

# First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2016



## Advent

Dear friends in Christ,

Advent is a special time in the Church year as we prepare for Celebration of the Lord's Birth into our world. Advent holds out the hope and desire to see the light of Christ shine through the darkness of our world.

*"The time of Advent...returns us to the horizon of hope, a hope that does not disappoint because it is founded on the Word of God." Advent is "a new journey of the people of God with Jesus Christ, our Shepherd, who guides us in history toward the completion of the Kingdom of God." –Pope Francis*

At this special time, we are urged to remain watchful and vigilant as we invite the Lord to come more fully into our homes, our lives and our hearts.

I hope you had the opportunity to make a Family Advent Wreath last Saturday at our Parish Advent Wreath Event! Each week at Mass during Advent, we will light another Advent Candle as a countdown to Christmas. Purple candles--the color of royalty—are used since we are preparing for the Celebration of the Birth of Christ our King.



### First Candle

Color: Purple  
Theme: Hope  
First Sunday in Advent

### Second Candle

Color: Purple  
Theme: Love  
Second Sunday in Advent

### Third Candle

Color: Purple or pink  
Theme: Joy  
Third Sunday in Advent

### Fourth Candle

Color: Purple  
Theme: Peace  
Fourth Sunday in Advent

### Optional Center Candle

Color: White  
Theme: Christmas  
Christmas Day

May this Advent season be filled with joyful anticipation of the Celebration of the Birth of our Lord and Saviour into our world!

Msgr. Larry Bronkiewicz

Pastor



## MASS READINGS & INTENTIONS

### MONDAY, November 28

Is 4:2-6/Mt 8:5-11

7:00 AM Ryan Adams

12:00 PM Carey Depuy

### TUESDAY, November 29

Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24

7:00 AM Carey Depuy

12:00 PM Mary Presnell

### WEDNESDAY, November 30

Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22

7:00 AM John Wagner

12:00 PM Jane M. Feely - 6th Anniversary

### THURSDAY, December 1

Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27

7:00 AM Chuck Erichsen

12:00 PM John G. Gilchrist

### FRIDAY, December 2

Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31

7:00 AM Stephen Rogers

9:00 AM Anand Kulangara - 14th Anniversary

12:00 PM Elizabeth & James Ryan

### SATURDAY, December 3

Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

8:00 AM Dino Giardini - 25th Anniversary

4:30 PM Catherine & John Hanney

### SUNDAY, December 4

Is 11:1-10/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

#### **Church**

7:30 AM Ryan Adams

9:15 AM Parishioners of the Parish

11:15 AM Lorraine Perrotta

#### **Hall**

10:30 AM James J. Cally

12:00 PM Daniella Michilli

5:00 PM Carol and Jeff Smith

### CEMETERY - CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

As a reminder, no grave blankets/sprays are permitted and all decorations must adhere to the current regulations. Please refer to our **Cemetery Decoration Schedule and Regulations** on our Parish website or at our Cemetery office. If you have any questions, please contact Donna Barber at our Cemetery Office 438-3606 or at 203-733-4658. Thank you for your understanding.

Our next Pre-Baptism Class (required for parents who have not had a class within five years and wish to have their child baptized) will be held **Wed., Dec 14<sup>th</sup>** from 7:30-8:30pm in the Barn. Call our Parish Office to register.



## GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

### WEEKLY YEAR-TO-DATE

November 20, 2016 \$TK \$1,092,841

November 22, 2015 \$TK \$1,060,938

### **Campaign for Human Development**

November 2016 \$TK

November 2015 \$TK

*This week's second collection, Hospitality House  
Next week's second collection, Christmas Flowers*



**Please remember our sick in your prayers, especially Theresa Avento, Joseph Barone, Mary Jo Calamai, Megyn Caldwell, Patti Capilli, Bill Casey, Thomas Mendez, Pat Ruhl and Anthony Saracini.** (For the sake of privacy, only immediate family members may add someone to our prayer list. Individuals will be removed monthly unless we are otherwise notified.)

## BAPTISMS

We welcome to the Family of God and our Parish Family **Gianna Marie Grasso, Julia Alice Hadermayer, and Kate Rose Sullivan** who were baptized in our Church last weekend.



## PILGRIM VIRGIN



November is a time of year for thanksgiving and in this year, the 100th Anniversary of the Fatima Apparitions, the time may be right for you to take the Pilgrim Virgin home and pray the Rosary. To honor our Blessed Mother by praying the Rosary, invite the Pilgrim Virgin of Fatima into your home. Contact Elma Stoveken at 203-894-1341.



**SAINT MARY PARISH FAMILY CALENDARS** for 2017 are now available. You may take one after you leave Mass today or pick one up at our Parish Office. One per family please.

