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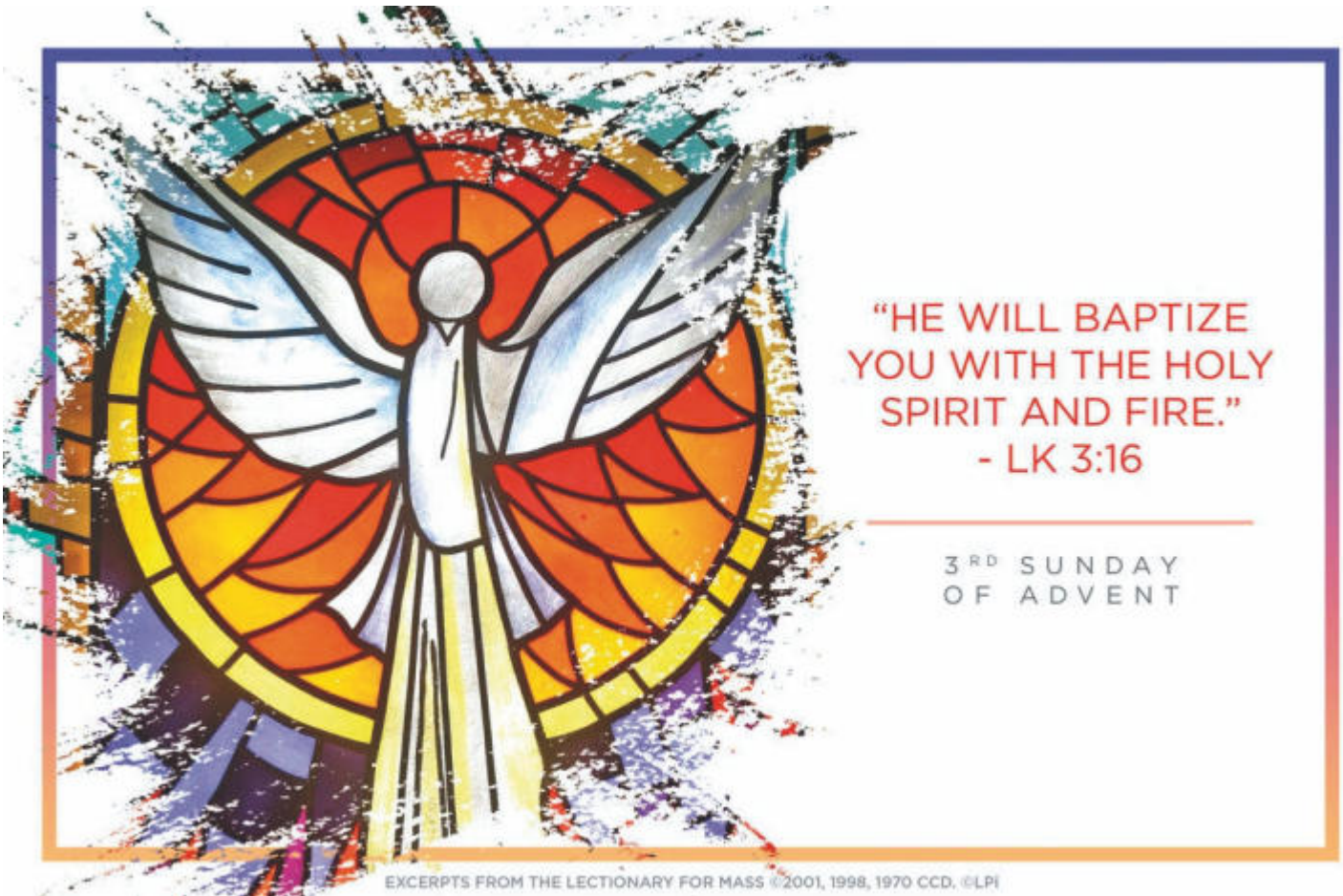
MERCER, PENNSYLVANIA

## *Maranatha!*

Welcome!

