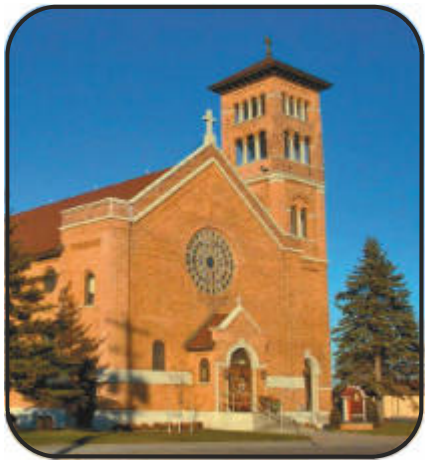
St. Anthony, Holy Family and St. Patrick Parishes

Watertown, New York

Second Sunday of Advent

December 5, 2021



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Mass Schedule

Holy Family - HF St. Anthony's - SA St. Patrick's - SP Precious Blood Monastery - M

Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:00pm (SP)
5:15pm (HF)
Sunday 8:00am (SA)
9:00am (SP)
10:00am (SA)
11:00am (HF, M)
5:15pm (HF)

Spanish Language Mass at SA the 3rd Sunday of every month at 2:00pm

Weekday Masses

7:00am (SA)
11:00am and Saturday (M)
Noon (HF) Monday & Friday
Noon (SP) Tuesday-Thursday

Reconciliation

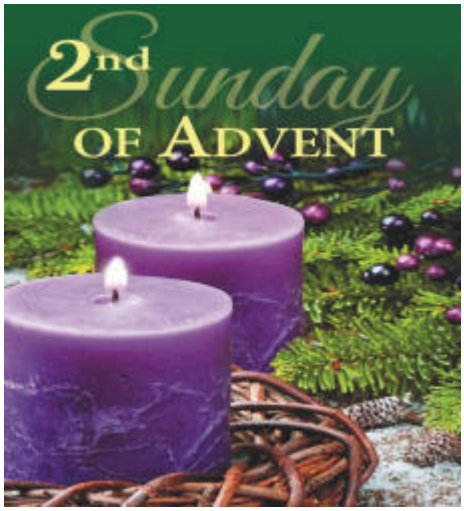
Daily 6:45am (SA)
11:45am (HF, SP)
Saturday 3:00pm to 3:30pm (SP)
4:00pm to 5:00pm (HF)

Adoration

Tuesday 3-6pm (SA)
Thursday 12:30-8pm (SP)
Friday 12:30-2pm (HF)
Sunday 4-5pm (M)

DECEMBER 5 - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Readings: Bar 5:1-9/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6



Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. This is the call of John the Baptist to the people of his own time and to us. Prepare the way: Jesus won't force himself on us. We must open our heart and homes to him. Sometimes we put up roadblocks to his coming, without even being aware that we are keeping Jesus at arm's length. We live in a noisy world with a lot of distractions and long to-do lists, especially this time of year. Can you schedule fifteen minutes a day to focus on preparing for Christ's coming? Perhaps just spend a few minutes a day in silence to read the Gospel of the day and invite Jesus to enter your daily life. He is our salvation.

Sunday December 5
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00 SA **Geraldine Lettiere** by Family
9:00 SP **Jennie Maneeley** by Friends
10:00 SA **Sr. Stanislaus Miranda** by Sisters of the Cross
11:00 HF **People of the Parish**
5:15 HF **The Gemayel Family** by a friend

Monday December 6
Advent Weekday

7:00 SA **James Cavallier, Sr.** by Stephanie Moore & Family
Noon HF **Rita Lantier Ogburn** by Fred, Deanna, Sue, Karen & Lisa

Tuesday December 7
St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

7:00 SA **Lance Marzano** by Family
Noon SP **Patti Stabins** by Barden Family
5:15 HF ***Anticipated Mass for the Holy Day***
People of the Parish