*Candle Intentions  
Church Sanctuary Candle  
is Burning in Loving Memory of  
James Lia*





**CATHOLIC ACTION**

**ONGOING**

**St. Peter's Run**

**WE REALLY NEED YOUR HELP!**



This is a wonderful group activity! Please join our Catholic Action Team prepare and deliver lunches to the children of our Sister Parish, St. Peter's, Bridgeport on Saturdays. As there are no soup kitchens open in Bridgeport on the weekends, food support is greatly needed for the families of our Sister parish, especially during the winter months. We ask that you consider providing a bag lunch meal to about 200 children of St. Peter's who are enrolled in their Religious Ed program. Reimbursement for the cost is available. Thank you for considering serving Christ through the poor. Please go to this link to signup <http://bit.ly/2eZYCtf> or go to [www.smcr.org](http://www.smcr.org).

**SMMC GIVING TREE**



If you haven't done so already, please be sure to pick up an ornament from our **Giving Tree**. Gifts are due back next Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup>.

**ST. MARY PHONE-A-THON**

"Let us become bold in exploring new ways with which our communities can be homes where the door is always open." ~ Pope Francis. St. Mary will blitz our active and inactive community with Christmas invitation postcards. The Evangelization committee is sponsoring a phone-a-thon to contact every home to make sure they received the postcard and to be sure everyone knows they are welcome. The phone-a-thon will be Wed., Nov. 30 and Wed., Dec. 7 at 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Hall. Refreshments will be served. Bring your cell phone, get a list, make some phone calls and enjoy Christmas community with your fellow Parishioners. "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations." Matthew 28:19



**You Can Play an Important Role in Our Ministry**

Do you know someone going through a difficult time who could benefit from the focused care, encouragement and support of a Stephen Minister? If you know of someone who is hurting, talk to one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders, Mary Ann O'Grady – 203-438-5610 or Jack Hughes – 203-665-0054. They can talk with you about how we can connect the person you know with one of our Stephen Ministers. It's a great way to show how much you care!

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

O = permanent or substitute adorer urgently needed.  
X = 1 additional adorer needed.

Empty boxes = there are 2 or more adorers.

	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
12M-1am	X	X	X	O	X	X	X
1am-2am	X	O	O	O	O	X	X
2am-3am	O	X	X	X	X	X	X
3am-4am	O	X	X	X	X	X	X
4am-5am	O	X	X	X	X	X	X
5am-6am	X	X			X		X
6am-7am	X		X	X	X		X
7am-8am	X		X	X	X	X	X
8am-9am				X			X
9am-10am	X	X		X	X	X	X
10am-11am	X			X		X	X
11am-12N	X						X
12N-1pm	X				X	X	X
1pm-2pm	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2pm-3pm	X	X	X	X		X	X
3pm-4pm		X	X	X	X	X	X
4pm-5pm	X		X	X	X		X
5pm-6pm	X		X	X	X		X
6pm-7pm	X			X	X	X	X
7pm-8pm	X						X
8pm-9pm						X	X
9pm-10pm	X	X			X	X	X
10pm-11pm			X	X		X	X
11pm-12M	X		X		X	X	X

Many people, during the holidays, feel disconnected from friends & God for one reason or another. Let us be that connection by reaching out to lonely people, and remind them that God loves them so very much. Take a scheduled hour in our Parish Adoration Chapel – a great place to spend some time in prayer. Please sign up for an hour or be a substitute by calling Bill/Monica @ 914-533-2832. God bless you all!

**EVERY Thursday evening, 7-9pm, in our Adoration Chapel, the Chaplet of Mercy, 7 Sorrows of Our Blessed Mother and 15 decades of the Rosary are sung and prayed. Please join us!**



**ST. MARY PARISH MEN'S MINISTRY**

Membership in the STMMM is a lifetime invitation to come whenever you can! Once a member always a member. Come join us any Saturday @ 6:30AM for bagels, coffee and fellowship. Perhaps your spiritual life needs a tune-up. Come and see how Jesus' teachings can enrich your life and the life of your loved ones. [stmmm.org](http://stmmm.org)

**MARQUETTE COUNCIL OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**



Don't you want to be the best role model for your child? The easiest way is to share the faith with your children by spending time with them and "walking the talk." Connect the words to action! Join the Knights of Columbus for the opportunity to serve our church and community together WITH your children. We are looking for Dads and their kids to help us throughout the year. Contact John McNicholas at [jmpmcnich@yahoo.com](mailto:jmpmcnich@yahoo.com) or visit [www.kofc245.org](http://www.kofc245.org) for more info.