

# **Mass Intentions**



# Saturday, December 4

8:00 AM Irma Sakata deBonell † 4:15 PM Margaret Krieger †

# Sunday, December 5

7:30 AM Michael Christopher LaRocca † 9:30 AM George & Josephine Spellman †† 11:30 AM Kaz Piskorski † 5:00 PM John & Sandra Jorgensen In honor of their Anniversary

# Monday, December 6

8:00 AM Mass for the People of St. Patrick (both living & deceased)

# Tuesday, December 7

8:00 AM Jennie Hilliard †

# Wednesday, December 8—No Intentions

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin May

# Thursday, December 9

8:00 AM The Bryan Yoder Family

### Friday, December 10

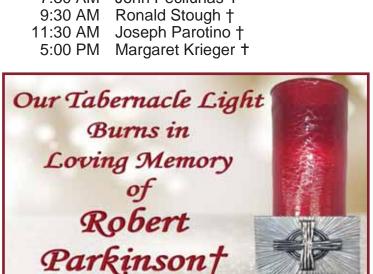
8:00 AM Dr. Ronald Norton †

### Saturday, December 11

8:00 AM Rosemary Idzi † 4:15 PM Vern Stephen †

### Sunday, December 12

7:30 AM John Pecilunas † 9:30 AM Ronald Stough †





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# WEEKLY PRAYER

# 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

Next Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/ls12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

### **OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 5, 2021**

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Advent

Monday: St. Nicholas, Bishop

Tuesday: St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Wednesday: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday: St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

Friday: Our Lady of Loreto

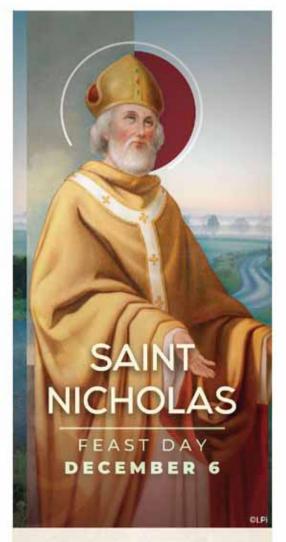
Saturday: St. Damasus I, Pope

Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent

### LIVE THE LITURGY

# Inspiration for the week

Sometimes, especially when life gets overwhelming and difficult, we can find ourselves feeling a bit downhearted and miserable. Wallowing in this uncomfortable darkness seems to be our norm and it's difficult to see a way out of, or through, this experience. If we listen carefully enough, we will hear God's voice calling out deep within, beckoning us to seek out its source and discover the inner calm and peace that can prevail over the darkness of despair. Faith tells us that God has already begun the creation of a good work in us and is with us, bringing it to completion, until Christ Jesus comes again. It is this light of God's glory for which we are asked to pave the way and straighten the paths of our lives so that it can shine. With all that life can ask of us and bring to us, it is our task to constantly discern what is of value. So that we do not get so weighed down by things that we no longer see, or feel, God's salvation.



### SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Nicholas of Bari (March 15, 270 – December 6, 343), the bishop of Myra in the fourth century, is the saint that Santa Claus is modeled after. Known for his kindness and generosity to the poor, the story has it that St. Nicholas once tossed bags of gold through the open window of a poor man's house to help his daughters avoid a life of prostitution.

According to legend, the gold landed in stockings dangling on the corners of the beds, which is why many of us celebrate St. Nicholas Day by hanging stockings and filling them with candy, fruit, and small toys.

Not much else is known about this beloved saint, but regardless, his reputation as a generous man continues today.



# WORSHIP & MEDITATION



# **GOSPEL MEDITATION**

**Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture** 

St. Ambrose shares some wisdom on our need to prepare the way and open the door for Christ. "You see that when the Word of God knocks hardest on your door, it is when his hair is wet with the dew of the night. In fact, he chooses to visit those who are in tribulation and trial, lest one of them be overwhelmed by distress. So, his head is covered with dew, with drops, when his body is laboring hard. It is important to keep watch so that when the Bridegroom comes, he is not shut out. If you are asleep and your heart is not keeping watch, he will go away without knocking; but if your heart is alert for his coming. he knocks and asks for the door to be opened to him." When life gets overwhelming and difficult and we find ourselves feeling a bit downhearted and miserable, these words can bring great comfort.

We sometimes choose to remain stuck in our uncomfortable darkness and being stuck becomes our norm. In this time of self-focus our hearts are closed to the graces and life God desires to give us. Wrapped in the robe of mourning and misery, we fail to see the mercy, justice, and love the Bridegroom wants to bring. If we take seriously the need to prepare the way for Christ and open our hearts in preparation for his visit, we can hear God's gentle voice calling us deep within. It beckons us to seek out its source and discover the inner calm and peace that can prevail over the darkness of despair. Sometimes our darkness is so dark that it may seem unsurmountable. Trusting in the spiritual friends who journey with us, and God's promise may bring a glimmer of light even when it is most difficult to keep our hearts' doors open. Sometimes, the only light in the darkness is found in trusting the faith of others both past and present.

