



# Church of NOTRE DAME



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SUNDAY  
DECEMBER 11  
2022

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

M—TH: 9 am–12 pm & 1–3 pm

Friday—Closed

## MASS SCHEDULE

### Weekend Masses

Saturday: 4 pm

Sunday: 8 am and 11 am

### Weekday Masses

Monday: NO MASS

Tuesday: 9:00 am

Wednesday: NO MASS

Thursday: 9:00 am

Friday: 9:00 am

Saturday: 9:00 am

Saturday 9:30 am -  
Confession

## PARISH STAFF

### Pastor

Fr. Richard Allen

### Deacon

Dn. Frank Hannah

### Director of Religious Education

Mr. Joseph Ranelli

### Director of Adult Education

Mrs. Kathy Higgins

### Liturgy/Music Coordinator

Mrs. Gretchen Wagner

### Secretary

Mrs. Carrie Hannah

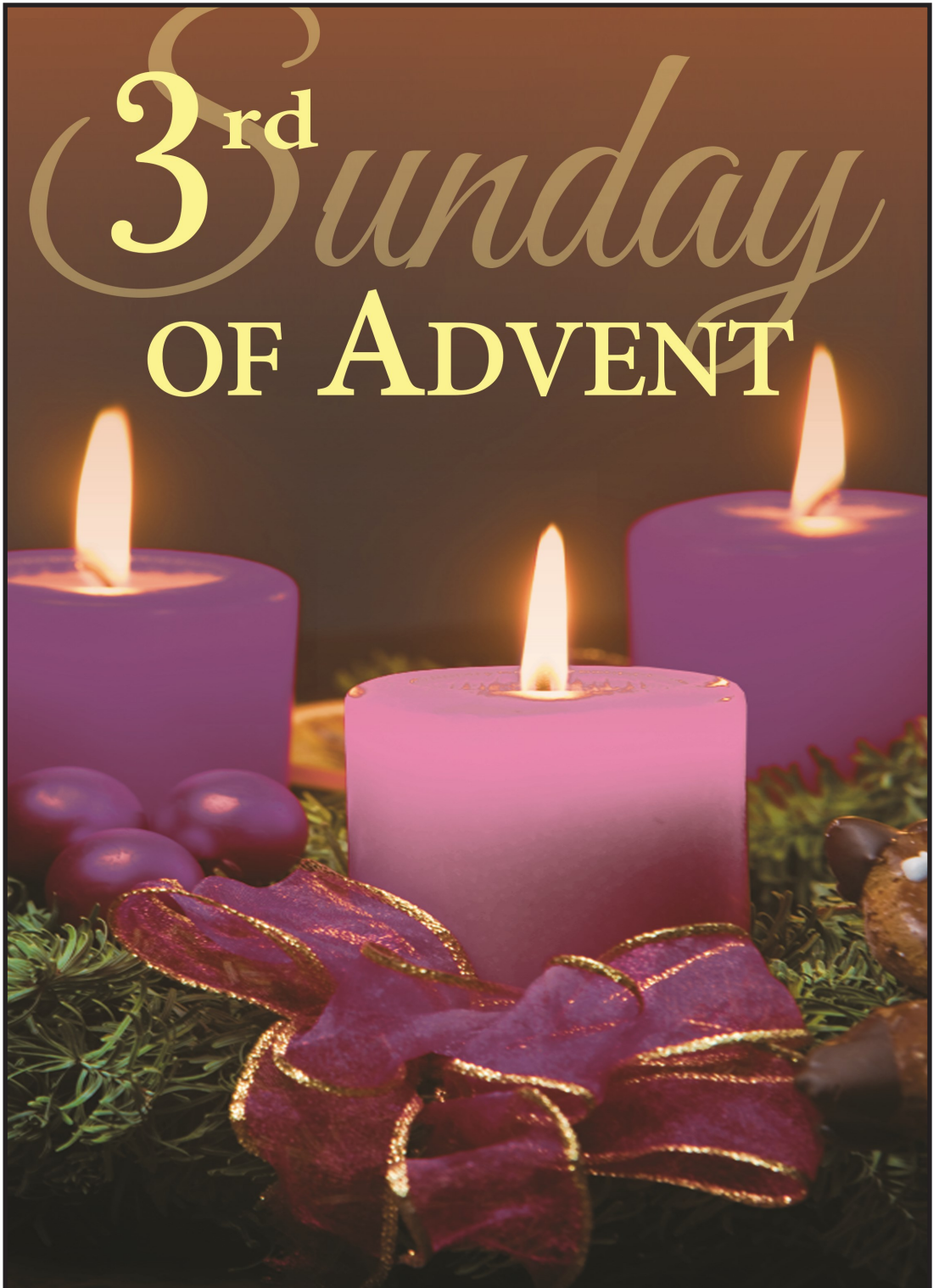
### Religious Education

### Secretary

Mrs. Mary Lou Hornyak

### Business Manager

Mrs. Ann Miller



# WEEKLY PRAYER

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 1, 2022

- Sunday:** Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11
- Monday:** 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
- Tuesday:** Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23/Mt 21:28-32
- Wednesday:** Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 7:18b-23
- Thursday:** Is 54:1-10/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Lk 7:24-30
- Friday:** Is 56:1-3a, 6-8/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8/Jn 5:33-36
- Saturday:** Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1-17
- Next Sunday:** Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7c, 10b]/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

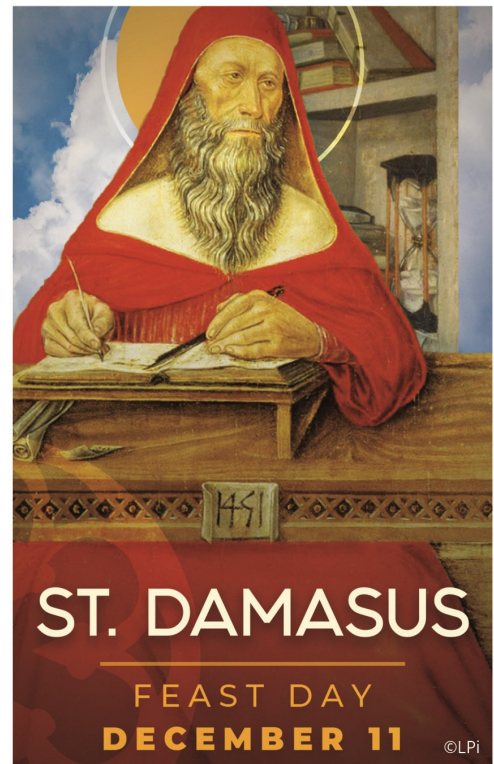
## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 11, 2022

- Sunday:** 3rd Sunday of Advent; St. Damasus I, Pope
- Monday:** Our Lady of Guadalupe
- Tuesday:** St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr
- Wednesday:** St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church
- Next Sunday:** 4th Sunday of Advent

