

MUSIC SELECTIONS: December 17, 2017

- ENTRANCE HYMN 296
- PREPARATION HYMN 436
- COMMUNION HYMN 656
- RECESSIONAL HYMN 548*

LUKE 1: THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR B



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

9:00 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 within them (us), so that they (we) may grow.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF
 DECEMBER 16TH THROUGH DECEMBER 24TH, 2017**

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.

12-16	4:00 PM	Allison Hickey – Jim & Barbara Lonnie Bunt – Offertory Counters Lori Svec Dundon – Cathy & Jerry Riggi David Toback – Linda & Garry Faber Susan Watson – The Family
12-17	9:00 AM	Claudine Lull-Barber – The Family Dick Brazell – The Family Andrew & Mary Frank – The Gawlas Family Edward A. Luberda – The Luberda Family Helen Swits – The De Marco Family Ana Nunez – The Family
12-18	9:00 AM	Mass at Immaculate Conception
12-19	9:00 AM	Mass at Immaculate Conception
12-20	7:30 AM	Charlene Petricca – Cathy & Jerry Riggi
12-21	7:30 AM	Mass
12-22	7:30 AM	Mass
12-23	4:00 PM	Judy Dietz – John & Shirl Crane Marie Gabriele – Martin Gabriele & Family Edna Yager – The Family Michael Pelham – Wife & Children Susan Watson – The Family
12-24	9:00 AM	Maria & Pasquale Schiavone – Remo & Isabella Schiavone The Luria Family – Remo & Isabella Schiavone Jeffrey Gross -Wife, Beverly & Son, Todd
12-24	4:00 PM 6:00 PM 9:00 PM	Christmas Eve - For All Parishioners Christmas Eve - For All Parishioners Christmas Eve - For All Parishioners

LITURGICAL MINISTERS – DECEMBER 23RD AND 24TH, 2017

	4:00 PM	9:00 AM
LECTOR	P. Walsh	H. Buczkowski
CUP 1	R. Kruk	T. Walsh
CUP 2	J. Masi	C. O’Connor
BREAD 1	Celebrant	Celebrant
BREAD 2	C. Gregoire	H. Burke
BREAD 3	Deacon	Deacon
BREAD 4	K. Brooks	T. Cappuccitti
CUP 3	J. Wilson	P. Johnson
CUP 4	D. Kruk	A. Stolle
SERVER	M. Lape	K. Ostrander
SERVER		D. Burns
GREETER	P. & J. Wilson	P. Buczkowski

FINANCIAL STATISTICS 12/4-12/10/17

OFFERTORY	\$4,347.49	ENVELOPE USERS	125
CHILDREN	1.00	ATTENDANCE	313
INITIAL OFFERING	5.00		
DEBT REDUCTION	60.00		
IMMACULATE CONCEPT.	514.00		
CHRISTMAS	25.00		
CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS	470.00		
DONATIONS	455.00		
STOLE FEE	100.00		
BUILDING RENTAL	200.00		
TOTAL INCOME	\$6,177.49	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,295.18

Just a friendly reminder from the Finance Office as we head toward the end of the year. All 2017 contributions **must** be received or be postmarked by December 31, 2017 (regardless of check date). The Parish Office will close on **December 28th** at 3 pm and will not reopen until **Wednesday, January 3, 2018** ~ 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, **Jeffrey Gross**, husband of Beverly, father of Todd. We also pray for men and women in our armed forces who are serving our country.

Scripture Readings for the Week

Mon. 12/18	Jer 23:5-8	Mt 1:18-25
Tues. 12/19	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a	Lk 1:5-25
Wed. 12/20	Is 7:10-14	Lk 1:26-38
Thur. 12/21	Sg 2:8-14	Lk 1:39-45
Fri. 12/22	1 Sm 1:24-28	Lk 1:46-56
Sat. 12/23	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24	Lk 1:57-66
Sun. 12/24	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16	Rom 16:25-27 Lk 1:26-38



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.



The GIVING TREE COMMITTEE wishes to extend a heartfelt "THANK YOU" to everyone who took a tag from the tree and donated a gift this year. What an amazing example of our parish community and the kindness we extend to those in need. Not only did we fulfill the wishes and needs of our usual 5 organizations, but because of your generosity we were able to donate to 2 more very needy causes. The happiness that you have helped to spread this Christmas season will bring joy to so many...on behalf of the children, the poor, the lonely, the seniors, and all those whose hearts you have touched..Thank You and God Bless You!



Attention Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers and Greeters: Signup sheets for Christmas Eve masses and Christmas Day mass are on the Bulletin Board in Holy Family Hall. Please sign up!



CYO Season has begun. We are still in need of someone to coordinate the concession stand ~ please contact Deb Griffith (debgriffith@verizon.net or call 518-393-3168) for complete details. There is a box in Holy Family Hall for donations for the concession stand (canned soda, water, snack bags of chips, Doritos or crackers, 12 oz. bottles of Gatorade as well as gift cards from BJ's or a local pizza shop).



Our last order for Hannaford gift cards & reloads for this year will be **Fri., Dec. 22nd** (still time for Christmas gift giving!). All orders must be at the Parish Office by **Thurs., Dec. 21st at 10 am.** Please contact Deb Griffith at the office (518-346-2316) for any questions regarding this ongoing fund raising program for the Parish.

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



As winter has made its appearance, please remember that when S-G schools are **closed**, there will be **no** morning mass & the Parish Center will be closed. If schools are **delayed**, there will be **no** morning mass, but the Parish Center will be open. Regarding FF/YM classes, when schools are closed and/or after school activities are cancelled, there will be **no** Faith Formation classes. Youth Ministry cancellations will be posted on your local TV channel. This policy is needed to ensure everyone's safety & ample time for our plowing contractor to do their work.



Thanks again to **Anne Arocho** for organizing the Christmas card signing for our military. Through her efforts, **233** cards are being sent to our troops ~ great job! Thank you to everyone who took a little time and filled out a card for our military personnel.



Gift Cards Needed! The group of ladies who are working on the Christmas Bazaar for next year are seeking donations of gift cards **NOW** from Michael's, AC Moore, Hobby Lobby, Walmart & JoAnn's in order to get materials on sale after Christmas & throughout the year to work on projects (this is also a great time to purchase them from Price Chopper to receive your bonus fuel savings!). Gift cards may be placed in an envelope marked "Christmas Bazaar" and placed in the offertory basket or dropped off any time at the Parish Office. Please contact Carol Casey (518-346-6963) with any questions you may have.

Congratulations to Andy & Claudia Gregoire for achieving the **Peace Award** at the Dominican Retreat & Conference Center this year. What a wonderful accomplishment!

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