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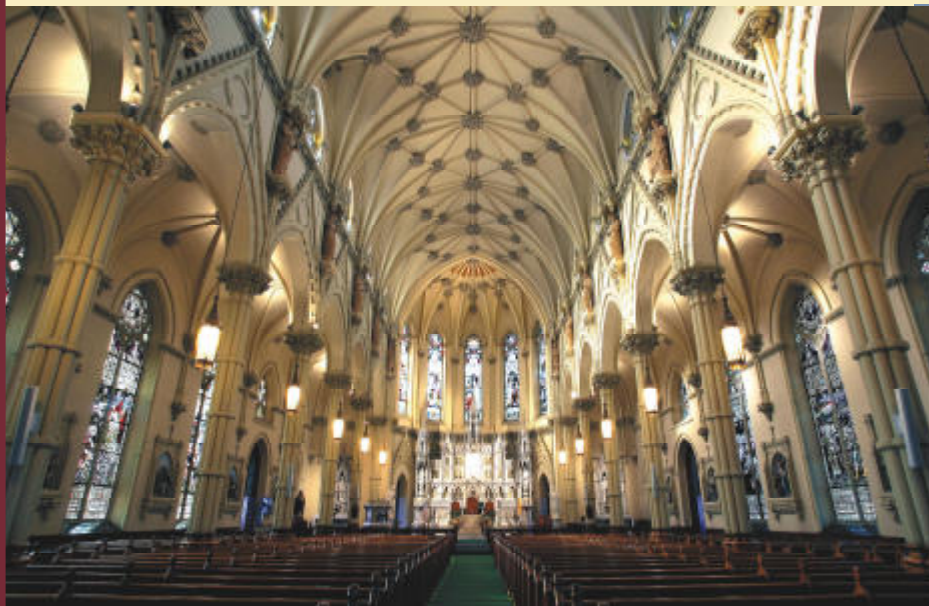
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### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, “GAUDETE” SUNDAY DECEMBER 15, AD 2019

#### CLERGY & STAFF

**Very Rev. R. Msgr. Michael Schmitz,**  
STD, JCD, Vicar General of the Institute

**Rev. Canon Matthew Talarico,** Provincial Superior of  
the Institute’s U.S. Province

**Rev. Canon Joel Estrada,** Pastor and Rector

**Abbé Kevin Kerscher,** Clerical Oblate and Sacristan

**David Hughes,** Sunday Organist and Choirmaster

**Jonathan Barney,** Saturday Organist and Director

**Debra Guerrero,** Parish and Oratory Secretary

#### Rectory Office Hours

**Monday-Wednesday** 8:30am - 3:00pm  
**Thursday** 8:30am - 12:30pm

#### MASS TIMES

**Saturday:** 3:15-3:45 P.M. Confessions  
4:00 P.M. Vigil Mass in the Ordinary Form  
in English, celebrated by archdiocesan  
priests

**Sunday:** 8:30 A.M. Low Mass (Extraordinary Form)  
10:30 A.M. High Mass (Extraordinary Form)

**Monday-Saturday:** 8:00 A.M. Low Mass  
(Extraordinary Form)

#### DAILY CONFESSIONS

30 minutes before each Holy Mass every day

#### DEVOTIONS

**First Friday,** an additional Mass at 6 p.m. preceded by  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament beginning at 5 p.m.