Wednesday December 8
Feast of Immaculate Conception - Holy Day

7:00 SA **People of Parish**
Noon SP **Gay Casey** by Tony & Teri Marra

Thursday December 9
St. Juan Diego

7:00 SA **Int of Carol Fontana**
Noon SP **Ida Alteri** by Dulmage Family

Friday December 10
Advent Weekday

7:00 SA **Salvatore Coniglio 9th Anniv** by Family
Noon HF **Josephine Grant** by Family

Saturday December 11
Advent Weekday
Anticipated Mass

4:00SP **Ida Alteri** by Tom & Barbara Wright
5:15HF **Brian Yaussi** by Martha O'Donnell & Family

Sunday December 12
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00 SA **Julie Marzano** by Nick & Nancy Morgia
9:00 SP **Don Morehouse** by Family
10:00 SA **Irma Jean O'Donoghue** by husband, Kevin
11:00 HF **Christian Honan** by Family
5:15 HF **Gary Gerken** by Daniel Weaver

Are you a new parishioner or visiting for the first time?

Welcome! Please introduce yourself to one of the priests or deacons. We invite you to become an active participant of our parish community and welcome you. Please visit our website www.catholicwatertown.org. Under the ***About*** tab, select ***Parish Registration***. We look forward to having you as a part of our parish Community!

At the Monastery of the Sisters of the Precious Blood

Sun	Dec	5	Int of the Jablonski Family by Fr. Michael Jablonski
Mon	Dec	6	St. Joseph's Parish by Fr. Michael Jablonski
Tues	Dec	7	Int. of Mark Wolff, Jr. by his Father
Wed	Dec	8	Int of Pasquale Surace by Family
Thurs	Dec	9	People of St. Patrick's Parish
Fri	Dec	10	Living & Deceased Members of Tran Family
Sat	Dec	11	Int of Christine Nugent Slattery by Friends in Watertown
Sun	Dec	12	Vocations for our Community

Daily Mass 11:00am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Sunday 4:00pm-5:00pm

HYMN OF THE WEEK
to the tune of Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Christ the Rock is our foundation;
On his word we firmly build;
For in him is God's own wisdom,
And in him all doubt is stilled.
Come and praise him for the promise
That in him has been fulfilled.

Offer praise to God the Father
In whose love we came to be.
Praise the Son whose might is gentle,
And whose pow'r can make us free
If we live in his own Spirit.
Praise our God, both One and Three.

The Sanctuary Lamps *in our Churches show* ***Jesus' presence*** *in the Tabernacle and our prayers for*

St. Anthony's Candle
In Loving Memory of Ida Alteri
by Vic & Chic Leon

St. Patrick's Candle
In Loving Memory of Patti Stabins
by Carol & Ed Brown

St. Anthony's Flowers

In loving memory of Salvatore Coniglio by Family

In Loving Memory of Joseph Guardino by Helen & Family

Flowers in front of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
In Loving Memory of Lance Marzano
By Darin, Raphaela & Gianna

St. Patrick's Flowers
In Loving Memory of Patti Stabins by Liz & Bill Bamann

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve (Dec 24) 4:00 pm (SA & SP) 6:00 pm & 11:00 pm HF

Christmas Day (Dec 25)

8:00 am (SA); 9:00 am (SP) 10:00 am (HF)

December 26 (Sunday)

8:00 am (SA) 9:00 am (SP) 11:00 am (HF) & 5:15 pm (HF)

No anticipated Masses on Christmas Day for Sunday

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK ..

For Pope Francis, the most compelling way to draw people into a relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ is to vividly express the joy of knowing him. Nothing can match the attraction of seeing a disciple's life animated and empowered by the joy that comes from knowing Jesus.

What better season to immerse ourselves in the joy of meeting Jesus, our Messiah, than Advent.

In this holy season, we stop and reflect upon, as well as prepare for the miraculous moment when God became human, entering into the history of the world in a way that brought transformation and new life.

Those wanting to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for the Feast of Christmas can do so at ***today's City-wide Penance Service*** at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church from ***2:00 to 3:30pm***. Several priests will be available to hear confessions. In addition to the regular times for confession, there will be some offered during the evening in the weeks leading up to Christmas.

