



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 9, 2018



† MASS INTENTIONS †

Sat.	12/8	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
Mon.	12/10	7:00 PM	Elsie Norman and Cheryl Kleckner by Marla and Family
Tue.	12/11	7:00 AM	Rita Yanochko by JoAnn Oressie and Stella Samsel
Wed.	12/12		NO MASS
Thur.	12/13	7:00 AM	Vic Piazzzi by Janet and Cheryl
Fri.	12/14	7:00 AM	Rita Babbish by Her Mom, Dad, and Sister Justine
Sat.	12/15	4:00 PM	Deceased Members of the Batcha and Ceriani Families by JoAnne and Barbara
Sun.	12/16	7:30 AM	Jean Iben by Her Husband John and Daughters
		10:30 AM	For the People



Last Weekend:

Sunday \$4,157.75; Dues \$683.00; Care and Education of Priests \$30.00; Christmas Flowers \$435.00; Religious Retirement \$182.00; Immaculate Conception \$81.00; All Saints Day \$5.00; Human Development \$11.00; Poor Box \$178.00.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN MEMORIAL DONATION of \$1,500.00 was made in Memory of M/M Peter Brogan, Sr. by Their Son Peter; \$200.00 in Memory of Guy and Florence Edwards, Vince and Marie LaPorte, Stephen Stefanick, and Tim Edwards by Lisa LaPorte; \$1,000.00 in Memory of M/M John J. Banyas by Their Children Cathy and Jack and \$500.000 in Memory of Barbara Banyas-Patton by Her Siblings Cathy and Jack; \$300.00 in Memory of Stephen and Joseph Laganosky by Their Parents Joan and Joe Laganosky.



Giving Tree

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE - Ornaments are due this weekend. 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 purchase it so that no one is forgotten on Christmas morning.



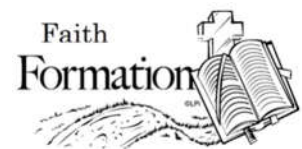
FOOD PANTRY DONATION for December is Coffee, Tea, and Cocoa. Next distribution is December 18th.



FAITH FORMATION NEWS: The 6th grade will be assisting with celebrating mass on December 16th at 10:30 AM.

Faith Formation will not have class on December 23rd and 30th. Happy Holidays! Classes will resume January 6 at 9:00 AM.

There will be a First Grade parent Meeting on Sunday, January 6th, at 9:00 AM in the rectory. Parents should make every effort to attend this meeting.





I can remember it like it was yesterday. I got very mad at someone for something they had done. It offended me and I shot off like a cannon. No words were exchanged for years because of their offense and my hot-headedness. Then a sad report - Pat had terminal cancer. He had little time when I broke down and went to his hospital room. It's funny at that moment - I couldn't remember what he had done to get me mad, I was only embarrassed over how I handled the situation. I asked for his forgiveness and he asked for mine. Pat is a Guardian Angel to me. As we approach the birth of our Savior, is there someone in your life who needs forgiveness? Just look up at the large purple banner and answer the question.



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?

PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY will be held at the Valley Country Club on Sunday, January 6th. At 2:00 PM. Menu choices are Chicken Cordon Bleu or Stuffed Flounder. Cost is \$30. Reservation deadline is December 27th.



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

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St. Luke's Villa
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Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701-3035



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1600 Green Ridge St.
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Rev. J. Duane Gavitt
134 S. Washington St.
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701-2901



ADVENT BIBLE STUDY with Deacon Jim will be held in St. Patrick's Center on Wednesday, December 5th, at 6:00 PM. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.



LOTTERY PROFIT FOR NOVEMBER was \$1,061.00. Sincere thanks to all who helped to make our lottery a success!

"No one has ever become poor by giving." - Anne Frank. Have you given to the Capital Campaign?