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Mass Intentions

First Week of Advent

November 28 - December 4, 2021

● Saturday 4:00 pm	November 27th Armond Colucci David Roone Copp
● Sunday 8:00 am 10:00am 12:00nn	November 28th S.I for Anna Belle Lopez Floro "Floyd" Leporino Mary & Edward Schmidt David Roome Copp
● Monday 8:00 am 12:05 pm	November 29th David Roome Copp Frank Ford (Anniversary)
● Tuesday 8:00 am 12:05 pm	November 30th Mary Vollendorf David Roome Copp Mary Vollendorf
● Wednesday 8:00 am 12:05 pm	December 1st 2020 Project Babies Robert Skae
● Thursday 8:00 am 12:05 pm	December 2nd Anthony Coppolecchia Edward Rydz Smiojty Michael Barna
● Friday 8:00 am 12:05 pm	December 3rd Jovito Cebedo Michael Polly
● Saturday 12:05 pm	December 4th Book of Remembrance

2nd Week of Advent

December 5 - 11, 2021

● Saturday 4:00 pm	December 4th Ann & Frank Borowicz Sr.
● Sunday 8:00 am 10:00 am 12:00nn	December 5th Armond Torres Mary & Edward Schmidt Thomas H. Crowhurst
● Monday 8:00 am 12:05 pm	December 6th People of the Parish Catherine M. Claridge-Falco
● Tuesday 8:00 am 12:05 pm	December 7th Mary Vollendorf Michael Barna Jr.
● Wednesday 8:00 am 12:05 pm 7:00 pm	December 8th (Immaculate Conception) John & Mary Orak Kit McCormack Myra & George Hawie
● Thursday 8:00 am 12:05 pm	December 9th Mary Vollendorf Jay Guzzi
● Friday 8:00 am 12:05 pm	December 10th Mary Vollendorf Bobby Benkovich
● Saturday 12:05 pm	December 11th Alejandra "Dandy" Tesoro

Memorials

Week of November 28, 2021

Altar Candles

Palmieri & Arnone Families

Sanctuary Lamp

Robert Skae

Week of December 5, 2021

Altar Candles

Robert K. Quinn

Sanctuary Lamp

Cesar & Alexis Serrato



Parish News

Financial News



Offertory Collections

November 7th Deposit/Donations	\$ 4,044.00
November 14th Deposit/Donations	\$ 4,317.65
Weekly Amount Needed to Stay on Budget	\$ 4,150.00

Restricted Donations from Weekly Envelopes

Offset Heating Expense	\$ 949.00
Offset Archdiocese Assessment/Tax	\$ 687.00
All Saints (to date)	\$ 389.00

Online, E-Giving Donations through “We Share”

Our online giving platform: <https://sainteonline.weshareonline.org/>

Next Monthly Family Faith Formation

Sunday, December 19th after the 10:00am Mass

We are no longer doing a weekly CCD classroom model of Religious Education. Instead, the whole family comes together after Sunday Mass from 11am to 1pm to learn about our Catholic faith. They join with other families to break open God’s Word and then to learn this month, about the life and teachings of Jesus Christ/Incarnation and the upcoming season of Christmas. Each age group goes into an age-appropriate break out session and comes back together to share pizza and share what they’ve learned. This is now one process for First Communion Prep, Confirmation Prep and annual religious education. What happens to our faith in the home matters!



Last Weekend!!! Coat Drive for the Poor

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish is conducting its annual coat drive for those in need. November 28th is the last weekend to donate.

Collection boxes are in the back of church and you can drop off any used, but in good condition, winter coats, hats, scarfs and gloves in the boxes. Servant of God, Dorothy Day, is quoted as saying, “the coat you’re not wearing in your closet belongs to the poor!”

God Bless

- Deacon John and the committee.

Annual Wreath and Grave Blanket Sale

2 weekends - November 27th & 28th and December 4th & 5th

Wreaths & grave blankets will again be sold to benefit our parish Family Faith Formation process BEFORE & AFTER all the Masses on November 28 and December 5.

Christmas wreaths	\$25.00
Small Grave blankets	\$25.00
Large Grave blankets	\$50.00



Parish Christmas Giving Tree



The Giving Tree tags are up and available for donations. Gift cards, toys, crafts as well as scarfs, hats and gloves (new and unopened). Gifts need to be back under the tree by December 10th.

