



Fr. Anthony Cirignani, OFM, Pastor  
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**Weekend Masses**

Saturday.....4:00 pm  
 Sunday ..... 9:00 am

**Weekday Masses**

Monday..... 7:00 am  
 Tuesday ..... 7:00 am  
 Wednesday ..... 7:00 am

**Phone numbers**

Parish Office.....437-1979  
 Pastoral Ministries .....432-2747  
 St. Thomas More School ....432-8242

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

3:30 pm on Sat. & 8:30 am on Sunday

**Sacrament of Marriage**

Contact parish at least 6 months prior to the date of the marriage.

**Sacrament of Baptism**

Contact the parish to make arrangements for the baptism.

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**

Those desiring to become Catholic or learn more about Catholicism, please contact the Parish Office.

**Planning ahead...**

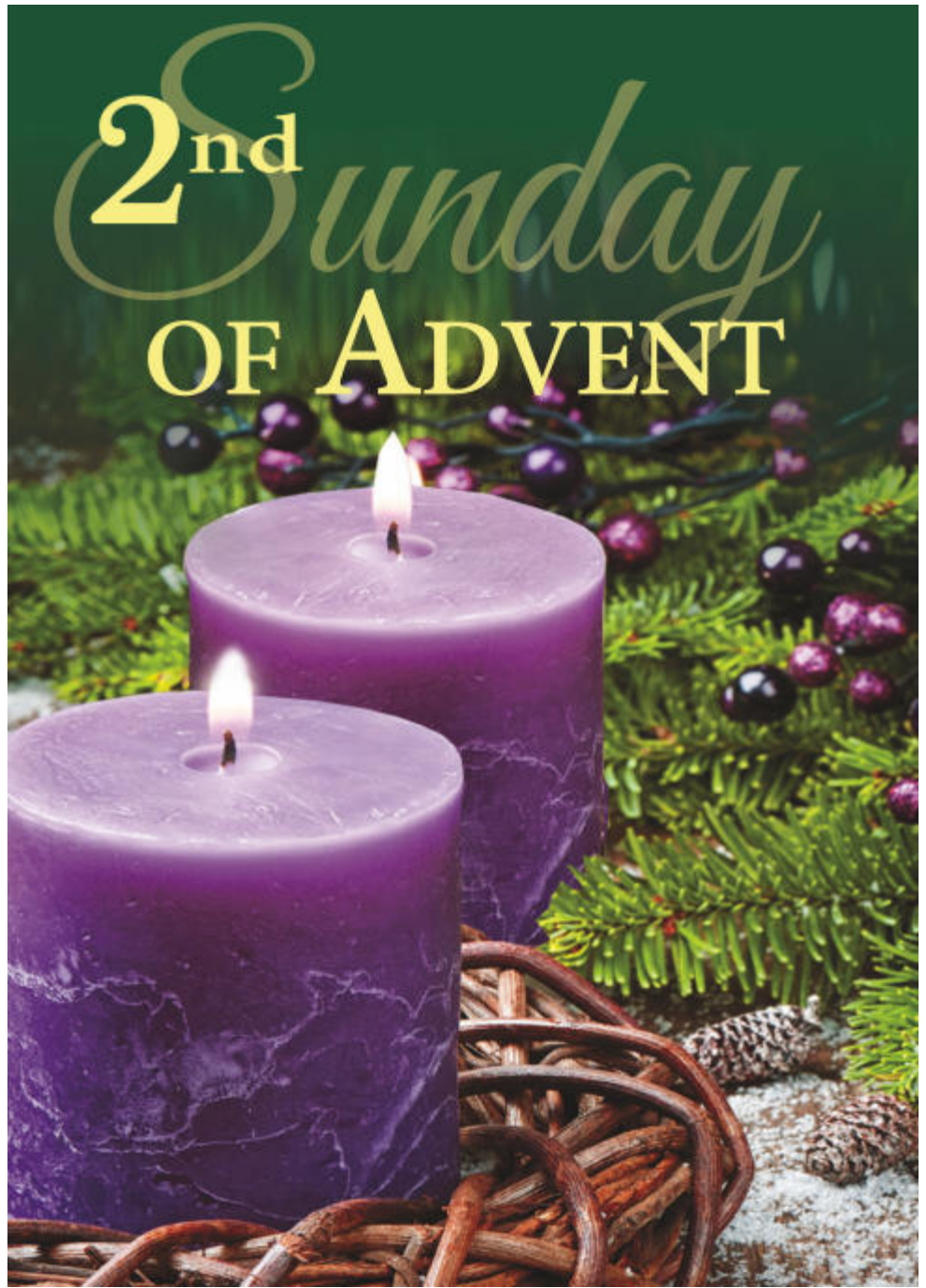
December 10.....Altar Society  
 ..... Christmas Potluck  
 December 16 ..... Children’s Church  
 December 16 ..... Donut Sunday



