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Weekend Masses

Saturday.....4:00 pm
 Sunday9:00 am

Weekday Masses

Monday, Tuesday & Friday ..8:00 am

Office Hours

Monday—Wednesday.....
8:00 am—12:00 pm
 Thursday.....12:00 pm—3:00 pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday—after 8:00 am Mass to 9:00 am
 1st Friday—after 8:00 am Mass until 10:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday.....11:00 am
 And by appointment

Sacraments of Baptism and Marriage, or RCIA

Contact the parish office to make arrangements.



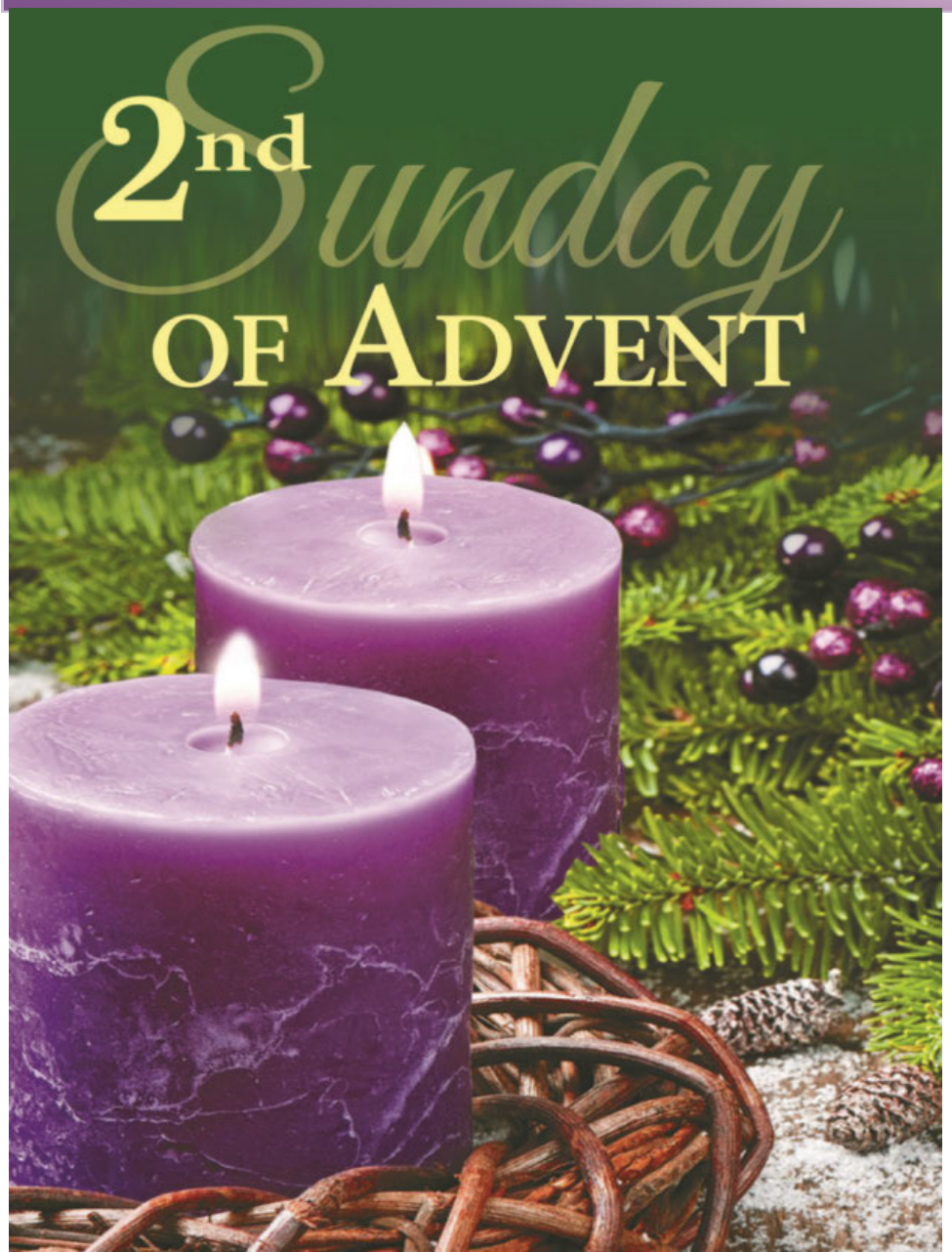
2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - DECEMBER 4, 2022

