

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 19, 2021

		†	MASS INTENTIONS	†
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	
Mon.	12/20	9:00 AM	<b>TV Mass</b> Michael Delese III by David Marcus & Family	
		7:00 PM	Jeffrey Kopczynskie by Dan Kopczynskie	
Tue.	12/21	7:00 AM	Elizabeth Hrabovecky by Her Daughter Annamarie	
Wed	12/22	7:00 AM	Geraldine Babbish by Her Husband	
Thur.	12/23	7:00 AM	Amelia Capozzelli by the Capozzelli Family	
Fri.	12/24	4:00 PM	Virginia Chocolas by Tony, Don, Erica, and Billy	
		10:00 pm	Geraldine Babbish by Her Husband	
Sat.	12/25	4:00 PM	Magdalene Kislán by Her Husband Bob & Donna & Joann	
Sun.	12/26	11:00 AM	Rocco & Elizabeth Bellezza by their Daughter Geraldine Gordon & Family and Seth & Rose Wheeland & Family	



## Last Weekend:

Sunday \$4,163.00; Loose \$142.00; Dues \$1,238.00; Care and Education of Priests \$165.00; Other \$1,579.00; Poor Box \$220.58

**CANDLES ON THE ALTAR** are in Memory of the Deceased Members of the Batcha and Ceriani Families and Steve Korol by JoAnne and Barbara



**OUR SANCTUARY LAMP** is burning in Memory of the Deceased Members of the Batcha and Ceriani Families and Steve Korol by JoAnne and Barbara

## 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.



On December 19th, we will celebrate Happy Birthday, Jesus, during class. Although we need to do it differently, it is important we celebrate in a safe manner. We would like to wish everyone a healthy, safe holiday Season. Merry Christmas! Happy New Year!



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



## A Message from Father Mike...



This is the Fourth Sunday of Advent. The final candle of the Advent Wreath, PEACE is lit. What does PEACE mean to you? The absence of war, a quiet evening with a book, a moment in prayer are all examples of PEACE. I remember the Christmas of 1964. Mom was in the hospital and she came home during the day on Christmas Eve.

We brought the old cot from upstairs down to the living room because it would be easier for her. It was nice having Mom home. She stayed there for the night. I got up early on Christmas morning and came down stairs to see if Santa had come. When I got to the bottom of the stairs, I saw the tree and the few gifts Santa had brought, but there was Mom on the cot. It was one for the first times in my young life (at the age of 7), I truly remember feeling PEACE. She was home and Christmas had come. Where do you find PEACE?



### 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. Thank you for any donations you can provide to assist those individuals and families in need in our community.



**ATTENTION LECTORS, MINISTERS, ALTAR SERVERS, AND FAITH FORMATION TEACHERS:** Candy apples from Gertrude Hawks are available in the front sacristy. It is our "thank you" for your dedicated service to our parish.



**THANK YOU** so very, very much to everyone who bought gifts for our **Giving Tree**. Your gifts were distributed Saturday morning to very grateful parents. Many were in tears for your generosity to needy children that you didn't even know. **CHRISTmas** is alive and well in our parish!