**First Saturday,** after Holy Mass, Exposition of the Blessed  
Sacrament, Holy Rosary, and Benediction.

## Mass Schedule

December 14 to December 22

### Saturday, December 14

#### 3rd Sunday of Advent (Anticipated)

4:00 p.m. Ordinary Form English Mass

† Glenn Doucette - 5th Year Anniversary and  
† Michael Colangelo - Birthday Remembrance,  
requested by Mom & Dad Crochet & family

### Sunday, December 15

#### 3rd Sunday of Advent

8:30 a.m. Low Mass

*Missa Pro Populo*

10:30 a.m. High Mass

*Parishioners of Saint Patrick Parish*

### Monday, December 16

Saint Eusebius, Bishop and Martyr

8 a.m. Low Mass

### Tuesday, December 17

Greater Feria of Advent, Mass of 3rd Sunday of Advent

8 a.m. Low Mass

### Wednesday, December 18

Ember Wednesday of Advent

8 a.m. Low Mass

### Thursday, December 19

Greater Feria of Advent, Mass of 3rd Sunday of Advent

8 a.m. Low Mass

### Friday, December 20

Ember Friday of Advent

8 a.m. Low Mass

### Saturday, December 21

Saint Thomas the Apostle

8 a.m. Low Mass

#### 4th Sunday of Advent (Anticipated)

4:00 p.m. Ordinary Form English Mass

† Mike & Rose Jacaruso & brother, Michael  
requested by Harry & Mary Russell, son-in-law & daughter

### Sunday, December 22

#### 4th Sunday of Advent

8:30 a.m. Low Mass

*Missa Pro Populo*

10:30 a.m. High Mass

† Frank & Clara Maisto requested by Fran Maisto

### Wisdom from Saint Francis de Sales

*Patron of the Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest*

“Those who are utterly filled with charity give to God their hearts, follow Him in all that he commands, counsels or inspires, unreservedly, with no exceptions whatsoever.”

### Schola Cantorum

Volunteer choristers are welcomed for singing at the Sunday 10:30 High Mass. Rehearsals of the chant and, as circumstances permit, polyphony will be on Sundays prior to Mass. For further information, please contact David Hughes: david@chantwith.us .

### Saint Patrick Parish and Oratory Collection

December 8

Weekly-\$3101.00; Monthly Parish Support-\$839.00

Christmas Flowers-\$250.00

Retirement Fund for Religious-\$70.00

*May God reward your generosity!*

**Please kindly note to make your offering payable to “Saint Patrick Parish”.** We are unable to accept checks payable to Saint Blaise anymore. We will only accept envelopes that are for Saint Patrick Church into the collection basket. You can also mail them to Saint Patrick or to OLMC (for Saint Joseph Parishioners). Thank you for your understanding!

### Christmas Wafers

Christmas wafers (Poltkeles) are available in the vestibule. The cost is \$1 for 4 white wafers. They will be available through 12/25 until supplies last. This program is sponsored by the Knights of Lithuania Council #7.

### Advent Giving Tree 2019

St. Patrick will continue to participate in the Advent giving tree program. Gift tags are available through Sunday 12/15. On Monday 12/16, the gifts will be delivered to the shelter, Safe Haven, and Wellmore Behavioral Health. Yellow tags are for children, pink for women, and blue for men. Take a tag, buy a gift, wrap it, put the tag on and return it to the Church by Sunday 12/15. This program is sponsored by our Knights of Columbus Council #13424.

*Stay connected to the Family*  
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Due to an influx of Mass Intention Requests received by the former Parish of Saint Blaise and remaining private Mass Intentions from the Pastor and Rector, Rev. Canon Joel Estrada, received prior to his new assignment in Waterbury, CT, Saint Patrick Parish and Oratory is unable to accommodate any more Mass intentions for the rest of 2019 and beginning of 2020. However, we will open the Intention Book in early March 2020 in order to schedule new public Mass Intentions. Nevertheless, the required canonical *Missa Pro Populo* intention will be offered each Sunday, unless there is an impediment, in which it will be offered during the week. Thank you for your understanding and patience!

