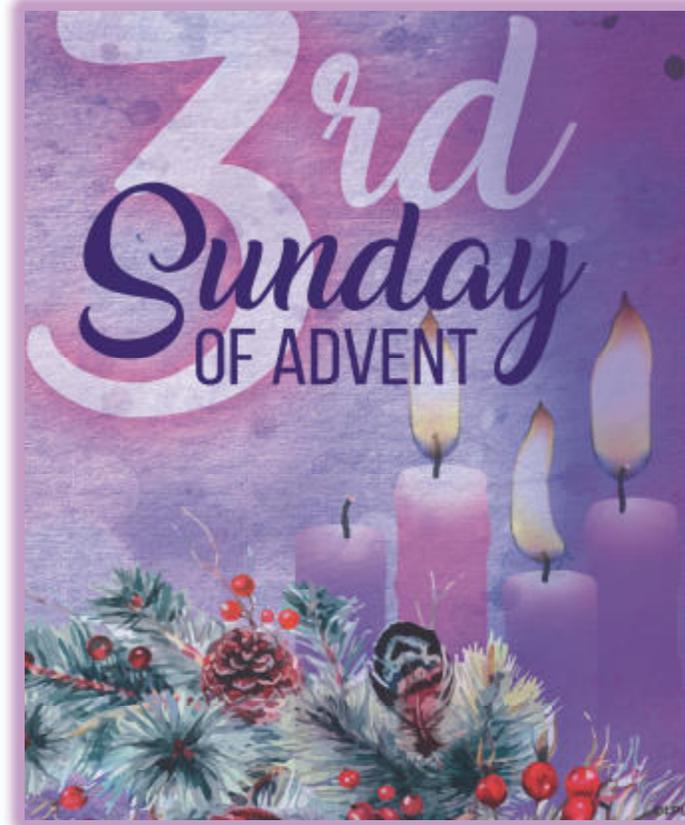




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December 13, 2020



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Sacrament of Reconciliation: Wed. 11:00-11:30 am

Mass Schedule
Weekday: Mon.-Fri. 7 am & 12 noon
Weekend: Sat. 5:10 pm
Sun. 7:30 am, 9:45 am, 5:10 pm
Baptisms: By Appointment

Website cathedralsyracuse.org / email: cathedral@syrdio.org

Mission Statement

The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception opens its doors to all for worship and prayer as a spiritual home away from home. Through these doors, the Cathedral ministers to the needs of the community by providing food for the hungry, comfort for the sick and elderly, hope to those in jail and education for the young. Together with other local parishes, the Cathedral provides a regional center for strengthening the community of faith.

The Light is ON for You

The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** will be available to the faithful on these evenings during Advent at the following times:

Wednesday, December 16th, 4:00 – 6:00

Monday, December 21st, 4:00 – 6:00



Make a reservation at: cathedralsyracuse.org

What Is Reconciliation? Reconciliation (also known as confession or Penance) is a **sacrament** instituted by Jesus Christ in his love and mercy to offer sinners forgiveness for offenses committed against God. At the same time, sinners reconcile with the Church, because it is also wounded by our sins. Every time we sin, we hurt ourselves, other people, and God. In **Reconciliation**, we acknowledge our sins before God and his Church. We express our sorrow in a meaningful way, receive the forgiveness of Christ and his Church, make reparation for what we have done, and resolve to do better in the future. The forgiveness of sins involves four parts:

Contrition: a sincere sorrow for having offended God, and the most important act of the penitent. There can be no forgiveness of sin if we do not have sorrow and a firm resolve not to repeat our sin.

Confession: confronting our sins in a profound way to God by speaking about them—aloud—to the priest.

Penance: an important part of our healing is the “**penance**” the priest imposes in reparation for our sins.

Absolution: the priest speaks the words by which “**God, the Father of Mercies**” reconciles a sinner to himself through the merits of the Cross.

