

DECEMBER 2ND, 2018 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



PASTOR
REV. PETER LISZEWSKI

SUNDAY MASS
Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm
Sunday: 9:00am

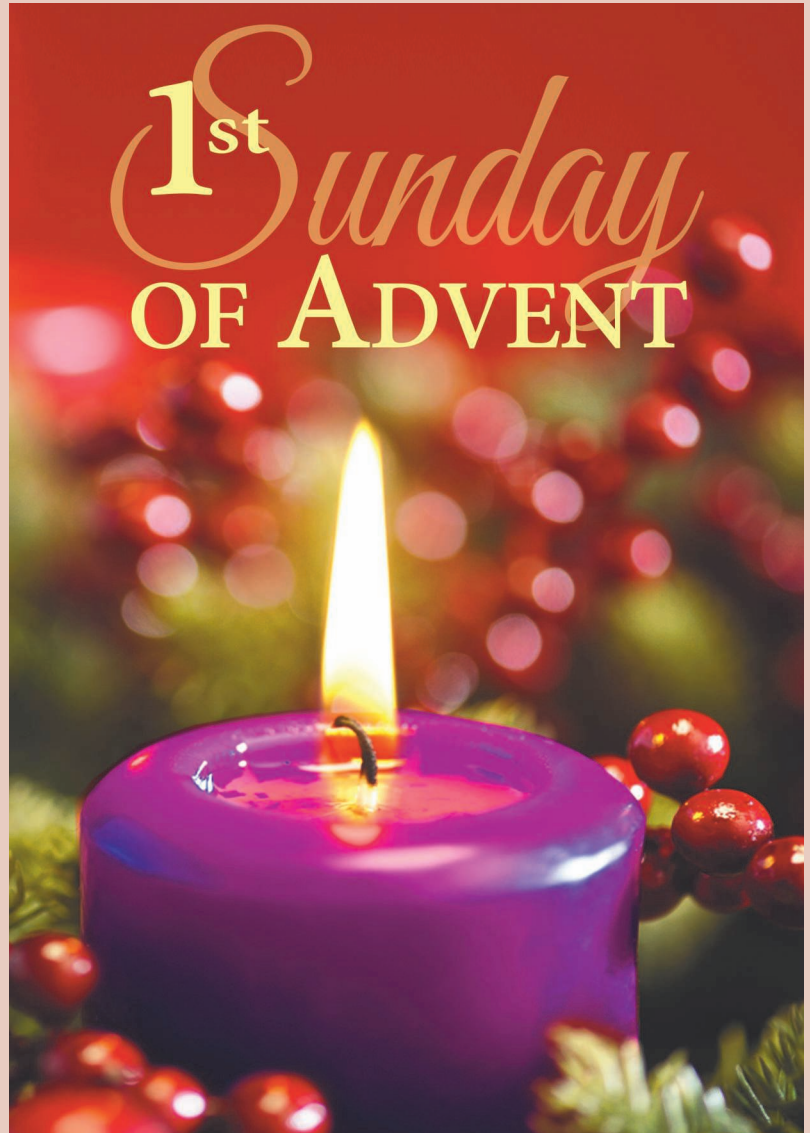
WEEKDAY MASSES
Monday - Friday @ 8:00am
No Mass on Thursdays

CONFESSIONS
Saturday: 3:00-3:30pm and by appointment

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Saint Edward the Confessor Church - Stafford Springs, CT

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Vigil December 1, 2018
First Sunday of Advent
4:00pm PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Sunday December 2, 2018
First Sunday of Advent
9:00am †ALLEN PEIROLO
by his wife & family

Monday December 3, 2018
8:00am NO MORNING MASS

Tuesday December 4, 2018
8:00am NO MORNING MASS

Wednesday December 5, 2018
8:00am NO MORNING MASS

Thursday December 6, 2018
NO MORNING MASS

Friday December 7, 2018
First Friday
8:00am †STEPHEN GALOTTO
by Elaine & George Melnick
Vigil of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
7:00pm PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Saturday December 8, 2018
The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
9:00am PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
Saturday Vigil December 8, 2018
Second Sunday of Advent
4:00pm †MICHAEL TREMKO
by Judith Hughes

