

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 10, 2023

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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

SECOND & FOURTH SUNDAYS
1:15 PM ENG
2:15 POLISH

Please arrange the date of baptism through the Rectory office after the birth of your child.

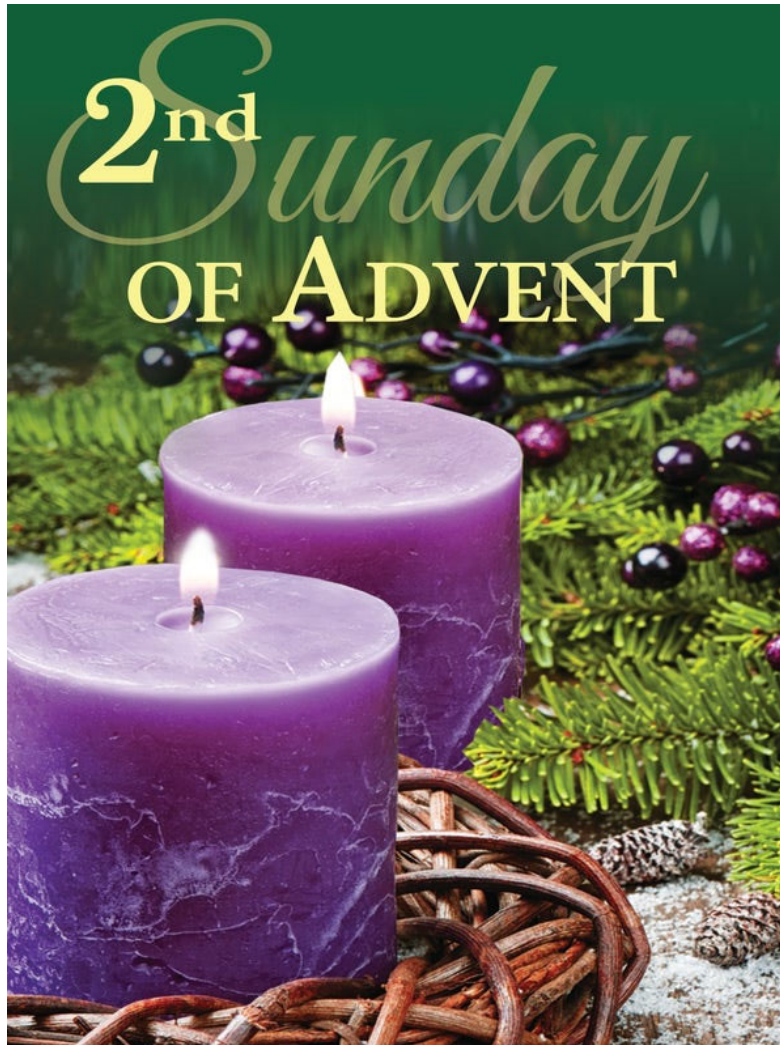
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please call the Rectory for an appointment at least six months prior to the desired date.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SATURDAYS
4:00 to 4:45 PM
and
THURSDAYS BEFORE
FIRST FRIDAYS
4:00 to 5:00 PM

Other times by appointment.



LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

WEEKDAYS
7:00 AM
SATURDAYS
8:00 AM
SATURDAY
EVENINGS
VIGIL MASS 5:00 PM
SUNDAYS
8:00 & 9:15 AM
10:30 AM (Polish)
12:00 Noon

RECTORY HOURS
WEEKDAYS
9 AM to 12 Noon
& 1 PM to 4 PM

EUCHARISTIC
ADORATION
W/ BENEDICTION
Tuesdays
12:00 to 1 PM

MILLIONS
OF MONICAS
Tuesdays 1 to 2 PM

PL PRAYER GROUP
W/ ADORATION
2ND THURSDAYS
7 PM

Our Mission Statement

Lord, God, all creation is yours, and you call us to serve you by caring for the gifts that surround us. May the example of St. Isidore urge us to share our food with the hungry and to work for the salvation of mankind. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, your son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

Saint Isidore, Pray for Us.

