



First Sunday of Advent
November 27, 2016

Saturday November 26th

- 9:00 Gjyste Konte req. by The Ulaj Family
5:30 Beverly A. Acker req. by Lisa Cribari & Raymond Infarinato

Sunday, November 27th

- 7:30 For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Patrick's Parish
9:00 Con, Ellen & John Mahoney req. by The Hughes Family
10:30 Florence Berens req. by Jane & Arthur Margolin
Noon Maria & Michael Azzopardi req. by The DeBono Family
5:30 Victoria Soto (Newtown) req. by The Smith Family

Monday, November 28th

- 7:00 Pasca Sokoli req. by The Ulaj Family
9:00 Frank White req. by The Baker/Sullivan Families

Tuesday, November 29th

- 7:00 Gjelosh Sokoli req. by The Ulaj Family
9:00 Josephine Natoli req. by The Cevise Family

Wednesday, November 30th

- 7:00 Agetina Frani req. by The Ulaj Family
9:00 Lucy Buchan req. by The Ventura Family

Thursday, December 1st

- 7:00 Gjelosh Frani req. by The Ulaj Family
9:00 Daniel Heim req. by The Heim Family

Friday, December 2nd

- 7:00 Deda Ulaj (I) req. by The Ulaj Family
9:00 Salvatore Grasso req. by The Oliverio Family

Saturday December 3rd

- 9:00 Marinta Konte req. by The Ulaj Family
5:30 Salo DiLeo req. by The Larkin Family

Sunday, December 4th

- 7:30 For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Patrick's Parish
9:00 Rose Mogabgab req. by Mr. Charles & Dr. Mariann Casarella
10:30 Benjamin Wheeler (Newtown) req. by The Smith Family
Noon Vincent D. & Vincent J. Luccarelli req. by Family
5:30 Jason Needle req. by The Pelosi & Perez Families

Pray for the Sick

Tatum Allen, Virginia Barrett, Zoe Bonowitz, Lauren Dittrich Bilyeu, Conner Curran, Betty D'Alton, Rose DeCicco, Frankie Dezell, Maureen Doran, Kathleen Ducksworth, Helen Flower, Jean Gallagher, Jeffrey Greason, Leslie Hammerschmidt, Margaret Harrington, Richard Hughes, Christine Iannino, Mirella Kahrman, John Li Conti, Frank Kearns, Joyce Kersh, Marlene Linz, Kevin Mahoney, Diane Malichio, Robert Mangone, Steve Mazzei, Jim Murphy, John Pasquale, Chris Schate, Robert Schimpf, Matthew Scherer, Kirk Siegwarth, Tony Sturniolo, Christine Young, Eileen Riley Zawada, and all who request our prayers.

It is a privilege and a duty for us to pray for those commended to our prayers. From time to time we start a new list to make sure that it is up-to-date. If we have removed someone who should remain on the list, please call the Parish Office at 234-3344.

Partner-in-Faith Prayer

Heavenly Father, we ask your blessings and protection on the people of Sacred Heart Parish. We, your children at St. Patrick's, invoke your name on their behalf. We are grateful for all you have given us and in return we are mindful of those who have less than we do. Bless us all and keep us close to you. May the example of your Son, Jesus Christ, be the strength that will make us one in you. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



The following weekend is available for a flower donation in loving memory of someone or for a special intention. Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements (234-3344).

Dec 10th/11th

Stay awake-

God is coming!

From the Pastor's Desk

THE DOUBLE MEANING OF THE SEASON OF ADVENT

The Roman Calendar says most explicitly: "Advent has a twofold character: as a season to prepare for Christmas when Christ's first coming to us is remembered; as a season when that remembrance directs the mind and heart to await Christ's Second Coming at the end of time."

In its liturgical sense, the Christian word 'advent'—*adventus*—is of pagan origin. The shift in the meaning of the word came about when the feasts of Christmas-Epiphany were instituted to celebrate the manifestation of the Lord in the flesh.

Pagans observed a manifestation of the divinity that came to dwell in its temple at a certain time each year. The feast honoring this divinity was called *adventus*. On these days the temple, customarily closed, would be opened. Sometimes a statue of the divinity would be moved into a space much larger than the small sanctuary where it was usually placed. The *adventus* thus was in the nature of a return, an anniversary.

In its imperial context, the *adventus* celebrated the anniversary of the coming of the emperor.

So the word was available to describe the coming of the Son of God in the flesh—his return, his visit. Moreover, the word's usage gradually became limited to describe what was considered the only real coming—*adventus*—the coming of the Lord. In the same way this *adventus*, this anniversary of the birth (*dies natalis*) of Christ, replaced the *adventus* and *dies natalis* of the unvanquished sun of the winter solstice. This usage gained prominence at about the time when the emperor Constantine (306-337), in an effort to tolerate all religions, issued the Edict of Milan (313), allowing the open and free practice of Christianity. With the ensuing adoption of Christian feasts – Christmas among them – pagan festivals were soon supplanted and forgotten.