Introducing the Advent Stations:

This Advent I want to invite you to come and pray a fairly new devotional prayer called the ***Seven Advent Stations.*** I first learned of this devotional while reading through "The Advent Companion" provided through Magnificat.

Like the traditional Lenten Stations of the Cross, the **7 Advent Stations** or "stopping points" provide a way to ponder the mystery of how God prepared the world to receive his Son at the moment of the Annunciation. Each Station contains an Old Testament foreshadowing of the Incarnation, a meditation, the New Testament fulfillment in Christ, and then a prayer.

We invite you to attend and pray this beautiful prayer of the Church with us on Friday evening, ***December 10th at Holy Family at 7:00 pm .***

In light of the IHC Mystery Players not having an Advent program, we will be involving IHC students to help us offer the reading from each Advent Station and involve the talented pianist Noah Landers and vocalist Danielle Drop to add a musical component to our praying this Advent devotional.

I hope many people from around the city will find time to attend and participate in this solemn prayer in preparation for Christmas.

THE CANDLES OF ADVENT

1st Week: The Prophecy Candle

The first candle announces the waiting period that anticipates Christmas and honors those who first spoke of the promise of the coming of the Christ child.

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors ... (Hebrews 1:1-2)

2nd Week: The Bethlehem Candle

The second candle is a symbol of the preparation being made to receive and cradle the Christ child in Bethlehem.

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, from you shall come ... (Micah 5:2)

3rd week: The Shepherds' Candle

The third candle honors those who were first to share the good news.

When the shepherds saw this, they made known what had been told them ... (Luke 2:17-18)

4th Week: The Angels' Candle

The fourth candle is a reminder of joy and love - the grace given to all that accept the Christ child.

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, ... (Luke 2:13-14)

Fr. Mickey

Pray for our faithful departed

Brooke L. McDowell
Melva A. Compo
Peggy L. Marshall

Welcome

to these newly baptized members of our parishes

Nico T. Sboro, son of Michael and Whitney
Vincenzo T. Villanueva, son of Michael and Selina
Lorenzo Davis, son of Nicolas and Saige
Killian J. Sarsfield, son of Terrence and Margaret
Lily Lopez, daughter of Jason and Estibaliz

Thank you for your continued generosity!

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www.HolyFamilyWatertown.org for HF donors
On-line giving is the easy way to support your Church

Ministry Schedule
December 11/12

	Lector	Extraordinary Minister of Eucharist
4:00PM SP	Jude Seymour	Tom Chellis
5:15PM HF	Chic Leon	Beth Castillejа Joyce Surace
8:00AM SA	Joanne Lavarnway	George Nugent
9:00AM SP	Vincent Paragon	Kristin Girardi
10:00AM SA	Adelaide Weir	
11:00AM HF	Nancy Goodwin	Jim Nichter Rhonda Rogers
5:15PM HF	Gary West	Patrick Bates John Reagan

Pastoral Center

123 South Massey St., Watertown, NY 13601
Holy Family, St. Anthony's, St. Patrick's and Glenwood Cemetery
(315) 782-1190

Meet Our Staff

PASTOR	**Rev. John M. Demo** Residence (315-782-2468)
PAROCHIAL VICAR	**Rev. Matthew Conger**
IN RESIDENCE **HF Rectory**	**Rev. Msgr. Paul E. Whitmore** **Rev. Leo A. Wiley**
DEACONS	**Deacon Mike Allan** **Deacon Guy Javarone** **Deacon Kevin Mastellon** **Deacon Edward Miller (Ret)** **Deacon Donald Wilder**
Hospital Chaplain	**Sr. Jessintha Xavier, SCC**
Pastoral Associates	**Patrick Bates** **Sr. Angelica Rebello, SCC**
Business Administrator	**Carol Brown**
Parish Secretary	**Sarah Barden Schantz** **Christine Alteri**
Cemetery Superintendent	**Kenneth Booth**
Buildings and Grounds	**James Bombard**
Christian Formation Director	**Sr. Angelica Rebello, SCC**
RCIA Directors	**Kathy Allan** **Anthony Marra**

