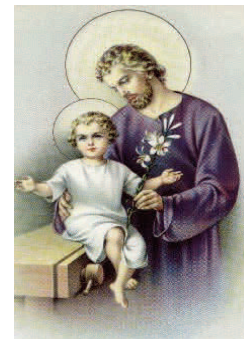


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Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 21017



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Welcome! We extend our hearts and hands to all who celebrate with us at St. Josephs. We would like to invite any guest to fill out the form below, if interested in becoming a registered member of this Parish.

Thank you for worshipping with us! Again Welcome, Bienvenidos, Benvenuto, Willkommen, Nno-nu, Byenveni!

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Name: _____ Phone: _____
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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
e-mail address: _____

[] New Parishioners, please send a Parish Registration Form [] We've Moved, here is our new information

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 9

- 7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 8:00 a.m. Fr. Maurice O'Connell + by Steve & Michele Butler AND Mike Watson + Carmie Anderson
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary
- 4:00 p.m. Confessions
- 4:35 p.m. Rosary
- 5:00 p.m. Donald Smith Family by Don & Mary Lou Smith

Sunday, December 10

- Second Sunday of Advent -

- 7:10 a.m. Rosary
- 7:30 a.m. Deceased members of Tim & Donna Geisel Family by Tim & Donna Geisel
- 9:40 a.m. Rosary
- 10:00 a.m. Parish Family

Monday, December 11

- 7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 8:00 a.m. Deceased members of Gene & Kay Keys by Gene & Kay Keys
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary

Tuesday, December 12

Eucharistic Adoration— 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.

- 7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 8:00 a.m. Deceased Family & Friends of Ron & Kathy Marshall by Ron & Kathy Marshall
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary
- 8:30 a.m. Confession

Wednesday, December 13 - Due to Priest's Reconciliation in Syracuse today & Msgr. Pius helping with confessions, Mass will be at 8:00 a.m. / Also, there will NOT be Adoration today as well.

- 7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 8:00 a.m. Edward J. Schaefer + by Diane Humphrey
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary

Thursday, December 14

- 7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 8:00 a.m. Hildegard Schaefer + by Diane Humphrey
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary
- 1:00 p.m. Visitation of the Sick and Homebound

Friday, December 15

- 7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 8:00 a.m. Marjorie Harty + by St. Joseph Choir
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary

Saturday, December 16

- 7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 8:00 a.m. Deceased members of Braun Family by Dave & Margie Huss
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary
- 4:00 p.m. Confessions
- 4:35 p.m. Rosary
- 5:00 p.m. Gonzalo Riveros + by Gloria & Gerry Riveros

Sunday, December 17

- Third Sunday of Advent -

- 7:10 a.m. Rosary
- 7:30 a.m. Parish Family
- 9:40 a.m. Rosary
- 10:00 a.m. Bob & Rose Marie Bates + by their Children

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT: DECEMBER 10TH, 2017 YR. B

PREPARE THE WAY FOR THE LORD, SO THAT YOU WILL BE OPPORTUNED TO SEE THE SALVATION OF OUR GOD

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ I say peace be with you all. **Advent Penance Service, Confession/Reconciliation is tomorrow Monday December 11, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. here in this our Church, St. Joseph's. Please tell others, come you yourself and encourage others to come. So, get ready for it.**

As we await the new heaven and the new earth, let us make clear the way of the Lord by being servants of justice, truth, peace, forgiveness and love. Today, one week has passed since Advent began. I hope that you are preparing the way for the Lord God. **The way: Is, your way of life. The way you do thing. Striving to do good always. And surely you are listening to the voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Prepares the way of the Lord; make straight his parts." That is; the parts of our God. Keeping His Commandments.**

Thus, in the first Reading, (Is 40:1-5, 9-11), Prophet Isaiah in a beautiful poetic language was telling the Israelites to wait for God's deliverance from their trouble in Babylon where they were serving as slaves, in exile, under terrible conditions. You know waiting can sometimes be devastating when we are not sure of the outcome of our waiting. Take as an example, someone waiting to be called in by a doctor to tell him/her the result of the X-Ray. Will the result be good or bad, the patient asks himself/herself? Will it be tumor? Is it malignant? Or someone waiting for the result of an interview for a job one desperately needed. We can find ourselves in such a situation. Through the prophet God is telling us that he will step in and lead us out of such hopelessness situation. He will take care of our needs if we place our trust in him. Here comes our God. Whatever your problems, whatever fault, sins committed, you can still have a happy Christmas and celebrate the "Emmanuel- God is with us". Let the responsorial Psalm, (Ps 85), be your prayer and consolation today: "Lord let us see your kindness and grant us your salvation."

In the 2nd reading, (2Pt 3:8-14), we are reminded that God's time is the best. His ways are not ours. While we wait for his coming in judgment, we must be ready, vigilant without fault or spot or blemish. Strive, for it is possible.

In the Gospel, (Mk 1:1-8), the prophecy of Isaiah was fulfilled historically and literally when John the Baptist preached the saving Advent of God in the wilderness by the Jordan River where the salvation of God was in fact seen. There Christ's glory was made known to all when after he was baptized. The heavens were opened, and the Holy Spirit came down on him in the form of a dove and rested upon him. Then the father's voice was heard in testimony to Jesus his son. "This is my beloved son, with whom I am well pleased." John the Baptist humbly testified that he was not worthy to untie the thongs of his shoes. I hope that everybody is preparing for the Lord. How do we prepare? Confess your sins, forgive those who offended you, ask for forgiveness to those you offended including yourself. Love, care for the unloved and the abandoned, those forgotten, help the poor and the needy, make peace.