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2nd Sunday of Advent

At sixty years of age, Maria and Paul had a beautiful life. High school sweethearts, they had four children, five grandchildren, a successful business, good friends and a fabulous beach house. They felt very blessed. Their strong faith in God saw them through some difficult challenges. Without warning, Paul died suddenly. Maria was devastated. Why did God do this? Why did God allow this to happen? An indescribable depth of sadness weighed heavily upon her heart. She felt betrayed by the God she thought was looking out for her. She was overwhelmed by despair. Have you ever experienced such incredible and deafening sadness? Where is God in all of the pain?

We often want God to fix things or intervene and change nature's course. When He doesn't act as we desire, it shakes our faith. We do not always understand or appreciate why things happen as they do. There is much that is beyond our control. John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus and Jesus is the way to God. There is something more going on in life than what we can see with human eyes. We are on a sacred path, and God is with us. God is with us in our confusion, suffering, doubts, and intense sadness. Jesus announced God's vision for humanity and taught people to see God and themselves for who they are. There is a way through and beyond all hardship and suffering. God does not abandon us.

God has a clear vision for the future, both for us individually and for our world. It is a vision of harmony and gentleness where all will live as one and the "wolf shall be a guest of the lamb." God is not indifferent. He is the God of "endurance and encouragement." In God, we see what we may be, what may come and who we can become. When Maria opened herself to God's creative presence, she learned to trust. She began to realize that she could endure more than she had imagined. She also discovered a spark of encouragement, bringing her through the sadness to where she could be. In retrospect, Maria knew that God's reassuring presence was with her.



Parish Support

Contributions from the week of **November 20**

General Fund:	\$3,771.00
Capital Improvements:	\$65.00
Church Maintenance:	\$500.00
Christian Education:	\$20.00



**THANK YOU for supporting YOUR Parish;
every contribution helps, no matter the amount!**

We must be good stewards of God's gifts to us, receiving them gratefully and cultivating them with care, lest we be the ones about whom John the Baptist speaks today, cautioning us, "Every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."

Advent Talk—Today after Mass

Please join us in St. Clare Hall for our speaker, Lee Anne Scovell, coffee and donuts.

Lost & Found: An earring was found in St. Clare Hall. Please call the office to describe it and have it put aside until you can pick it up.



Thursday, December 8th
The Feast of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 5

8:00 am † Rosemary Sarkis

Tuesday, December 6

8:00 am † Lorraine Green

Wednesday, December 7

NO MASS

Thursday, December 8

8:00 am For All Our Parishioners
Living & Deceased

Friday, December 9

8:00 am For All Our Parishioners
Living & Deceased

Saturday, December 10

4:00 pm † Jeanette Jakubowski

Sunday, December 11

9:00 am † Elaine & Frank
Osmanski

† deceased ♥ Intention of • In honor of

Scrip News

Many Thanks to the **18** people that purchased **\$4,200** worth of Scrip from November 14th to November 20th, giving the Parish **\$169.19** in profit.

This Week in the Parish

Monday, December 5

6:00 pm Building & Grounds

7:00 pm Men's Club

Tuesday, December 6

6:00 pm Parish Council

Thursday, December 8

8:00 am Mass—The Immaculate
Conception

Friday, December 9

8:30 am Adoration

Sunday, December 11

9:00 am Mass, followed by the
Advent speaker, coffee & donuts

Parish Christmas Cards

The cards are available for a donation of \$5.00 each. These beautiful cards show our restored Church interior. They are available at the Scrip table after mass or during the week; or in the office during regular office hours.