The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** is the story of God’s love that never turns away from us. www.syrdio.org

Rite of Reconciliation

1. Priest gives a blessing or greeting.
2. Make the Sign of the Cross and say, “**Bless me, father, for I have sinned. My last confession was** [give weeks, months, or years].”
3. Confess all of your sins to the priest. (If you are unsure or uneasy, tell him and ask for help.)
4. Say, “**I am sorry for these and all of my sins.**”
5. The priest assigns a penance and offers advice to help you be a better Catholic.
6. Say an **Act of Contrition**, expressing your sorrow for your sins. The priest, acting in the person of Christ, then absolves you from your sins.

DAILY REFLECTION FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS:

Prepare spiritually for the coming of Christ with, “Waiting in Joyful Hope 2020-2021”. This little book offers brief, down-to-earth reflections that bring prayer and Scripture into everyday life in a thought-provoking and lasting way. They will be available this weekend at the end of Mass. We ask that you take one per family.

ADVENT WREATH CANDLES: This year the candles on the Advent wreath, because of COVID will be lit before Mass.

ANOINTING MASS: In the past we have had the Anointing of the Sick offered on the Third Sunday of Advent. Because of COVID we are unable to offer this sacrament at the Mass this year.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS – If you would like to make a donation for Christmas Flowers in memory of a loved one, please clearly print the name on the back of the flower donation envelope. Please limit your request to four names. Thank you.



2021 CALENDARS: We would like to give a special thank you to **Buranich Funeral Home** for their most gracious gift of the **2021 Catholic Calendars**.

Christmas 2020...what we know.

The rise in Covid-19 infection rates across Central New York threatens to have an effect on capacity limits for Christmas Masses scheduled at the Cathedral. As I write this, the Cathedral is in an “Orange Zone,” meaning no more than 25 attendees per Mass.

Our original plans called for us to open the Christmas Masses to the more generous limits of 125 attendees per Mass. We had also opened a dedicated reservation portal for parishioners only. That portal <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/christmas-mass-tickets-129553671519> is on “pause” right now but will be opened again for parishioners only on Thursday, December 10. It will reflect the current potential capacity of 25 per Mass, not the planned 125.

While disappointing, the smaller number is the prudent one. By projecting the lower capacity we can ensure the safety of those who reserve, as well as give others the chance to plan an alternative way to observe Mass.

Alternatives would be to take in the Cathedral Parish online Mass (available at 3 p.m. on Christmas Eve), the simulcast of the Bishop’s 10 p.m. Christmas Eve. Mass or seek out a Mass at another Parish in the Diocese in the yellow zone.

We anticipate revisiting these plans again on Friday, December 18. If the capacity limits are changed, that reality will be reflected in our reservation system.

Thanks for the support and prayers you have given our Cathedral family over this unique year. As always, call the Rectory (315) 422-4177 with questions.

2020 CATHEDRAL CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Bishop Douglas Lucia, Homilist
Thursday 12/24 - 3p.m. & 10 p.m.
Friday 12/25 - 7:30 a.m.
Msgr. Neal Quartier, Homilist
Thursday 12/24 - 6 p.m.
Friday 12/25 - 9:45 a.m.



Advance registration will be **Mandatory**. Parishioners will be given first preference beginning 12/10. If there are seats still available after 12/19 others will be able to register. Details for registration will be available on the Cathedral website, cathedralsyracuse.org and our Facebook page.

For those who wish to celebrate with a virtual Mass, **Bishop Douglas Lucia’s** 10p.m. Christmas eve Mass will be live streamed and archived on YouTube and the Cathedral and Diocesan websites. A pre-recorded Christmas Mass with **Msgr. Neal Quartier** as Celebrant will also be available on the Cathedral website beginning at 3p.m. on December 24th.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE

You can find most everything you need to keep up-to-date with **Cathedral happenings** on our website.

cathedralsyracuse.org

Please Register for Mass – It is mandatory to register for the Mass of your choice, including **weekdays**. The registration link opens at **4 pm** on the **Thursday** prior to the following weekend and week. The link can be found on Cathedral website,

cathedralsyracuse.org.

ON DONATIONS AND ON-LINE GIVING – Thank you for mailing in your envelopes each week. Please note that our automatic withdrawal option can draw a prescribed amount from your checking account weekly or monthly. Call Linda at 315-422-4177 ext. 6418 for information on automatic withdrawl. The Cathedral web page has giving choices at cathedralsyracuse.org/giving/

Cathedral Christmas Sharing and Caring



UPDATE: I am sorry to say, I was unable to get the names and gift requests on our website. Please except my apology for those who have been searching for the information. We have had 12 of the families “Adopted by parishioners this year. Our Friendship club was also adopted by a parishioner. We are very thankful!

