

# SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 5, 2021

## † MASS INTENTIONS †

Sat.	12/4	4:00 PM	Bob Hludzik by Mary Ann
Sun.	12/5	11:00 AM	Gary Zabretsky by Cindy, Adam, and Kyra Zabretsky
Mon.	12/6	7:00 PM	Victor Kujat, Jr. by Catherine DeVigili and John DeAngelo
Tue.	12/7	7:00 AM	Vicki Berta by Joseph and Diani Polumbo
		7:00 PM	Mary Sue Sisock by Nancy Sisock and Family
Wed	12/8	7:00 AM	Margaret Blasko by Paula
		7:00 PM	John Hess by John and Sandy Sabo
Thur.	12/9	7:00 AM	William Schneider by Thomas and Sharon Monie
Fri.	12/10	7:00 AM	Agnes Brogan by Gary Nunes
Sat.	12/11	4:00 PM	Thomas Barron by His Wife Annamarie & Daughters Stacey & Kelly
Sun.	12/12	11:00 AM	Deceased Members of the Bzdil and Soroko Families by Helen Anne and Gerry, Jr.



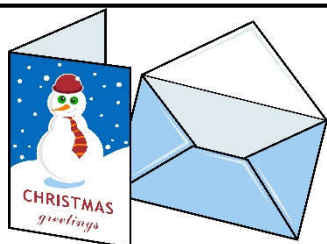
### Last Weekend:

Sunday \$2,809.00; Loose \$144.00; Dues \$616.00; Other \$141.00; Christmas Flowers \$596.00; Poor Box \$182.02



**OUR SANCTUARY LAMP** is burning in Memory of Bob Hludzik by Mary Ann

**MEMORIAL DONATION** of \$25.00 was made in Memory of William Thomas by Karen Thomas



### ADDRESSES FOR CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR FATHER ARUN AND FATHER GAVITT

Rev. Arun Lakra  
6 N. Church Street  
Carbondale, PA 18407-2323

Rev. J. Duane Gavitt  
5700 Bear Creek Blvd.  
Bear Creek, PA 18602



**FAITH FORMATION NEWS** - If any elderly parishioners would like help with raking leaves or show shoveling, please contact the parish office at 570-636-3035. Our Confirmation students need service hours.



On Sunday, December 19th, the 11:00 AM Mass will be the 6th Grade CCD Children's Mass.



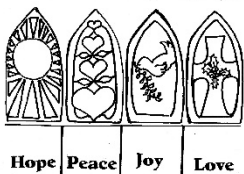
## A Message from Father Mike...



Maybe you've heard it over the last decade, the song: The Christmas Shoes. It's the story of a little boy who wants to buy a pair of shoes for his momma. It's Christmas eve and the boy wants to make sure momma looks good when she meets Jesus tonight. A stranger helps with the cost of the shoes.

The boy runs off and the stranger finds the real meaning of Christmas. The little boy loved his momma and he knew she would look good in those shoes. The stranger was brought back into focus and knew that love drove that little boy.

Our second Advent candle this week is LOVE. As Isaiah tells us in this weekend's Gospel: *Prepare the way of the Lord*. The best way we can prepare for Jesus is to show love to those that need it. A little boy and a stranger got it, do you?



### A VIEW FROM THE PEW, A FEW WORDS FOR ADVENT

Just a few small words can prepare us for the season of Advent and ultimately Christmas. **HOPE, PEACE, JOY & LOVE**. A season filled with

**HOPE**, the confident expectation of what God has promised. This expectation is the birth of a savior, Jesus Christ, the one who brings **PEACE** on earth. "Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." John 27:14. The peace Christ brings fills us with great **JOY**, "...the joy of the Lord is your strength." Nehemiah 8:10. The promise which is fulfilled on Christmas is ultimately **LOVE**, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life." John 3:16.

**GOOD SHEPHERD TUESDAY BINGO IS BACK!** The kitchen opens at 5:00 PM and our Early Bird game begins at 6:00 PM.



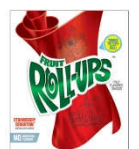
**BINGO AT ST. PATRICK'S** on the second Wednesday of every month. Parish center doors open and food is available at 5:00 PM. Games start at 6:00 PM. The next bingo will be a Turkey Bingo. A bonus turkey will be awarded every other regular game. The progressive jackpot is at \$900.00.



**MANDATORY BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS** will be at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, in the Parish Center in the basement of Immaculate Conception Church. Please register by calling the Immaculate Conception Parish Office at 570-636-3035 or the Good Shepherd office at 570-788-3141.



Our Parish Community-Service Coordinating Team is requesting fruit cups, fruit roll-ups, and fruit snacks for the month of December. Items are to be placed in the food pantry container by December 26th. Thank you for any donations you can provide to assist those individuals and families in need in our community.





# Advent Schedule Of Special Events

## ADVENT SCRIPTURE SESSIONS WITH FATHER MCHUGH:

Father McHugh will present Advent Scripture sessions on the Infancy Gospels of Matthew and Luke at **9:00AM on Tuesday, December 7th**. Tuesday, December 14th, is a make-up day in case of a postponement of either of the scheduled sessions. Father will examine the differences and similarities of the Infancy Gospels of Matthew and Luke. Topics such as angels, canticles, dreams, genealogies, etc., will be treated. Register by calling Good Shepherd parish office at 570-788-3141. Studying the Infancy Gospels is a fine way to prepare for Christmas and the days following it.



On the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, which is a Holy Day of Obligation, in addition to our regular morning mass at 7:00 AM, there will be a special Mass on the evening of December 8th with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 6:00 PM to 6:50 PM with Mass at 7:00 PM. There is also a Vigil Mass at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, December 7th, at 7:00.



**OUR ANNUAL GIVING TREE GIFTS** must be on the altar by **NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12th**. If you have lost your tag or for any reason will not have your gift on the altar or in the church office by next Sunday, please let us know as soon as possible so that we can replace it. For most children, this is their only Christmas gift, and we don't want any child to be disappointed on Christmas morning. Gifts will be distributed on Saturday, December 18th, from 9 to 11.

**CONTEMPORARY STYLE MASS** - Every Sunday during the Advent Season at 6:00 PM in Good Shepherd Parish there will be a contemporary style mass. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