Can you believe we it is already the third week of Advent? With Christmas approaching, we can often get caught up in the business and stress that comes with the holiday season. With so much going on around us, it is important that we remain focused on the real meaning of Christmas. God has come to us in Jesus and remains with us always to the ends of the earth and the end of time.

Come, Lord Jesus!



**DECEMBER 12, 2021**

# THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*How can we help you?*

## Sacraments

### RECONCILIATION

Saturday 6:00 PM & by appointment.

### BAPTISM

By individual appointment. Baptism is celebrated during the weekend Liturgies.

### MATRIMONY

6 months preparation required.

### ANOINTING OF SICK

If you or a loved one are sick, facing surgery or are in any health need, please contact the Parish Office to arrange for the celebration of the Anointing of the Sick.

### HOMEBOUND & NURSING HOME

Monthly visits by Pastor & Eucharistic Ministers. Celebration of the Mass:

#### **Avalon Springs:**

10:30 AM - 3rd Friday of the month.

#### **Countryside:**

10:30 AM - 4th Friday of the month.

### Hospitalized

Please contact the Parish Office for pastoral visit.

## Faith Formation

**Youth:** Gr. 1-11 Sunday 9:00-10:15 AM

**Adult:** R.C.I.A./Adult Ed. - as scheduled

## Social Services

### SHARING SHED FOOD PANTRY

2nd & 4th Saturdays: 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM

**AA:** Tues. at 7:30 PM (Gallagher Hall)

**AA:** Wed. at 8:00 PM (Gallagher Hall)

**AI Anon:** Wed. at 8:00 PM (Learning Center)

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Mass Intentions: 724-662-2999.

Prayer Chain: Janice: 724-977-7860

e-mail: [jdl59@verizon.net](mailto:jdl59@verizon.net)

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Church Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

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## IHM PRAYER INTENTIONS



Chuck Leydic

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Louise Hawrylak

Anthony Livorse

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Bob McGhee

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Amy Packard

Jim Kwaiser

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Diana Hess

Brendan Minnock

Larry Hines

Emilia Blanchfield

Martha Rupert

Terri Chaney

Bailey Helch

Rita Spirko

Andrew G.

Abigail Joy Campbell

Juliane Vurell

Peggy Cotton

To be included in our prayer chain, call Janice at 724-977-7860, or the rectory at 724-662-2999.

*Stewardship of Time, Talent, and Treasure*

**MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR**

**ALTAR SERVERS**

None Scheduled At This Time

**LECTORS**

11 Dec 5:00 pm - T. Waterloo  
 12 Dec 8:00 am - M. Gutowski  
 10:30 am - B. Sajewski  
 18 Dec 5:00 pm - T. Krupa  
 19 Dec 8:00 am - M. Gutowski  
 10:30 am - B. Sajewski

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

11 Dec 5:00 pm - D. McMullen  
 12 Dec 8:00 am - M. Shomin  
 10:30 am - E. Serge  
 18 Dec 5:00 pm - T. DeMarsh  
 19 Dec 8:00 am - A. M. Kwaiser  
 10:30 am - T. Peters

**OFFERTORY FAMILIES**

None Scheduled At This Time

**RECITATION OF THE ROSARY**

11 Dec 4:30 pm - B. Krug  
 18 Dec 4:30 pm - R. Hiteshow

**COLLECTION COUNTERS**

None Scheduled At This Time

**SHARING SHED**

18 Dec L. & D. McMullen, J. & M. McCracken  
 (Christmas distribution)

**FAITH FORMATION**



**Grades 1 - 11**  
**Every Sunday 9 AM - 10:15 AM**  
**dismissal from Gallagher Hall**  
**Masks required**

Sun. Dec. 12: Class  
 Sun. Dec. 19: Class  
 Sun. Dec. 26: No Class



**Weekly Offering**  
**December 5, 2021**

Offertory	\$ 4,637.00
Loose Money	187.00
Children	2.00
Facilities Maintenance	932.00
Christmas	165.00
Religious Retirement	20.00
Immaculate Conception	<u>45.00</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 5,988.00</b>

**ONLINE:**

Offertory	\$ 1,013.00
Fuel & Utilities	<u>150.00</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 1,163.00</b>

**Catholic Services Appeal**

**103 Families Pledged \$44,695**  
**Paid to Date \$43,555**

## THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



#iGIVECATHOLIC

# Thank You !!

On Giving Tuesday, November 30, 2021, \$6,195 was donated to Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish. Your generosity is greatly appreciated especially in the face of the challenges brought on by COVID-19. Let us keep each other in prayer for safety and an end to the pandemic.