2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT –DECEMBER 9, 2018

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2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday  
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## 2nd Sunday of Advent

"In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar...and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee...and Lysanias was tetrarch of..." Did you need to pinch yourself awake during the first few lines of this Sunday's Gospel? John the Baptist received quite a prelude today as Luke described the religious and political leadership of the time period. Scripture is divinely inspired, and we believe that everything that made it into the Bible is there for a reason. These lines remind us of an important truth. The Christmas story isn't a fairy tale or nursery rhyme. It's not a parable we say to give meaning to the holiday. At Christmas, God's presence is made tangible in a precise moment in time. The birth of Christ is a historical event. As precursor to Jesus' preaching, the ministry of John the Baptist is also a historical event.

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." John's call to repentance and the forgiveness of sins happened in a particular time and place. But that does not mean it is limited to first century Palestine! God continues to move in our daily lives. What we hear in today's Gospel - and what we anticipate at Christmas - occurs in our daily lives. God works in concrete ways in time and space. He did that 2,000 years ago, and He continues to do so today!

This Sunday, examine your own Christmas preparations. Is there anything you need to repent of before the Christmas season? Are there low points in your life, valleys to "be filled" by the love of God? Are their mountainous obstacles in your spiritual life? How can they be "made low"? Are you making decisions that have moved you away from God? This Advent season is the time for them to "be made straight and made smooth." Prepare the way in your heart for Christ today!



## Dear Family, Come Lord Jesus, Come soon!

As we enter the Second Week of Advent, we are invited to reflect on how prepared we are for the Lord's coming. Are there mountains and other obstacles in our path that block our way to holiness? Are there valleys and deserts that bring us low or leave us weak? We turn to God to receive the grace to overcome our troubles and pitfalls and allow us to ready our hearts for Jesus.

THE WORD ENLIGHTENS .....

Today's readings are unfailingly positive, hopeful for the future. Baruch assures Jerusalem that God is leading its exiled people back home. St. Paul is smitten with the Philippians, confident that they will be found worthy by God. St. Luke introduces St. John the Baptist, who has emerged from the desert to prepare the people for water Baptism and forgiveness. A new day is dawning. Truly, as the psalmist sings, we are filled with joy.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION .....

Can I properly discern what is of value and then act according to those values.

Have a Blessed and Happy Advent Season,

*Fr. Tony Cirignani, OFM.*

Pastor

## Mass Intentions

**Monday, December 10**

7:00 am † Phyllis "Daisy" Jacobs

**Tuesday, December 11**

7:00 am † Helen Green

**Wednesday, December 12**

7:00 am † Eunice Wilquet

**Saturday, December 15**

4:00 pm † Mary Adams

**Sunday, December 16**

9:00 am † Grace Quinlan

## Church Support

Contributions from  
the week of

**November 25**

Weekly envelopes & loose  
collection ..... \$3,462.00

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING  
YOUR PARISH; every contribution  
helps, no matter the amount!**

Good stewards believe that God, who has begun this good work in them, will carry it through to completion. In words and deeds, they can sing with the psalmist, "The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy!" *Psalm 126*

## SPIRITUAL PREPARATION

for the celebration of Christmas and  
New Year's!

Daily pray to God for light and Faith;  
Pray the Rosary at least once a week  
using the Joyful Mysteries reflecting  
on each mystery;

Go to the Sacrament of Confession/  
Reconciliation (Call the Parish Office  
for private confession;)

Spend some time at adoration of the  
blessed Sacrament at Christ the King  
Chapel (at SSPP corner of University  
Avenue and S. Baird St.;)

Read and reflect on the Sunday  
Gospels before you come to church.

## Giving Tree

Don't forget to take a name tag to  
help the less fortunate! Please write  
your name and number on the Giving  
Tree sign-up sheet so we know which  
ornament you have! It is located in  
the hallway of the gym.