Parish Council: Pastor, Clergy, selected staff and the following lay members**:** John Alteri, William Bamann, T.G. Kolb, Amy Rathbun, Maureen VanWormer and Gary West

Parish Trustees: Bishop, Vicar General, Pastor and these lay trustees appointed for one year terms by the Pastor: Carol Fontana & Frank Gorri (SA), Nathan Holloway & Mary Ann Bartelson (SP), Jennifer Draper & Scott Garrabrant (HF)

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

BAPTISM: The next Baptism preparation class will be Monday, ***Dec. 13 at 7:00 pm at Holy Family Church***. Please call 315-782-2468 or 315-782-1190 to register for this class. Baptisms are generally scheduled on Sunday at the Worship site of your choice.

WEDDINGS: Arrangements should be made six months in advance by calling for an appointment with a priest or deacon.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Confession/Penance - see front page for complete schedule of times and location. In unique situations, call the Parish office.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK
Upon Request - Please call the Parish Office or speak to one of the Priests or Deacons. If you are planning on having any surgery we will be happy to anoint you.

***Second Sunday of Advent* -- December 5, 2021**

Are you seeking "knowledge and full insight to help you determine" your vocation in Christ as a priest, deacon or in consecrated life?

Contact Fr. Christopher Carrara, Vocation Director, ccarrara@rcdony.org, ext. 1340 or Sister Mary Eamon Lyng, the Diocesan Vocation Coordinator, at (315)393-2920, ext. 1345 elyng@rcdony.org.

See us also at www.myvocation.net.

Readings for the week of December 5, 2021

Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. Is 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13 [cf. Is 40:10ab]/Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab [8]/Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

RCIA ...a journey in faith
Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Baptism
Confirmation
Eucharist

Learn about the Catholic Church

Sunday Morning 10am - 11:30 am
St. Patrick's Church - Pastoral Center
For more information, contact
Tony Marra 315 767-5108 or
Kathy Allan 315 777-0649

Homemade Christmas Cookies & Pies

Sunday, December 19th after 8 am and 10 am Masses

Support this fundraiser of St. Anthony's

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY

PROMISE TO PROTECT — PLEDGE TO HEAL

If you have a complaint of suspected misconduct involving diocesan clergy, religious, employees or volunteers, contact Victims Assistance Coordinator, Terrianne Yanulavich, Ph.D., LMHC, 5050 Route 374, Merrill, NY 12955; terrianneyanulavich@yahoo.com Phone: 518-651-2267 days; 518-569-0612 evenings; or Father Christopher Carrara, the Episcopal Vicar for Clergy; ccarrara@rcdony.org Phone: 315-393-2920 ext. 1340. If you have a complaint of suspected sexual abuse or related misconduct by the bishops, contact the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service at 800-276-1562

December

5	Second Sunday of Advent		
5	City-Wide Reconciliation Service	2 pm	OLSH
6	Knights of Columbus Officers' Meeting	7 pm	Council Home
7	5:15pm (HF) anticipated Mass		
8	**Feast of Immaculate Conception—Holy Day of Obligation**		
	7:00am (SA) and Noon (SP)		
8	Evening Prayer	5:15 pm	St. Anthony's
10	Devotional Prayer "The Advent Stations"	7:00 pm	Holy Family
12	Third Sunday of Advent		
13	Knights of Columbus Christmas Gathering / brief council meeting	Social 6 pm Dinner 7 pm	IACA, Bellew Ave.
15	The Chosen Episode 8	6:30 pm	Sechi Hall, SA
19	Fourth Sunday of Advent		
19	SA Altar Rosary Homemade Christmas Cookies & Pies Sale	Following 8 am & 10 am Masses at St. Anthony's	
19	Decorate the Church	After 9 am Mass at St. Patrick's	
19	Decorate the Church	After 10 am Mass at St. Anthony's	
20	Decorate the Church	After Noon Mass at Holy Family	

Scripture & Meditation (Magnificat - December 2021)

"There is no Holy One like the Lord;
there is no rock like our God." (1Samuel 2:2)

The storms that threaten are not those that blow from mountain or sea but those that blow from human doubts, human fears, human violence, whether from within or from without. Even as we await the coming of Christ in fullness, we put our trust in the present help found in his Word as we read, study, and pray it.