Here is what we still need by December 16th...

- Around sixty Walmart gift cards in \$25.00 or more for individual gifts.
- Each family will receive Price Chopper, Tops, Walmart or Wegmans gift cards for a “Christmas Meal”. We ask they be \$20.00 or more.

If you have more questions you may call Sharon at 315-422-4177

PREACHING SCHEDULE

12/12/20 Rev. James O’Brien
12/19/20 Dc. Bob Burke
12/26/20 Fr. John Schopfer

RECONCILIATION 11:00-11:30 am

Wednesday, December 16, 2020 Rev. John Schopfer

Guidelines: wear a mask, enter by way of prayer park, Confession is in the Gathering Space, enter if the door is open and close door behind you upon exiting, leave door open. Register: cathedralsyracuse.org



Please remember those on our sick list in your prayers.



Charley Bailey
James Beach
Gary Bradle
Mary Alice Brown
Gladys Buck
Dawn Caroll
Patty Caroll
Larry Casertano
James Colbert
Lena Constable
Jeannette Delee
Tom DeSantis
Mary Ellen Dunn
Jan Dzwonczk
Caleb Fallon
James Frederick
Chris Gemmo
Lawrence Hampson
Mike Hrab
Diane Hunter
Cheryl Karpinski
Carol Kelsey
Tiffany Kerlin
David Klem
John Krzewinski
Isabella Lantry
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Ryan
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Paula Simiele
Richard Simiele
Rosie Strickland
Sheila Sullivan
Barbara V.
Joanne Valachovic
Monique Williams
Sandy Wolstein
Msgr. J. Robert Yeazel
Luka Zagata

“I was in prison and you visited me...”

A reminder that the Jail Ministry community is preparing small gift packages for the men and women in the Onondaga County Justice Center to remember those who will not be home for Christmas. Our parish is collecting individually wrapped chocolate bars to add to these gift bags. Please bring in your donations to the prayer park entrance of the church between the hours of 8:30am - 4:00pm and place in the box inside the door. Monetary donations are appreciated as well and may be mailed to: **Jail Ministry, 259 E. Onondaga St., Syracuse, NY 13202** Thank you!



May God Bless the brave women and men who serve in the military especially for risks taken, for sacrifices made and for living courageously in the midst of real and constant danger.



Sanctuary Light



**Burns in Memory of
Nick Karpenko / wife
And
Max Dobe / Maxine Dobe**

The 2020 HOPE Appeal

Thank you to our generous parishioners who have made a pledge to the **Annual HOPE Appeal**. If you have not yet responded to the **HOPE Appeal**, we ask that you prayerfully consider making a pledge. You may place completed pledges in the collection basket after Mass or drop it off at the parish office, or make a secure online gift at syrdio.org.

Your support helps many in our parish and the Diocese.

Thank you! Thank you!



Worship Next Weekend - December 19-20, 2020

Homilist: Dc. Bob Burke

Saturday

5:10 pm Rev. Neal Quartier

Sunday

7:30 am Rev. Neal Quartier

9:45 am Rev. Neal Quartier

5:10 pm Rev. Neal Quartier

OUR GIFT TO GOD

ENVELOPE CONTRIBUTION—Offering

December 5-6 2020

Number of envelopes 114

Offering at Mass...\$ 9,015

Other weekly donations \$ 519

Total.....\$9,534

Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Second Collection Today is for Cathedraticum.

Gospel Meditation - 3rd Sunday of Advent

Today, the third Sunday of Advent is called 'Gaudete Sunday' which means 'Joy' or Rejoice'. The opening antiphon for today's liturgy asks us to **Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say rejoice. Indeed the Lord is near.** Today, on our Advent Wreath we light our pink candle to mark this day of joy.

St. Paul's advice and encouragement from the first reading today gives this third Sunday of Advent its traditional name *Gaudete Sunday*. Joy is the central message of our readings and prayers this Sunday, and indeed the whole of Advent and the celebration of Christ.