**Tabernacle Lamp will burn this week for**  
Henry G. Baribault, Cibelli family & Phyllis Jones  
**Honorary and Memorial Candles will burn this week for**  
*Patrick F. Maisto, Dominick J. and Elizabeth A. Maglio*

**Please pray for the following for healing:**  
Diane Andrew, Anna, Arthur, Janet Blucker, Edith Bruno, Jim Danauskas, Patricia Danauskas, Louis Dantino, Jim and Claudette Doyle, Ellissa, David Kerscher, Karen Knapp, Dawn Laliderte, Donald Maloney, Mark Pavao, Bob Piche, Jerry and Charlotte Sepe, Lorraine Shaw  
**Please pray for our Military:**  
Peter Crochet, United States Navy, USS Gravely (DDG 107)  
Mathew Nardella, United States Navy, USS Bulkeley (DDG 84)

We are kindly requesting volunteers who can commit in helping our Parish and Oratory. Particularly, we are asking men to be regular ushers for our Sunday Masses. In addition, we are in need of collection counters who can help us on Mondays. Please contact the Rectory Office for more information. Thank you for your generosity!

**Offertory Envelopes for 2020** are available in the Church Vestibule (Gospel Side). If you did not receive a box of envelopes and would like to have one, please complete and return a census form for the Parish and return to the Rectory.

**Saint Patrick Bingo:** Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. in Saint Patrick Church Hall. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. Food and beverages available for purchase and progressive jackpots included.

**CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE OF MASSES**  
**Christmas is a Holy Day of Obligation**

**Tuesday, December 24th, 2019**  
Christmas Midnight High Mass starting with Carols  
at 11:30pm

**Wednesday, December 25th, 2019**  
8:30am Low Mass with Organ  
10:30am High Mass with Benediction of Blessed Sacrament

**Wednesday, January 1st, 2020**  
Octave Day of Christmas  
**Holy Day of Obligation**  
8:30am Low Mass  
10:30am High Mass

**Sunday, January 5th, 2020**  
Solemn Blessing of Epiphany Water

**Monday, January 6th, 2020**  
Feast of the Epiphany

**FROM THE PASTOR,**  
**REVEREND CANON JOEL ESTRADA**

Dear Faithful,

The virtue of hope is more than just optimism or positive thinking. Hope and joy are rooted in the promises of Christ, who doesn't promise the ultimate happiness in this life, but in the next. The joy of Gaudete Sunday does not consist in ignoring the difficulties and trials of this earthly life but rather in rejoicing no matter what the external circumstances are. In fact, the darker the world becomes, the more the world is in need of the Light. Look around you and see the presence of God, despite the difficulties we are in. Remember the last line of the message Jesus sent back to St. John the Baptist in prison, "Happy the man who does not lose faith in me". The message of joy given today is not a magical candy which is too good to be true. We are reminded of an episode from the life of Saint Therese of the Little Flower. By the door of her cell, in the Carmelite Convent of Lisieux, scratched into the wood she had written, "Jesus is my only love". It was not written in a time of exultation and enthusiasm, but rather in a time when she was in the midst of difficulties, in major despair. She was thus crying out to her beloved. Even when she experienced nothing but absence, emptiness, and darkness, she clung to Jesus, in the assurance of being loved by Him. That is faith and our source of joy.

*From December 17 to 25, after each Holy Mass, we will recite the Infant Jesus Prayer in preparation for Christmas, please say it with your family if you can't make it to Mass during the week:*

**O Divine Infant Jesus, I have recourse to Thee. Please, through Thy Blessed Mother, assist me in this necessity (*mention intention*) because I firmly believe that Thy Divinity can help me. I hope with confidence to obtain Thy holy grace. I love Thee with all my heart and with all the strength of my soul. I repent sincerely of my sins and I beg Thee, O Good Jesus, to grant me the strength to triumph over them. I resolve never more to offend Thee and I come to offer myself to Thee with the intention of enduring everything rather than to displease Thee. Henceforth, I desire to serve Thee with fidelity and, for the love of Thee, O Divine Infant, I will love my neighbor as myself.**

**All-powerful Infant, O Jesus, I implore Thee again, assist me in this need. Grant me the grace of possessing Thee eternally with Mary and Joseph and of adoring Thee with the angels in the Heavenly Court. Amen.**

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