

**Second Sunday of Advent
December 4, 2016**



Masses for the Week

Saturday	Ron Diamond	5:00pm
Sunday	People of the Parish	8:00am
Sunday	Al Spornyak	10:00am
Monday	Mary Craig	5:30pm
Tuesday	Aida Scelia	8:00am
Wednesday	<i>Vigil Immaculate Conception</i>	5:30pm
Thursday	<i>Immaculate Conception</i>	10:00am 7:30pm
Friday	Fr. John Audu <i>25th Anniversary</i>	5:30pm
Saturday	Ann Jerkowski	5:00pm

Please Pray for Our Sick

Mattie Berhang, Fanny Bonventre, Herb Cahill, Bill Carroll, Billye Doria, Denise Davis, Robert LaFera, Lynne Lazzaro, Grant Nicolson, Joseph Mongelluzzo, Mario Occhi, Salvator Paone, Joe Petras, Baby Austin Sweeney, Daniel Sweeney, Alice Theiss, Thomas Vavrinc, Irene Waddell, Luisa Walsh, Bertha Walz, Amelia Zak

Please Pray for Our Deceased

Margaret Mahoney, James K. O'Sullivan,
Joan Hines

Tithing \$3,887.00

Immaculate Conception

This Thursday, December 8th, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, a holy day of obligation. Mass times are at 5:30pm on Wednesday evening for the vigil Mass, and at 10am and 7:30pm on Thursday.

Second Collection

Second Collection next weekend, December 10th and 11th will be for the Religious Retirement Fund.

First Friday Adoration Request

We certainly would like to continue the practice of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament But it depends on you. Some people have already submitted their names and the hours they'll take. We want more—since we all have intentions to take to the Lord and there is no better time or place to do it than in front of him in the Eucharist. We invite anyone who may feel an interior movement to get closer to Jesus by spending more time with Him. It is amazing how your prayers are answered after spending an hour with Him in the Blessed Sacrament.

Reconciliation Monday

On Monday, December 19th, we will celebrate our Advent Reconciliation Monday. The time will be from 4-8pm in the confessionals in the rear of the Church.

St. Peter's Financial Report

Copies of the financial report are available in the back of the church. Thanks to you, our Sunday Collection is up about \$13,000. We are blessed to have such wonderful people here at St. Peter's.

The \$70,000 item on the report is the sale of the High Falls Chapel. We did need to replace 2 boilers on the property and did some roof repair work on the school. Our expenses were down mainly thanks to low fuel expenses for the past year. Our total income for the year was \$337,390 and our total expenses were \$297,120.36.

Anointing Service

This Sunday, December 4th we are celebrating the Sacrament immediately after the 10 am Mass. The front area of the center aisle of the church, will be reserved for those attending.



Christmas Crib

“Following a beautiful and firmly rooted tradition, many families set up their crib immediately after the feast of the Immaculate Conception, as if to relive with Mary those days full of trepidation that preceded the birth of Jesus. Putting up the crib at home can be a simple but effective way of presenting the faith, to pass it on to one's children. The crib helps us contemplate the mystery of God's love that was revealed in the poverty and simplicity of the Bethlehem Grotto. Saint Francis of Assisi was so taken by the mystery of the Incarnation that he wanted to present it anew at Greccio in the living nativity scene, thus beginning an old, popular tradition that still retains its value for evangelization today. Indeed, the crib can help us understand the secret of the true Christmas because it speaks of the humility and merciful goodness of Christ, who ‘though he was rich made himself poor’ for us (2 Cor 8:9). His poverty enriches those who embrace it and Christmas brings joy and peace to those who, like the shepherds in Bethlehem, accept the Angel's words: ‘Let this be a sign to you: in a manger you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes’ (Lk 2: 12). This is still the sign for us too, men and women of the third millennium. There is no other Christmas.”

Pope Benedict XVI



Christmas Gifts

Once again, we are collecting Christmas gifts for local youngsters. Gift tags for children in need are

on the tag tree in the rear of the Church. Please attach the tag to the gift you donate. We ask that you place an unwrapped gift in a gift bag. Food items for our Christmas baskets are also appreciated. No expired food items, please. Bring the gifts and food no later than Monday, December 12th.

Our Lady of Guadalupe

St. John the Evangelist Church on Rt 212 in Saugerties, will be having a Spanish language Mass on Sunday, December 11th at noon celebrating Our Lady of Guadalupe. We invite anyone who would like to celebrate this Holy Mass with our Hispanic brothers & sisters to come and participate in this celebration. Light refreshments.

Shoe Box Thanks



A HUGE THANKS to all those who helped make the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox project a total success! It was fun coming to do some sorting and finding these wonderful surprises; like beautiful bookmarks, lots of jump ropes, a case of flashlights, and even the rubber bands, which we needed.

Your generosity amazes me, more each year. We never would have filled 173 BOXES, and also have the money for shipping, without YOU. I can see those happy faces on the children, when they open your beautiful box filled with love. In the name of Jesus.

THANKS AGAIN!! for making a difference in a child's life. See you next year, for another fun packing party.

Carol Snykus

Stamps for Missions

As the holidays approach and we begin receiving many card and letters, please consider supporting the missions through the cancelled stamp recycling program. Simply trim around the stamp leaving a 1/2" border. There is a basket located in the rear of the church to deposit your stamps or you can drop them off at the rectory.

Mariapolis Luminosa, Nativity Displays

Most of you are probably familiar with Mariapolis Luminosa, one of the projects of the Focolare Movement. Every December,

Luminosa displays over 200 Nativity scenes from every continent in the world at the Chiara Lubich Conference Center at 200 Cardinal Road, in Hyde Park. Many visitors come from neighboring communities to see this beautiful display. December 1st – 30th Monday through Friday 2pm-5pm, Saturday & Sunday 1pm-5pm. Suggested donation \$5. Additional information may be found at www.focolare.org/mariapolisluminosa For more information, call 845-229-0230 X 127



Flower Memorial Fund

Envelopes for Christmas memorials are in the rear of the church. Just fill in the envelope and place it in any first collection basket. We are indebted to our parishioners who choose to remember their deceased loved ones by contributing to this fund. It is the primary means we have for funding the decoration of the sanctuary.

Special Thank You

On behalf of the Raffle Committee and the parishioners of St. Peter's, we would like to say Thank You to Karen Anderer who provided the delicious desserts for the Raffle Dinner event. So many of us look forward to her bakery items and she never disappoints. Thanks Karen for another great variety of desserts!

MHA "Presents for Patients"

Presents for Patients is a holiday gift giving program sponsored by the Mental Health Association. The presents go directly to people dealing with a mental illness who are living in a MHA or who are involved in a MHA program in Ulster County. Donate a gift to a man or woman tagged with info about the contents or size. For many, it will be the only gift that they receive this year. Please send or bring your gifts to the MHA Wellness Services office located in Building #3, 300 Aaron Court, Willow Park Complex on Westbrook Lane, Kingston (just beyond Hannaford) Collection will continue until December 12th between the hours of 10am – 4pm. Gift suggestions: socks, hats, scarves, t-shirts, sweaters, sizes L & XL, puzzles, stamps, pens, games, soaps, candy, cookies.



Rosary Altar Society

Next weekend team *two* is scheduled.