

MUSIC SELECTIONS DECEMBER 11, 2016

- ENTRANCE HYMN: 296
- PREPARATION HYMN: 603
- COMMUNION HYMN: 763S
- RECESSIONAL HYMN*: 301

PSALM 146: THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR A



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***It is the tradition of the church not to exit before the final hymn has been sung.**

9:30 AM – Children's Sending: May your holy word take root in them (us). May your holy word bear fruit in them (us). Plant your word in them (us), so that they (we) may grow.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF
 DECEMBER 10, 2016 TO DECEMBER 18, 2016**

If you are having a Mass offered, please contact an usher before Mass and let them know you would like to bring up the gifts.

12-10	4:00 PM	Edna Yager – Daughter & Family Esdras Mendez (2 nd Anniversary) – Juliana & Chris Kremzier Kenneth Prusko – Lee & Fred Bialahoski
12-11	9:30 AM	Daniel Adams – (2 nd Anniversary) – The Family Claudine Lull-Barber – Bob & Donna Lull Caterine Harris – The Grasso Family Gloria Falzarano – The Kessler Family
12-12	9:00 AM	Mass at Immaculate Conception
12-13	9:00 AM	Mass at Immaculate Conception
12-14	7:30 AM	Marion Whalen – Mike Rinehart
12-15	7:30 AM	Mass
12-16	7:30 AM	Mass
12-17	4:00 PM	Marie Gabriele – The Gabriele Family Michael Brazell (13 th Anniversary) – Maggie Lisa Dorazio – Carm Dorazio
12-18	9:30 AM	Andrew & Mary Frank – The Gawlas Family Bob Evans – Toni Walsh Michael Pelham (2 nd Anniversary) – Wife and children MaryAnn & Diamond Romano – Peter Romano

LITURGICAL MINISTERS – DECEMBER 17 AND 18, 2016

	4:00 PM	9:30 AM
LECTOR	A. Gregoire	J. Raymond
CUP 1	C. Gregoire	A. Seaver
CUP 2	R. Kruk	R. Higgins
BREAD 1	Celebrant	Celebrant
BREAD 2	C. Kukan	D. Stec
BREAD 3	J. Masi	M. Crisafulli
BREAD 4	Deacon	Deacon
CUP 3	D. Kruk	H. Burke
CUP 4	TBD	A. Stolle
SERVER	J. Janack	E. Higgins
SERVER		W. Schnore
GREETER	P. & J. Wilson	T. Grasso & M. Zuppa

FINANCIAL STATISTICS 10/31-11/6/16

OFFERTORY	\$ 5,581.00	ENVELOPE USERS	162
ELECTRONIC GIVING	2,154.00	ELECT. USERS	23
CHILDREN	2.80	ATTENDANCE	422
DEBT REDUCTION	1,788.00		
MEMORIALS	815.00		
IMMAC.CONCEPTION	3.00		
CHRISTMAS	20.00		
FUNDRAISING	2,258.25		
TOTAL INCOME	\$12,622.05	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$5,719.02

Just a friendly reminder from the Finance Office: all 2016 contributions **must** be received or be postmarked by December 31, 2016 (regardless of check date). The Parish office will close at 3:00 pm on **December 29th** for the New Year's holiday ~ please plan accordingly.



Remember in your prayers those members of our parish who are sick or suffering in any way, as well as those in hospitals and nursing homes and all of our shut-ins. We also pray for family, friends and those who have died recently, especially, **Marjorie Kremzier**, wife of Edward and **Virginia DeMars**, sister of Joan Wilson. We also pray for men and women in our armed forces who are serving our country.