## LIVE THE LITURGY

### Inspiration for the week

We can often feel parched, desolate, lifeless, and dark. Even though we still engage in the business and demands of life, we find ourselves somewhat detached, disengaged, and removed. We lack joy, wonder, awe, and zest. Rather than being an experience of freedom and excitement, life holds us captive. We are tethered to systems, agendas, protocols, regulations, and expectations that go against the grain of what it means to be God's child. We find ourselves in a desert. Jesus came to release us from all of this negativity and desolation. John the Baptist announced the arrival of the One who embodies healing, reconciliation, freedom, and life. Stop complaining about what you don't have. Prepare for the arrival of the remedy to life's despair. Be strong, fear not! Christ will save us from life's distortions, illusions, and disappointments. Be patient. With proper time and care, all will be well.



## SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Damasus served as bishop of Rome for 18 years as Pope Damasus I (366-384). He had to endure significant controversy early in his pontifical reign when a factional group of bishops insisted that their chosen claimant, Ursinus, was the true pope. Both sides resorted to violence before the issue was decided in favor of Damasus. He went on to make the unification of the Church a central focus of his papacy and fervently fought to counter any division caused by the many heretical teachings of his time.

While he was pope, Christianity was declared the official religion of the Roman Empire and Rome's authority in the Church was decided by a synod that Damasus called in 382. This synod established Rome as the direct descendant of the Church founded by the apostle Saint Peter, the apostolic see, and put an end to confusion stemming from Constantinople, which some were already calling 'The New Rome'.

To further unify the Church, Damasus introduced Latin as the principle liturgical language and commissioned his secretary, Saint Jerome, to compile and revise the various translations of the Bible into one official translation to be used by the entire Church: The Latin Vulgate. This successfully preserved the original Scriptures by making them more accessible to the average Christian.

