

~*Mass Intentions*~

<b>Monday</b>	<b>December 12</b>
7:30 AM	M/M Andrew Spak & Joseph (Rose Marie Spak)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>December 13</b>
7:30 AM	Martha Kazlowski (Bill & Joan Chernicky)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>December 14</b>
7:30 AM	Simone Fronzaglia (Arline Hido)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>December 15</b>
7:30AM	Souls in Purgatory (Trudy & Dave)
<b>Friday</b>	<b>December 16</b>
7:30 AM	Enrico & Raimondi Families (Estate)
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>December 17</b>
5:00 PM	Ken Birkmire, Sr. & Ken Birkmire, Jr.) (Family)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 18</b>
8:00AM	Simone Fronzaglia (Joe & Linda Flatley)
10:30 AM	Janelle Guriel (Walt & Darlyne Mientkiewicz)

**Please remember in your prayers . . . .**

Bill Chernicky, Lynn English, Barbara Preston, Linda Gidos, Philip Langowski, Riley Smith, Shirley Sayers, Pat Davis, Donna Holder, Steve McClellan, Anne Tassone, Bill Kuffer, Greg Scarpino, William Z., Lillia Vehovic, Kay Spaniel, Nancy Quinn, Linda Kloecker, Ken Flak, Charles Johnson, Dan Via, Phylis Gnagi, Rose Lapenz, Cassandra Aho, Terri Rand, Jack Schultz, A. Dodick, John Wurst, Alex Burbules, Catherine Watrel, Terry Shick, Ray Pietras, Lori Johannesmeyer, Karen DeCarolis, Helen Vogt, Harvey Galleur, Paul Mayer, Vicki Huegel, Seiko Valentine, Joseph Szymanowski, Doug Lowary, Dan Tylman, Tessa Tylman, Katie Dombkowski, Dan Weber, Sylvia Berdis, Nick V., Tim Maciulewicz, Jack Theuerkauf, Kevin Sedler, Denise Wilson, Therese Sauer, Lois Whitcomb, Wilma Micholas, Betty Flynn, Jim Scully, Bev Sloan, Mary Ann Spiegel, Debbie Grove, Peter Maracci, Baby James Ryan, Chrissy Hoehn, Elizabeth, Josh Lemmon, Nancy Lombardo, Lynn Ratkowski, Cory Emfy, Scott James, Lois Vosmus, Jim Ryan, Mason McKenrick, Adam, Jason and Jake Walmer, Ray Romba, John Buckel, Michelle Hetrick, Vicky Barcio, Tom DuCharme, Michael Potter, Roberta Laird, Trevor James, Leslie Purchase, Holly, Peggy Corsale, Shelly Buffalari, Danielle Dorderder, Lynn Valenty, Molly Holmes, Margaret Gratton, Alice Bilinski, Tricia Burkett, Kathy Krise, Don Kloss, Carol Winschel, Randy Brucher, Sam Burns, Robin Macial, Sally Gradler, Bill Muenz, Patty Brown, George & Marge Walker, Patrick, Kathryn Buckel, Loretta Olsewski, Janet Lombardo, Mary Povath, Doug Chernicky, James Mantsch, Alan Rodgers, Ron and Lynn Nash, Nancy Brigaman, Laura Davies, Robin Snyder, Gregory Thomas, Margaret Wasser, Josh Kriebel, Jim, Kathy Piotroski, Thomas Kowalczyk, Anthony Cosentino, John P., Addison McSorley, Luke Johnson, John Lewis, Patty Bennett, Ann Wills, Buddy O'Leary, Larry Weaver, Kathy Murr, Carol Fullom, Paul Amann, Denise Hudson, Frank Harrison, Kathy Flatley, Joseph Bilinski, Joseph Seth, Bob Herman, Jim Scully, Gary King, Mike Loundes, Maureen Wentzel, Caitlin Wentzel, Liz Pauly, Judy Sha-

Also, the men and women in the military: Army Capt. Timothy Lohse, Private 1st Class Jacob McKenrick, Chief Petty Officer Aurelio Velazquez, Jr., Lance Corporal Gregory Kaliszewski, Staff Sgt. Nicholas Trapp, Staff Sgt. Jason Trapp, Private Jeff Kinnear, Sgt. Seth Danylko, Senior Chief David Dombkowski, Second Lieutenant Jenny Stewart, Mark Witkowski, 3rd Class Petty Officer Josh Steele, Airman Zackary Steele.

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** *Please call the prayer line at 476-7486. Also, please call the same number when you would like the person's name removed from the list.*

**Please return** your wrapped and tagged "Angel" gifts this weekend.

**Volunteers needed!** We are in need of 4 people to volunteer for coffee and pastries after Sunday 10:30 AM Mass. If you can help please call the Parish Office at 476-7657.