This ancient idea of the *adventus* is found underlying the prayers of Advent that evoke 'the coming' of the Lord, the presence in our midst of the one who must 'come.' This same vestige of meaning is discernible in the prayer of December 20th, with the same image of the temple.

At the message of an angel
[Mary] welcomed your eternal Son
and, filled with the light of your Spirit,
she became the temple of your Word.

For most Christians, Advent remains a time to prepare for Christmas, which celebrates the first coming of the Lord. Nevertheless, the texts give evidence of further enrichment resulting from a later perspective. Next week I will describe the Four Sundays of Advent.

Words of Pope Francis

THE DIVISION JESUS BRINGS

"God is mercy, God is faithfulness, God is life given to us all. For this reason Jesus says, 'I came to bring division.' Jesus does not wish to split people up. He is our peace, our reconciliation! But this peace is not the peace of the tomb, it is not neutrality or a compromise at all costs. Following Jesus entails giving up evil and selfishness and choosing good, truth and justice, even when this demands sacrifice and renouncing our own interests. And this indeed divides. It even cuts the closest ties. However, be careful: it is not Jesus who creates division! He establishes the criterion: whether to live for ourselves or for God and for others; to be served or to serve; to obey one's own ego or to obey God."

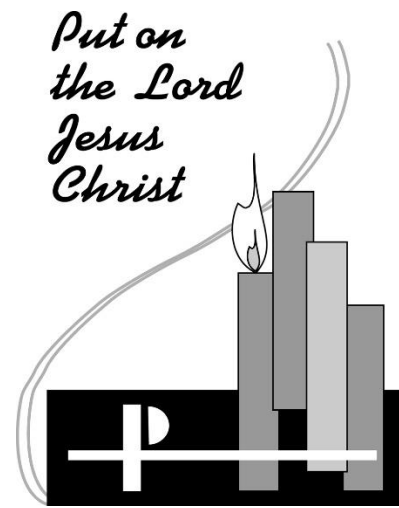
COFFEE SUNDAY HELPERS NEEDED

Be a Rewarding Part of a Parish Ministry!

Shop Friday/Saturday, setup to serve coffee and snacks on Sunday once a month after 9, 10:30am and 12pm Masses. Greet new and old parishioners. Role could be shared by a group of families. If interested, call Parish Office.

The parish pays for all supplies.

**PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE
NO FURTHER COFFEE SUNDAYS IF
NO ONE STEPS UP TO VOLUNTEER!!!**





The Santa Project

For well over a decade, the people of St. Patrick's Church have "adopted" a poor family from the Mott Haven Section of the Bronx and played Santa at Christmas. It is a wonderful opportunity for our families to share Christmas joy with those who are less fortunate. If you are interested in participating, an early response would be greatly appreciated. The staff at the Dominican Sisters Family Health Service (a community-based agency at 279 Alexander Avenue in the Bronx), has requested the following:

- One family gift, a blanket (full or queen)
- One article of clothing for each child (size will be indicated on the Santa Letter)
- A toy or game requested by the child (indicated on the Santa Letter)

If you would like to participate, a letter of instruction with the "wish list" for each child will be mailed to you. Please call Chris Zagajeski at 845-582-0657 or email at chriszagajeski@comcast.net. If not in, please leave your name, full mailing address, size of the family you would like to adopt (the number of children 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5). All gifts should be brought to St. Patrick's School gym between **9am and 4pm on Thursday, December 8th**. Please do not drop off gifts any sooner as there is no one who can accept them before that date.

HELP WANTED:

The Sisters of the Divine Compassion have an immediate opening for a Geriatric Care Manager for 30-40 hrs/wk in White Plains. Masters in Social Work and geriatric experience required. Send resume or for more information: psheridan@divinecompassion.org.



Widows, Widowers and Singles Christmas Luncheon

Tuesday, December 6th
12 Noon - \$40 Check

**Crabtree's Kittle House
11 Kittle Road, Chappaqua, NY**

I must have your check made out to
Crabtree's Kittle House by
Tuesday, November 29th sent to
Sue Coan
11 Brook Farm Lane
Bedford, NY 10506



Service Personnel Prayer List

The names listed below are service personnel serving in our nation's armed forces who are relatives of our parishioners. Please keep them in your prayers.

- Darren Adler/Marines
- Robert F. Benedettini/Army
- Ryan Bludau/Air Force
- Kristin Chapman/Army
- Casey Dale Climis/Air Force
- Christopher Cruz/Army
- Daniel Cruz/Army
- Thomas Dever/Marines
- Matthew Diterichs/Army
- Terrence Higgins/Navy
- Christopher Homon/Marines
- Richie Hughes/Marines
- Christopher G. Johnson/Coast Guard
- Abram Lee/Army
- Paddy McManus/Army
- Stephen Musick/Marines
- Matthew Neviosus/Air Force
- Cristin Pulise/Marines
- Charles Retter/Marines
- Peter Riley/Army
- Kate Rosenschein/Navy
- Christian Roth/Coast Guard
- Craig Scott/Army
- Andrew Solt/Marines
- Thomas McAllister Stevenson/Army
- Michael Tynan/Marines
- Howard Wulforst/Army