, on Monday, December 16th. Repent and believe in the Good News of the Lord's merciful love.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS** - Help beautify our Church with a sponsorship. The flowers that will fill our worship space will be because of you. On the provided envelope please **PRINT YOUR NAME AND INTENTION CLEARLY**. Instead of listing many names, just state the family name. You could also note thanksgiving for some person or personal blessing.

**SECOND COLLECTON NEXT WEEKEND**

On behalf of our parish family we like to present our young altar servers with a Christmas monetary gift. They will receive the gift in proportion to the number of times they served. We deeply appreciate their dedication in offering their time to our parish family. Please be especially generous. **They will receive it on the Feast of the Holy Family.**

**PARISH CHILDREN'S PRE-CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION**

A Christmas Breakfast, sponsored by the Christian Women's Society, will be held December 15th in the Marymount Parish Center at 10:00 am. Please Note: Children will be assigned their part at the Christmas Eve Mass (4:00 pm). The theme for the presentation homily will be "Unwrapping the Christmas Crèche". Every child will receive a candy cane and a pop-up Christmas Angel.

**ST. JOSEPH'S TABLE**- How about something for the poor and homeless this Christmas? St. Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen is asking for your help. For the month of December they need **HOT CHOCOLATE MIX**. Throughout the year we are so blessed. Be a blessing for the less fortunate.

**NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN**- It will be a combined bulletin for two consecutive weekends. It will cover the fourth week of Advent up until New Year's week. If there is anything to be published in that bulletin, please submit it ASAP. Thank you.





## FROM THE PASTOR

**TEEN TREE** - Every year we reach out to the young people of our area by sponsoring something from our Giving Tree. Young teens are especially forgotten. Our Social Concerns Committee asks that you take a tag or tags from the Giving Tree and after making your purchase, place it on the package or envelope. **Please return them by next weekend. Thank you.**

**ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA NOVENA** - This is the final week for our Christmas Novena. For the nine weeks of the Novena we have prayed for something special through the intercession of St. Anthony of Padua and St. Peregrine. We could all use a Novena. On the last day we request monetary donations in Thanksgiving. May all the faithful who attended be blessed.

**IN MEMORIAM** - We received a memorial gift of \$100.00 in memory of Joseph Yaskus. It was given by Audrey Lusaiter and her family. We are grateful that they remembered the parish with this gift. Many donation's are presented to other places, never remembering the parish that served them for so many years.

**HOLY REDEEMER "SOUNDS OF SILENCE"** - This Sunday, December 15th at 2:00 pm, the High School will conduct a Choral Concert featuring the Royal Singers, Handbell Choir, Soloists and Instrumentalists. A ticket donation of \$3.00 for adults and \$2.00 for students and Seniors is requested at the door.

**DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL**- Pledges have slowed down. Those faithful from the parish have pledged around \$24,000.00. This a far cry from the \$40,000.00. We strongly encourage your participation. There is a lot at stake for the Diocese and for our parish. Please make your pledge.

### **THOUGHT FOR THE DAY**

The most important part about Christmas is the first six letters.

Well we reached the Third Sunday of Advent. In another week it will be Christmas. This Sunday is entitled Gaudette Sunday, the Sunday of Rejoicing. We are to rejoice because the Lord's coming is getting so close. The pink candle is lit to lighten our expectant mood. We have many reasons to rejoice definitely. Our Christmas shopping might be done by now. We've got the kielbasa and pierogies for Christmas already or the fish and prunes for Christmas dinner. We may have made our reservations at the restaurant for our families and friends. They're all good and if we have them, then we are to rejoice. We must not forget the real reason for rejoicing here, that God who comes to be with us (Emmanuel), the God who comes to save us, the God who is in love with us and has come to write His own love story with us. This is really a reason to rejoice. But for many people, this is not easy to say. There have been devastating national disasters, violence causing havoc and death, homelessness and tremendous poverty etc. Personally, you may be battling health problems, family disharmony and loss of a loved one this past year. Yes, there are reasons to rejoice but during Advent we are reminded that what can make us happy is not a thing, but someone, and it is He whom we are joyfully waiting for. The answer can be found in the Readings and Gospels we've heard throughout this season, be your true self, the best you can be and to be the best you can be will ultimately be for the glory of God. So then, if you want to rejoice and be happy, care for one another. We will soon be celebrating Christmas when God has chosen not only to walk with us but to become like us in all things except sin because He love us so much. Therefore let us rejoice in the Lord always.

### LOTTERY WINNERS

Dec.4	789	Dave Talacka
Dec.5	285	
Dec.6	660	
Dec.7	462	