

Mass for the Intentions for the Week

SUNDAY DEC 17 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SATURDAY DEC 16 Saturday Vigil

4:30 PM SUZANNE AMBRISCOE
By Alfred & Mary Anne Benjamin

SUNDAY DEC 17 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:30 AM ROBERT HAUSER
By Wife & Son Bobby
10:30 AM IDA & FRANK DUNCAN
By Ed & Anne O'Brien

MONDAY DEC 18 Advent Weekday

8:00 AM FOR ALL ON PRAYER LIST

TUESDAY DEC 19 Advent Weekday

8:00 AM FOR ALL PARISHIERS

WEDNESDAY DEC 20 Advent Weekday

8:00 AM FOR OUR MILITARY

THURSDAY DEC 21 Advent Weekday

8:00 AM FOR ALL ON PRAYER LIST

SUNDAY DEC 24 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SATURDAY DEC 23 Saturday Vigil

4:30 PM DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE CRANDLEY FAMILY
By Dolores & Family

SUNDAY DEC 24 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:30 AM FOR ALL PARISHONERS

10:30 AM FOR ALL PARISHONERS



CONFESSIONS

Saturday, December 23rd
3:00-4:15 pm

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Sunday, December 24th
3:45-4:15 pm

Followed by 4:30 pm Mass

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve
Sunday, DECEMBER 24TH
4:30 pm
10:00 pm

Christmas Day
Monday, December 25th
8:30 am
10:30am

Third Sunday of Advent

December 17, 2017

“The spirit of the Lord is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me. He has sent me to bring glad tidings to the lowly, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to captives, and release to prisoners. To announce a year of favor from the Lord and a day of vindication by our God.”

Remember when Jesus read this passage in His synagogue in Nazareth? St. Luke tells us He said ‘Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearings.’ We often associate this passage at the time of ordination or confirmation. Today it is directed to me and tells me what to expect when the longed for Savior comes. He was ‘anointed’, the name Christ means the anointed one. He had a mission, He was sent. He had a message ‘good news.’ He looked for the lowly, the hurting, those bound by addictions and desperation. He came to free and form missionary disciples.

The mission of Jesus is our mission, the mission of the entire church. We are comfortable, but consider fellow Christians throughout the world suffering from poverty, political oppression. Consider missionaries serving the most pitiable people, like Doctors with Borders, the Catholic Near East Welfare Society Workers, Medical Mission Sisters bringing Isaiah’s prompting to fulfillment. Yes, the spirit of the Lord is upon all of us as we begin week three of Advent. Jesus has gifted us with His mission.

‘Come Lord Jesus.’

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Today’s gospel reports” There is one among you whom you do not recognize.” It is hard to believe Christ is present in a family with crazy schedules, suppers that start too late and end too early, cars that don’t start, misunderstandings, frustrations, piles of laundry, unmatched socks and stretched food budgets. The list is endless. The words spoken at mass, “The Lord is with you,” are not a hope, they are a fact.

Your Sacrificial Offering

COLLECTION WEEK DEC 10, 2017

ACTUAL COLLECTION	\$2,387.00
MONTHLY COLLECTION	\$985.00
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION:	\$688.00
ANNUAL COLLECTION:	\$24,745.00

GIFT CARDS

COLLECTION WEEK DEC 10, 2017

STOP & SHOP GIFT CARDS THIS WEEK:	\$25.00
SHOP-RITE GIFT CARDS THIS WEEK:	\$500.00
PROFIT FOR THE PARISH:	\$26.25



Please remember in your prayers all the members of our parish who are in the hospital, nursing homes, homebound, or in need of the comfort of prayer.

Hold especially in your prayers; Stella McGurk, Elsie Lally, Saran, Michael Petro, Mike Voytek, Tricia Kelley, Gi Dussault, Normand Dussault, Francine Dussault, Yvon L'heureux, Grace Parisi, Carol Onksen, Carl Lima, Lydia Pina, Libania Balla, Brenda, Lori Penha, Zack Fernandes, DeborahWarrek, Rose Marie Piselli, Kathie Cavaliere, Mary Hegedus, Gene Ballarin, Joseph, Dorothy Amore, Laura Luzzi, Ed Raschke, Jake Adinolfi, Virginia Slupski, Ann Hauser, Gabriella Bolster, Mary Vantrece, Elaine Clifford, Linda Ulrich, Catherine Maxwell, Ray Bragano, James Ramos, Dolores Crandley, Rohin Manohar, Albert J. Olenski, Stanley Kavan, Elijah Johnson, Mary Jackson, Felicia Jackson, Elgin Weston, Patti Gabriel, Danielle F., Alison Podpolucha, Lucas McHall, Michelle Lanese and Louis Bartha.

If a member of your family wishes to be named here, please call the Parish Office weekdays between 8:30am and 1:30pm. Please remember to call the Parish Office to let us know when to take a name off the Prayer List.



THE SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK FOR ALL ON OUR PRAYER LIST. THE SACRED HEART CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK FOR OUR MILITARY.

Third Sunday of Advent
Sunday
Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28
Monday
Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25
Tuesday
Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25
Wednesday
Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38
Thursday
Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45
Friday
1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56
Saturday
Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66
48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13-8

THANK YOU

Please take a moment and say thank you to Noel Markovics for removing the stump from the tree that fell. We were all upset about the loss of our beautiful tree on the back parking lot. Noel and his people at least allow us to make that area beautiful again in the spring. Thank you, Noel.

2018 MASS BOOK

The 2018 Mass Book is officially open. Please call the Rectory to schedule your masses.

CALENDARS

The 2018 calendars are available in the vestibule through the generosity of Cody White.

ANNUAL COLLECTION

The Annual Collection is to provide a needed addition to the weekly offertory, which does not cover ongoing operating expenses. The participation of All parishioners is essential for the success of this effort. Please return your gift card as soon as possible. Thank you in advance.

Fr. Cyriac

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

The second collection this week is for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your gift helps provide nursing care, medications, and other necessities. Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

Families are invited to light the Advent Wreath Candles during the Advent Season at the beginning of the weekend masses. Please sign the sheets in the vestibule, giving the time of mass you would like to participate.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus want to thank the many vendors and patrons who came out to our Christmas Bazaar on December 9 and braved the inclement weather. This all would not have happened without the massive efforts of Rose and Greg Nowlin, who orchestrated the event for the first time and under a time constraint. Also, with the help of many other parishioners and fellow knights. They made it happen. Along with the bazaar, we sold wreaths, kissing balls and Advent items after mass. This is a beneficial event for the church and The Knights of Columbus. Thank you one and all. Look forward to seeing you next year.

The results of our "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest can be viewed in the church hall.

The Knights of Columbus want to wish our parish community a very Merry Christmas and a safe, healthy & prosperous 2018 New Year. We look forward to your continued support.

BOOKLETS AVAILABLE

A booklet for Advent, Five Minutes with The WORD is available in the Vestibule of the Church. A donation of \$1 per booklet is appreciated.

CHRISTMAS DINNER AT THE ELKS LODGE

The Milford Elks Lodge No. 1589 cordially invites members of our community, who may be in need of a hot meal and companionship, to join us for a complimentary Christmas dinner Monday, December 25, 11:00 am to 2:00 pm in the Lodge on 124 New Haven Avenue. May the Spirit of Christmas bring you peace.

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