



**Third Sunday of Advent
December 11, 2016**

Masses for the Week

Saturday	Ann Jerkowski	5:00pm
Sunday	People of the Parish	8:00am
Sunday	Anthony & Flo Wade	10:00am
Monday	<i>Our Lady Guadalupe</i>	5:30pm
	Mary Craig	
Tuesday	<i>St. Lucy</i>	8:00am
	Rose Wall	
Wednesday	<i>St. John of the Cross</i>	5:15pm
	Phillips & Steiner Families	
Thursday	Tress McMonagle	8:00am
Friday	Henrietta Bartocci	5:30pm
Saturday	John Cordts	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, John Snykus, Baby Austin Sweeney, Daniel Sweeney, Alice Theiss, Thomas Vavrinc, Irene Waddell, Luisa Walsh, Bertha Walz, Amelia Zak

We also want to remember parishioners who are currently in Nursing Facilities. They are: Frank Cahill, Elizabeth LaFera, Rose Sferrazza, Shirley Spornyak and Alice Tochterman

Please Pray for Our Deceased

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

Tithing \$4,642.00

**Retired Priests & Religious
Second Collection**

The second collection this weekend, December 10th and 11th is for the Religious Retirement Fund. Please be as generous as you can to support our retired sisters and brothers, particularly in defraying their health care costs. These consecrated men & women have dedicated their lives in the Archdiocese to serving others with love.

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.



Holiday Mass Schedule

Saturday, Christmas Eve 4:00pm
Sunday, Christmas Day 8am & 10am
Saturday, New Year's Eve 5:00pm
Sunday, New Year's Day 10am

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



**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

Christmas Gifts

Anyone who has taken a tag from our kid's Giving Tree, please return by **Monday, December 12th**. 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, .

33 Days to Morning Glory

On December 8th, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, 43 souls concluded their participation in the 33 Days of Morning Glory Retreat. They signed a Consecration Certificate that will be a reminder of this memorable day in their lives receiving Grace to follow Jesus even more perfectly through Mary. Francesca and



Debbie want to thank the participants for making their lives richer by their sharing, love, and dedication to this retreat. Mary's Blessings be on us all.

Those who attended the consecration to Jesus through Mary were: Fr. John Audu, Fr. Edmund, Burke, Elaine Addeo, Ausilia Andrews, Heidi Bach, Dolores Bailey, Maryann Bresciani, Maryann Becker, Mary Carroll, Atillio Contini, Jean Cote, Dolores, Contini, Barbara Craine, Deidre Dullahan, Anne Duffy, Ellen Edwards, Deborah Ferry, Bud, Halligan, Berenice FitzGerald, Linda Halligan, Anne Furey, Carol Laurito, Lisa Jerkowski, Stephen Macaluso, Janet Knott, Pat Merk, Jerome Lendvay, Tony Mottle, Pam Norton, Pauline Polinsky, Frank Ostrander, Roberta Russack, Michelle Rawl, Jason Rood, Jeannine Tully, Mary Rood, CarolAnn Welsek, Mary Roosa, Diane Kleitz, Joan Sism, Francesca Tanksley, Jean VanAmburgh, Ann VanDamm

FORMED Resources for Kids

As parents and guardians, our main goal should be to raise our children with faith in God, so that we can spend eternity with them in heaven. In order to do that, we need to provide them with opportunities to learn about our Catholic faith, and about Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. We need to help our children have a personal relationship

with Jesus, and model that behavior for them too!

FORMED gives parents the tools to teach their children the basics of our Catholic faith and more. Whether it is an inspiring family movie, children's videos, audios, and books, or YDisciples videos and discussion questions for teenagers, parents can access this great content in their homes and make faith sharing and prayer a family habit.

Discover all the new children's programs, books, movies and audio at www.formed.org St. Peter's Code **66ZG2B**



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.

Remember Christ this Christmas

Shop until you drop! Buying, having, possessing and allowing your possessions to possess you! Sad to say, this has all become the modern immediate preparation for Christmas. Moreover, in many places even the word "Christmas" has been forbidden from modern vocabulary.

Jesus is the reason for the season. The whole focus of Advent which culminates in the Solemnity of Christmas is a *person!* That person is Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Jesus is the true reason for the entire season. Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary in the humble, poor stable of Bethlehem. The name "Jesus" means Savior. He came to open up the gates of heaven, to save us from slavery to sin, the devil, and eternal damnation. This Christmas let us contemplate the Person of Jesus and the purpose of His mission. Let our hearts overflow in humble praise and thanksgiving. St. Ignatius of Loyola accentuates the fact that Jesus did all of this not simply for humanity as a whole but for you and I, individually. Jesus was born, suffered, died and rose from the dead for me, as if I were the only person in the universe. How important I am for God! How important Christmas—the birth of Jesus—should be for me.

Fr. Ed Broom, OMV

Rosary Altar Society

Next weekend team *three* is scheduled.