### Readings for the week of December 12, 2021

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6/Phil 4:4-7  
/Lk 3:10-18

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9  
/Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19  
and 23/Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10,  
11-12, 13-14/Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday: Is 54:1-10/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a,  
and 13b /Lk 7:24-30

Friday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1-17

Saturday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25

Next Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]  
/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

## From Fr. Matt:

Dear Friends,

There is much happening today.

Today is a day of treats. Stop by the Cookie Walk and Soup Sale taking place in Gallagher Hall. Stop by for treats for yourself and your Christmas table.

Help is needed today setting up the Christmas Trees. This will take place following the 10:30 Mass.

Most importantly, today and this week offer more opportunities to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for Christmas. A Penance Service will be held today at Beloved Disciple at 2:00 pm. Wednesday, a service will take place at Good Shepherd and Thursday at Saint Joseph. Both of these services are at 7:00 pm. Next Sunday, a service will be held at Notre Dame at 2:00 pm. Go to Confession!

Bishop Persico continues to encourage those who are comfortable doing so, as well as those who are not vaccinated, to wear a mask when gathered in church for Mass.

God chose Mary from all time to carry the Divine Being within her and give birth to the Divine as one of us. She did not know exactly what would be required. She trusted God anyway. Thanks to the cooperation of Mary, all of humanity is favored by the presence of the Lord. A presence that will never end.

What is God asking of you?

Stay safe,

Fr. Matt

### MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_


City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of People in Household: \_\_\_\_\_

CIRCLE ONE: Request for Registration Form Change of Address Moving out of Parish Want Envelopes


**Please drop Membership Form into the collection basket or mail to the Rectory.**

# Today




**Immaculate Heart of Mary  
Cookie Walk & Soup Sale**

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM



**Lottery Trees Raffle**

Winners will be drawn  
after the 10:30 Mass today.



# After 10:30 Mass



**CHRISTMAS**



*Decorating Help Needed*

Sunday, December 12, after 10:30 Mass is Tree Set-up

## Advent Penance Services

Prepare for Christmas by Celebrating the  
Sacrament of Reconciliation

December 12 - Beloved Disciple, Grove City - 2:00 pm

December 15 - Good Shepherd, W. Middlesex - 7:00 pm

December 16 - St. Joseph, Sharon - 7:00 pm

December 19 - Notre Dame, Hermitage - 2:00 pm

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, December 11

5:00 pm † **Cheryl Grosick**  
(Andy & Sharon Samuto)

### Sunday, December 12

8:00 am **People of the Parish**

10:30 am † **Francoise DuVeau**  
(Jim & Dottie Joyce)

### Monday, December 13

No Mass

### Tuesday, December 14

Mass at St. Mark's Chapel

† **Faithful Departed**

### Wednesday, December 15

8:00 am † **Ken Baschke** (Mahen Family)

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm Exposition of the  
Blessed Sacrament

### Thursday, December 16

8:00 am † **John Bell** (Minner Family)

### Friday, December 17

8:00 am † **Margaret Muehlman Smyth**  
(Ellen Lechman)

### Saturday, December 18

5:00 pm **People of the Parish**

### Sunday, December 19

8:00 am † **Ed Kerr** (Marie Hart)

10:30 am † **Andrew Weinel**  
(Jim & Dottie Joyce)



### *Eternal Light*

Jesus is the 'Light of the World' and the Sanctuary Candle reminds us of His True Presence. The Sanctuary Vigil Light is burning this month in memory of John, Marge, & Tim Bell as requested by the Minner Family.

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