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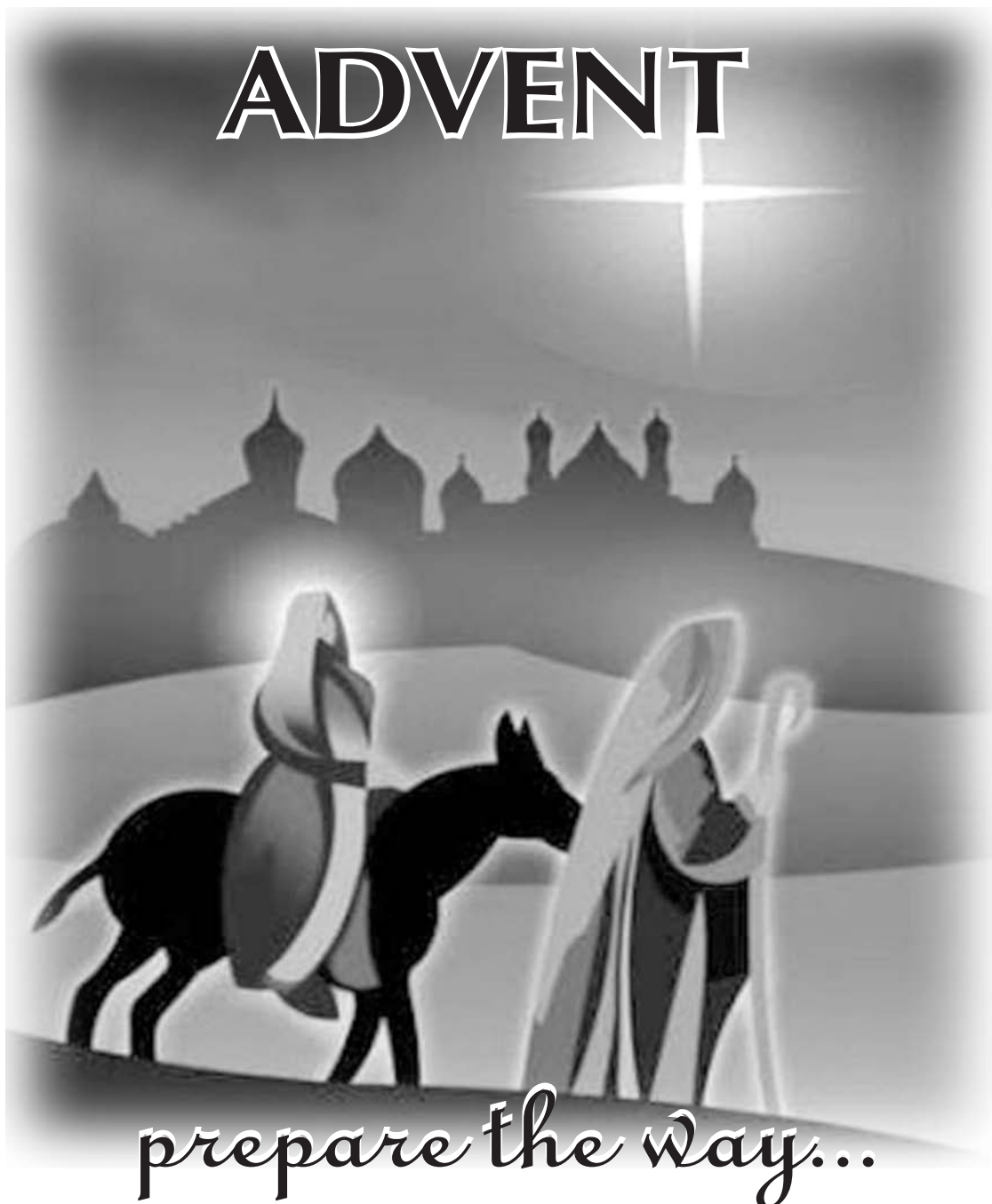
Sr. Mary DiGirolamo, IBVM

Joanna Manturowicz – Youth Minister/Sacramental Prep.

Jesus (Hey-Sous) Fidal Añon - Seminarian Intern

Fr. Constantin Siarapis - Priest in Residence

ADVENT



4th Sunday of Advent

Communion Reflection

Christmas expectations...



As Christmas approaches, people's hopes soar. However, the substance of these hopes is often dictated by commercial interests. Little wonder, then, that when the sun goes down on Christmas Day, many feel disappointed. Those who pin their hopes on what the merchants promise will always be disappointed, not because they promise too little, but too much – of the wrong thing. What our hearts long for is a taste of what the angels announced to the shepherds: 'Behold, I bring news of a great joy; today a saviour has been born to you.' This joy is the real hope of Christmas. Let us open Our hearts to receive it.