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Eileen Benthall, Margaret Kane

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 10, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2023

- 5:00 pm + Joseph Ruthinowski (6th A)
+ Veronica Palamidessi
+ Lynn Markowski
+ Robert D. Taylor / + Jacob Rottkamp
+ Jean Stasiukiewicz
+ Diane Kobielski

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 10, 2023

- 8:00 am + Anne Rutkowski
9:15 am + Helen and Fred Koehler
10:30 am + Edward Dziuk and Family
PL + Kaluzinski Family / +Barbara Regiec (2nd A)
The People of the Parish, Living and Deceased
+ Jadwiga Zawadzka / + Jean Stasiukiewicz
+ Stanislaw and Zofia Andrychowski
+ Teodora and Stanislaw Szlejter
Za dusze Eugeniusza Biedrzyckiego w pierwsza rocznice smierci

- 12 Noon + Lynn and Adolph Markowski

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2023

- 7:00 am Blessings for Thomas Jacob
+ Jadwiga Kawa

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2023

- 7:00 am + Carmelo Gutierrez Garcia
+ Lynn Markowski

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2023

- 7:00 am Blessings for Jacob Zaniewski
+ Bertha Wilcenski

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2023

- 7:00 am + William Hulse (6th A)
+ John Keeney

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2023

- 7:00 am + Richard Miller (A)
+ Michael Sulli (12th A)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2023

- 8:00 am + Imre Merenyi / + James Canaley, Sr.
Healing for Frank Donohue
5:00 pm Healing for Kate Hanna
+ Janet, Dillon and Steven Perry
+ Nettie, George and Dennis Gayda, Cornelius
O'Neill and Lina Guardino
+ Robert D. Taylor
+ Domainski Family and + Newman Dylan

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 17, 2023

- 8:00 am + Okula and Podlas Families
9:15 am + Living & Deceased Members of Bullock Fam.
10:30 am + Aurelia, Stanley, Ziggy & Roman Wilinski
PL + Bondarowicz Family
+ Jerzy, Irene, Margaret (5th A) and Zbigniew
Aleksandrowicz and Family
The People of the Parish, Living and Deceased
+ Jadwiga Zawadzka / + Wieslaw Luniewski
+ Zofia Czaplak / +Tadeusz Cichy
12 Noon + Stanley Sydlowski

IN LOVING MEMORY

Missalettes

John B. and Helen Zilnicki

Bread and Wine and Sanctuary Lamp

Charles and Dolores Van Rossem

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday December 11, 12, 13, 2023

Advent Retreat w/ Fr. Roy Tvrdik
1-2 and 7-8 PM

Tuesday—Adoration 12:00—1:00 PM

Wednesday—Religious Ed Christmas
Confessions 4:30 PM

Thursday, December 14, 2023

Polish Prayer Group With Adoration 7 PM

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/2
Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk
5:17-26

Tuesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt
13:18bcde, 19/

Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt
11:28-30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab/
Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-
19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Next Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-
54 (Is 61:10b)/ 1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28



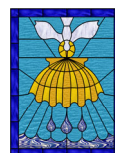
GRUPA MODLITEWNA-ADORACJA

W KAŻDY DRUGI CZWARTEK

MIESIĄCA O GODZINIE

19:00 ZAPRASZAMY

This Thursday, December 14th



BAPTISMS

We welcome:

Sophie Ann Salzmann

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Corinne Clark * Madeline Galka * Stanislaw Andrzychowski * Grazyna Pawlak * Carol McKay * Gillen Family * Christina Donovan * Blythe Fickenwirth * Dan Massiello * Gilbert Lebron, Sr. * Irene Monahan * Richard, Joseph and Gerard Kane * Pat Rambo * Jody Breittfeller * Benjamin Gonzalez * Dominique Tirado * Diana Perniciaro * Sammy * Brodie * Bob Rozanski * Doline Welch * Joe and William Hiskey * Sue Brooks * Cathleen Mickaliger * Joseph Stepnoski * James Kenna * Douglas Clark * Stasia Grabowski * Eleanor Nystrom * Margaret McCarthy * Jan Suchta * Justin * Mike Smithwick * Dakota Harmon * Courtney Altman * Gale Durney * Cole Faller * Claire Latour * Halikias Family * Liana Forstein * Rosemary & Daniel Ambrosini * Thomas Ryall * Anne Marie Donlon * Dorothy Sousa * Joan Kielkowski * Anthony Naglieri * Thomas McEnany * Mary Khulman * Denise Babinski * Michael Alperti * Roseanne Murphy * Barbara Kozlowski * James West * Elizabeth Farruggia * Kelly Wine * Mary Van Duesen * Thomas DeGirolamo * William Berenger * Daria Quarlena * Eileen Borchart * Sheila Nolan * Tom Wisniewski III * Jean Reyes Carroll * Jeffrey Clark * James, George and Barbara Jaeger * Ernest and Alex Aponte * Helen Long * Michael Miglionico * Ralph Conforti * The Barauskus Family * Hope & Brittany Williams * John Marion * Emilia Andrzychowski * Augie & Georgianna Lucente * Johanna Benthall * Michelle Giaccone * Gloria Keller * Diana Metzger * Howard Seifert * Ed Kennedy * Kit Z. * Dolores Contino * Agnes Brown * Connie Giordano * Krzysztof Olszowski * Anders Ryden * Kevin C. Cook * Anita Costi * Doriane Bay * David Vallone * Brittany Schacor * Karen and Kim Finocchiaro * Eleanor Koller * Grace Mary Schulteis * Victor Sechyszyn * George Angle * Marta Andreotta * Melissa Alexandra * Christian Vidal * Suzanne Thompson * Anna Grefe * Helen Condzella * Anthony Mannino * Marcella Frisen * The Huntley Family * Theresa Puglia * Brian Darmody * Leigh Anne Brown * Dan Modjeska * Judy Zakorski * Marie Miley * Marcjanna Stolarzewicz * John Shuot * Patrick Murphy * Brian Crowley * Louise Pampinello * Jim DeRosa * Barbara Fenn