God bless you

Msgr. Pius N. Iechukwu

NB: 1. We plan for Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, to join in the "Foot Steps of Jesus Christ". So, consider seriously of joining us to the home land of Our Lord Jesus Christ. You will never regret going. It will help you to understand more vividly the Scripture passages. It is from April 23 to May 2, 2018. Thanks to Janet Lehman and Stacey Coulardot for coordinating this. The Brochure is now available. Pick up one at the Narthex, read and register. For more information and guidance contact Janet Lehman: 260-824-0367 or Stacey Coulardot: 260-466-1224 or Parish Office at 260-824-1380.

2. As we begin the Advent Season, I want to call our minds that "The Year of Faith" began last Sunday, December 3rd, First Sunday of Advent, as was declared by the Holy Father, Pope Francis. So, begin now to benefit yourself and your loved ones from the graces of the Year of Faith.

NB: "Heaven is for us all. I hope you are doing something about it".



Please pray for... Bud & Sharon Miller, Ramon Villamil, Genevieve Lohmuller, Becky Biberstein, Fern Britton, James A. Yonker, Sr., Evelyn Morrissey, Betty Meyer, Ron Payne, David Carr, Ronnie & Bonnie Burns, Michael Green, Dorothy 'Dottie' Marbach and Rick Cotterman.



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From Death To New Life

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of
Marcella Quinn, mother of Monica (Scott) Harris,
died Friday, December 1, 2017

May God welcome her home,
Fill her with peace and bless those who will miss her.

Eternal Rest Grant unto her O Lord, and let Perpetual light shine
upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed
through the mercy of God rest in Peace. Amen.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The following parishioners are the selected nominees to
be voted for next weekend, December 17, 2017 as new
members of the Parish Pastoral Council. We publish the
names: Jeff Miller and Kevin Seago, Twilla Herr,
Stacey Coulardot, Beth Gordon and Nancy Wagner.

1. To help the nominees know that they are nominated.
 2. To help parishioners to prayerfully look at the names prior to
the date of voting.
 3. To enable them to make a conscious voting.
- God bless you.



ST. JOSEPH'S 2017/18 PARISH CALENDAR

- Mon., Dec. 11— St. Joseph's Advent Penance Service— 7:00
p.m.
- Sun., Dec. 17- Coffee & Donuts after 7:30 & 10:00 a.m.
Masses by Knights of Columbus
- Sat./Sun., Dec. 23 & 24— 4th Sunday of Advent Masses— 5:00
p.m., 7:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
- Sun., Dec. 24 & Sun., Dec. 31— No Religious Ed. Classes/
Christmas break
- Sun./Mon., Dec. 24 & 25— The Nativity of the Lord
(Christmas)— Family Mass Dec. 24— 5:00 p.m. / Christmas
Night Mass— 10:00 p.m. / Mon., Dec. 25— Christmas Day
Mass— 9:00 a.m.
- Sat./Sun., Dec. 30 & 31— Usual Mass Times
- Mon., Jan. 1, 2018— Mass 9:00 a.m.- Not a Holy Day of Obliga-
tion this year.
- Sun., Jan. 7— The Epiphany of the Lord— Epiphany Brunch—
immediately following 10:00 a.m. Mass— Everyone is invited!!

WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 16/17, 2017

CANTORS:

5:00 Jay Crisp
7:30 Donna Geisel
10:00 Tammy Horn

LECTORS:

5:00 Barb Ault
7:30 Geoff Frank
10:00 Sam Witwer (Student's Mass)

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

5:00 Dan/Beth Gordon, Joe Baur
7:30 Dave/Margie Huss, Jill Morrissey
10:00 Diana Cole, John Horn, Sandy Smythe, Jeff Miller,
Larisa Sudhoff, Dan Geimer

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

5:00 Volunteers
7:30 Dale/Sarah McCorkle Family
10:00 Student's Mass

SERVERS:

5:00 Emma Roembke, 2 Volunteers
7:30 Brendan McCorkle, Faith Loshe, Volunteer
10:00 Student's Mass

Collection for Weekend of December 2/3, 2017

Adult Envelopes- \$2,836.00
Child Envelopes- \$9.75
Loose- \$487.02
Religious Ed. Fund- \$171.00
Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$911.00
Hall Rent- \$100.00
Votive Candles- \$45.24
Immaculate Conception- \$21.00
Total- \$4,581.01

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The amount needed each week to make budget is \$5,116.40

We are \$535.39 behind budget
from last week.

**Other Collections within
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After 7:30 & 10:00 a.m. Masses
Sunday, December 17, 2017

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SCRIPTURE/MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Dec. 11 - Second Week of Advent - St. Damasus, I, Pope -
Is 35:1-10/ Lk 5:17-26

Tues., Dec. 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe - Zec 2:14-17 or Rv
11:19a;12:1-6a, 10ab/ Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Wed., Dec. 13 - St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr - Is 40:25-31/ Mt
11:28-30

**Thurs., Dec. 14 - St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the
Church -** Is 41:13-20/ Mt 11:11-15

Fri., Dec. 15 - Is 48:17-19/ Mt 11:16-19

Sat., Dec. 16 - Sir 48:1-4,9-11/ Mt 17:9a,10-13

Sun., Dec. 17 - Third Sunday of Advent - Is 61:1-2a,10-11/ 1
Thes 5:16-24/ Jn 1:6-8,19-28

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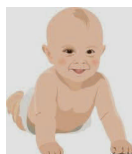


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