We have to trust that God has already begun the accomplishment of good work in us and that humanity is on an incredible journey to something wonderful and awesome. God is not done. When we open the doors of our hearts, straighten the paths of our lives, and prepare the way, Jesus can come with God's simple gifts of peace, grace, and joy. Life throws a great deal at us. It is easy to get tired and confused. We have to train our hearts to keep watch, discern what is of value, and forge ahead. Not allowing ourselves to become so weighed down by things and brought out of focus is a tremendous goal to achieve this Advent season. God is knocking.

Answer the door. You will see and understand life in ways you never thought possible before



# Calendar of Events

Sunday, December 5 Coffee & Donuts after all morning Masses - Parish Hall

Monday, December 6 Mass & Rosary 8am - Church

Adoration 8:30am to 1pm - Chapel

Tuesday, December 7 Mass & Rosary 8am - Church

Coffee & Fellowship 8:30am - Parish Hall Adoration 8:30am to 3pm - Chapel

Out & About Social Group Luncheon 11am - Parish Hall

Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm - Church

Wednesday, December 8 Holy Day Mass & Rosary 8am - Church

Holy Day Mass 6pm - Church

Thursday, December 9 Mass & Rosary 8am - Church

Coffee & Fellowship - 8:30am - Parish Hall

Adoration 8:30am to 3pm - Chapel Divine Mercy Cenacle 7pm - Parish Hall

Charismatic Prayer Group (Brazilian) -7pm - Chapel

Friday, December 10 Mass & Rosary 8am - Church

Adoration 8:30am to 3pm

Saturday, December 11 Mass & Rosary 8am - Church

Confessions 3:30pm - Chapel

Knights of Columbus Member Christmas Dinner 6pm - Parish Hall

Sunday, December 12 Blood Mobile 8:15am to 1pm - Outside Parish Hall

Jewelry Raffle Drawing after 9:30am Mass

Coffee & Donuts After 7:30am & 9:30am Morning Masses - Parish Hall

Christmas Concert 2pm - Church



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Prayer Praise &

**Adoration** 

7 p.m. — 8 p.m.
Wednesday
December 15
In Our Church





# **GIFT DEADLINE**

**December 12** 

# THE GIVING TREE

This is an important event to help families in need at Christmas.

Your donations touch hearts across our Church Family & Community!

Please take tags from the tree

Purchase gifts appropriate to the age and gender on the tag

Do not wrap or Gift Bag gifts The receiving charities need to see the donated gifts so that they can give them to the appropriate child or adult. No Candy Please

Make sure to tape the tag to your gift

Thank You For Your Support!

Your generous donations help those most in need in our community at Christmas and are geatly appreciatied.



# Women's Club Annual

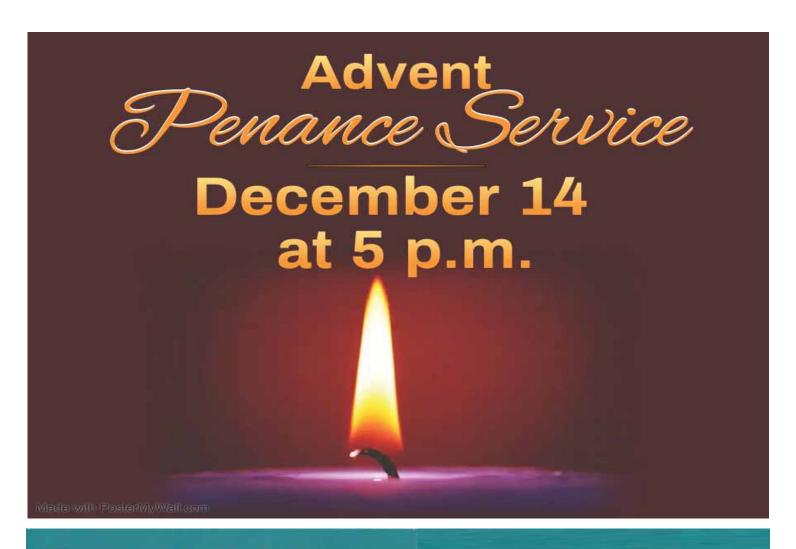
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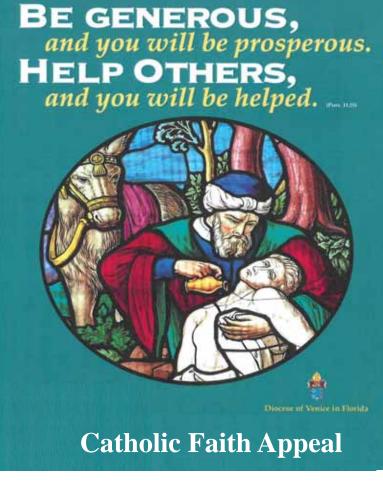
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Saturday, December 11 Sunday, December 12

Before & After All Masses In The Parish Hall

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Thank you for your generosity.
We have met the 2021 goal!

