

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, December 5

8:00 Margaret Conroy
12:00 Thomas Benichasa

Tuesday, December 6

8:00 Anna Acensio
12:00 Tracy Hennessy

St. Ambrose

Wednesday, December 7

8:00 Portia Adonna Myers-Davis
12:00 Eugene Connolly

**The Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Thursday, December 8

8:00 Albert & Sylvi Hein
12:00 Donnelly, McSweeney &
Gleeson Families
7:30 Anna Veltri

Friday, December 9

8:00 Catherine & Charles O'Neill
12:00 Pietro Elia

Saturday, December 10

8:00 Severio, Mary & Richard
DelVecchio
12:00 Celso Tolentino
5:00 Giuseppe Garufi

Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 11

8:00 For the People of the Parish
9:30 Dennis Busti
11:00 Theresa Flynn
12:30 Agnes & Arcangela Maiorano

Bread and Wine

For: John Peter Caivano
By: Flora Caivano



Sanctuary Lamp

For: Angelo Turturro
By: Vivian Gregory

**Please pray for the repose of the soul of
Emilio Pizzarello**



From the Pastor's Desk

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Thursday, December 8th is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be celebrated at 8:00 a.m., 12:00 noon and 7:30 p.m.

The Scriptures for today are full of hope. That hope, however, is tinged with a warning, as we discover in the preaching of John the Baptist. The First Readings for the four Sundays of Advent are taken from the great Hebrew prophet, Isaiah. Today he proclaims that a new king shall sprout from the family tree of Jesse (David's father). This new king will rule with wisdom and justice, and the world will be transformed—even the animal kingdom. As in last week's Isaiah passage, we read of a holy mountain, the place from which God's power and peace will envelop the nations.

Today's psalm echoes the attributes of the king announced by Isaiah. It cries out for God to endow the king with justice, the same justice that God has for all nations. Jesus, of the house of David, will embody this same justice when the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled generations later.

Paul reminds the Christians of Rome that the Word of God contained in the ancient Scriptures what we know as the Old Testament, is the source of their hope. God intended that his Word bring them hope, and be a source of great encouragement; it is the reason that they should live in harmony. In so doing, they will be one with Jesus Christ and will be able to praise God with one voice.

The Gospel for today and next Sunday introduces John the Baptist. Each year during Advent we read John's call for repentance as he storms out of the wilderness! For him repentance is the necessary step for becoming part of the Reign of God. John harshly criticizes the religious leaders; not because he is the one to judge—that is the role of Jesus—but because he is adamant that all should be ready to accept the one who comes after him.

**Kindly remember in your prayers
the sick of the Parish**

Betty D'Avi, Ella DiGiovanni, Arleen Dmytryshyn, Bobby Gregory, Louise Holly, Betty Lane, Ann Latora, Joan Lynch, Catherine McKeon, Stephanie Merenda, Marco Miranda, Sterling Mitchell, Maria Scampone, Susan Scarinci, Barbara Schimpf, Theresa Vazquez

Report of Parish Giving

Offering 11/27/16 - \$8,362.42
 Adults: 583 Children: 82
 Offering 11/20/16 - \$8,346.06
 Adults: 580 Children: 51

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Religious Retirement

Next weekend the second collection will be for the Religious Retirement Fund.

How will you prepare for Christmas?

Shop until you drop? Run from party to party? How about joining us for a little reflection, short video and some refreshments about the reason for the season? When: Sunday, mornings at 10:30 a.m. (Dec. 4, 11 and 18). Where: School cafeteria. Just show up or call Tony MacDonnell at 914-668-9880.

Winter Coat Drive

The Men's Club is sponsoring a Winter Coat Drive to benefit those in need in the Mount Vernon community. We are in need of new and gently used adult and children's coats. Donation boxes are located in the hallway in the vestibule of the Church. The drive will end on December 21st.

Christmas Tree Sale

The Men's Club will be selling Christmas trees, wreaths and ornaments this weekend and again on December 9, 10 & 11 in the Church parking lot. Come support the Men's Club by purchasing some of the finest Christmas trees around.

Toy Collection

A toy drive will be held the weekend of December 17th and 18th. Please bring unwrapped toys and place them at the Blessed Mother's Altar. Thank you for your generosity.

Christmas Flower Collection

Your generous contribution will sustain the tradition of beautiful floral arrangements for our Christmas celebration.

Advent Parish Mission

The final countdown is on!!! It's just a matter of days!!! Our Parish Mission begins next Sunday night, December 11th at 7:30 pm. We have been planning, preparing, and praying that God would bless these four days in a mighty way. Come with an expectant faith . . . expecting God to bring you into a new place with Him. There is no doubt that it will be a special time for everyone in our community . . . a time of inner healing and outer transformation. See you there. **And remember, bring a friend!**

Parish Code for FORMED???

WWW.FORMED (a type of Catholic Netflix)

Take advantage of this great resource for both you and your children!!! You can sign up for FREE!!! by going to this website and putting in the code below (it's free for the next 8 months)

www.FORMED.org

Parish code is DF7YQW

Giving Tree

Tags are available for the Giving Tree. Please return gifts in a gift bag or un-wrapped boxes and attach the tag. Please do NOT donate used clothing. The last day for donating to the Giving Tree is Sunday, December 18th by 1:30 p.m. Thank you for your generosity.

Advent Vespers

Please join the Montfort Academy for Solemn Advent Vespers on Monday, December 5th at 7:00 p.m. with music provided by The Montfort Academy Schola. Wine and cheese reception to follow. For more information, please call 914-699-7090.

Parish Registration/Update

Name: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone _____

Cell Phone _____

Email: _____

New Registration Change of Address

Moving out of Parish

Please return to the Rectory.

***Sts. Peter & Paul and
St. Ursula Parish***

“Living the Gospel Today!”

An Advent Parish Mission

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A Catholic lay ministry



Bill Wegner

Sun. Dec. 11th, thru Wed. Dec. 14th, 2016

7:30 PM in the Church

Morning session after 8:00am. Mass

Mon-Tues-Wed

Everyone Welcome ~ Offering will be taken ~ Refreshments