As always, we thank you for your past generosity and your help this year in making the Christmas season happier for those in need.

Parish Annual Financial Report 2020-2021

A copy of the Parish Annual Report is available this weekend next to the bulletins as well as on our parish website.

If you have any questions please contact Dennis in the parish office.



Senior's Advent Mass and Christmas Luncheon

Wednesday, December 15th

Fr. Ed and the parish staff would like to invite all Seniors (65+) on Wednesday, December 15th to the 12:05pm Mass with special music and then downstairs to the Parish Hall for a Christmas Luncheon with Christmas music and trivia.

All Seniors will be guests of the parish that day. Please RSVP to the Rectory Parish Office. Those Seniors who cannot attend are welcome to submit her/his name and the meal will be delivered to your home later that afternoon. We look forward to a wonderful celebration!

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Wednesday, December 8th

Masses will be celebrated at 8:00am, 12:05pm and 7:00pm.

All are welcome to celebrate our Church's belief that Mary was conceived without sin in the womb of her mother, St. Anne.



Benedictine Sisters of Elizabeth Host Christmas Card-and-Craft Retreat Morning

Thursday, December 2nd or Saturday, December 11th from 9:00am - 1:00pm



Christmas cards and crafts are meant to be a sacred ritual of connection and creativity. Write your cards or do your portable crafts in the monastery's atmosphere of peaceful quiet, with some time also for shared prayer and conversation.

Proof of vaccination required.

Cost: \$25.00 includes refreshments and lunch.

Gospel Meditations

1st Sunday of Advent

November 28, 2021

Staying awake can often be a challenge, especially when we are exhausted. Life's demands have a way of zapping every last bit of energy out of us. When we are tired it affects us not only physically, but psychologically and spiritually as well. All of our senses are dulled and diminished. We can overlook details, become disinterested, lethargic and apathetic, and detached. Getting sufficient physical rest only helps so much. We need to be rejuvenated, refreshed, and reenergized in other ways. If we are psychologically exhausted, we need to understand what is draining our emotions and taxing our relationships. If we are spiritually tired, we need to find the necessary "shot in the arm" to put us back in touch with God. Unfortunately, exhaustion is seldom limited to just one part of who we are. When we lack energy and zeal it is usually the case that everything suffers. We not only are affected physically, but psychologically and spiritually as well. In short, when we run out of gas the engine stops.

And yet, our Lord's directive is clear, "Be vigilant at all times." Even Jesus knew what "the anxieties of daily life" can do to us. One day pours into another and time quickly flies by. Any one of us can take a moment and reflect on how many wonderful, creative opportunities we miss because there is always so much "stuff" to do and so little time to do it. Usually these are missed moments of love, and if we are missing love encounters we are also missing God. Sleepwalking through life, we check the boxes next to our list of "must and have to dos" and justify it all by convincing ourselves that tomorrow is another day and there'll be more time. It may surprise us, but tomorrow is here, and time is running out. While we may like to believe that we have an "eternity" of time to do all those things that require the focus, energy, and desire we do not currently have, we don't. We're on a limited ride and time is short.

Jesus is also clear on another point. "That day [will] catch you by surprise like a trap." If we are going to be judged on love and so easily justify not having all that much time to do so, then it seems we must shift focus a bit. St. Teresa of Calcutta tells us, "We desire to be able to welcome Jesus at Christmas-time, not in a cold manger of our heart, but in a heart full of love and humility, a heart so pure, so immaculate, so warm with love for one another." Getting to this place doesn't "just happen." It requires vigilance and discipline both with a knowledge of what is really of importance and what really needs to be the focus of our energy and time. Pray, starting now and not tomorrow, that we can stay alert, be strengthened in our faith, and prepared for whatever will come. Don't miss another opportunity to love.

2nd Sunday of Advent

December 5, 2021

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.



Weekend Mass Schedule

(All Masses open to the public.)

Saturdays	4:00 PM	Anticipatory Mass for Sunday
Sundays	8:00 AM	Sunday Mass
	10:00 AM	Sunday Mass*
	12:00 Noon	Sunday Mass

*Also live streamed for those at home on our Facebook and Youtube:
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