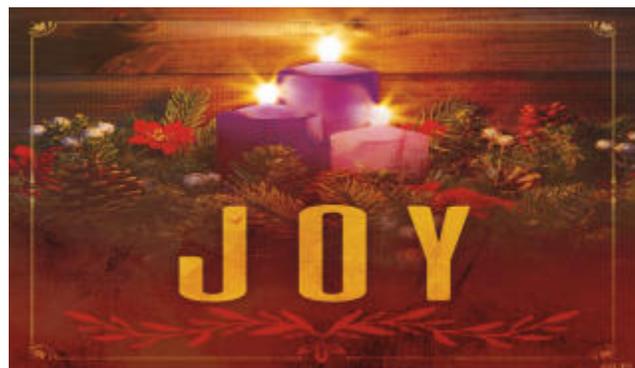


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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ DECEMBER 13, 2020

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## Mass Schedule

Monday-Friday 8:30am

Saturday 5:30pm &

8:00 pm (in classroom)

Sunday 8:30am, 10:30am & 6:00 pm

**Holy Days: See bulletin for schedule of Masses.**

## Parish Office:

Monday - Wednesday 9:00am - 4:00pm

Thursday and Friday 9:00am - 2:00pm

**Phone:** 201-391-2826

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Monday 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

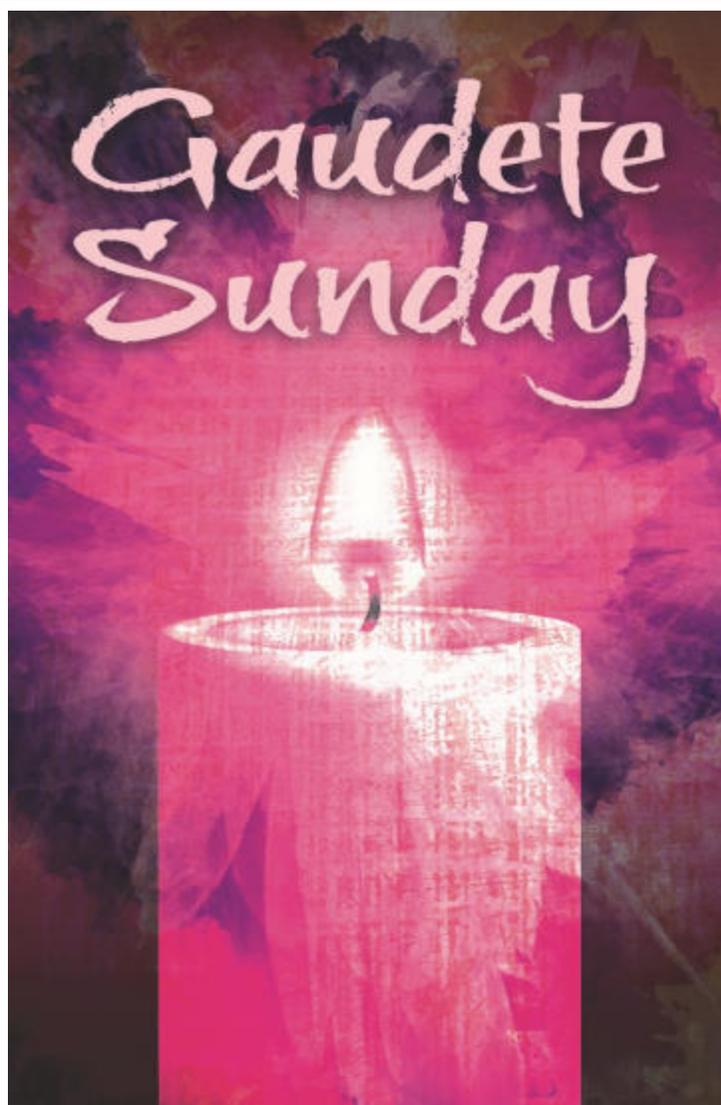
Wednesday 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

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## Reconciliation

Saturday 4:30 pm to

5:00 pm



**Mission Statement:** Called by our baptism and nourished by the Eucharist, the parishioners of Our Lady Mother of the Church, acknowledge our mission to teach, share and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, we create a welcoming environment, enthusiastically gather and worship to praise God, and strive to imitate the life of Jesus as we reach out beyond our own faith community.

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters



Did you ever lose your keys? In the Advent Liturgy there is a prayer which speaks about a key. It is a remarkable prayer.

“O Key of David, what you open no one else can ever close again! What you close no one can open! O Key of David, come to lead the captives from prison! Free all those in darkness and in the shadow of death!”

