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MEETINGS

Baptism
Instruction is required for all parents seeking baptism of their child. Please contact the Rectory.

Care of the Sick
Please advise us of parishioners who are sick that we may keep them in prayer. We would also like to bring the Eucharist to those who cannot celebrate Mass with us in church.

Confidential Prayer Line
To add intentions call Ellen Calamari at 978-660-3818 or the Rectory at 978-464-2871.

Marriage
Interviews, instruction and Pre-Cana are required. Please contact the Rectory at least one year in advance.

Programs

- Adult Bible Study
Please contact the Rectory for class schedule.

- Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting
Wednesdays at 8:00 pm in the Parish Hall.

- Reconciliation/Confession
Saturday 3:45 pm at the church , or by appointment.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Development Committee
978-464-2871

Finance Council
Chairperson: Gerald Gates (978) 464-5636

Education Committee
(978) 464-2871

Liturgical Committee
(978) 464-2871

Evangelization & Outreach Committee
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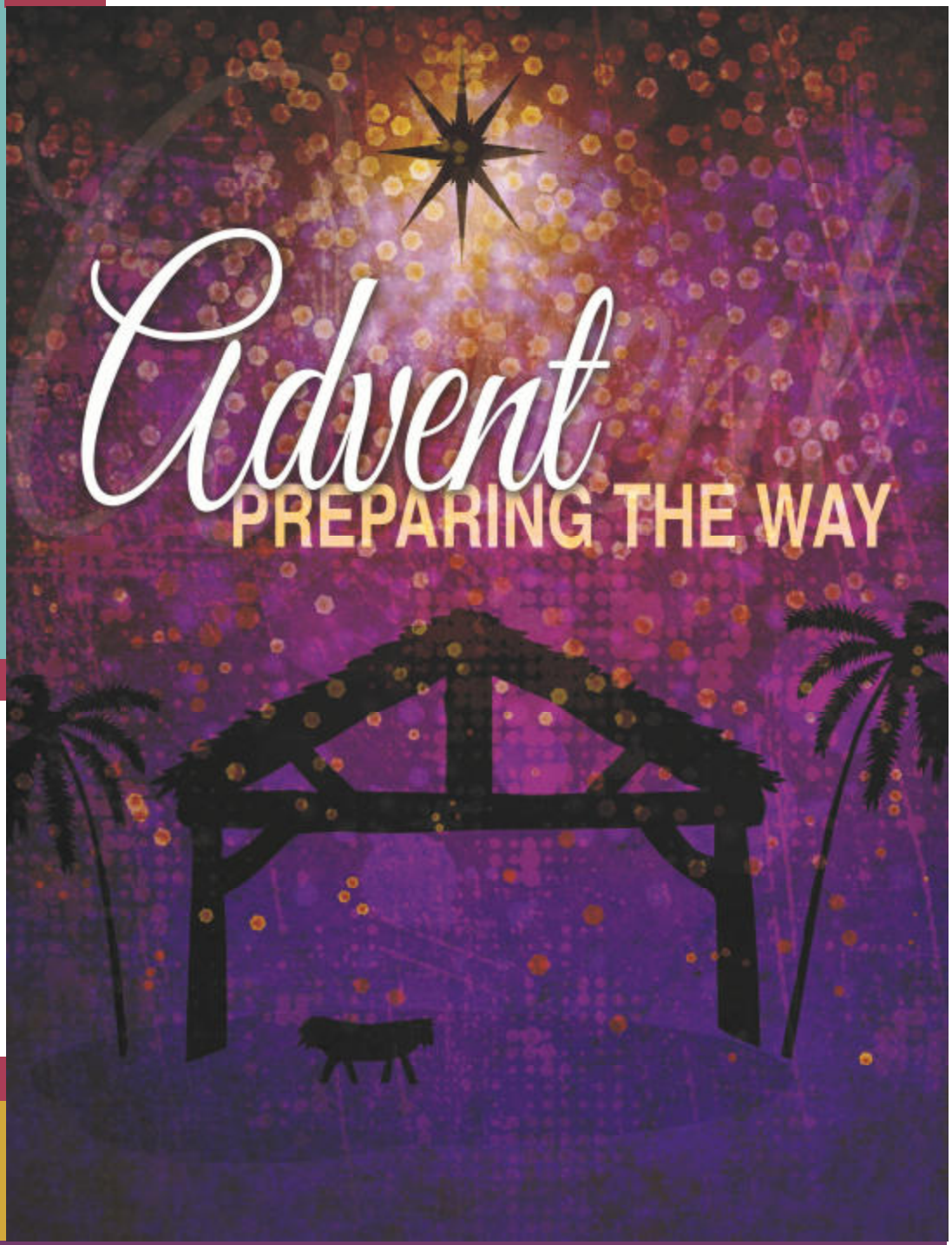
SCHEDULE/MASSES

Monday—Friday..... 8:30 am
Saturday ..... 4:30 pm
Sunday .....8:30 & 10:30 am

Holy Days/Feast Day 8:30 am & 7:00 pm

Rev. H. Edward Chalmers, Pastor

STAFF Parish Secretary, Paula Greeley Religious Education Coordinator, Sharon Bushway



Your talents are welcome. We encourage you to call a ministry chairperson to find out more about our on-going programs.