## Advent Penance Services

12-11-11	Saint Anthony of Padua	3 PM
12-15-11	All Saints	7 PM
12-18-11	Saint Francis Xavier	3 PM
12-19-11	Our Lady of the Lake	7 PM

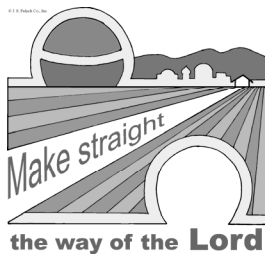
**January Calendar Lottery****Calendar Lottery tickets make great Christmas gifts!!**

Please return your January Calendar Lottery tickets to the office as soon as possible. The last day to return sold tickets is Friday, December 30th!!! If you have tickets that you are not purchasing please return to parish office as soon as possible as someone may be looking for that number!!!

Please support this fundraiser for our Parish!! Thank you!

**Bulletin Articles:** The transmission schedule for the bulletin has been changed for the month of December. Because of this we ask that any articles to be included in the bulletin until the first week of January be submitted by December 12th.





**JOHN THE BAPTIST**

At a school open house a woman could be overheard introducing her husband to some of the other parents. “Oh, Bill, I’d like you to meet Johnny’s father. And over here, this is Marie’s mom; you know, the little girl from our Ellen’s soccer team.”

With satisfied resignation Bill introduced himself not by name: “I’m Ellen’s Dad.”

It’s good to know who you are. Be it someone’s father or mother, son or daughter, husband or wife, it’s important to embrace the full meaning of our various roles.

John the Baptist knows who he is. And who he is not. He is not the Christ. Nor Elijah. Nor like any other prophet God’s people had ever seen.

John the Baptist knows his mission is divine. He’s more than satisfied to be the one to announce the coming of God’s reign. The Christ is near. Make straight your paths.

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**Question of the Week**

**Adult:** What could you do this week to bring someone joy?

**Child:** What could you do for someone this week to make them happy?

**TODAY’S READINGS**

**First Reading** — As a garden makes its growth spring up, so will GOD make justice spring up before all the nations (Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11).

**Psalm** — My soul rejoices in my God (Luke 1:46-50, 53-54).

**Second Reading** — Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good (1 Thessalonians 5:16-24).

**Gospel** — I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, make straight the way of the Lord (John 1:6-8, 19-28).

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday:** Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of The Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712
- Tuesday:** Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Mt 21:28-32
- Wednesday:** Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Lk 7:18b-23
- Thursday:** Is 54:1-10; Lk 7:24-30
- Friday:** Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Jn 5:33-36
- Saturday:** Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17
- Sunday:** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- Sunday:** Third Sunday of Advent
- Monday:** Our Lady of Guadalupe
- Tuesday:** St. Lucy
- Wednesday:** St. John of the Cross

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

*A Stewardship of Sharing*

**Week of December 11, 2011**

Households receiving envelopes—576      Envelopes used— 198  
 Goal . . . . . \$5,215.38  
 Total Collection . . . . . \$4,082.75  
 This Week’s Shortage . . . . . (\$1,132.63)

**CSA 2011 Assessment Goal—\$28,927.00**

Totals as of 8-16-2011:

Pledged = \$37,680.00      # of families responding = 130  
 Paid = \$34,834.00

**Utility Bills for December. . .**

National Fuel—\$870.00

Penelec—\$457.08

Penelec (Parish Center)-\$183.59

**Balance as of December 15, 2011 on:**

Parish Diocesan Loan = \$9,785.20

Cemetery Loan = \$15,014.67

**Liturgical Ministry Schedule**

**December 17 & 18**

	5:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
<b>Ushers:</b>	D.Danylko	R.Tassone E.Lemock J.Schultz J.Blount	B.Adams W.Mientkiewicz M.Zewe D.Fiscus
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	N.Bachmann S.Sabella	D.Carullo G.Soltys	M.Murnock M.Ruscitto
<b>Lectors</b>	P.Owens	M.Curtze	K.Damore
<b>Altar Servers</b>	N.Varo M.Varo	E.Roth A.Roth	G.Lincoln D.Myers
<b>Cantors</b>	C.Moran	M.Whalen	K.Orlando

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Today there is an abrupt shift in the season of Advent. From here on the tone is more joyful and expectant and the tug of the Christmas message is irresistible. At daily Mass tomorrow we begin to unfold the story of Jesus’ birth. Who can resist the beauty of the first reading today—deserts aflame with flowers, arthritics set to dancing, the tone-deaf singing hymns? So we don’t miss the change, the parish may take rose-colored vestments out of mothballs, we may light rose-colored candles on the wreath, or fill in our wreaths with desert flowers, pink seashells, seed pods, cones and berries. The seeds of God’s kingdom have been sown in us. In these shining days of Advent they are sprouting in many ways. How do we bring the promise to light? This is the week to prepare gifts for the poor. It is the week to invite a lonely neighbor to your Christmas dinner, the week to write a note forgiving a lost friend, the week to shatter a family grudge so that even in the desert places of your heart, Christ’s life may blossom.

