



# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 2, 2018



## † MASS INTENTIONS †

Sat.	12/1	4:00 PM	Mary and Thomas Ferko by Mrs. Frances Breznitsky
Sun.	12/2	7:30 AM	For the People
		10:30 AM	George "Yudo" Matisak by His Mother Gloria and Family
Mon.	12/3	9:00 AM	<b>Televised Mass:</b> Joseph Marino, Sr. by MJ Chocolas and Family
		7:00 PM	Russ Snyder by Dean John Wychulis and Lorenzo Capozzelli
Tue.	12/4	7:00 AM	Christopher Demko by His Family
Wed.	12/5		<b>NO MASS</b>
Thur.	12/6	7:00 AM	Joseph M. Breznitsky by His Son Tyler and Debbi Breznitsky
Fri.	12/7	7:00 AM	David Smudin by the Turri Family
		7:00 PM	<b>Vigil of the Immaculate Conception</b> Mary Ann Reczkowski by M/M Henry Marchetti
Sat.	12/8	7:00 AM	<b>Feast of the Immaculate Conception</b> Edward Yanochko by the Stefanick Family
		4:00 PM	Margaret Blasko by Her Daughter Paula Gallagher
Sun.	12/9	7:30 AM	For the People
		10:30 AM	Gary Zabretsky by Cindy, Adam, and Kira



### Last Weekend:

Sunday \$4,060.41; Dues \$894.00; Care and Education of Priests \$5.00; Christmas Flowers \$643.20; All Saints \$25.00; Human Development \$47.00; Religious Retirement \$0.10; World Mission \$6.00; Immaculate Conception \$20.30; Poor Box \$287.30

**TELEVISED MASS** will be this Monday, December 3rd, at 9:00 AM. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

**SECOND COLLECTION** next weekend is for the Retirement Fund for Religious and Diocesan Priests.

**CANDLES ON THE ALTAR** are in Memory of George "Yudo" Matisak by His Mother Gloria and Family

**MEMORIAL DONATIONS TO THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN:** In Memory of Michele Mahovich \$150.00 by Barbara and Mike Tulanowski; In Memory of Her parents Andrew and Mary Shovarsky and Her Husband John Bias \$300.00 by Christine Bias.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8TH, IS THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION.** This is an important Holy Day of Obligation. You **must** attend mass **twice** that weekend. You can attend the vigil mass on Friday at 7:00 pm and then your regular weekend mass or you can attend the Saturday morning mass at 7:00 am and then your regular weekend mass. **But you MUST attend two masses this weekend.**



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After the 7:00 AM mass on Saturday, there will be a one-hour exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the recitation of the Rosary by the Legion of Mary.





Over the next 4 weeks of Advent you will hear 4 different words and see each word displayed in the front of the Church. You are encouraged to focus on that particular word for that week as you prepare for the coming of Christ at Christmas. The first word on the large banner is **PREPARE!** (No, I'm not revealing the other

three words just yet....they will come one-at-a-time). I know you're out there preparing everything for the holiday, but are you preparing for **CHRISTmas?** Ponder the word **PREPARE** this week and make sure you're focusing on the right preparation.



**A VIEW FROM THE PEW, A FEW WORDS ON ADVENT**

Advent is often swallowed by the commercialization of Christmas. I know that's a worn-out phrase, but we often forget that like Lent this is also a time of spiritual preparation, a journey. The first candle on the wreath is lit and we are to **PREPARE** for the birth of Christ. How are we to accomplish such a goal, through **FORGIVENESS**. Not only by asking God for forgiveness, but we must also forgive others, have mercy. When the second candle is lit maybe it's a good time to let go of our anger and grudges. The third week of Advent is marked by a rose-colored candle. When lit, it is a sign that the journey is almost over, but we must **PERSEVERE** and not just give in to the secular season and forget what **CHRISTMAS** is about. Finally, as the fourth candle is lit, and the journey is almost complete, we still have time to look inward, did we **RENEW** our faith? Which Christmas will we be prepared for, the **HOLY DAY** or the holiday?



**CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE** - Ornaments are still available on the Giving Tree. Please bring your gift-wrapped item with the ornament attached and place it on the altar or bring it to the parish office by **NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9th** so that we can organize and distribute the gifts in time for Christmas. If you find you are unable to purchase the gift or if you have lost

your ornament, please call the parish office and let us know. Not buying the gift means that we have to go out at the last minute and try to purchase it so that no one is forgotten on Christmas morning.