A writer and poet himself, Saint Damasus lives on in history through his many epigrams and verse inscriptions that can be found on the Roman catacombs that he restored during his papacy. Saint Jerome described his friend, Pope Damasus, as being "an incomparable person, learned in the Scriptures, a virgin doctor of the virgin Church, who loved chastity and heard its praises with pleasure."



# WORSHIP & MEDITATION



## FIRST READING

Be strong, fear not!  
Here is your God,  
he comes with vindication;  
with divine recompense  
he comes to save you. (Is 35:4)



## PSALM

Lord, come and save us. (Ps 146)  
Or Alleluia.



## SECOND READING

Make your hearts firm,  
because the coming of the Lord is at  
hand. (Jas 5:7)



## GOSPEL

When John the Baptist heard in prison of  
the works of the Christ,  
he sent his disciples to Jesus with this  
question,  
"Are you the one who is to come,  
or should we look for another?"  
(Mt 11:2-3)

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Life can leave us feeling dark and desolate. Sandy was just twenty-eight when her husband, Rob, died, leaving her to raise their two young children. She was without paid employment. Rob went to work one morning and never returned home. Sandy, though, had faith and trusted that somehow God would help her through, even though most days brought deafening, piercing loneliness. She persevered, and the darkness gave way to light. Remarking one day to a friend hesitant to commit to a relationship, Sandy shared her wisdom. Even if she knew the outcome would be the same, she would marry Rob again. She assured her friend that she would even do this if eight years could only be eight minutes. We are being led by God and God transforms the darkness into light.

"Be strong, fear not!" Those are easy words to say. Putting them into practice is the challenge. When our paths are dark and life's roads become treacherous, we can easily complain about life's unfinished nature. When will the pain go away? Will the loneliness ever cease? Will I experience happiness again? As the farmer needs to exercise patience with the soil, we need to do the same with our lives. We have to wait for the early and late rains to come, properly tend to our gardens, and ensure that the rich nutrients of God's merciful and tender presence continue to enrich us. God is not done. God has only just begun his work in us.

We cannot allow life to hold us captive. The systems, agendas, protocols, regulations, expectations, and unfinished business can distract us from what it means to be God's child. Life can leave us feeling cheated, negative, and parched. All times and seasons of our spiritual and liturgical lives lead us to three virtues: faith, hope and love. Stop complaining about what is wrong and look to what God can make right! Joy that flows from the Baptist's message: in Jesus, the one mightier than he, are found healing, reconciliation, and freedom. Christ will save us from life's distortions, illusions, and disappointments. Do you believe this?



VIDEO MASS 12/11	+Virgilio Cantellops
MON 12/12	NO MASS
TUES 12/13 9AM	+Louise Paglia [Paglia Family]
WED 12/14	NO MASS
THU 12/15 9AM	+Anita DeRenzo [Veronica Stitt]
FRI 12/16 9AM	+Linda Bucci [SJPII Faculty & Staff]
SAT 12/17 9AM	+Stephen Myers [Liz O'Neill]
SAT 12/17 4PM	+James Vernille [Cindy Dingerr]
SUN 12/18 8AM	+Bob Martincic [Wendy & Scott Serb]
SUN 12/18 11AM	+Anne Durisko [Husband, John]



<b>SAT 12/17 4PM</b> LECTOR T. Bain	EUCCHARISTIC MIN. A. Costar / S. Goclano D. Palisin / P. Thornburg	ALTAR SERVER M. Wible R. Wible
<b>SUN 12/18 8AM</b> LECTOR Volunteer Needed	EUCCHARISTIC MIN. T. Pagliaroli / J. Trenga J. Trenga / J. Wolinsky	ALTAR SERVER Volunteer Needed
<b>SUN 12/18 11AM</b> LECTOR K. Wagner	EUCCHARISTIC MIN. K. Davenport / M. Hohman S. Hohman / B. McVey	ALTAR SERVER Volunteer Needed

\*ATTN VOLUNTEERS! Please sign-in prior to Mass

#### ST. BARTHOLOMEW MASS SCHEDULE:

<b>DAILY:</b> MON, WED, FRI 7:30 AM	<b>TUES</b> 6:00 pm / *6:30 PM Confessions	<b>WEEKEND:</b> SAT 5:30 PM	<b>SUN</b> 9:30 AM
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**PRAYER Line:** Keeping those in need in our prayers. If you, a family member or a friend are in need of prayer please call the prayer line with your request.

**Kathy Higgins #724-342-7858**



The Notre Dame Book Club will be meeting  
**Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM in the**  
**NOTRE DAME MULTIPURPOSE ROOM**

We are reading Travels with George,  
by Nathaniel Philbrick.