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## The Work of the People

*From Darkness to Light - Advent 2011*

The Season of Advent is a time of keeping vigil. In her book *The Vigil: Keeping Watch in the Season of Christ's Coming* Wendy M. Wright, who is Professor of Spirituality at Creighton University and who is recognized as one of the truly gifted writers in the field of spirituality, writes: "It begins in the Beginning. The vigil we keep has its true beginning long before any of us were born. It begins in the season before seasons, before the emergent cosmos exploded into being. It has its beginning in the heart of God. And we must begin there as well.

The ancient desert dwellers of our early Christian communities tell us that the surest way into the heart of God is to be still. In being still we learn to be attentive to the vast and hidden stillness that permeates all things.

So I invite you (Advent invites us) to begin by becoming attentive to that stillness as well. Seek it first in your own home. Go at night into the darkened room of your sleeping child and breathe with the moist, quick risings of a child's breath. Rise in the thin light of a new day. Do not turn on the lamp or the television or the coffee maker, but stand by an east window and let the dawn's fingers creep over the fingers of your own hand.

Listen next for stillness as you venture out of doors. Hear it in the splintering of fall leaves as you cross a grassy knoll between paths in the park. Find it in the first cape of snow draped over the eaves of your house.

Turn finally to your own heart. The same stillness is there as well. At the core, buried beneath the turbulence of emotions rubber raw by life's labor, is the same stillness discovered in the slow-moving sap of an autumn tree. In that primordial stillness beats the heart of God.

There is correspondence between our hearts and God's. They have imprinted on them the same unimaginable hope, sealed with a promise. The hope is for fullness, for completion, for being one with each other. What that will look like is hidden from us. The end and fullness of all things is known only to God. But we have glimpses of it and those glimpses stagger us with their inexpressible beauty. We are tormented with teasing reminders by the restlessness of our desires, by the almost painful depth of our longing, by our ardent seeking for something more.

Our entire lives are a vigil, a keeping watch, for the fulfillment of this hope. All creation holds vigil with us, as it has done since the beginning. All generations before us and those that come after us hold it as well.

But it is especially in this season of the church year, during Advent and Christmas, the season of the Coming, that we rise up on tiptoe to dance. We open our throats to sing and to proclaim this vigil that we keep.

As we do so we dip down into the ageless vigil being kept by the waters and the grasses of the earth. We share the solemn watchfulness observed by granite and limestone. We enter the hearts of one another as, in stillness, we listen for the divine heartbeat.

We wait for the fullness. We watch for the completion of the promise. We vigil for the coming of the unimaginable fruition of the seed growing from the beginning in the heart of God."

## Faith Formation/Religious Education

### 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Mass

Today we welcome the 10th Graders as hosts for our 10:30 am Liturgy. We are all called to active participation in the liturgy and we thank their parents who made sure they could be with us this morning.

### Baptism Class

The Baptism Class scheduled for tomorrow evening, December 12, 2011 has been cancelled. The next class will be February 13, 2012.

### Fun Night

Youth in grades K-6 are invited to a fun night on December 27<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00 pm in the Parish Center. Bring a snack to share and beverages will be provided. Youth may bring games, basketballs, footballs, soccer balls, etc. Make sure the name is marked on the item brought.

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**A Family Perspective:** Today's gospel reports "I am the voice of the one crying out in the desert." Who in your family is crying out with their crazy schedules, suppers that start too late and end too early, cars that won't start, misunderstandings, piles of laundry, unmatched socks and stretched food budgets? Although the list feels endless, there is one who hears you. The words spoken at Mass, "The Lord is with you," are not just a hope, they are a fact.

**My name is Jacob Iavarone** and I have been putting a Brass Quintet together for special events (Christmas and Easter) off and on for the last few years. What I am asking for is more players so if there is any brass (trumpet, trombone, and French Horn) players that are interested in participating in this group. I am reaching out to people 15 years old (9th grade) and up, I am looking for as many players as possible so please contact me either through email, [jaiavarone@yahoo.com](mailto:jaiavarone@yahoo.com) or call me at 814-746-2758.

Thank You,  
Jacob A. Iavarone

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