

The Week Ahead

Sat / December 5

4pm - Vigil Mass: Irene Barrack † by M Barrack
Food Pantry & St. Vincent de Paul Society Collections

Sun / December 6 - Second Sunday of Advent

9am - Mass: Joseph Wilson † by R & S Vander Zyl
Food Pantry & St. Vincent de Paul Society Collections
12pm - Mass (L): Pam MacAulay - SI by G Pellant

Mon / December 7 - St. Ambrose

9am - Mass: Roy Lowe † by T & T Taylor
6pm - Vigil Mass: Dec. Members of SVDP † by SVDP
One Collection today which remains in the Parish

Tue / December 8 - Immaculate Conception of Bl. V. Mary Holy Day of Obligation

Church Office CLOSED / Adoration OPEN
9am - Mass: People of the Parish
One Collection today which remains in the Parish

Wed / December 9 - St. Juan Diego

6pm - Mass: Beatification of Bishop Sheen † by D Beardslee

Thu / December 10

9am - Mass: Pres. Donald Trump - SI by M & M Winston

Fri / December 11 - St. Damasus I, Pope

9am - Mass: Robert Pearson † by B & A Kootz

Sat / December 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe

10am - Funeral Mass: Tony Dilorio, Jr † (see details on back)
3-3:45pm - Confessions, in the Library
4pm - Vigil Mass: Marty Barrack - SI by M Barrack
Monthly Maintenance Fund Collection

Sun / December 13 - Third Sunday of Advent

9am - Mass: People of the Parish
Monthly Maintenance Fund Collection
10:30am - CCD - BOTH Groups will meet

Altar Flowers *this week* are compliments of:

- Al Czech & Mary Jack in memory of Ray Ast †

Tabernacle Roses *this week* are compliments of:

- Nancy Paluck in memory of James Paluck †

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK...

“Advent...is synonymous with hope, not the vain waiting for a faceless god, but concrete and certain trust in the return of Him who has already visited us.” ~ JP II



Wishing you a blessed Advent!



Immaculate Conception

A Holy Day of Obligation

On Tuesday, December 8th, we celebrate Mary's Immaculate Conception. Masses will be Monday at 6pm and Tuesday at 9am. There will be one collection at both Holy Day Masses which will remain in our Parish.

CHRISTMAS TO GO!

Since Covid has prevented us from having our Annual Parish Christmas Party, the Hospitality Committee has decided to have a MEAL TO GO on Saturday, December 19th. Pick-up will be from 11am until 1pm. The main dish will be pork loin with sides. The meal will be free to all parishioners, but we need to know how many meals to prepare! Please call Hughes Marinella, 870-710-4142, no later than Wednesday, December 9th, with the number of meals you would like.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Advent Prayer

All-powerful God, Your eternal Word took flesh on our earth when the Virgin Mary placed her life at the service of Your plan. Lift our minds in watchful hope to hear the voice which announces His glory and open our minds to receive the Spirit who prepares us for His coming. We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. Amen

Birthdays Next Week:

7 - Lori Templet
10 - Joseph Waggoner
12 - Johnny Heuser
13 - Gerald Catton, Gail Demarest

We wish you many blessings on your birthday!

2021 Contribution Envelopes

For those who have signed-up to use church envelopes, you will find a box with your 2021 envelopes on the table in the vestibule. If you have not signed-up but would like to begin using envelopes, especially if you want a tax statement each year, please stop by the Church Office and we will assign you a box.

Advent Confessions

Tuesday, Dec. 15th, 5-6:30pm

Fr. Amal and Fr. Alphonse (from Bl. Sacrament Parish in Jonesboro) will be available for Confessions this evening. Please note: there will be no communal service prior, just individual Confessions.

Eternal Rest

Our sincere condolences to the DiIoro Family in the death of their husband and father, Tony DiIorio, Jr. A Funeral Mass is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 12th, at 10am with the recitation of the Rosary prior, beginning at 9:30. Eternal rest, grant unto him, O Lord; may he rest in Peace. Amen †

Inclement Weather Policy Reminder

Weekend Mass is rarely canceled, but we ask that you please use prudent judgment, according to your own particular circumstances and road conditions, as to whether it is safe for YOU to drive. In the case of severe snow or ice when Mass needs to be canceled, we will communicate with you through our calling system, as well as have it announced on the local radio station. If you are elderly and there is snow or ice on the roads, *please stay home*, you don't need to be out and take the chance of falling. (Even if you can get here, we can't guarantee what condition our side street/parking lot/walkways will be.) *Please use caution and be safe!*

Weekday Mass - If weekday Mass is canceled, the calling system will be activated, calling *only* those who asked to be called. If you wish to receive last-minute notifications when weekday Mass is canceled, please let Diana know in the Church Office.

Adoration Chapel - If the public schools would normally be in session but are canceled due to bad weather, then the Chapel will also be closed. If you have questions, call your coordinator.

Ministerial Alliance Food Collection

On December 11, 12, & 13, from 10am-2pm, our Knights of Columbus will be collecting food (non-perishable only) from the entire community that will be donated to the Ministerial Alliance Food Bank. We will be collecting in front of the Church garage in a drive-by/drop-off routine. Please note that this community-wide special collection is in addition to the SVDP monthly Food Pantry Collection this weekend in our Parish. *Thank You!*

Missalettes and Hymnals

Bishop Taylor has given us permission to put missalettes and hymnals in the pew racks now. We ask you not to take them home with you as there aren't many (we cut our order down significantly).

Due to several inquiries from those who would like to have a Missalette for personal use at home, we have ordered some extras. If you would like to reserve one for yourself, please call the Office. The cost will be \$2.50 each and they should arrive in a week.

Open Adoration Hours

Monday: 7-8pm

Tuesday: 12-1:30 (2nd person)

Thursday: 6-7pm

Adoration Substitutes Needed

Substitutes are needed as much as those who commit to the same hour each week. If you are available to fill-in now and then, please give Rose, 870-994-2744, or Anne, 870-847-1985, a call. THANK YOU!

Please note: There will be NO Adoration Christmas or New Year's Day; however, subs are needed for holiday coverage the remainder of those weeks. Please call Rose or Anne if you are available to sub during the holidays.

Urgent Help Needed

Lectors for Weekday Masses

Please contact Teri Taylor, 994-2432.

Ushers for Weekend Masses

Please contact Pat Such, 847-7224.