The ‘Key of David’ is Our Lord Jesus Christ. He can open a door before us that no other key can open; a door that leads to new hope and peace, to truth and integrity, to purity and love.

And he can close and lock behind us the door through which fear and anxiety, bitterness and remorse, guilt and shame, have so often entered our lives, sometimes making our lives hell.

He can close the door firmly in the face of so much from our past, our history that comes to accuse us and mock us, to haunt us and humiliate us; and all the lies we have fed on and believed.

He can set us free from our captivity and slavery; from all the things that chain us and imprison us; from those dungeons where we sit in terrible loneliness or dark despair, often hating ourselves.

He can rescue us from the solitary confinement of our selfishness and greed; and from everything that prevents us from going out in love, compassion and friendship to others.

Jesus Christ, the ‘Key of David’, can break the hold that evil has on us, the tight grip of our repeated moral lapses, our sexual sins, our laziness and indifference, our cunning and hypocrisy.

He can help us to rise above the strange compulsive needs that our ego often inflicts on us; the addictions that seem to dominate us. He can purify our sordid desires and calm the heat of our crazy and sometimes violent thoughts; and all our disordered urges and passions.

Christ can conquer death in us; the death we daily experience when we want to escape and deny the truth about our lives; or to run away from the responsibilities we know are ours in the family, or work.

If we have lost the Key of David, Advent helps us to find it.

It can be found in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

The Church calls us, encourages us, and urges us, to make a simple and sincere confession of our sins; without fear, without anxiety. And to place our lives under the gaze of God’s love and mercy.

How long since our last confession? Weeks? Months? Years? It does not matter. What does matter is that we take this opportunity now.

It is a very great gift of God to you. Do not let this opportunity pass you by.

Because of the pandemic we cannot have our usual Advent Deanery Reconciliation Service, however, there is still an opportunity for us to avail ourselves of this Sacrament of God’s mercy.

Every Saturday a priest is in the Church parking lot for Confession. He will be in his car, parked near the back fence, from 1:00 – 2:00pm. Drive up, park 6ft away, turn the ignition key off, and turn the Key of David on: lower your window, and confess from your car. There are also socially distanced confessions in the Church on Saturdays from 4:30 – 5:00pm; and we are always available for confession on request - we can come to your house, and do a socially distanced confession on your doorstep.

You can confess in English, Italian, Spanish, or Swahili. The ‘Key of David’ will be turned in your favor.

Fr. Sean

# THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**Saturday**

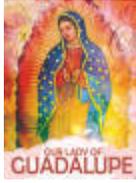
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**December 12**

*Our Lady of Guadalupe*

John Chiavelli

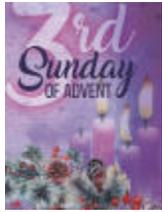


**Sunday**

8:30 am

10:30 am

6:00 pm



**December 13**

*Third Sunday of Advent*

John Chiavelli

Patricia Houlihan

People of the Parish

**Monday**

8:30 am

**Tuesday**

8:30 am

**Wednesday**

8:30 am

**Thursday**

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**Friday**

8:30 am

**Saturday**

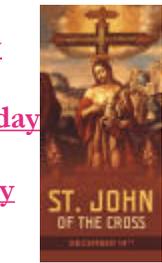
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6:00 pm



**December 14**

*St. John of the Cross*

Mary Tarabocchia

**December 15**

Mary Tarabocchia

**December 16**

Jose Lopes

**December 17**

Mary Tarabocchia

**December 18**

People of the Parish

**December 19**

John Chiavelli

**December 20**

*Fourth Sunday of Advent*

Deceased Members of the

Perrulli Family

Joan Santoro

George & Peter Lutz

*For everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven."*

*Ecclesiastes 3:11*

*"A time to be healed"*

**Parish sick list:** Marie Barrett, Mr. & Mrs. Bischoff, Francesca DeMarco, Arlene Desposito, Carol Franco, Trevor Giesberg, Tom Harrington, Jennifer Hartmann, Kathy Hedley, Brad Jones, Joachim Jung, Vivienne Knopp, Ivy LaRegina, Genna Lepore, Rosemary Levin, Robert Libonati, Jessica Livingstone, Nat Lucarello, Kevin Murphy, Terry Racanelli, James Ranazzo, Carol Schmidt, Bro. Kevin Smith, Bob Staab, Ivan Tarabocchia, Tom Woodhour, Eric Vanderleif and Bryce Werner

*"A time to mourn"*

*"A time for war and a time for peace"*

Tyler Aiello, Ryan Brady, Lt. Joseph Ryan and Seamus Ryan

*Amen.*

**Stewardship of Treasure**

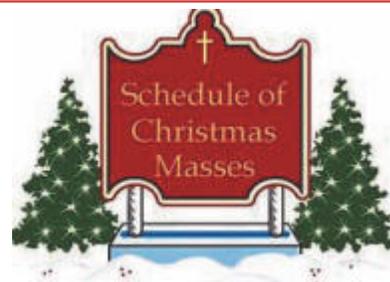
**My Parish, My Family, My Responsibility**

*"Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" – 1 Thessalonians 5:16 - 18*

This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. "Rejoice always" means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. "Pray constantly" means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. "Give thanks in all circumstances" means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations and shows our dependence on God.