Scripture Readings for the Week

Mon. 12/12	Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab/ Lk 1:26-38 or Lk1:39-47		
Tues. 12/13	Zep 3:1-2, 9-13		Mt 21:28-32
Wed. 12/14	Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25		Lk 7:18b-23
Thur. 12/15	Is 54:1-10		Lk 7:24-30
Fri. 12/16	Is 56:1-3a, 6-8		Jn 5:33-36
Sat. 12/17	Gn 49:2, 8-10		Mt 1:1-17
Sun. 12/18	Is 7:10-14	Rom 1:1-7	Mt 1:18-24



Advent Wreath – Blessing Week 3 –
 Lord God, John the Baptist prepared the way for your Son. Help us to prepare the way for Jesus to enter our lives. May we truly open our hearts and our lives to him as we prepare to celebrate his birth.

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**Christmas Mass Schedule**

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| St. Joseph's      | 12/24 | 4PM, 6PM & 9PM |
|                   | 12/25 | 10AM           |
| Immac. Conception | 12/24 | 4PM & 7PM      |
|                   | 12/25 | 9AM            |
| Our Lady of Grace | 12/24 | 5PM & 8PM      |
|                   | 12/25 | 10 AM          |

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All Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Greeters, Ushers & Altar Servers – Sign-up sheets for the Christmas Liturgies are posted in Holy Family Hall. Please let us know when you will be available to serve.

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**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS LITURGY** – Rehearsals are being held on **Sundays**, after the **9:30 mass**. All children are invited to attend. Please note that any child wanting to be in the pageant must attend at least **one** rehearsal. Any questions, please call Jennifer at 491-1813.

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Communal Advent Penance Services

Immaculate Conception	Dec. 13	7:00 PM
Our Lady of Grace	Dec. 14	7:00 PM

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**Reminder- Beginning on January 1, 2017** our Sunday Liturgy will change to **9:00 AM** here at St. Joseph's.

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We will begin to deliver Christmas plants to our homebound & nursing home residents next week. If you would be available to deliver, please call the office & leave your name & contact number. This is a great opportunity for families with children to reach out to our shut-ins who truly enjoy a visit.

Sponsor of the Week

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Please welcome **Phoebe Colette Buhrmaster** daughter of Kevin and Alissa and **Alexander Maurice Suggs** son of Aaron and Andrea. They will receive the **Sacrament of Baptism on December 11.**

THANK YOU! A special thank you to everyone who donated to our Wreaths Across America fundraiser. Our goal was to raise enough for 40 wreaths, but we exceeded that goal and raised enough for **62 Wreaths!!!** This could not have been done without the support of the parish community. If you would like to participate in the placing the wreath ceremony at Saratoga National Cemetery on December 17th, please contact Grace.

Faith and Africa- Join Joan and Harry Thornhill as they share how they are living out their baptismal call to discipleship through their work for peace and justice. They will share how their work in Africa, specifically with the Akuffo Tom School in Ghana, has helped shape their faith and the importance of faith in their lives. The presentation will be from **7-8:30pm at St. Joseph's Church on Monday, December 12th.**

Our next order for **Hannaford Gift Cards & Reloads** is scheduled for **Tuesday, Dec. 13th**. All orders must be at the Parish Office by **Monday, Dec. 12th at 10 am**. Order forms are available on the bulletin boards in Holy Family Hall & the back entrance. This is the last order before Christmas ~ gift cards make great Christmas gifts!!!!



Thank you to everyone who contributed craft items, baked goods & candies or monetary donations to our **Christmas Bazaar** as well as those who shopped and purchased items from the sale. Our preliminary net profit for this event was **\$1,895.25**. If you need a last minute gift or an additional “something” to add to your Christmas package, please feel free to “shop” from the tree in Holy Family Hall. Congratulations to Linda Carboni who was the winner of the Christmas cross stitch. The proceeds from this raffle amounted to **\$239.00**.

	<u>The Week Ahead</u>
Mon. Dec. 12	Africa Presentation – 7PM - C
Tues. Dec. 13	Sandwich Making – 11AM - PC
Wed. Dec. 14	Prayer & Worship – 7PM - R
Thurs. Dec. 15	Baptismal Prep - 7PM - C
	Social Concerns – 7PM - R