**CHRISTMAS CARD ADDRESSES for Fr. Zavacki, Fr. Matthey, and Fr. Gavitt are:**

Rev. Richard A. Zavacki  
St. Luke's Villa  
80 Northampton St Rm 109  
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701-3035



Rev. Joseph J. Matthey  
Villa St. Joseph  
1600 Green Ridge St.  
Dunmore, PA 18509-2102



Rev. J. Duane Gavitt  
134 S. Washington St.  
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701-2901



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**DIOCESAN APPEAL DONORS:** M/M Ronald Ambrose; M/M John Brogan; Ms. Mary Ann Delese; M/M Joseph Laganosky; M/M John Lapchak; M/M Gregory McKinley; M/M Robert Quinn; Mrs. Margaret Serock; M/M Thomas Yurish



# ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT



OLIC's Advent by Candlelight program will be held this Sunday, December 2nd. For those who are hosting a table, the church doors by the rectory will be open at 12:00 PM on Sunday and will remain open all day. Please plan to come early to set up your table. The program will start at 5:00 PM in the church. Hope to see you there!

**HOSTESSES: WHAT WE PROVIDE FOR YOU:** Coffee, Sugar for your sugar bowl Creamer Ice & Ice Water, Hot Water for Tea.

**THINGS YOU SHOULD PLAN TO BRING:** Centerpiece with Candles, Lighter, Serving Utensils and Dessert(s). For the 8 at your table (includes you): Place settings, silverware, and napkins.

## **SCHEDULE FOR THE EVENING:**

**5:00 - 5:30** Advent program will be held in the church: "We Have Come to Worship Him".

**5:30 - ?** Parish Hall. Serve dessert and beverage to your table. Everybody visits and mingles.



# ADVENT ON THE REFRIGERATOR



## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

**Christmas Eve Mass, Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM and 10:00 PM**

**Christmas Day Mass, Tuesday, December 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM**

**New Year's Eve, Monday, December 31<sup>st</sup> at 4:00 PM**

**New Year's Day, Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 AM**

## ST. PATRICK'S PARISH

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## **IMPORTANT CHRISTMAS SEASON INFORMATION**

### **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE:**



#### ***IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH:***

Monday evenings before the 7:00 PM mass from 6:00 - 6:50 PM;

Every Tuesday, Thursday, Friday morning from 6:15 - 6:50 AM;

Saturday afternoons from 3:00 - 3:30 PM.

#### ***ST. PATRICK'S PARISH:***

Monday mornings from 7:00 AM - 7:50 AM;

Wednesday evenings from 5:00 - 5:50 PM;

Saturday afternoons from 5:00 - 5:30 PM.

**PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO COMMUNAL**

**PENANCE SERVICE AT EITHER PARISH.**

### ***Notice Regarding Reporting Sexual Abuse of a Minor***

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement. In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24-Hour Child Abuse hotline (ChildLine) at 1-800-932-0313 or electronically at [www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis](http://www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis). It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator Mary Beth Pacuska at (570-862-7551) or to Diocesan officials, including the Vicar General, Monsignor Thomas M. Muldowney, V.G., at (570-207-2269).

### ***Aviso al Respeto de Reportar el Abuso Sexual de Un Menor de Edad***

Es la norma de la Diócesis de Scranton reportar cualquier alegación de abuso sexual de un menor de edad a las autoridades. Si usted es una víctima de abuso sexual cometido por un sacerdote, diácono, religioso o empleado laico, o voluntario de la Diócesis de Scranton, usted está obligado a reportar el asunto inmediatamente a las autoridades de la ley. Si algún sacerdote, diácono, religioso, empleado laico o voluntario de la Diócesis de Scranton tiene sospecha de que un menor de edad ha sido sujeto a cualquier forma de abuso, incluyendo abuso sexual de menor de edad, el asunto será reportado a las autoridades de la ley. De conformidad con la Comunidad de los Servicios de Protección Infantil de Pennsylvania Leyes, informes de sospecha de abuso de niños también debe hacerse inmediatamente por teléfono las 24 horas maltrato infantil hotline (ChildLine) al 1-800-932-0313 o electrónicamente en [www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis](http://www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis). Es la norma de la Diócesis defender todas las regulaciones civiles y del estado. Al fin de que la Diócesis esté comprometida igualmente a defender las normas del Código de Derecho Canónico y defender los principios de la Carta Para la Protección de Niños y Jóvenes (Conferencia de los Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos), lo cual incluye apoyar a las víctimas de abuso sexual en pos del bienestar emocional y espiritual. Por eso, información respecto a una alegación del asunto sexual de un menor de edad, debe ser reportada a la Coordinadora Diocesana de Asistencia para Las Víctimas Maria Beth Pacuska, a (570-862-7551) o a los oficiales diocesanos incluyendo El Vicario General, Monseñor Thomas M. Muldowney, a (570-207-2269).