Please keep all those serving in the military and their families in your thoughts and prayers especially:

1st Lt. Nicholas Santorelli,
Christopher Drowns, Jeffrey Heppner, James Fleming,
Brendan Fitzgerald, Thomas V. D'Auria, Mateusz Marzec, Andre DeRosa and Garrett Bracht

The Little Way for Every Day

Thoughts from Thérèse of Lisieux



Dec. 10: “Ah, how happy does the Lord make me. How easy and sweet it is to serve Him. He has always given me what I wished, or rather, He has made me wish for what He wanted to give.”

Dec. 11: “My peace consists in remaining little, and when I fall by the way, I pick myself up as quickly as possible and Jesus takes me by the hand.”

Dec. 12: “Sometimes, when I read books that say perfection is reached only after conquering a thousand obstacles, my poor soul gets tired. I closed the learned book that makes my head ache and dries up my heart.”

Dec. 13: “When I read the scriptures, everything seems clear. A single word shows my soul an infinite vision. Perfection seems easy to me. I see that it is enough to recognize our nothingness and to abandon ourselves, like little children, into the arms of the good God.”

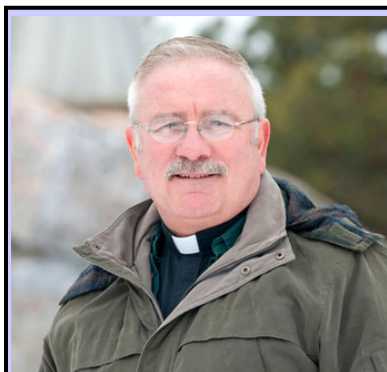
Dec. 14: *St. Therese is declared Patroness of the Missions, equally with St. Francis Xavier, December 14, 1927.* “I cannot perform brilliant works; I cannot preach the Gospel or shed my blood. But what matter? My brothers work in place of me, and I, a little child, keep very close to the royal throne. I love those who are carrying on the warfare.”

Dec. 15: “He whose heart is ever watching taught me that for a soul whose faith is as a grain of mustard seed, He works miracles, in order to strengthen this faith; but that for His intimates, for His mother, he did not work miracles until He had tried their faith.”

Dec. 16: “I count on the angels and saints that I may fly up to You with Your own wings, O Jesus, my Eagle.”

“By looking at Him and adoring Him, we are saying: yes, love exists and because it exists things can change for the better and we may hope.”

~Pope Benedict XVI, June 14, 2009.



ADVENT RETREAT

This weekend, December 9-10, our Advent Retreat begins. It is being led by Fr. Roy Tvrdik and the topics will be the Holy Trinity and Incarnation. The retreat continues Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday (December 11, 12 & 13) from 1 to 2 PM and 7 to 8 PM.



Because no marriage is beyond hope...

- Is your marriage tearing you apart?
- Do you feel hurt and angry?
- Does talking make it worse?
- Thought of leaving or divorce?
- Is your marriage heading in the wrong direction?

Retrouvaille can help.

**Our Next Weekend is
January 19-21, 2024
at The Immaculate Conception Seminary,
Huntington**

**To register or for more information:
1-800-470-2230
HelpOurMarriage.org**

Retrouvaille is a practical program for married couples facing difficult challenges

It is not a marriage retreat, or counseling. You will not be asked to share the personal details of your story.

Retrouvaille is different; it's a way to improve your communication, help you reconnect, and build a healthy, happier, stronger marriage.

Catholic in origin, couples of all faiths, or no faith background, are welcome to attend. We are a Christian Peer Ministry offering tens of thousands of marriages hope in over 160 communities world-wide.