LIVESTREAMING

The 4:00 pm Mass from St. Patrick's is live streamed. The live stream is recorded and available all weekend at the same Facebook address.
https:// www.facebook.com/ StPatrickWatertownNY

December 5, 2021

Second Sunday of Advent

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Bar 5:1-9 | Phil 1:4-6, 8-11 | Lk 3:1-6

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Today we have blogs and life coaches, Facebook groups and self-help books, all of which can help us become better human beings. These resources come to mind as I read St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians – I think St. Paul would be the ultimate life coach! All of his letters to the early Church offer wisdom, encouragement, and instruction, and the words we heard today are particularly significant as we prepare for Jesus' coming this Advent: "the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus." Unlike some of our modern-day resources, Paul's words go beyond simply helpful advice; they are rooted in faith and prayer, and in the truth of the Paschal Mystery. These words assure us that we are not alone on our journey, that what God has promised in the person of his Son will come to fruition: Christ will come again! And so, as John the Baptist did, we who are disciples are meant to witness to his coming, announcing the Good News and preparing for his – second – coming. Repent. Believe. "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." How do we do this? Engage with Scripture – read it and really hear what the Word of God is saying to you. Pray for insight, that the grace of God might transform you to go forth and announce the Gospel.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Even pre-Google, I spent more time than perhaps I should have hunting down the perfect gifts, especially for my young boys. I'd scour the ads, then get up early on Black Friday and hit the stores in search of deals and hard-to-find items. Perhaps that's why these words from St. Paul stopped me in my tracks: "And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, *to discern what is of value* [italics added], so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ." During Advent, these words can both assure and challenge us – to grow in love, knowledge, and a sense of what really matters during our time on earth. For me the challenge will be to spend less time shopping this season and more time focusing on deepening my relationship with God, who is preparing to turn the darkness into light. This doesn't mean we can't take delight in finding that perfect gift; but we ought also to increase our recognition that all gifts come from God, including our ability to have access to and means to purchase material gifts. We can find joy in God's presence (and presents?) among us.

ACTIONS Re-read today's Gospel, and then consider how Saint Paul followed in John the Baptist's footsteps in his Letter to the Philippians. Think of ways you, like John and Paul, can encourage one another, and be a voice crying out in the desert. Participate in the sacrament of reconciliation and pray that God may cleanse your heart to welcome him at Christmas, and when he comes again.

Prepare ye the way of the Lord

Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 5, 2021

Gospel Reading: Luke 3:1-6
John preaches repentance and baptizes in the region of the Jordan.

Family Connection

During the season of Advent, we choose to add many activities to our family's schedule to prepare for our celebration of Christmas. John the Baptist reminds us that our repentance is another way in which we can prepare for the Lord's coming and our celebration of Christmas. Parish communities often offer a communal celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the Advent season. Your family might choose to participate in the communal celebration of the sacrament, or you might seek out this sacrament on an individual basis.

Read together today's Gospel, Luke 3:1-6. Talk about how John the Baptist called upon the people to prepare the way of the Lord through repentance. Together as a family, prepare a simple reconciliation service in preparation for Christmas. Gather in a prayerful space, perhaps around the family Advent wreath. Read again from today's Gospel, Luke 3:1-6. Invite each family member to pray silently, asking God to forgive his or her sins. Pray together the Act of Contrition. Then celebrate God's forgiveness by sharing the sign of peace with one another.

My God,
I am sorry for my sins with all my heart.
In choosing to do wrong
and failing to do good,
I have sinned against you
whom I should love above all things.
I firmly intend, with your help,
to do penance,
to sin no more,
and to avoid whatever leads me to sin.
Our Savior Jesus Christ
suffered and died for us.
In his name, my God, have mercy.

DID YOU KNOW…

Living Advent's Themes

Advent began last Sunday and the 1st candle was lit on the Advent Wreath. These candles…in church or at home…symbolize hope, love, joy and peace.

