



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
SATURDAY December 3, Vigil  
4:00 p.m. - Frank Prudic  
(Jim Rarick)

SUNDAY, December 4, 2016  
9:30 a.m. - George Lassnick  
(Robert Slowey)

Monday, December 5, 2016  
8:45 a.m. - JoAnn Mitchell  
(John & Mary Brazofsky)

Tuesday December 6, 2016  
8:45 a.m. - Nicholas Stefancin  
(Andy & Linda Ropchock)

Wednesday, December 7, 2016  
8:45 a.m. - St. Patrick  
Parishioners

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF  
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY  
Thursday, December 8, 2016  
8:45 a.m. - St. Patrick  
Parishioners  
7:00 p.m. - Steve & Jeanie Tisza  
(Deacon Phil & Betty Kraynik)

Friday, December 9, 2016  
NO MASS

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
SATURDAY December 10, Vigil  
4:00 p.m. - St. Patrick  
Parishioners

SUNDAY, December 11, 2016  
9:30 a.m. - Thomas Heller  
(The Majka Family)

### Daily Scripture Readings

#### DECEMBER

- 5 *Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26*  
6 *Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14*  
7 *Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30*  
8 *Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12*  
*/Lk 1:26-38*  
9 *Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19*  
10 *Sir 48:1-4, 9-11*  
*/Mt 17:9a, 10-13*  
11 *Is 35:1-6a, 10/Jas 5:7-10*  
*/Mt 11:2-11*



### DECEMBER 4, 2016: SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*Dear Parish Family,*

The Gospel for the Second Sunday of Advent (Matthew 3: 1-12) presents St. John the Baptist calling those in his hearing to repentance. His call is true for us as well. *“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!”* He would baptize *“with water, for repentance.”*

Still, his mission was to prepare the way for the One who would *“baptize...with the Holy Spirit and fire.”* He would be the promised Messiah, the One on whom the Spirit of the Lord would rest. As the first reading for this Sunday tells us, that spirit would be *“a spirit of wisdom and of understanding, a spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the Lord, and his delight shall be the fear of the Lord (cf. Isaiah 11: 1-10).”*

Our Lord Jesus Christ came to save us from the power of sin and death by his own life, death and resurrection. Advent calls us to prepare the way of the Lord in our own hearts, minds, homes, schools, parishes, places of work and recreation. We are called to open wide the doors to Christ and, as the second reading for this Sunday tells us, *“with one accord...with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ (cf. Romans 15: 4-9).”*

*“Life in man is the glory of God; the life of man is the vision of God.”* These words were written by a man named Irenaeus around 185 A.D. St. Irenaeus was bishop of Lyons in what is now France in the last quarter of the 2nd century. This quote is from his great work entitled, *Against Heresies*.

These words written so long ago are as true today as they were in the late 2<sup>nd</sup> century. Let's allow these days of Advent to be time of prayer, thanksgiving and spiritual vigilance as we wait with joyful hope for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

God bless you.

*Fr. Dan Redmond*

### Singers Needed for St. Patrick Choir



We are seeking singers to form a choir for Christmas and beyond at St Patrick. We need you!! Rehearsals will be on Thursdays at 7:00 pm, with Christmas music and new Advent Mass parts. Questions? Contact Ric Koenig at [rickoenig@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rickoenig@sbcglobal.net). All are welcome to join!!

### To schedule a Mass Intention or Bulletin Announcement

Please call St. Patrick Parish Office at 440-298-1327, or place a Mass Intention envelope in the collection basket. **We are scheduling Mass Intentions for 2017 and 2018, and for daily Masses all through 2016.** For bulletin announcements, please contact Pattie Batchman at [pattie.batchman@gmail.com](mailto:pattie.batchman@gmail.com) by Monday evening. Thank You!

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS for DECEMBER 8, 10 & 11, 2016**

	Dec. 8 at 7:00 pm	Dec. 10	Dec. 11
<b>LECTOR</b>	Linda Ropchock	Mary Martin	Danielle Lewis
<b>EMHC</b>		Brenda Brack, Marilyn Schwartz	Gayle & Tom Zarack
<b>PLA</b>	Mark & Kathy Oravec	Mark & Kathy Oravec	Dan & Carole Doyle
<b>SERVERS</b>		Gabriella Mills, Alyssa Mothersbaugh	Jake & Jason Ryan Ken Landrus
<b>COUNTING CREW</b>	B Team		

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

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is on Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. We will have Masses at both 8:45 AM and 7:00 PM. This is a holy day of obligation.



**From the Good Sams ...**



Our annual Christmas Cookie Sale will be held December 3 & 4 after the Masses. Pound boxes of assorted Homemade and Amish made Christmas Cookies will be available for only \$6! Donut Sunday will also be held on December 4 after the Sunday Mass.



**Religious Education: Parish School of Religion**

**Children invited participate in special ways at 4:00 P.M. Christmas Eve Mass:**

This year the PSR classes will participate in a live Children's Christmas Nativity, beginning at 3:45 P.M. before the Christmas Eve Mass. We are in the process of organizing our children who have signed up to participate and to start practice with them during the last half hour of PSR classes. Along with participation in the live Nativity, we will also need readers to proclaim the Christmas story. All parish children are welcome to participate. All Nativity participants will need to be at the church by 3:15 P.M. on the afternoon of December 24.

We are also inviting children of all ages to join us in the choir loft before the start of the Christmas Eve Mass to sing some well-known Christmas carols. Also, children wishing to sing "Silent Night" as part of our Communion reflection are most welcome. (Preschoolers are encouraged to sing with us also!)

As in the past, the children of St. Patrick will again be able to bring gifts to the altar at the Offertory. We invite all young children to bring a gift which will benefit local children through the Geauga County Job and Family Service outreach program. There is a real need for birthday gifts for children during the course of the year. Suggested items would be children's board games, children's books, puzzles, craft kits, a basketball, a soccer ball, baby dolls, and Barbie dolls. All children's toys, however, would be gratefully accepted. **Questions? Contact Marilyn Schwartz at 440-298-1845 or by e-mail at [maschwartz@windstream.net](mailto:maschwartz@windstream.net).**

**Pro-Life:**

Children with disabilities and genetic disorders have grown up and been blessings to their parents despite their limitations. Individuals born with Down Syndrome have gone on to live happy, successful, thriving lives by going to college, running businesses, becoming celebrated artists and more. A mother of a child diagnosed with Down Syndrome submitted an article to Human Life Review stating: "Chrissie is a blessing in a way a normal child is not. She may now be a member of the last generation of her kind, a group silently and methodically targeted for extinction, alarms my heart."



**Offering for:**  
November 27, 2016

November 27: \$ 3,799.38  
Votive Candles: \$ 32.00  
Capital Improv. \$ 35.00  
Diocesan Assess.& 20.00  
Christmas Flowers\$ 10.00  
Thanksgiving \$ 967.00

111 envelopes and loose checks

Thank you for your generous support of our parish ministries and operations.

St. Patrick,  
pray for us!



WE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO ARE ILL. MAY GOD BLESS THEM WITH HOPE AND HEALING

In a special way, we pray for Ed Baitt, Barbara Bock, Joan & Jerry Catalano, Frank Foote, Laura Gyorki, Kim Hamilton, Don Holt, Mark Humphreys, Jeanne Koritansky, Rick Kawalec, Carol Maline, Mella McCain, Anthony Mihalic, Joseph & Hildegard Redmond, Connor Sayers, Fr. Paul Sciarrotta, Luke Shutty, Katy Sirna and Rich Tamburo.

WE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED.

May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