THE ADVENT GIVING TREE

If you have taken a gift-wish tag from the tree, please
return the NEW, WRAPPED gift with the
TAG SECURELY ATTACHED before
DECEMBER 15TH (deadline extended).

And thank you to all who have already responded
with their generous gifts!

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214 MARCY AVE., RIVERHEAD

OD 8 WIECZOREM DO 2 W NOCY

Zapewniamy zimne przekąski, gorącą
kolację, kawę, ciasto, napoje,
szampan o północy

BAR OTWARTY!

Zabawę poprowadzi DJ ARTUR

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W sprzedaży tylko do 15 grudnia 2023 r.*

Kontakt: Renata Klibisz
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Peace. Be Still. (Lectio Divina)

Jesus Calms The Sea



It is that time of year when everyone is becoming a bit “harried” – shopping for gifts, decorating the house, figuring out what to cook for those special holiday meals, getting ready for company, etc., etc., etc. When does one find time to just “sit and be still” - to stop and listen to what the Lord is trying to tell you to keep your soul calm in the midst of the storm? Isn't that more important than another 15 minutes of being stressed? Stop – carve out a few minutes of your day and dedicate that time to God (in the morning before you start the craziness or a reflection at noon or before bed) and you will receive the graces needed to get through these stressful holidays!

Lectio divina is a method of praying the Scriptures. What better way to get to know God than by spending time with God's spoken word?

The practice of *lectio divina* traces its roots back to the early centuries in the Church. By the sixth century, St. Benedict had made it a regular practice in most monasteries. And while in its beginnings this prayer method was set aside for monks and religious, today *lectio divina* is a widely

held practice by many lay men and women. Here are the steps to enter into the world of peace allowing the Lord's Word to speak to your soul through the Scriptures.

PONDER THIS:

It is astounding to ponder that the One who fashioned the galaxies out of nothing became Emmanuel, God-with-us, the Prince of Peace, born in the cold darkness of a poor Bethlehem stable. In this, His great desire is to restore us to Himself and heal our peace: “*My peace I give you*” (Jn 14:27). Let us allow Him to enter our lives and relationships and to bring peace where there is darkness, anxiety, or confusion. Below is a way in which one can “listen” to what God has to say when we are in need. Use any Scripture passage using the same steps described below.

How to pray with Scripture

Praying with Scripture is the way of St. Ignatius of Loyola, by imaginatively placing yourself inside the Gospels, is a powerful way to encounter Jesus and receive His peace.

Place yourself in His presence. Be still. Simply notice God noticing you. Remember who He is and who you are.

Make some act of reverence. He is the Lord of the Universe. We use our bodies to acknowledge His presence (i.e. the Sign of the Cross, bow, etc.)

Offer yourself to Him. *Jesus, I give You all that I am. I give You all my actions, thoughts, and desires during this prayer time.*

Read the passage: *Mark 4:35-41*

On that day, when evening had come, He said to them, “Let us go across to the other side.” And leaving the crowd, they took Him with them in the boat, just as He was. And other boats were with Him. And a great storm of wind arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. But He was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke Him and said to Him, “Teacher, do You not care if we perish?” And He awoke and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Have you no faith?” And they were filled with awe, and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even wind and sea obey Him?”

Set the scene. For example. Imagine the hills of Galilee hushed around you, the soft lap of water pink in the evening sun, the breeze warm against your face. Hear the heavy breath of the men as they push off from shore, the heave and slide of water against wood. See the birds brush across the fading sky like a ribbon, like black arrows.

Ask for the grace you desire, i.e. Peace, love, hope...

Enter into the scene. Who are you? An apostle? Someone in another boat? See, taste, touch, hear and smell. For example: Feel the dark water rising in a panic about you, the wind cutting against your face. See the frightened eyes of the disciples, and the waves that batter and swallow and thunder. Hear the muffled cries, the disciples shaking Jesus, “*Teacher, do You not care if we perish?*” See Him rise in the darkness and speak, firmly, gently, “*Peace! Be still!*” Feel the great silence envelop you. Hear a water drop fall from the sails, and the sound of your breath, loud against the clear expanse of stars, the sea encrusted with diamonds. See Him stand before you, the water glistening in His beard, His eyes kind and clear. Rest in His presence. Stop and savor when you feel your heart move.

Talk to Him. Imagine yourself talking face to face with Jesus, your clothes soaked against your skin. How does He look at you? Let yourself meet His gaze. What do you want to say to Him? **What does He say to you?** *Jesus, what word do you have for me? Listen with the ears of your heart.*

End with the Our Father. Take what the Holy Spirit revealed to you and carry it with you always.