Week 1: Hope. Last Christmas was much different from Christmases of the past. Traditions were put on hold and activities were limited, many were unable to travel, visits were by phone or online. The hope that carried us through last Christmas inspired the faith that helped us adapt to a time we never imagined having to live through. Jesus gives us that hope.

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." Romans 15:13

Week 2: Love. I love Christmas movies, especially the old classics like A Christmas Carol, Miracle on 34th St. and It's a Wonderful Life. And I still adore the children's movies, especially Charlie Brown Christmas and How the Grinch Stole Christmas. Each is truly a story of love.

One of my mail order catalogs offered a shirt with a cute message from "God": "Love Everyone. I will sort it out later." Isn't that what he asks of us? He makes the decisions…we need to do the loving. God is love at the very core of our being; His love can heal and renew our spirits at any time. It is ever present and unconditional.

"Above all, clothe yourselves with love,
which binds everything together in perfect harmony."
Colossians 3:14

Week 3: Joy & Week 4: Peace. These seem to go together for me. As a child and when we had children at home, Christmas always filled me with joy, but I was losing it as an adult…too much to do to really just relax and take in the Christmas sights and sounds that bring pleasure and happiness. I love Christmas, but lately I have been too wrapped up in being busy and Christmas was becoming something to do rather than to enjoy. With my lists of things I thought I had to do, I was sacrificing peace on the altar of perfection.

I am changing. I still have lists but they are now of things I want to do…and if they don't get done, they can be modified for another time or another occasion. Finding and spreading joy, even to myself, is what is important. Peace is not perfection…it is presence, it is attention, it is not getting rattled over things that don't really matter. I am working on it! We all can.

"For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall break forth into singing and
all the trees of the field shall clap their hands."
Isaiah55:12

Judy Pearson

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Youth Faith Formation program

All classes are at former St. Patrick's School, 733 South Massey Street.

K-8: December 5, 12, 19 from 10:00 am to 10:45 am

Confirmation classes at Noon

Year one: December 5 **Year two:** December 19

Please contact Sr. Angelica (Christian Formation Director)

315-782-1190 with any questions.

Advent 2021 CALENDAR

Daily At-Home Advent Activities for Families

DECEMBER

SUN 5

Sing Christmas hymns together. Light the second purple Advent candle. Pray to God to be faithful even when it is difficult.

MON 6

Feast of Saint Nicholas

Listen to a story about the legendary gift giver. Make or buy a small, thoughtful gift for someone you know.

TUE 7

During Advent, we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Donate baby supplies to a local charity.

WED 8

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Honor Mary, Mother of God by praying the Hail Mary today. Mary is Jesus' mother. Take special care of your mother or a mother figure in your life today.

THUR 9

Feast of Saint Juan Diego

Juan Diego lived in Mexico, and Mary appeared to him. Read the story of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Eat a Mexican meal today and pray the Hail Mary before your meal in honor of Saint Juan Diego's devotion to Mary.

FRI 10

Choose family prayer partners. Print each family member's name on an index card; decorate it; fold it in half and place in a basket. Pass the basket around and have each family member pick a name. Pray for that person during Advent.

SAT 11

Together, compose and pray a family Advent prayer.

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Faith FORMATION

Don't forget your Baby Jesus Next Sunday!

Bambinelli Sunday is a tradition begun by Pope Saint John Paul II when he invited the children of Rome to assemble in St. Peter's Square on the third Sunday of Advent bringing the Baby Jesus from their nativity sets to be blessed by him.

Everyone, adults and children, are invited to bring their Baby Jesus to Mass to be blessed on the third Sunday of Advent, Saturday and Sunday, December 11 and 12.

City-wide Penance Service today
2 pm at Our Lady of Sacred Heart
Multiple priests available
Great way to prepare for Christmas

Advent Giving Calendar

Each day add an item to a box. On December 22nd bring your box to church or to the Watertown Urban Mission.