A few books will be available outside the parish office.

*Please join us!*



# ADVENT



HOPE. LOVE. JOY. PEACE.

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Next Sunday's "Pantry Shower" item is **PAPER TOWELS**. The upcoming item will be canned fruit.

Thank you for your care and concern for God's needy.

## Advent Penance Service

<b>SUN, DEC 11</b> 2:00 PM 5:00 PM	Beloved Disciple, Grove City Immaculate Heart, Mercer
<b>MON, DEC 12</b> 6:30 pm	St. Bartholomew, Sharpsville
<b>WED, DEC 14</b> 6:30 PM	Good Shepherd, West Middlesex
<b>THU, DEC 15</b> 6:30 PM	St. Joseph, Sharon
<b>SUN, DEC 18</b> 2:00 PM	Notre Dame, Hermitage
<b>MON, DEC 19</b> 6:00 pm	Our Lady of Fatima, Farrell

## YEAR END GIFTS

As we approach the end of 2022 and prepare year end postings, gifts to be counted toward 2022 must be received on or before December 31<sup>st</sup>.

*Thank you for your generosity throughout the year.*

#### Reminders:

Checks made payable to **Prince of Peace** must be mailed to the Prince of Peace Center.



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grades: **Pre-K - 11<sup>th</sup>** / Sunday Mornings: **9:15AM - 10:45AM**  
Use Grotto entrance of SJPII School

### **\*\*December 2022\*\***

- 11 Class** - Confirmation Luminaria making following 11am Mass / Multi Room
- 18 Class**
- 24 Confirmation Luminaria placing & lighting / 2pm church campus**
- 25 NO CLASS** - Confirmation Luminaria clean-up / 2pm church campus

## CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS CONTINUE:

Oplatki (Christmas Wafer) and the order form for the Wendell August Forge **2022 Ornament "Home For Christmas"** are in the back of the church Foyer.

Many of our church families have collected these beautiful Ornaments for over 30 years. The ornament has our "Notre Dame Church" stamp on the back and are available for pick up.

The Ornament prices are:

Aluminum - \$12.00 and Bronze - \$14.00

The Christmas Wafer, an Eastern European prayer tradition typically used for Christmas Eve dinner, are **\$1.25 for a package of Four (4) wafers.**

## PRINCE OF PEACE

## PEGGY'S STOCKINGS TOY DRIVE GIVING CHILDREN HOPE

**REMINDER: ALL *unwrapped gifts*, along with the attached identifying stocking must be returned no later than *December 14<sup>th</sup>*.**

While we ask that gifts be offered unwrapped, feel free to include wrapping paper for parents to wrap the gifts themselves. Gifts will be delivered to families on December 15<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Eve.

If you have any questions, please call Annette Morrison, Director of Operations, Prince of Peace Center 724-346-5777.



## 40<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary Dinner Prince of Peace Center

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**Saturday, February 18, 2023**  
**6:00 PM**  
*Avalon At Buhl Park*

YOU DON'T  
WANT TO  
MISS THIS!

18TH  
SUNDAY  
DEC 2022



## ST. ANTHONY Sarwa (Stuffed Cabbage) Sale and Cookie Walk TAKE-OUT ONLY

Sarwa Pre-Orders Only  
to place an order call:  
Launa (724) 342-2489  
Cost: \$3 pc.

COOKIE WALK  
\$4.00 - 1/2 dz.  
\$6.00 dz. - Traditional  
\$7.00 dz. - Specialty

Deadline to place an order for Sarwa:  
Monday, December 12  
11:30am - 2pm Sunday, December 18

**PICKUP IN ANTONIUM**

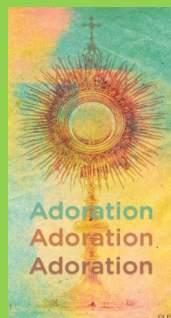
## SIDE-BY-SIDE RAFFLE **TICKETS: \$20**

Grand Prize:  
**2022 Yamaha Wolverine  
RMAX2 1000 XR-T**  
—OR—  
**\$20,000 CASH**  
2nd Prize: \$1,000  
3rd Prize: \$500



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**DRAWING  
FEB 4, 2023**



Monday & Wednesday  
9:00 AM—11:00 PM  
Tuesday,  
9:30 AM—11:00 PM

For more information call:  
Jo Feeney 724-699-3340  
Monica 724-977-7665