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## Parish News

Advent marks the start of the Christmas season and the new year in the Church. It begins on the Sunday nearest November 30<sup>th</sup>, the feast day of St. Andrew the Apostle, and lasts four Sundays. The date it begins changes from year to year. As a result, so does the length of each Advent season. This year the first Sunday in Advent is November 28, 2021.

The word *advent*, from Latin, means “the coming.” It is a time of spiritual reflection. We look to experience penitential as well as cheerful anticipation.

An Advent wreath is made from green to symbolize continuous life and contains four candles -- three purple and one rose. Often a fifth candle (white) is added to the center of the wreath for lighting on Christmas Eve, in celebration of the birth of Jesus.

The progressive weekly lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord’s first coming in to the world and the anticipation of His second coming to judge the living and the dead.

### First Sunday of Advent: Hope

One purple candle is lit to symbolize Hope.

### Second Sunday: Peace

Two purple candles are lit - Hope & Peace

### Third Sunday (Gaudete Sunday): Joy

Two purple candles (Hope & Peace) and one rose is lit to symbolize Joy.

### Fourth Sunday: Love

All four candles are lit - Hope, Peace, Joy and Love.

### Christmas Eve:

We light all four candles and add the fifth white candle which represents the light of Christ.





## Christmas Masses

### Christmas Eve

Friday, Dec. 24th  
Mass will be at 7:00pm.

### Christmas Day

Saturday, Dec. 25th  
Mass will be at 10:00am

## YMS of R Men's Group

The next YMS of R meeting will be Thursday, December 16th at 11:30 am in the social hall. All gentlemen of the parish are invited and encouraged to join us in fellowship. If you are new to the parish, this is a good opportunity for you to meet some of the men of our parish.



## St. Paul Choir

Choir practice has been cancelled until further notice..



## Ladies Adoration Society



The quilt sale that was held in November was a huge success! There were 23 different types of quilts that were on display and by the end of the day all the quilts had been sold.



Ribbons bought, trays arrived, wrapping paper ready. We now need as many bakers as we can get to bake cookies, lots of them to help us fill these beautiful trays. Baked cookies can be dropped off in the Social Hall on Saturday, December 18th between 9:00am and 10:00am.

Cookie Tray Raffle Tickets are now on sale. The drawing will be December 18th. Father Mark will draw the winning tickets. The proceeds are used for the upkeep of our church Altar and Father Mark's vestments. Tickets will be sold in the Social Hall after the Sunday Mass. The last day to get your raffle tickets is Sunday, December 12th. Tickets are 1 for \$2.00, 3 for \$5.00 and **15 for \$10.00. (That's how you win!).**



On behalf of our Adoration Society, we thank you for your never-ending support and wish you Christ's choicest blessings and a joyful and Happy Christmas Season.

In His service,

*Dori Canfield, President of The Adoration Society*



On Thursday, December 30th, our beloved soloist, Clark Barrios will be performing a Christmas Concert in the church at 7pm. Tickets are available now. Please see Father Mark after the Sunday Mass for your ticket(s). The concert donation is \$25 a ticket, so order a few for your friends also.

Remember, we are a little church, so seating is limited, so make sure to get your tickets as soon as possible for they will sell out fast. Our parishioners will be among the first served when it comes to ordering ticket



Father Mark's bible study class has been cancelled until further notice.

## Backpack Program



Our mainstay charitable program provides local homeless school children with personal care/hygiene items all year round. Please drop off items anytime on the rectory porch or at church on Sundays in the bins at the front of the church.

## Words for Thought

*For to us a child is born, to us a son is given,  
and the government will be on his shoulders.  
And he will be called Wonderful Counselor,  
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

**Isaiah 9:6 NIV**



## Birthdays

- 5th Judy Mierzwiak
- 7th Brian Clark
- 8th Deb Williams
- 10th Bette McGuire  
Louise Waszak
- 11th Vic Dunphy
- 13th Harry Moebis  
Debbie Niznik
- 19th Lydia Kowalski Cane
- 27th Frances Salzman
- 31st Kathy Lazenby  
Ron Mierzwiak



## Anniversaries

- 1st John & Pat Kirby
- 21st Jack & Diane Adinolfi
- 28th Ben & Dorothy Boogaard
- 30th Louis & Irene Torresin

\* Members: if your birthday or anniversary is not listed, please inform Debbie Niznik.

## Special Offering Envelopes

For **Christmas Decorations** please use a Love Offering envelopes found in the church pews and mark it "**Christmas Decorations.**" This is used for the poinsettias and other decorations for the Christmas Season.

The month of December is also designated for the **Seminary Fund**. Please use a Love Offering envelope found in the church pews and mark it "**Seminary Fund**". This fund is used to help promote vocations and assist seminarians in their formation to the diaconate and priesthood. Thank you for your considerations.

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## CLEAN KIDS BACKPACK PROGRAM

# DONATIONS

### TOP NEEDED ITEMS



No Rinse Shampoo



Deodorant



Dental Care Supplies

### Other important needed items:

- backpacks
- family size tents
- sleeping bags
- sleeping mats
- socks & underwear
- feminine hygiene products
- baby wipes
- diapers (assorted sizes)
- shaving supplies

Please make sure that donations are **new and in original packaging.**

Thank you!