**Receipts From Last Week.....\$3,298.00**

**Christmas Flowers to Date.....\$ 610.00**



**Christmas Eve**

**4:00 pm/Children's Mass**

**5:30 pm/12:00 Midnight**

**Christmas Day**

**8:30 am & 10:30 am**

**New Years Eve**

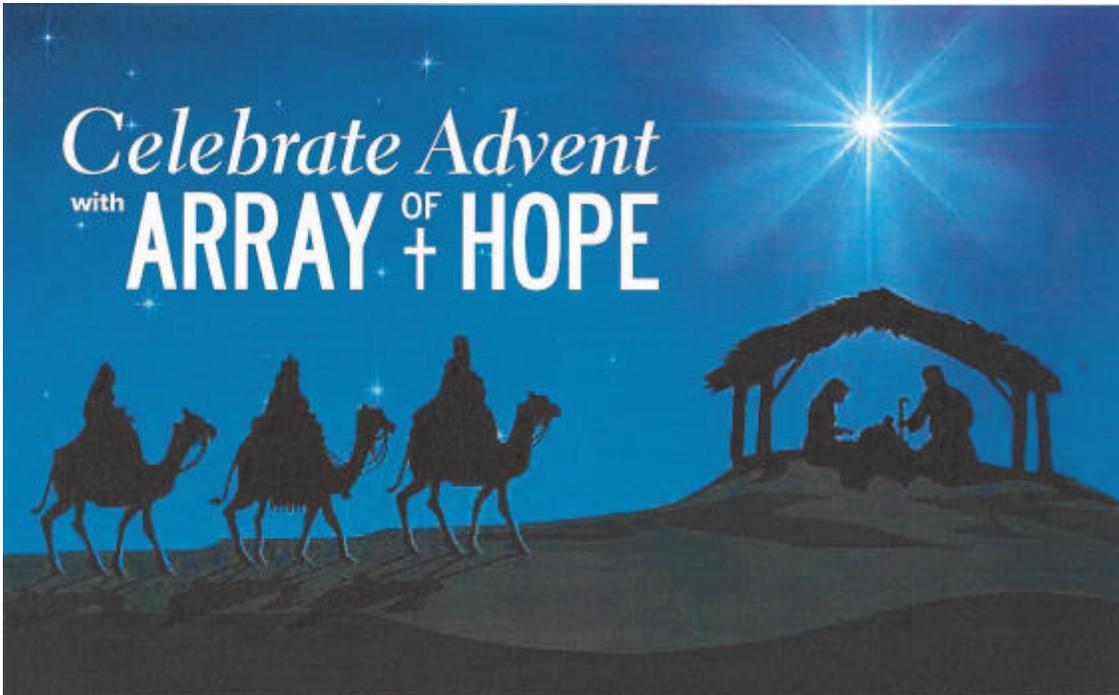
**5:30 pm**

**Friday, January 1, 2021**

**Solemnity of Mary Mother of God**

**10:30 am**

DECEMBER 13, 2020



**Advent of Hope Family Retreat**

Date: Dec. 17th 2020  
Time: 7:00pm-8:30pm  
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Join us for an Advent family retreat to help prepare your heart to encounter Jesus more deeply this Christmas.



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**Michael Pisano**

Requested by Barbara Pisano



# FAITH FORMATION



## Faith Formation News



### Our Lady of Guadalupe- Patroness of the Americas

The feast in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe celebrated on December 12 goes back to the 16th century. A poor Indian was baptized and given the name Juan Diego. He was a 57-year-old widower and lived in a small village. One morning, he was on his way to a nearby barrio to attend Mass in honor of Our Lady.