Sunday December 9, 2018
Second Sunday Advent
9:00am †BILLY BARNETT
by the family

PARISH SUPPORT

Offertory November 18.....\$5,064.00
Offertory November 25.....\$5,314.00

The Sanctuary Candle
Burns this week for Vocations

The Blessed Mary Candle
Burns this for Vocations

The Joseph Candle
Burns this week for Vocations

PARISH HAPPENINGS

Sun., Dec 2: 8-11:30am Church Craft Fair Hall
10-11am Faith Formation Classes Parish Center
Mon., Dec 3: 6:30p.m. Choir Practice
Tue., Dec 4: 6:00pm Knights of Columbus Hall
Sun., Dec 9: *Coffee & Donuts after Mass*
10-11am Faith Formation Classes Parish Center
6-7:30pm Confirmation Class Hall

Parish Council will be holding a meeting on Wednesday, December 12th in the Hall at 7:00pm.

A CHRISTMAS SHOW

A local Christian Artist, Theresa MacFeat Camerota, will be performing a Christmas Show at The Palace Theater in Stafford Springs on Friday, December 7th at 8pm. Tickets are \$20.00 each and can be purchased at the door.



We will have the Giving Tree again this Advent to provide support for girls and women who are pregnant, and who have decided to keep their babies or put them up for adoption rather than to abort their babies. Your response in the past years was indeed graced, and overwhelming. We support the Windham Birthright Center in Willimantic, in the Diocese of Norwich. Their needs are great and required throughout the year. We have listed the most needed items. Any gift is deeply appreciated, including monetary donations, which enable Birthright to purchase urgently needed items. Please select a paper decoration from the tree which gives a needed item.

SERIOUS NEED

Diapers: all sizes, Baby powder and ointment, Baby wipes

NEED

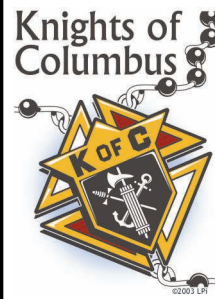
Newborn gowns; infant gowns
Sleepers (Girls & Boys, 3 months, 6 months)
Onsies (Girls & Boys, infant and small sizes)
Outfits (Girls & Boys, 0 to 3 months, 6 months, 9 months, 12 months, 18 months, 24 months)
Baby socks (Girls & Boys, newborn size to 24 months)
Bibs, soap, baby bath towels and washcloths
Crib sheets; blankets
Winter coats for girls & boys (sizes 12 to 24 months)
Snowsuits: infant to 12 months, 18 months, 24 months
Maternity Clothes (New or gently used worn)

If you have any questions, please call Anne Stauffer at 860-684-1447, or the church office at 860-684-2705.

Thank you for your support.

PLEASE NOTE:

The needs are ongoing throughout the year. Any donations, including monetary, are gratefully accepted at all times



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 1395 FOOD DRIVE

This year the Knights of Columbus **will not** be collecting canned or dry goods as we have done in past years. Instead, we will only be accepting

monetary donations. The proceeds will be donated to Stafford's SafeNet in December. Marked envelopes are in the pews and can be dropped in to any collection basket during mass through early December. The Knights will be matching all the donations of the parish up to \$750.00 in total so this is a chance to double your contribution. The Knights thank you in advance for any donation you can make.

The Annual Convocation for Priests will be held from December 3-5, 2018, at Gurney's Newport Resort on Goat Island in Newport, RI. It will be a time for all priests to gather with their bishop for spiritual renewal, support, education and rest.

No parish, school or institutional activities will be scheduled during these days. Please pray for your priests, as they will be praying for you.

Thank You

THANK YOU to everyone who helped out at the Retreat on Saturday, August 17th! Also, a big **THANK YOU** to the parishioners who donated items for our retreat. It was a great success!! Parents, thank you for recognizing the importance of Faith Formation for your children and letting us be a part of it!

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