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**SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 29
2020**

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

**PUBLIC ENTRY BY
APPOINTMENT ONLY**

MASS SCHEDULE (TEMPORARY)

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 4 pm & 6 pm

Sunday: 8 am, 10 am & Noon

Weekday Masses

Monday: 7:30 am

Tuesday: 9:00 am

Wednesday: 7:30 am

Thursday: 9:00 am

Friday: 9:00 am

Saturday: 9:00 am

PARISH STAFF

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1st Sunday
OF ADVENT



"Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping."
- Mk 13:35-36

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WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 29, 2020

SUN 11/29	Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37
MON 11/30	Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10]/Mt 4:18-22
TUE 12/1	Is 11:1-10/ Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 [cf. 7]/Lk 10:21-24
WED 12/2	Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Mt 15:29-37
THR 12/3	Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27
FRI 12/4	Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Mt 9:27-31
SAT 12/5	Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. Is 30:18d]/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
SUN 12/6	Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 29, 2020

Sunday:	1 st Sunday of Advent
Monday:	St. Andrew, Apostle
Thursday:	St. Francis Xavier, Priest
Saturday:	St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr
Next Sunday:	2 nd Sunday of Advent

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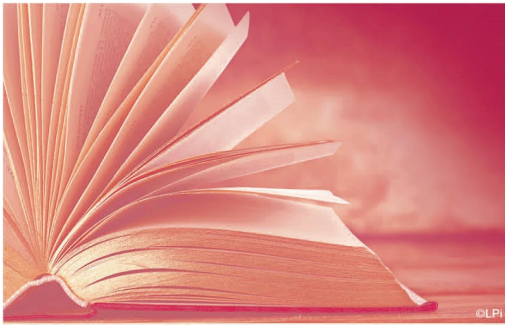
Inspiration for the week

Be watchful! Be alert! The core message of Advent cannot be more direct or simple. As those who are postured in a spirit of readiness and anticipation, we must always be attentive and vigilant. We have to be ready not only for the anticipated arrival of our Lord, but watchful and attentive to the unexpected visit as well. While we know that the Christ is coming, we also do not know the exact time. Cultivating this expectant attitude is the purpose of this season. It is easy to grow slack, inattentive, and too self-assured. We can easily deaden ourselves to the wonder and surprise of God's presence. We get so absorbed in so many other distractions that it can seem like Christ's second coming, and even Christ's coming in time are of lesser importance. When it finally dawns on us that we have wandered far away from where we need to be, and lost our attentiveness and focus, we will wonder how this all happened. We may even try to put the onus on God and blame God for a lack of involvement or presence. We are the ones, who through our own choice, put the distance in our relationship and lost touch. Now it's time to come back and perk ourselves up a bit!



*The One
Who is
to Come*

WORSHIP & MEDITATION



FIRST READING

Oh, that you would rend the heavens
and come down,
with the mountains quaking before you. (Is 63:19b)



PSALM

Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face
and we shall be saved. (Ps 80)



SECOND READING

God is faithful,
and by him you were called to fellowship
with his Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord. (1 Cor 1:9)



GOSPEL

"Watch, therefore;
you do not know when the lord
of the house is coming,
whether in the evening, or at midnight,
or at cockcrow, or in the morning." (Mk 13:35)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

You are at the eye doctor and it's time for the peripheral vision test. You know the one. It's where you put your head up to a contraption and have to click a switch every time you see a squiggly line. If you don't concentrate and maintain optimal focus, you will miss them and skew the outcome of the test. You can easily find yourself with a diagnosis that really isn't accurate! Concentration and focus are key to succeeding with this evaluation. They are also key to developing a healthy, vibrant spiritual life. If we do not bring our full consciousness to the task, concentrate with all our might, be watchful and vigilant, we are not going to see God's loving presence flashing before our eyes!

That's why we need Advent. Let's face it. We can easily get distracted, focus on nonessential and superficial things and lose touch with what really matters. Our attentions wander. We daydream and even become a bit overwhelmed and tired. All of the stresses and demands of life consume us and we find ourselves constantly trying to play catch up rather than relishing the moment of the now. "Now" moments are so fleeting. They flash before us like those squiggly lines on a screen. Present moments go as quickly as they come but it is important to discover them and rest in them as often as we can. Though gone in a flash, these now moments of encounter with God teach powerful lessons and offer a grounding in truth that can be found nowhere else. It's the grace of Advent to become watchful and attentive because we are never sure when God will surprise us.

