

December 16, 2018
 The King of Israel, the LORD,
 is in your midst,
 you have no further misfortune to fear.
 — *Zephaniah 3:15b*

A Note from Fr. Conoboy

Dear Parishioners,
 We are approaching the last days of Advent. These days are full of activities like shopping, decorating, baking, wrapping gifts, and doing charitable works. And, for some, there will be traveling, too.

Next Sunday, we will be decorating the church for Christmas. Please, come and join us!

In your Advent preparations, I hope that you also set time aside for prayer, perhaps with an Advent wreath or Advent calendar at home. One of the main Advent prayers is the "O Antiphons." There are seven of them and they gave us the song "O Come, O Come Emmanuel." Starting on December 17, one antiphon is assigned to each subsequent day. They express the world's need for the salvation, deliverance, and consolation that Christ brings.

For your prayer and reflection, here is one version of them:

O Wisdom of our God Most High, guiding creation with power and love: come to teach us the path of knowledge!

O Leader of the House of Israel, giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai: come to rescue us with your mighty power!

O Root of Jesse's stem, sign of God's love for all his people: come to save us without delay!

O Key of David, opening the gates of God's eternal Kingdom: come and free the prisoners of darkness!

O Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice: come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death.

O King of all nations and keystone of the Church: come and save man, whom you formed from the dust!

O Emmanuel, our King and Giver of Law: come to save us, Lord our God!

God bless you,

Fr. Shawn Conoboy

-Communal Penance Service for all parishes in Trumbull County:

December 16 at 3 pm at Blessed Sacrament (Warren)

December 18 at 7 pm at Mt. Carmel (Niles)

-Christmas

Christmas Eve: Mass at 4 pm and 10 pm

Christmas Day: Mass at 10 am

-Mary, Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)

Mass: December 31 at 5:30 pm and January 1 at 10 am

Mass Intentions For The Week

Saturday, December 15
 4:00 pm +Michele Ice-Ken & Paula Stoner
Sunday, December 16, Third Sunday of Advent
 8:00 am Parishioners
 11:00 am +Cheryl Bazdar- Falkman Family
Monday, December 17
 8:00 am NO MASS
Tuesday, December 18
 8:00 am +Deceased of the O'Connell Family-Irene O'Connell
Wednesday, December 19
 10:00 am Country Club (Assisted Living)
Thursday, December 20
 8:00 am +Deceased of the Prokop Family-Steve & Regina Prokop
Friday, December 21
 8:00 am +Irene Dillon-Robin Hryckowian
Saturday, December 22
 4:00 pm +Elio Carocci-Louise & Family
Sunday, December 23, Fourth Sunday of Advent
 8:00 am Parishioners
 11:00 am +John Gams-John Hildack Family

Liturgy Schedule December 22 & 23

	4 P.M.	8 A.M.	11 A.M.
Reader 1	L. Kellner	J. Thiry	A. Sembach
Reader 2	S. Mason	J. Thiry	A. Sembach
Host	T. Pittman	J. Smeiles	F. Falkman

A handicapped restroom is located in the Priest's Sacristy

For our Sick

Let us pray this week for: All Shut-ins and Homebound, those in the hospital and also for: Evelyn Ballas, Gabe Ballas, Rita Totta, Tom Fetock, Lisa Fraelich, Grace Brackin, Jeanne Sherlock, Cathy Kovac, Jane Brasko, Bob "Buckskin" Davis, Helen Surick, John Surick, Frank Deangelo, Sharon Henning, Ben Elser, John Spisak, Louise Carocci, Mary Lou Sheller, Ashley Moore, Monica Holliday, Bob Cabosky, Timothy Broderick, Ken McGregor, Kathy Keith, and Walter Grondeski.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Your God will sing joyfully because of you, as one sings at festivals (Zephaniah 3:14-18a).

Psalm — Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel (Isaiah 12:6).

Second Reading — Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! (Philippians 4:4-7).

Gospel — Whoever who has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. Whoever who has food should do likewise (Luke 3:10-18).

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MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
 Tuesday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
 Wednesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
 Thursday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38
 Friday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
 Saturday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
 Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent;
Las Posadas begins
 Tuesday: International Migrants Day
 Friday: St. Peter Canisius; Winter begins

Ladies' Guild

The Ladies Guild has begun their seasonal/holiday basket raffles for their 2nd annual Scholarship Fund. The winner will be drawn after the 11 am mass the last sale Sunday of each month. Tickets are \$1 each or 6/\$5.00.

Church envelopes are available in the back of the Church. If you do not find your envelopes, please contact the Church office.

2019 Parish Calendars are available at every door of the Church. We are grateful to the Borowski & James Funeral Homes for providing them once again!



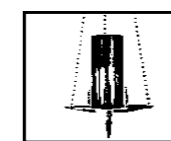
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The Collection for December 8 & 9
\$4,646.65

Stewardship- "Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God." (PHILIPPIANS 4:6)

St. Paul reminds us that our God is an abundant God, the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. When we trust that God will take care of us, it is easier for us to share what we have been given.



The Sanctuary Lamp at St. Mary & St. Joseph is burning for: Parishioners



Please, pray for all members serving in our Armed Forces. May God watch over them and grant that they may return home safely and soon:

A Prayer for those in the Military
 Almighty God, We stand before you in supplication,
 Asking Your Divine mercy and protection,
 To envelop with Your invincible armor,
 Our loved ones in all branches of the service.
 Give them courage and strength.
 Against all enemies, Both spiritual and physical,
 And hasten their safe journey,
 Back to their homes and families.
 If it be Your Holy Will That they be gathered to Your bosom,
 With the eternal vanguard of the saints,
 Let their journey to Your everlasting arms.
 Be swift and painless,
 Where they may stand in honor and glory,
 Praising You for all eternity. Amen

Food Pantry

Thank you so much for all that you have donated towards the Christmas baskets! None of this would be possible without all of your kindness and generosity. Thank you and have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



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