November 28—box of cereal
November 29—peanut butter
November 30—jam/jelly
December 1—macaroni & cheese
December 2—canned ham
December 3—boxed potatoes
December 4—canned stew
December 5—canned fruit
December 6—canned vegetable
December 7—package of rice
December 8—canned tuna
December 9—instant coffee or tea
December 10—canned chili
December 11—box of crackers
December 12—pudding cups/jello cups
December 13—packages of instant oatmeal
December 14—package of pasta
December 15—spaghetti sauce
December 16—soup
December 17—jar applesauce
December 18—pancake mix
December 19—syrup
December 20—hot chocolate
December 21—granola bars/breakfast squares /PopTarts

MY PRAYER INTENTIONS

Pick up your My Pray Intentions Book here at the Church or visit mypray intentions.com by scanning the QR below

You are invited to Light the Candles on the Advent Wreath

Did you notice before Mass began today, the celebrant invited someone to come forward to light two purple candles on the wreath? If you'd like to do this with your family, look for the sign up sheet in the gathering area.

Faith FORMATION — For ADULTS

*Focusing on the Eucharist and Jesus' **REAL PRESENCE***

Dr. Timothy O'Malley's text:

Real Presence:
What Does It Mean and Why Does It Matter?

a 5-week discussion underway now

Coming in January, Dr. Brant Pitre's 10 session video
Eucharist: Discovering The Mass In The Bible

Coming in April, Dr. Scott Hahn's book
The Lamb's Supper:
The Mass As Heaven On Earth

Details in future Bulletins and at
www.catholicwatertown.org

Christmas Donations at each Worship Site

St. Patrick's Angel Tree through Catholic Charities for CAPC families.
Take a tag, buy a gift, return unwrapped in gift bag with tag attached by
Wednesday, December 8.

Holy Family's Angel Tree through Catholic Charities for CAPC families.
Pick a tag, record in book, buy gift and return unwrapped in gift bag by
Wednesday, December 8.

St. Anthony's Angel Tree
Pick an angel, buy a gift and return unwrapped in a gift bag by December 19.
Gifts will be distributed to homebound and through Urban Mission.

Decorating your family space for Christmas is always an exciting time.
Why not volunteer to help decorate the church with your church family ?

After last Mass of the day at
St. Anthony's December 19
St. Patrick's December 19
Holy Family December 20

Just stay after mass & be part of the fun.

Outreach to Homebound Parishioners

Thanksgiving cards have been hand delivered or mailed to residents of Samaritan Summit Village, Samaritan Keep Home, Ives Hill Lodge and to those living in their own homes who are unable to get to church for whatever reason and are on the Communion call list.

If you didn't get a card or if you know of a loved one who fits this category who didn't get one, please call the office, 315 782-1190 so lists can be updated.

The 2022 Mass book is open for the months of January and February.

Call the office if you would like to book a Mass in that time frame ONLY.

Please keep this in mind.
Due to the volume of Mass requests, you may book only two weekend Masses a year.

Memorial Alternatives

As always, Altar flowers may be ordered to remember loved one in a special way at Mass. They are a lovely alternative if the weekend Mass date you would like is not available.

You may also sponsor the Sanctuary Candle in memory of, or in honor of, a loved one for a week, starting on the Sunday it is published.

Another option is to give a donation to the parish in memory of a deceased family member or friend. This allows special items to be purchased or projects accomplished in a loved one's name. A memorial donation announcement which resembles a Mass card is prepared so the friends and family of the deceased will know of your thoughtfulness.

Please see Sarah or Christine in the Pastoral Center Office to reserve Mass dates or any other memorials at St. Anthony's, St. Patrick's, Holy Family and the Precious Blood Monastery.

Submit items to include in Bulletin
You are welcome to have your ministry or parish organization mentioned in our bulletin. But please remember that we all have deadlines. The bulletin is no exception. The usual deadline is ten days before the publication but during the holidays that gets even tighter. For example the deadline for this bulletin, December 5th, was November 24 . The bulletin is created, reviewed by the Pastor and others, corrected and then submitted for printing before publication.

Always plan to submit items for the bulletin well in advance of the desired bulletin publication date.
Send items to: ***bulletin@catholicwatertown.org***

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