

MUSIC SELECTIONS DECEMBER 18, 2016

- ENTRANCE HYMN: 293
- PREPARATION HYMN: 436
- COMMUNION HYMN: 306
- RECESSIONAL HYMN*: 300

PSALM 24: FOURTH 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 17, 2016 TO DECEMBER 25, 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.

12-17	4:00 PM	Marie Gabriele – The Gabriele Family Michael Brazell (13th Anniversary) – Maggie Lisa Dorazio – Carm Dorazio
12-18	9:30 AM	Andrew & Mary Frank – The Gawlas Family Bob Evans – Toni Walsh Michael Pelham (2nd Anniversary) – Wife and children Mary Ann & Diamond Romano – Peter Romano
12-19	9:00 AM	Mass at Immaculate Conception
12-20	9:00 AM	Mass at Immaculate Conception
12-21	7:30 AM	Genevieve Gatta - Tony, Stephen, Victor and Kenneth Grey; Jeanette Irwin; David Walendziak
12-22	7:30 AM	Mass
12-23	7:30 AM	Helen Swits – Kathy & Larry DeMarco Lorena Taylor – Mike & Bonnie Aldi
12-24	4:00 PM	Christmas Eve Mass – For all Parishioners
	6:00 PM	Christmas Eve Mass – For all Parishioners
	9:00 PM	Christmas Eve Mass – For all Parishioners
12-25	10:00 AM	Christmas Day Mass – For all parishioners

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS – DECEMBER 24 AND 25, 2016
 – PLEASE SEE SIGN-UP SHEETS IN HOLY FAMILY HALL.**

FINANCIAL STATISTICS: 12/5-12/11/16

Offertory	\$3,507.60	ENVELOPE USERS	145
CHILDREN	3.45	ATTENDANCE	429
IMMAC.CONCEPTION	754.00		
ALL SAINTS/ALL SOULS	18.00		
MEMORIALS	460.00		
DEBT REDUCTION	68.00		
CHRISTMAS	70.00		
FUEL	2.00		
FF/YM FEES	125.00		
TOTAL INCOME	\$5,008.05	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$4,641.59

Next weekend’s second collection will be our annual **Christmas Collection**. Please remember all 2016 contributions **must** be received or 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.



Advent Wreath – Blessing Week 4– O’ Lord, our God, You called Mary to be the Mother of Jesus. She brought him into the world and gave him to us. Help us to bring Jesus and His peace to others as we prepare to celebrate the joyful feast

and season of his birth.



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 **Irene Stack**, and **Robert O’Leary**, husband of Barbara. We also pray for men and women in our armed forces who are serving our country.

Scripture Readings for the Week

Mon. 12/19	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a	Lk 1:5-25
Tues. 12/20	Is 7:10-14	Lk 1:26-38
Wed. 12/21	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a	Lk 1:39-45
Thur. 12/22	1 Sm 1:24-28	Lk 1:46-56
Fri. 12/23	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24	Lk 1:57-66
Sat. 12/24	2Sm 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16	Lk 1:67-79
Sun. 12/25	Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6	Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14



Christmas Mass Schedule

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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**Reminder- Beginning on January 1, 2017** our Sunday Liturgy will change to **9:00 AM** here at St. Joseph's.  
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Thanks again to Anne Arocho for organizing the Christmas card signing for our military. Through her efforts, 225 cards are being send to our troops ~ great job! Thank you to everyone who took a little time and filled out a card for our military personnel.
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**ATTENTION ENVELOPE USERS:** Boxed envelopes for 2017 are now available in Holy Family Hall ~ please pick up your box as soon as possible! We will be unable to have the envelopes out and available next weekend due to the Christmas masses.  
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2017 Church Calendars have arrived and are available in Holy Family Hall. These calendars are made possible by **White Funeral Home**.
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The **Giving Tree Committee** wishes to extend a heartfelt **"Thank You"** to everyone who took a tag from the tree & generously donated to our neighbors in need. St. Joseph's was able to provide over **350** gifts to various organizations and local families. This is a wonderful showing of Christ in our community!  
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The **CYO Basketball** season has begun & we still need help with the concession stand and/or collecting admissions. Help is needed with admissions on **Sat., Jan. 14th and Sun., Jan. 15th** (approx. 11:30 to 2:00 each day). Help is needed with concessions on **Sun., Jan. 15th** (approx. 11:30 to 3:00). More games will be added after Jan. 1st. We will also be looking for a coordinator for the concession stand for next year (2017/2018 season) ~ now would be a good time to check out the details and see how it is run. Please contact Deb Griffith (393-3168) or email debgriffith@verizon.net) for more information.