Readings for the Week

Readings for the week of December 4, 2022

Sunday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

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

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

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19

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

Next Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

December Intentions of the Pope and the Bishop

Pope Francis' Intention

We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

Bishop Ricken's Intention

May the Prince of Peace be born again in the minds and hearts of all.

A Warmer Christmas

We are collecting new winter hats, mittens, gloves & scarves for the less fortunate. The items should not be boxed or wrapped. Please place your donations in the designated container in the back of church.

The deadline for bringing in your items is **Friday, December 9th.**



St. Ann Fraternity of The Secular Franciscans

We invite all parishioners to Bible Study (Lectio Divina), Prayer and Reflection at 10:00 am in the Adele Brise room. The next meeting will be held on **December 10th.** *There will be NO meeting on the 24th due to it being Christmas weekend.*

On **Saturday, December 17th at 10:00 am** in St. Clare Hall the Secular Franciscans are having a Christmas party and you are invited. We begin with a Franciscan Christmas Prayer Service followed by a potluck brunch with carols and bingo for the kids. Come join us. Emmanuel.

This Week's Birthdays 75 or more years young

Janice Kehoe (12/5)
Lucy Schultz (12/7)
Gerald Kehoe (12/8)
Guy DeGroot (12/8)



Save the Date

A Parish Advent Reconciliation Service will be held in church on **Wednesday, December 14th.** There will be an examination of conscience at **5:45 pm** and individual confessions at **6:00 pm.**

Altar Society

Our next meeting is being held on **Monday, December 12th.** There will be a social hour at 11:00 am with a pot luck luncheon at noon. We will have the installation of officers, reflect on the meaning of Christmas—scripture, prayer, symbols, carols, etc—and have a prayer exchange. All women of the parish are welcome! For planning purposes please RSVP to Mary Kohlbeck (920) 468-1327 or Barb Perez (920) 327-2308.

Those who love much succeed in overcoming their fear.

— Pope John Paul II

Red Box Donations

You will soon see the Red Box in the front of church. Please consider making a special donation to your parish. The Red Box will be in church until the end of the Christmas Season, **January 9, 2023.**

Church Decorating

We will be decorating the church for Christmas on **Tuesday, December 20th at 5:30 pm.** Please come and help us make our church even more beautiful.

Bishop Ricken's Pastoral Letter

Bishop Ricken's most recent Pastoral Letter "ENCOUNTERING JESUS IN THE EUCHARIST" is now available on line at our Web Page—

www.stmaryoftheangels.org


Click on News & Events, then click on Parish News. Our Bishop is requesting that all Parishioners please read this important Letter which will guide us for the next three years through the Eucharistic Congress in 2025.

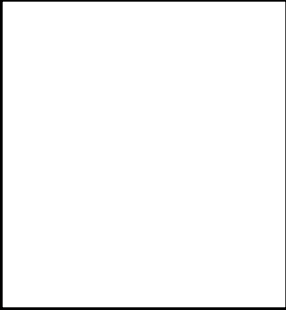
Franciscan Saint of the Week

Bl. Anthony Bonfadini, First Order friar, d. 1482. Blessed Anthony Bonfadini was born into a noble family and enjoyed the finer things in life throughout his youth. Around the age of thirty-eight or nine, he abandoned his comfortable status and joined the Franciscan Order. After receiving his doctorate in theology, he was ordained a priest. Shortly thereafter, he was sent to the Orient for missionary work, but illness resulted in his being sent home much sooner than he had hoped. On his return voyage, he stopped in Palestine and was overcome with joy at visiting the historic sites in Jesus' life. Despite his devout life and fervent desire to return to missionary work, he was unable to do so due to continued poor health.

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