

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 8, 2019

† MASS INTENTIONS †

Sat.	12/7	4:00 PM	Gary Zabretsky by Cindy, Adam, and Kyra Zabretsky
Sun.	12/8	11:00 AM	Margaret Blasko by Her Daughter Paula Gallagher
Mon.	12/9	7:00 AM	Robert Hludzik by Mary Ann
		7:00 PM	Joseph Laganosky by His Mom and Dad
Tue.	12/10	7:00 AM	Mary and Thomas Ferko by Mrs. Frances Breznitsky and Family
Wed.	12/11	7:00 PM	Joan Pecora by Theresa Marchetti and Nephew Richard
Thur.	12/12	7:00 AM	Elenita Kloton by Janet Amentler and Gene Resuta
Fri.	12/13	7:00 AM	Michael Tate by M/M Paul Thomas
Sat.	12/14	4:00 PM	Joseph and Antoinette Batcha and the Deceased Members of the Batcha and Ceriani Families by JoAnne and Barbara
Sun.	12/15	11:00 AM	Deceased Members of the Feissner and Staruch Families by Their Families



Last Weekend:

Sunday \$3,757.00; Loose \$74.00; Dues \$537.00; Care and Education of Priests \$535.00; Christmas Flowers \$321.00; Human Development \$112.00; All Saints \$56.00; Religious Retirement \$25.00; World Mission Sunday \$1.00; Poor Box \$155.18

CANDLES ON THE ALTAR are in Memory of Robert Hludzik by Mary Ann



THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION will be celebrated on Monday, December 9th, with masses at 7:00 AM and 7:00 PM.

The Giving Tree

Helping Those in Need



CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE - If your gift is going to be later than this weekend or if you find you were unable to purchase the gift or if you 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 find the item and purchase it so that no one is forgotten on Christmas morning.

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT program is Sunday, December 8th, at 5:00 PM in the church.

Hostesses: 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.

What We Provide For You: Coffee, Sugar, Creamer, Water & Hot Water for Tea.



Things You Should Plan to Bring: Centerpiece with Candles, Lighter, Serving Utensil and Dessert(s). For the 8 at your table (includes you): Place settings, silverware, napkins.

Schedule for the Evening:

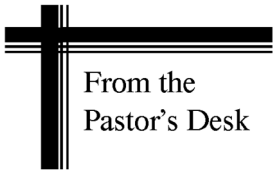
5:00 - 5:30 Advent program held in the church: "Have a Mary Christmas".

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



FOOD PANTRY DONATION for December is coffee, tea, and hot chocolate. Please note that the next food distribution is **Tuesday, December 17th.**

LOTTERY PROFIT for November was \$1,050.00. Thanks to all who contributed to the success of our lottery.



From the
Pastor's Desk

This weekend and next, we will hear from John the Baptist. In this weekend's Gospel, John is not afraid to confront those who openly do evil, especially those in authority. John has a keen sense of what's happening around him. He knows his mission is to prepare Israel for the coming of the

Messiah. He could easily stand in the Temple and ask those in attendance to repent. John's methods are much more direct. He publically points out those who are doing evil and challenges them to do something about it. **STOP DOING EVIL!** It's that simple. If you want to prepare yourself for the coming of the Messiah, stop the wrong you are doing and begin **DOING RIGHT!** Here's your challenge: find **ONE** thing you know is wrong and **STOP!** Replace it with **ONE** thing **RIGHT!** Go ahead, you can do it!



ADVENT

A VIEW FROM THE PEW, WAITING.

"Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord." James 5:7. If you look around the next few weeks, I'm positive that you will not see too many patient people! We'll wait in all kinds of lines looking for that special something, but does that something really matter? Why not set some time aside to **WAIT** for something that really does matter? Let's take time to appreciate the **JOY** this season represents and the **HOPE** that will soon arrive. We should all be **WAITING IN JOYFUL HOPE** for the ultimate gift, the birth of our savior **JESUS CHRIST!**

DIOCESAN APPEAL DONORS: Mr. Gerald Brogan; M/M Simon Kazinetz;
M/M Lawrence Romanelli; Mr. Joseph Skwierz



ADDRESSES FOR CHRISTMAS CARDS



Father Richard Zavacki
Allied Services Meade Street Senior Community
260 S. Meade St. Room 214
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702-6221

Rev. J. Duane Gavitt
134 South Washington Street
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701-2901

COMBINED PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING: The Parish Pastoral Councils of Good Shepherd and Immaculate Conception has met for combined meetings in September, October and November. As we continue to grow into our new linkage we thought it was important to have combined Pastoral Council meetings so that we all have a shared awareness of how to build a great new linkage. Our desire is to create spirit of unity that flows from our common goals and priorities. Our hope is to work together to see growth in the both parishes in our linkage. We've been attentive to appreciating the balance between the needs of each individual **PARISH** and those of the **LINKAGE**. We realize, like in a marriage, that we need to look at the balance between **"I and WE"**. As with the transition team the common hope expressed for the future was to have an increased sense of shared experiences, events and projects. As we look to the New Year we will be reaching out to you for your ideas and support as we consider ways to create a new social event and outreach project where we can multiply our strengths and gifts to be of service to others and enjoy time together.



You Are Most Cordially Invited to Join Us
for Our Children's Christmas Play Celebrating
Jesus' Birth On Saturday, December 14th, at
5:00 PM in Good Shepherd Church. Admission is FREE!