God loves surprises and love thrives on them! God's now moments of surprises come as tender instants of intimate connection where I find profound peace, experience joy, and rest in love. These are Advent times reflective of the now moments when Christ first was born, when God surprises us during every time we care to watch and when the great surprise of Christ's second coming dawns upon us all. But, to discover the grandeur and experience the awe of these now times, we have to be ready. We have to want to be there. We have to believe. And, we have to have the desire to soak in as much as we can in the time we have before us.

MASS INTENTIONS

MON 11/30 7 ³⁰ AM	Samuel Horwitz
TUES 12/1 9AM	Paul Brestelli [Family]
WED 12/2 7 ³⁰ AM	SCRIPTURE & COMMUNION
THU 12/3 9AM	Walter Trkula [Family]
FRI 12/4 9AM	Courtney Hillman [Kaczmarczyk Family]
SAT 12/5 9AM	Edward Kurelko [Family]
SAT 12/5 4PM	Helen Artim [Charlene Gilson]
SAT 12/5 6PM	Thomasina Ross
SUN 12/6 8AM	Bill Feigert [Skip & Becky Feigert]
SUN 12/6 10AM	Mass for the People
SUN 12/6 12PM	Deacon Jack Tupper

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SAT 12/5 4PM	Lector J. Pursel	Eucharistic Min. P. Polesnak or P. Polesnak
SAT 12/5 6PM	Lector NOT FILLED	Eucharistic Min. NOT FILLED

SUN 12/6 8AM	Lector J. Feeney	Eucharistic Min. C. Kautzman or P. Slezak
SUN 12/6 10AM	Lector K. Wagner	Eucharistic Min. A. Orndorff or R. Supel
SUN 12/6 12PM	Lector NOT FILLED	Eucharistic Min. R. McGoff

***ATTN VOLUNTEERS!**
PLEASE CHECK-IN WITH FR. ALLEN PRIOR TO MASS

*** THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH ***



*Thanksgiving Day altar flowers
are donated In thanksgiving to God
and in Memory of
The McGinty & Stawaisz Families*

*On Behalf of:
Stawaisz Family*

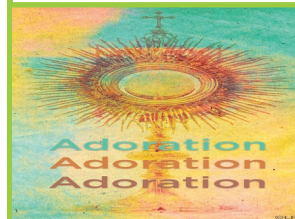
A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Today's gospel tells us to "Be watchful." This comes natural to families. Parents are watchful of their children's health, grades and friends. Children are watchful of parental moods. Today's gospel encourages us to use this ability to see God acting in the innocence, tenderness, love and forgiveness of your family. "Be watchful," the Lord is already with you.

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.

**Prayer Line,
Kathy Borsa #724-981-4208**



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

For more information call:
Jo Feeney 724-699-3340
Rosalee Beal 724-981-2645

PARISH REGISTRATION

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THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

IS RCIA FOR ME?

If you answer yes to any of the following questions, then Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults may be for you.

- A non-baptized person?
- Baptized as Catholic but were never confirmed or received Holy Communion?
- Baptized, made First Communion but never had any religious instruction beyond these sacraments?
- Non-Catholic interested in knowing more about the Catholic Faith?

For more information, please call Kathy Higgins at 724-981-5566, ext. 109.

PRINCE OF PEACE

Peggy's Christmas Stocking Annual Toy Drive November 2nd–December 14th



Due to Covid-19, this year's Toy Drive will operate differently, but as always, Notre Dame families will still have the opportunity to help bring Christmas joy, comfort, and excitement to as many children in need as possible.

Unlike years past, we will not have a stocking tree in the vestibule. This year we are asking you to drop off toys at the Prince of Peace Center, 502 Darr Ave., Farrell or you can make a monetary donation and designate it for the purchase of Christmas toys.

Please consider participation this year! Our Prince of Peace families have all faced months of difficulty, so let's give a brighter Christmas to as many children as we can. For more information, contact Maritza at 724-346-5777.



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