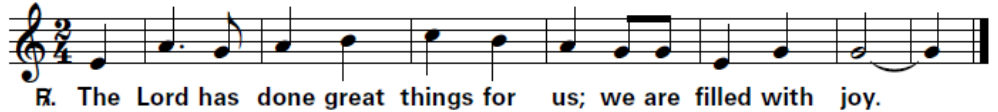


MUSIC SELECTIONS: Dec. 9, 2018
 ENTRANCE HYMN 307
 PREPARATION HYMN 620
 COMMUNION HYMN 550
 RECESSIONAL HYMN 723

Psalm 126: Second Sunday of Advent, Year C



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***It is the tradition of the church not to exit before the final hymn has been sung.**

9:00 AM – Children's Sending: May your holy word take root in them (us). May your holy word bear fruit in them (us). Plant your word within them (us), so that they (we) may grow.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF
 DECEMBER 8TH THROUGH DECEMBER 16TH, 2018**

If you are having a Mass offered, please contact an usher before Mass and let them know you would like to bring up the gifts.

12-08	4:00 PM	Esdras Mendez – Juliana & Christopher Kremzier
12-09	9:00 AM	Frank C. O'Connor, Jr. (5 th Anniversary) – His wife, Marion Clifford Semerad – The Walsh Family Aniella Aragona – Bob & Lydia Marola
12-10	9:00 AM	Mass at Immaculate Conception
12-11	9:00 AM	Mass at Immaculate Conception
12-12	7:30 AM	Natalie A. Ruggeri - Debbie
12-13	7:30 AM	Mass
12-14	7:30 AM	Mass
12-15	4:00 PM	Susan Watson – The Family Clifford Semerad – The First Friday Group
12-16	9:00 AM	Sal Grasso – The Family Harkims Thomas – Tina & the Family Mary F. Nealon – The Family

LITURGICAL MINISTERS – DECEMBER 15TH AND 16TH, 2018

	4:00 PM	9:00 AM
LECTOR	K. DeMarco	E. Yager
CUP 1	B. Corlew	J. Guzewich
CUP 2	K. Brooks	H. Burke
BREAD 1	Celebrant	Celebrant
BREAD 2	T. Neals	A. Schnore
BREAD 3	Deacon	Deacon
BREAD 4	L. Neals	A. Stolle
CUP 3	D. Lippiello	R. Higgins
CUP 4	J. Wilson	A. Seaver
SERVER	TBD	E. Higgins
SERVER		R. Higgins
GREETER	M. Schwartz	P. Buczkowski

FINANCIAL STATISTICS 11/26-12/1/18

OFFERTORY	\$3,972.00	ENVELOPE USERS	150
CHILDREN	6.00	ATTENDANCE	349
DEBT REDUCTION	1,041.00		
IMMAC. CONCEPTION	20.00		
MEMORIALS	587.00		
MASS STIPENDS	130.00		
FF/YM FEES	60.00		
STOLE FEE	100.00		
DONATIONS	350.00		
FUND RAISING	2,984.36		
TOTAL INCOME	\$9,250.36	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$5,645.17

Just a friendly reminder from the Finance Office as we head toward the end of the year. All 2018 contributions **must** be received or be postmarked by December 31, 2018 (regardless of check date). The Parish Office will close on **Thursday, December 27th** at 3 pm and will not reopen until **Wednesday, January 2, 2018** ~ please plan accordingly.

Scripture Readings for the Week		
Mon. 12/10	Is 35:1-10	Lk 5:17-26
Tues. 12/11	Is 40:1-11	Mt 18:12-14
Wed. 12/12	Zec 2:14-17	Lk 1:26-38
Thur. 12/13	Is 41:13-20	Mt 11:11-15
Fri. 12/14	Is 48:17-19	Mt 11:16-19
Sat. 12/15	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11	Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sun. 12/16	Zep 3:14-18a Phil 4:4-7	Lk 3:10-18



Thank you to everyone who donated to the Boniewski family to aid them with their recent house fire. We were able to present them with a check for **\$1,590.60**. Please keep them in your prayers as they begin the recovery process.



Remember in your prayers those members of our parish who are sick or suffering in any way, as well as those in hospitals and nursing homes and all of our shut-ins. We also pray for family, friends and those who have died recently, especially **Kathleen Allen** and **Kristine Barkley**, wife of Michael. We also pray for men and women in our armed forces who are serving our country.

	The Week Ahead
Wed. 12/11	Sandwich Making – 11AM-PC



Attention Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers and Greeters: Signup sheets for Christmas Eve masses and Christmas Day mass are on the Bulletin Board in Holy Family Hall. If you know what mass you will attending, why not volunteer to fill one of the open spots.

Christmas Mass Schedule

St. Joseph's	12/24	4PM, 6PM & 9PM
	12/25	10AM
Immac. Conception	12/24	4PM & 7PM
	12/25	9AM
Our Lady of Grace	12/24	5PM & 8PM
	12/25	10 AM

Communal Advent Penance Services



Immaculate Conception
Dec. 17 @ 7:00 PM

Attention Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors: Please contact Lori DeSieno at 518-372-3509 or ldesieno06@yahoo.com as soon as possible with schedule requests for the period Jan – Mar 2019.

Greeters and Altar Servers: Please contact Lisa Hall at the Parish Office at 518-346-2316 or stjosephschurch@albany.twcbc.com as soon as possible with schedule requests for the period Jan – Mar 2019.



Advent Wreath Blessing Week 2 – Heavenly God, you have always guided your people through darkness and through dark times in their lives. Help us to be aware of your care for us in sending Jesus, Your Son.

Sponsor of the Week

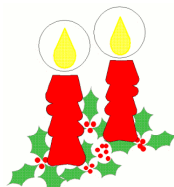
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Please welcome **Finley Emmet Madigan**, son of Brandon and Sarah. He will receive the **Sacrament of Baptism** today at the **9:00 AM Mass**.



Grace Fay, our Youth Minister, and our youth ministry students would like to extend an invitation to you to join them on Saturday, December 15 at noon at the Gerald B.H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery to help place the wreaths on the graves of our veterans.



Christmas Memorials – If you would like to remember your deceased loved ones this Christmas season, place their **PRINTED** name(s) in an envelope with your donation (\$5 per name) and place in the collection basket or mail to the Parish Center by **December 14** for inclusion in the Christmas Memorial publication. For envelope users, there is a Christmas Memorial envelope included in the box.



Thank you to everyone who contributed craft items and fantastic baked goods & candies to our **Christmas Bazaar** as well as those who helped on the day of the sale and those who made purchases. Our preliminary net profit for this event was **\$2,448.61** Congratulations to **Barbara Devine** who was the winner of the Christmas cross stitch as well as **Haley Streicher** who won the jar of M&M's with a guess of 753 (there were 795 M&M's in the jar). There is a tree in Holy Family Hall with ornaments that are still for sale and we will have a smaller set-up on the weekend of **Dec. 15th/16th** for anyone who would like to purchase some "last minute" gifts that you may have forgotten (we will also have a limited number of Hannaford gift cards available for sale).



We will begin to deliver Christmas poinsettias to our homebound & nursing home residents next week. If you would be available to deliver a plant or two, please call the office by **Monday** and leave your name & contact number. This is a great opportunity for families with children to reach out to our shut-ins who truly enjoy a visit from the "younger" folks.