Juan was walking by a hill called Tepeyac when he heard beautiful music. A radiant cloud appeared, and within it stood an Indian maiden dressed like an Aztec princess. The lady spoke to him in his own language and sent him to the bishop of Mexico. The bishop was to build a chapel in the place where the lady appeared. The bishop told Juan to have the lady give him a sign. About this same time Juan's uncle became seriously ill. This led poor Juan to try to avoid the lady. Nevertheless, the lady found Juan, assured him that his uncle would recover, and provided roses for Juan to carry to the bishop in his cape or tilma. On December 12, when Juan Diego opened his tilma in the bishop's presence, the roses fell to the ground, and the bishop sank to his knees. On the tilma where the roses had been appeared an image of Mary exactly as she had appeared at the hill of Tepeyac. We honor Mary as Our Lady of Guadalupe, the patroness of the Americas throughout North and South America.

### Youth JAM & Confirmation Schedules

**Youth JAM will next meet Sunday December 13 at 4:30 PM and includes the 6 PM Liturgy.** Future dates: Jan. 10, Feb. 14, Mar. 14, Apr. 11, May 9

**Confirmation class will next meet Sunday, December 13 and begins at the 10:30 AM Liturgy.** Future dates: Jan. 17, Feb. 14, Mar. 14, Apr. 11, May 9

### Important Dates for Faith Formation

#### Dates for In Person Gatherings in Church

Teaching Mass will be rescheduled.

**Wed. 12/16** 3:45 – 5 PM Teaching Mass

**Wed. 1/20** 3:45 – 5 PM Grade 2 Reconciliation Workshop

### Question of the Week

This week's question: *Who is the Patroness of the Americas?* Last week's answer: The Immaculate Conception is the Patroness of the United States. **Congratulations to Faith Egbert!** To enter this week's raffle, email [faithformationlmc@gmail.com](mailto:faithformationlmc@gmail.com) by 3pm on Wednesday. **All correct answers will be entered in a raffle for a gift card to Dairy Queen.**

### Kids' Bulletin: Win a Gift Card to Dairy Queen!

Each week we send out the Kid's bulletin by email which focuses on the Sunday readings with fun activities. **Congratulations to Olivia Lukin!** To enter, send the completed bulletin to Faith Formation, A drawing for a gift card to Dairy Queen from entries submitted.



**Pope Francis says:** *"Conversion is a grace that we need to forcefully ask God for. We are converted to the degree in which we open ourselves up to the beauty, the goodness, the tenderness of God. Thus, let us leave what is false and fleeting for what is true, beautiful and everlasting."* Dec. 6, 2020



### Waterfront Nursing Home Resident Christmas Gifts

In the spirit of Christmas, we are once again asking our parishioners to purchase a holiday gift for a resident who lives in this facility. We ask you to please stop by the table in the church foyer after all Masses this weekend and pick up a name tag which will include an item from their "wish list." Please return the wrapped gift with the resident's name on the card to the church foyer **no later than the weekend of December 19/20.** If you have any questions please contact Deacon Stan at 201.391.5013, who will be delivering the gifts on December 21st.

# GAUDETE SUNDAY



## PLEASE SUPPORT OUR PARISH DONATE ONLINE OR BY MAIL

Thank you for continuing to financially support our parish. Please continue as much as your situation will allow. Your continued generosity is such a big help! There are different options to do this:

- Envelopes can be mailed or dropped off in the church mailbox,
- Online Parish Giving-details on our website.
- Online Archdiocesan Go Fund Me-all contributions come directly to our parish when you choose Team 'Our Lady Mother of the Church'. Details are also on our website.



## Children's Choir

Our Children's Choir was a great success last year. We are most grateful for the opportunity to grow this ministry and to work with you and your children. We would like to kickoff our season and provide you with a brief schedule so we can get started.

We will conduct the rehearsals in person and via zoom so you and your child have an option.

These are the Masses you will be singing: Christmas Eve, December 24th (prelude at 3:30 pm and Mass at 4:00 pm).

These are the rehearsals: December 13 at 11:30 am, Wed, December 16 at 5:00 pm (same day as FF live class), Mon, December 21 at 5:00 pm and/or Wed, December 23 at 5:00 pm.

Blessings and prayers to you and your families. Thank you for sharing your beautiful children with us! We are blessed.

Musically,

Miss Marie (201) 396-2947

Miss Lucia



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November 30, 2020

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Dear Parish Community of Our Lady Mother of the Church,

On behalf of St. Joseph's we would like to thank you for your Thanksgiving Dinner donation.

Your generous contribution helped us provide over 900 bags of food to our clients for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Without your kindness we could not serve the poor and homeless in the Elizabeth area.

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Warmly,

Bernadette Murphy  
Executive Director

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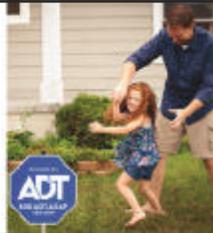


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