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, November 27th
3:45 PM Confessions
4:30 PM Robert Marsh, 1st Anniversary
Sunday, November 28th
8:30 AM Bobby Ovian
10:30 AM Unrequested
Monday, November 29th
8:30 AM Richard Kempski
Tuesday, November 30th
8:30 AM Dennis Tessier
Wednesday, December 1st
8:30 AM Intentions on our Prayer Line and in our Prayer Intention Book
Thursday, December 2nd
8:30 AM Special Intention—End of Abortion
Friday, December 3rd
8:30 AM Unrequested
Saturday, December 4th
3:45 PM Confessions
4:30 PM Unrequested
Sunday, December 5th
8:30 AM Unrequested
10:30 AM Steven Desmarais, 9th Anniversary, requested by his wife Ann

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sunday, November 28th:

Grades 1-6 No Class this Sunday.

Grades 7-10 No Class this Sunday.

Confirmation candidates will meet at **4:00 pm in the Church.**

CHRISTMAS WREATHS

Princeton's Troop 1 Boy Scouts will be selling Christmas Wreaths at all Masses this weekend, November 27/28.

Lessons and Carols

Assumption University will offer its annual Service of Lessons and Carols on **Thursday, Dec. 9, at 7:30 pm** in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit. Guests from off campus are asked to complete the form at form.jotform.com/212026475293050 by Dec. 6 to request a campus access pass. The one hour service will include scripture, music and prayer. All are welcome.

First Sunday Of Advent
November 28, 2021

Dear Friends,

As we begin the holy season of Advent, may we reflect upon the opportunity given to us through faith to spiritually prepare for the Christmas Season. In twenty-seven days, our celebration of Christmas will allow us to remember Jesus' birth in Bethlehem. This event, called the Incarnatation, "when the word became flesh and made his dwelling among us" (John 1:14) was the beginning of the sacred human life of the Son of God.

As we continue to deal with the effects of Covid-19, may we be willing to pray, worship, and be filled with Christian charity. May the sacraments of the Holy Eucharist and Penance be part of our lives as we prepare for Christmas. As we contemplate "the reason for the season," may we embrace the humility of Jesus and Our Lady.

Our gospel reading from Luke for the First Sunday of Advent this year concludes with these words of Jesus, "Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man." We must be courageous for Jesus, accepting the challenge to reject sin and all of its horrors. As we accept our belief in God, may we offer ourselves to Jesus for our own salvation and the salvation of all souls. Let us pray to the Holy Spirit for the grace to spiritually give ourselves to Jesus.

Many thanks to all those who donated food to the St. Joan of Arc Food Pantry for Thanksgiving. Your generosity is most appreciated.

Be well and be safe!

God's love and prayers always,

Fr. Ed

The collection for the weekend of November 13-14, 2021, was as follows:

Monthly	$1,105.00
Make Up envelopes	$ 50.00
Advanced envelopes	$ 80.00
Maintenance	$ 55.00
Energy costs	$ 105.00
Christmas flowers	$ 20.00
All Souls	$ 25.00
Cath. Camp. Human Dev.	$ 105.00
Regular collection	$ 964.00
Total Collection:	$2,509.00

Good News!

November 28, 2021
First Sunday of Advent (C)
Jer 33:14-16; 1 Thes 3:12–4:2;
Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Our *birth day* is not the anniversary of our birth—that is our *birthday*. Our birth day is the actual day of our birth. However, we do have a second birth day and it is this day to which this Sunday's readings refer. We might call it our final birth day, the day when we are born into fulfillment. Jeremiah assures us that will be the day when God's promises will be fulfilled in us. We will finally have a righteous leader; the nation will be safe, and the place where God dwells amid the people will be secure.

In the Gospel, Jesus is probably speaking figuratively about the end of the world—at least the end of the world as it is known to humans. However, it is not the end of everything, for after cosmic destruction takes place, "then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory" (Luke 21:27). After suffering the so-called birth pangs of the Messiah (see Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time), something new will appear; we will see that our redemption is at hand. We will be born into a new life in a new world.

Advent is the time to look forward to this new birth day of fulfillment. We do not simply await the anniversary of Jesus' human birth day, for that day announced the coming of the final birth day of each of us. *His* birth announces *our* new birth.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

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CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Traditionally, funds for Christmas Flowers have been donated as a memorial for friends and relatives, or as a family gift. If anyone wishes to make an offering in memory of a loved one or as a gift, please fill out the form below and put it in the collection basket or mail it in.

Name/s of those remembered:_____
_____
_____

Your name (if you wish):_____
Amount: $_____

Again this year, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, we are not able to have the giving tree in the Church. In order to provide for the children at the Nazareth Home, we will be donating gift cards for each of the boys, as we did last year.

If you would like to make a donation, please mail it to P O Box 305 (**payable to Prince of Peace**), drop it by the rectory, or drop it in the collection basket. *Please be sure to indicate that the donation is for the Nazareth Home for Boys.*

Advent Concert in Worcester

Blessed Sacrament Parish will hold an hour of Advent Music **Sunday, December 5th at 2 pm** with tenor Travis Benoit and organist Elizabeth Noone performing solo works and hymns for congregational singing. It is free and open to the public.

CHRISTMAS FAIRS

St. Joseph's Fitchburg, Christmas Fair, Saturday, **December 4th**, from 9 am to 4 pm, in the church hall.

Mary Queen of the Rosary, Spencer, Saturday, **December 4th,** 8:30 am-2 pm in Church hall.

St. Joseph Parish, Auburn, Saturday, **December 4th,** 9 am—2 pm at Parish Center

St. Christopher Church, Worcester, Saturday, **December 4th,** 9 am—3 pm.

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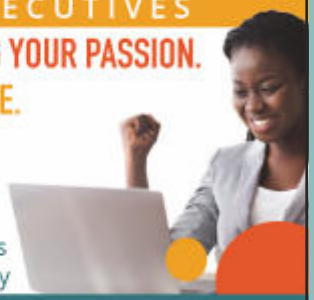

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