



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 23, 2018



† MASS INTENTIONS †

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| Sat. | 12/22 | 4:00 PM | Theresa A. Falatko by Robert A. Falatko and Family |
| Sun. | 12/23 | 7:30 AM | Jeffrey "Zeb" Kopczynskie by Dan Kopczynskie and Family |
| | | 10:30 AM | Mike Bobby by His Wife Pat and Family |
| Mon. | 12/24 | 4:00 PM | Christmas Eve Marilyn Moyer by Alfred and Barbara Moyer |
| | | 10:00 PM | Christmas Eve Christine Yanek by Kevin and Cammy Ruby and Boys |
| Tue. | 12/25 | 9:00 AM | Christmas Day Magdalene Kislán by Bob Kislán and Daughters |
| Wed. | 12/26 | 7:00 AM | Deceased Members of the Gabuzda Family |
| Thur. | 12/27 | 7:00 AM | Edward Yanochko by the Delfine Family |
| Fri. | 12/28 | 7:00 AM | Stella and Peter Amentler by Their Children Janet and John |
| Sat. | 12/29 | 4:00 PM | For the People |
| Sun. | 12/30 | 7:30 AM | Elaine Gazick by Her Family |
| | | 10:30 AM | Susan Myers by Michele and Marty Kimmel |



Last Weekend:

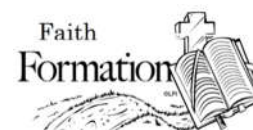
Sunday \$4,186.00; Dues \$3,461.00; Christmas Flowers \$50.00; Religious Retirement \$79.00; Immaculate Conception \$62.00; Human Development \$2.00; Catholic Relief \$15.00; Poor Box \$433.06

CANDLES ON THE ALTAR are in Memory of Calvin D. and Susan Herring by Calvin J. and Debra Herring and Family.



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN MEMORIAL DONATION of \$100.00 in Memory of Robert Gornal, Sr. and Robert Gornal, Jr. by Wife and Mother Anna Mae and \$100.00 in Memory of Michael and Mary Gornal by Their Grandsons Robert and Richard.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS: On December 9th, the 8th grade class was informed of a Mandatory Retreat for Confirmation. This retreat will take place March 15th and 16th, 2019 at the Bear Creek Camp. A parent meeting will be announced.



Faith Formation will not have class on December 30th. Happy New Year! Classes will resume on 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. At least one parent per student must attend this meeting.

There will be a meeting for the parents of the Confirmation students with Father Mike on Sunday, January 6th, at 9:30 AM in the rectory. At least one parent per student must attend this meeting.

As this year comes to an end, I reflect upon the past months of this session. A heartfelt thank-you to our volunteers involved with our program and parents who have provided support to our program. You are appreciated and I hope you know how much you bring to our program. Happy Holidays!

******MASS SCHEDULE THIS WEEK** will include a mass on Wednesday, December 26th, at 7:00 AM.



For the last three weeks of the Advent season you have been shown a word to help you get through the week and to ponder (PREPARE, FORGIVE, PERSEVERE). This last Sunday of Advent we challenge you to **RENEW** your life.

The Advent journey is one that hopefully leads you to a better understanding of who you are and what you need to change to become a better person. **RENEW**al begins with you! Are you up for the challenge?



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.



THANK YOU TO OUR SPECIAL CHRISTMAS ELVES: John Sabo, Lillian Urenovich, Sally & Les Shupp, Jane Decowski, Steve Croshaw, and Cheryl Turri who helped to organize and distribute the Giving Tree gifts last weekend. This would never be possible without your dedication and help!



DIOCESAN APPEAL DONORS: M/M George Blanyar; Mr. Gene Della Croce; M/M Michael Drumn; M/M Simon Kazinetz; M/M Martin Kimmel; Mr. John Kish; Dr. and Mrs. John Medola; Mrs. Josephine Palermo; Mr. Thomas Pecora; Mrs. Anna Plaksa; M/M Joseph Polumbo; Mrs. Mary Lou Potoskie; Atty. James Senape; Mr. John Skwierz; M/M Mark Starruick; Ms. Helen Wysocky; Mrs. Joann Zynel. by a reception. Requests for an invitation, with a mailing address, should be made through your pastor before April 2nd.



FOOD PANTRY DONATION for January is pasta. The next distribution date is Tuesday, January 22, 2019. Sincere thanks to everyone who contributed to the Food Pantry. Your generosity and kindness help to brighten many lives.

