For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." - Lk 2:11-12



### "One in Mind and Heart, Intent Ulpon God" ~ St. Augustine



#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

For the week of December 21, 2020

#### **MONDAY, DECEMBER 21**

Mario & Loreto Macioce Family Edwards J. Matthews Wife

#### **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22**

Laura & Joseph Izzo Daughter Jason Sochia Mom

#### **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24**

**CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS** 

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25 NATIVITY OF THE LORD

#### **CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS**

#### **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26**

Living & Deceased of Our Parish Family
Frank Pfitz

Gerald B. Lahue & Gerald J. Lahue
Family
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Frank Mazza
Family

#### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27**

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#### **December Calendar of Events**

12/20 Fourth Sunday of Advent

12/24 Christmas Eve- Masses at 3 pm & 6 pm

12/25 Nativity of the Lord ~ 10 am mass

PLEASE REGISTER

## QUESTIONS FOR THE FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT

#### First Reading

Today's reading from Second Samuel narrates the context in which God establishes his covenant promise to King David around the year 1000 B.C. In the birth of Jesus, God fulfils his covenant with David. What does this teach us about the idea of "salvation history?"

#### **Second Reading**

Paul concludes his letter to the Romans with a hymn of praise to God for the long awaited revelation that all are saved and justified through faith in Christ. In what ways are you praising God during this season of Advent?

#### **Gospel Reading**

Today's Gospel reading records the angel Gabriel's announcement to Mary of the upcoming birth of Christ. Mary's acceptance of God's will for her life ("May it be done to me according to your word.") models for all of us unconditional faith. How can we encourage others to embrace such faith?

Registrations are still being accepted for the 10 am Christmas Day Mass.

The 3 pm and 6 pm Christmas Eve Masses are full, however the 3:00 pm Mass will be livestreamed. The dispensation from the obligation to attend mass due to the pandemic is still in place.

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Please help us keep our list up to date, and call the office (518.237.3131) with any changes.

Joseph Getz O.S.A.



My Dear Friends,

Several weeks ago, I celebrated the first Friday liturgy for our students at St. Mary's School. And within my homily, I explained to the boys and girls the true meaning of Advent. Advent, of course ,means 'coming'. During these four weeks, we prepared ourselves not simply for the coming of the liturgical celebration of Christmas, but for the second coming of Christ as well. Advent is a time of anticipation, when we await wonderful things to come. Our job is to allow it to happen by the way we open ourselves up to God's grace.

The seasons of Advent and Christmas are also a time of hope. This year, perhaps more so than any other year in recent history, it has become difficult to keep our focus on the hope that can be found only through our relationship with Jesus Christ. There is so much around us that can distract from the true meaning of this season and celebration and, dare I say, to cause us to lose hope.

For the past few weeks, the readings and Gospel passages have reminded us that we are to remain alert, watchful and prayerful.....

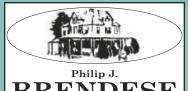
Alert to His presence,

Watchful for the ways we can make His presence known in the world and

Prayerful that our future unfolds according to God's plan.

May the good Lord continue to grace and enrich your lives, keep you hopeful and faithful and always be with you on your journey of faith. I wish you all a very blessed Christmas.

Fr. David Kelley, O.S.A. Pastor



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