

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 12, 2021

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| Sat. | 12/11 | 4:00 PM | Thomas Barron by His Wife Annamarie and Daughters Stacey and Kelly | |
| Sun. | 12/12 | 11:00 AM | Deceased Members of the Bzdil and Soroko Families by Helen Anne and Gerry, Jr. | |
| Mon. | 12/13 | 7:00 PM | Thomas and Mary Ferko by Daughter Frances and Family | |
| Tue. | 12/14 | 7:00 AM | Joyce Hrabovecky by Her Sister Annamarie | |
| Wed. | 12/15 | 7:00 AM | Rita Babbish by Her Dad | |
| Thur. | 12/16 | 7:00 AM | John Hess by Dolores Repetz | |
| Fri. | 12/17 | 7:00 AM | Dolores Gyurko by Joe and Judie McHugh | |
| Sat. | 12/18 | 4:00 PM | Deceased Members of the Batcha and Ceriani Families and Steve Korol by JoAnne and Barbara | |
| Sun. | 12/19 | 11:00 AM | Father Richard Zavacki by Mary | |



Last Weekend:

Sunday \$3,768.00; Loose \$449.00; Dues \$553.00; Care and Education of Priests \$607.00; Other 75.00; Immaculate Conception \$183.00; Christmas Flowers \$367.00; Poor Box \$80.20

CANDLES ON THE ALTAR are in Memory of the Deceased Members of the Bzdil and Soroko Families by Helen Anne and Gerry, Jr.



OUR SANCTUARY LAMP is burning this week in Memory of the Deceased Members of the Keeler and Gifford Family by Janet Keeler

MEMORIAL DONATION of \$100.00 was made in Memory of Cathy Hrino by Her Husband Ben



ADDRESSES FOR CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR FATHER ARUN & 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



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.



FAITH FORMATION NEWS - If any elderly parishioners would like help with raking leaves or snow 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. The children have prepared a craft for each Children's mass. They are placed in basket at the entrance for you to take and enjoy.



There are no classes on December 26th and January 2nd.



A Message from Father Mike...



JOY! This weekend the ROSE-colored candle is the featured light on the Advent Wreath. This special candle reminds us that we are close to the coming of Jesus. In this Gospel this weekend, the people thought John the Baptist was the Messiah and asked him: "What shall we do?" Although he denies being the Messiah, he gives them some advice on how to live: do not extort, be satisfied with your wages, do not bear false witness. He also tells them that if they have two cloaks, they are to share one with others. Let's look at the words "Joy" and "what shall we do?" If you want Joy in your life this Advent season, share what you have with others. Give to the poor, share your time with those in need (maybe even your own family), or drop some extra coins in the kettle. Joy is about doing for others. Will you?



A VIEW FROM THE PEW, ATTENDING MASS TWICE CHRISTMAS WEEKEND?

Christmas falls on a Saturday this year and you may be asking what are my opportunities to attend mass & fulfill my obligation? Good question, Christmas is a holy day of obligation no matter what day of the week it falls. So that means we must attend mass either Christmas eve (the vigil mass) on Friday the 24th or Christmas day, Saturday the 25th. This fulfills the obligation for the holy day. So, we're covered for the Sunday obligation? Well, not so fast. We also get to attend mass on Sunday to fulfill our Sunday obligation. Ok, why? The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Divine Worship noted that a "two-for-one" Mass cannot occur in very rare circumstances when two of the six holydays of obligation (the Feast of the Immaculate Conception or Christmas) fall the day before or after Sunday. So long story short... See you at mass twice this Christmas weekend!

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. game.



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.



OUR ANNUAL GIVING TREE GIFTS must be on the altar by **THIS 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.



Meeting
Reminder

There is a Pastoral Council Meeting on Wednesday, December 15th, at 6:00 PM in the Parish Center.