## Readings for the Week

Readings for the week of December 9, 2018

Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13 [Is 40:10ab]/Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19 [15:9d]/Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab [8]/Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Jn 8:12]/Mt 11:16-19

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

Next Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

## This Weeks Birthdays 75 or more Years Young

Donald Dahlke (12-12)  
Helen Holschuh (12-12)

### *Birthday Blessings*

## Advent Series

Join Mike Winter on Tuesday mornings for a DVD presentation and discussion on Bishop Robert Barron's new release "The Mass". Learn about the birth of our Savior through the Mass. The series will begin approximately at 7:45 am in the New St. Clare Hall across the hall from St. Francis Chapel. Begin the morning with 7 an Mass in St. Francis Chapel.

## Christmas Potluck

St. Elizabeth Altar Society will have its Christmas Potluck Luncheon on Monday, December 10th in the New St. Clare Hall. Social at 11:30 am; Luncheon at 12 Noon; Entertainment about 1:30 pm. \*\*Remember NO OVEN!

## Parish Holy Day and Holiday Schedule ... 2018

**CHRISTMAS EVE-Monday, December 24th** - CHOIR CONCERT at 4 pm followed by the Solemn Mass of Christmas at 4:30 pm in the GYM.

**CHRISTMAS DAY-Tuesday, December 25th** - CHOIR CONCERT at 8:30 am followed by the Solemn Mass of Christmas at 9 am in the GYM.

**Monday, December 31st** - NO MASS

**New Year's Day-Tuesday, January 1st, 2019** - Rosary recited for Peace at 8:30 am followed by Festive Mass for the Solemnity of Mary, The Mother of God at 9 am in the GYM

**Saturday, January 5th, 2019** - THREE KINGS VIGIL MASS AT 4 pm IN THE GYM

**Sunday, January 6th, 2019** - Solemnity of the Epiphany Mass at 9 am in the GYM - Join us for Three Kings refreshments!

## This Week in the Parish

### Monday, December 10

11:30 am Altar Society Christmas  
Potluck Luncheon **Social**

12:00 Noon Potluck **Luncheon**

1:30 pm **Entertainment**

## Scrip News

Many thanks to the 23 people that purchased \$7,505 worth of Scrip Certificates from November to December 2nd, giving the Parish \$318.72 in profit.

## Thank You Movers!

Parish staff would like to offer a very big **Thank You** to the many volunteers who helped in the recent moves to the school building. We could never have done it without you! Our thanks goes to the following individuals who helped so much:

Bernie Skaletski	Jim Lawniczak
Steve Webster	Mike Palubicki
Bob Ripley	Al Hendricks
Dan Bradley	Pat Biersteker
Frank Theys	Trini Spaulding
Janice Kehoe	Nancy Timm
Lynn Pomprowitz	Mary Thomas
Mary Hendricks	Mary Wilquet
Cathy Skeris	Fran Kubale
Joan Demerath	

We most likely missed some of you, for which we apologize, and please know that you are **ALL** thanked!

## Retirement Collection

Today, through the Retirement Collection, we are able to "Share in the Care" of our retired sisters,

brothers and religious order priests through the National Retirement Fund for Religious, as well as of the senior priests of our own diocese. Envelopes enclosed in last week's bulletin can be used to make your donation. Please be generous in helping those who have given so much over the years!

## Community News

**Holiday Craft Sale** on Saturday, December 8th at Ss. Edward & Isidore Church from 9 am to 2 pm. Admission: \$2 (12 & under FREE) **NO STROLLERS** - Lunch Available—Hourly Drawing

**Cookie Walk** on Wednesday, December 12th at 1:30 pm at Holy Cross School, 3002 Bay Settlement Road. A Cookie Walk is a room filled with wonderful decadent goodies for you to choose for your family's holiday celebrating. After selecting the ones you want, your box is weighed. You pay by the pound!

The Baylander Barbershop Chorus of Green Bay will present its **24th Annual Christmas Concert** for the Needy on Friday, December 14th at 7 pm at the Kroc Center, 1315 Lime Kiln Road. Special guest appearance by the Chantelles, The Brunner Family, Something Old Something New, Lake Effect, Revised Edition. Admission is a donation of a non-perishable food item or cash, which will go directly to the Salvation Army.

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