One of the most well-known Christmas carols is 'Joy to world.' The words to this carol were written by Isaac Watts in 1719. At Christmas it will be sung all over the world. The music for it comes from Handel's 'Messiah.'

The first words that Mary hears when she is told that she is going to be the mother of Jesus are, '*Rejoice, so highly favoured.*' Mary is to be filled with joy because God has called her by her name and her son will be the long awaited Messiah. When she goes to see Elizabeth her cousin, she breaks into song, singing out loudly, '*My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my saviour.*' Mary does not keep her good news or her joy to herself, she freely shares them Elizabeth and the whole world. When the angels appeared to the shepherds they heard this life-giving message, '*Do not be afraid, I bring you news of great joy.*' The good news of Jesus' birth is meant not only for the shepherds, it continues to be good news for each of us today.

Up until recently we prayed these words after the Our Father, '*as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.* Although no longer used, this is still central message of Advent. We are called to wait for the birth of Jesus and we are to wait in hope joyfully. As we wait, we are not to be afraid, anxious or worried; we are to wait in *joyful hope*. Why? Because, as the opening antiphon tells us, '*The Lord is very near.*'

Like Mary who shared her joy with Elizabeth, today each of us is asked to be a person of joy and we are asked to share our joy with others. There are many people, some of whom we may even know, who have little reason to be joyful at this time of the year. As Mary did with Elizabeth, may we follow her example and share our joy with all those we meet during these last few days and weeks of Advent. May we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 12 Vigil

5:10 pm Lawrence J. Hackett, Jr. / Joseph Fahey

Sunday, December 13 Third Sunday of Advent

7:30 am Tony Sciacca / Paul Mallory

9:45 am Mary Polge & Louis Polge / Family

5:10 pm Raffaella Mazzearella / Family

Monday, December 14 St. John of the Cross, priest

7:00 am Deceased Members of the Lohff & Miller Families
/ Estate

12 Noon Lara Kinne / Bob Gardino

Tuesday, December 15 Advent Weekday

7:00 am William F. Martin, Sr. / Estate

12 noon Jack Anson / Sister Catherine Hofer

Wednesday, December 16 Advent Weekday

7:00 am Zita Veronica Brady Priddle / Estate

12 noon Lawrence Leasure / Virginia Leasure & Joe

O'Donnell

Thursday, December 17 Advent Weekday

7:00 am Catherine Barden / Estate

12 Noon Stephen Klucsik / Family

Friday, December 18 Advent Weekday

7:00 am Grace Boushear / Estate

12 Noon People of Cathedral

Michael Clark / Joan Clark

Saturday, December 19 Vigil

5:10 pm Deceased Members of Palleschi & Frank Family /
Family

Sunday, December 20 Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:30 am Camilla Diglio / Daughters

9:45 am Anne & Ed Schwartz / Family

5:10 pm George & Gertrude Sutton / Family

As winter approaches **Cathedral Emergency Service** is in need of gently used winter coats & jackets for men, women and children. Winter hats, scarves, gloves, boots and socks will be appreciated, too. All sizes are needed. Please call CES at (315) 424-1876 if you have any questions or need help getting the clothing out of the car.



FACES: COVID- 19 is still here! Yes, it is a struggle to provide supplies for those in need. Anything you are able to spare is appreciated. Suggested items: store bought cookies, snacks, granola & breakfast bars, canned meats, vegetables, rice, boxed potatoes, pasta, spaghetti sauce, peanut butter, jelly, tuna and sweet treats for children. Suggestions for personal items: toilet paper, shampoo, soap, deodorant, Kleenex, sidewalk salt, hand sanitizer, diapers, baby wipes, razors, shaving cream and gently used rosaries and bibles. If you are unable to shop, monetary donations help the food pantry purchase food from the Food Bank of CNY. Monetary donations may be placed in the regular collection basket as you leave church. Mark the envelope CES. Donations may be mailed to the office. Place food donations on the altar steps or deliver directly to the food pantry at 264 E. Onondaga Street, which is across the street from the Cathedral Rectory. Call MaryJane at 315.424.1876 to let her know you are coming. Their office hours are Monday through Friday 8:30am—4:30pm.

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