*St. Joseph Vigil Lamp
Burns in memory of
Fr. Guenter Petricek*

*St John the Evangelist Vigil Lamp
Burns in memory of
John Copal*

Mass Intentions - December 12 - 18

Monday – Mary McCarthy + / Chisanthy Family (INT)
Tuesday – Mary McCarthy + / Norman Elwood +
Wednesday – Joe Aitken + / Denis Lyon +
Thursday – Shelia McGivney + / Bernard Neonan +
Friday – Cosimo Pusateri + / Allan Smart + / Franciso Buning +
Saturday – Christmas Eve
Sunday – Christmas Day

Please keep in your prayers the sick:

Rosemarie Chapeski, Guiditta (Judy) Carolli, Sandi Clark,
Margaret Coulter, Alan Crimi, Kenneth Field
Please call the parish office to have a name added (or removed) to the sick list.

Catechism 2022/2023

Joanna Manturowicz is our Youth Minister/Sacramental Preparation Coordinator
bsccyouthministry@gmail.com

Communion Classes – 2nd & 4th Tuesdays 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm – Dec. 6 & 20, Jan. 10 & 24, Feb. 7 & 21, Mar. 7 & 21,
Apr. 4 & 18, May 9

First Reconciliation Date: Saturday, June 3 at 10:00 am / First Communion Date: Sunday, June 4 – 2:00 pm

Confirmation Classes – 2nd & 4th Wednesdays 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm – Dec. 7 & 21, Jan. 11 & 25, Feb. 8 & 22, Mar. 8 & 22,
Apr. 5 & 19, May 10

Retreat Date – Saturday, May 27 – time TBD / Confirmation Date: Sunday, May 28 2:00 pm

Advent is a time of waiting...

During the Sundays of Advent our Presider and Ministers will take their position 5 minutes before Mass begins, to symbolize our wait for the Lord. Also, our church moves from darkness to light during the opening hymn

Journey together as a Family through Family – Gather together as frequently as possible in the evenings to Light Up the Family Advent Wreath. Each week there is theme for your family to follow: Week 1 - Hope, Week 2 - Share, Week 3 - Joy, **Week 4 - Love.**

An Advent Prayer – Jesus, a gift of love, a gift of grace, a gift to share in every place.

The 11:30 am Solemn High Mass on Sunday morning is live streamed each week. The Friday morning Mass is also live streamed each week. God's Blessings on our Homebound Parishioners.

We post Mass each weekend to our YouTube channel. You can view our YouTube channel and subscribe to it.
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9WJE6kleV-eY7-8j-Qbag>

Scripture : Isaiah 7.10-14., Romans 1.1-7, Matthew 1.18-24

December 18, 2022

You who fear the Lord, hope for good things, for lasting joy and mercy. (Sirach 2.9)

Living the Gospel through ShareLife - Your year-end gift will double in value! From now until the end of 2022, your contribution to our parish's ShareLife campaign will be matched by an anonymous donor up to a total of \$1 million.

Did you know that, through your support, no one is turned away from ShareLife-funded agencies due to inability to pay? One of these agencies whose work you make possible is Catholic Crosscultural Services (CCS).

"The pandemic has affected the newcomer and refugee communities we serve greatly," the agency reports. Thanks to you, CCS continued its settlement and mental health services for this marginalized population without interruption.

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

 ShareLife



The Sr. Johanna Memorial Angel Tree - Our special tree is adorned with angels, each representing those less fortunate with a wish for Christmas. We will be supporting the St. Felix Centre, St. Francis Table, and the Good Shepherd Refuge. You are invited to select an angel from the tree beginning next weekend and purchase gift cards. Please leave your gift in the box or bring to the parish office. Please remember Sr. Johanna this year as she began this gift of giving and continues to be our inspiration for this tree. Thank you!



We are still awaiting the new statue we have commissioned, "Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament". Envelopes are available at all our doors for your convenience.



For the 2023 calendar year we are renumbering your offertory envelopes. Over past several years we found that not as many parishioners are using envelopes and there was a lot of waste. This weekend you will be able to pick up your box of envelopes and our parish calendar. An alphabetical name list with your corresponding envelope number is available.

ADVENT DAY OF CONFESSION

Wednesday, December 21 - 9 am – noon / 5 pm – 8 pm

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve - Saturday, December 24th
5:00 pm Family Mass, 7:00 pm, 9:00 pm & 12 Midnight

Christmas Day - Sunday, December 25th
8:30 am, 10:00 am & 11:30 am

5:00 pm, 12 Midnight & 11:30 am will be live-streamed

Mon., Dec. 26th & Tues., Dec. 27th – 10:00 am

New Year's Eve - Saturday, December 31st 4:30 pm

New Year's Day - Solemnity of Mary - Sunday, January 1st
8:30 am, 10:00 am & 11:30 am only will be live-streamed

Monday, January 2nd - 10:00 am

Parish Office Hours

Monday, December 19 – Thursday,
December 22 - 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Closed Fri., Dec. 23rd, Mon., Dec. 26th
& Tues., Dec. 27th

Wednesday, December 28th &
Thursday, December 29th
8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Closed Friday, December 30th &
Monday, January 2nd

Tuesday, January 3rd we return to
normal hours
Monday – Thursday 8:00 am – 4:00
pm



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