All additional funds received above the goal will be sent back to our Parish.

# Join Us For Remembrance Mass 8 am

Followed By

Grief & Bereavement Support Group

# December 14 8:30am – Parish Hall

The second Tuesday of each month Immediately Following Mass No Reservation Required, Just Come. Bring a friend.

If you are interested in evening sessions, please contact Donna at 941-447-6689

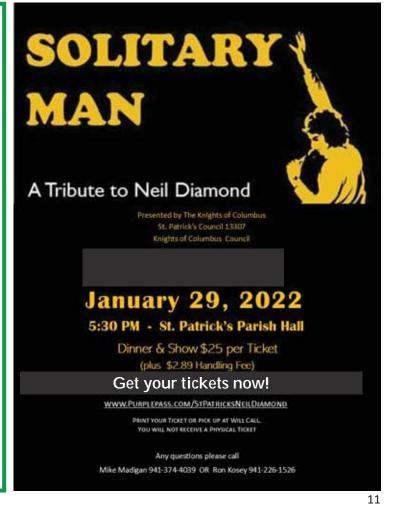


# THERE'S STILL TIME TO JOIN IN THE FUN!

IF YOU JOIN THE OUT & ABOUT SOCIAL GROUP DURING NOVEMBER OR DECEMBER OF 2021 AND PAY THE ONE-TIME INITIAL FEE OF \$25, WE WILL WAIVE THE \$10 ANNUAL FEE FOR 2022!

STARTING IN JANUARY 2022,
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# Coffee & Donuts

Reconnect with your parish friends

after the 7:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Masses for Fellowship, Coffee and Donuts.

We are also pleased to announce that Coffee & Donuts will be offered after the 11:30 a.m. mass on Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>.

Those who prepare and serve coffee and donuts after mass are seeking new members to serve after all morning Masses. The need is greatest for the 11:30 a.m. Mass since the current crew size is insufficient to offer hospitality every Sunday. Please contact Marcia Auth by phone at 202-409-3818 or by email at <u>marcia.auth13@outlook.com</u>.

# St Patrick Catholic Church

# **Christmas Eve Masses**

Friday, December 24

4:15 pm Church - Light Contemporary with Band & Brass

(Preludes begin at 3:30 p.m.)

4:30 pm Parish Hall - Traditional with Piano & Cantor

7:00 pm Church - Traditional with Organ & Cantors

10:00 pm Church - Light Contemporary with Band & Brass

(Preludes begin at 9:15 p.m.)

# **Mass Times**

Sunday, December 26

7:30 am 9:30am

11:30 am

+ 5:00 pm

No Saturday 4:15 pm Vigil Mass

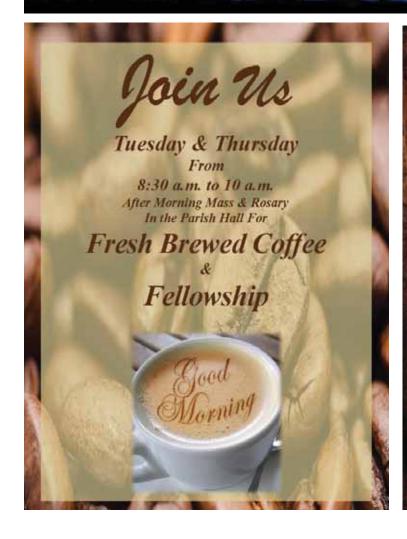
# **Christmas Day Masses**

Saturday, December 25

7:30 am Church - Light Contemporary with Piano & Cantor

9:30 am Church - Light Contemporary with Band & Brass

11:30 am Church - Traditional with Organ & Cantors







# \$250,000 MATCH GRANT

We are very fortunate to have an anonymous family come forward to offer a most generous MATCH GRANT of \$250,000 to jump start our fundraising for the Window Replacement Project.

All funds we collect through the use of the BLUE Capital Fund Envelopes between October 1, 2021 and March 31, 2022 will be matched, dollar for dollar, up to the \$250,000.

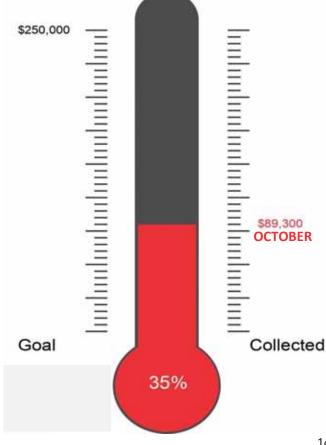
We are extremely grateful for the generous spirit of the donors and are hopeful that this MATCH GRANT will be enthusiastically supported by our parishioners in the coming months.

Please reflect on your current financial situation and ascertain at what level you can participate. All gifts are welcome weekly \$5 offerings, one-time gifts, or IRA distributions.

> If you have any specific questions, please feel free to reach out to:

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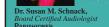




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