

MUSIC SELECTIONS: Dec. 8, 2019

ENTRANCE HYMN	296
PREPARATION HYMN	708
COMMUNION HYMN	585
RECESSIONAL HYMN	300

PSALM 72: SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR A



R. Jus-tice shall flour-ish in his time, and full-ness of peace for ev-er.

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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 7TH THROUGH DECEMBER 15TH, 2019**

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.

12-07	4:00 PM	Marjorie Kremzier – Juliana & Christopher Kremzier Esdras Mendez – Juliana & Christopher Kremzier Betty LaCerais – Nancy & Keith Mary Perrone (7 th Anniversary) – Her Daughters
12-08	9:00 AM	Marjorie Osterhout – Dan Connelly Barbara O’Leary – Maggie Brazell Rev. J. Thomas Connery – Parishioners of St. Joseph’s Church
12-09	9:00 AM	Mass at Immaculate Conception
12-10	9:00 AM	Mass at Immaculate Conception
12-11	9:00 AM	Mass at Immaculate Conception
12-12	7:00 AM	Mass at Immaculate Conception
12-13	7:00 AM	Mass at Immaculate Conception
12-14	4:00 PM	Angela Maisano – Concetta Grasso Paul Hooker – Domenico & Teresa Piria
12-15	9:00 AM	Claudine Lull-Barber – The Family Dick Brazell – The Family Michael McCullough – The Family Michael Brazell – The Family Sal Grasso - Tina

LITURGICAL MINISTERS – DEC. 14TH AND DEC. 15TH, 2019

	4:00 PM	9:00 AM
LECTOR	P. Walsh	J. Raymond
CUP 1	K. Brooks	A. Seaver
CUP 2	D. Kruk	P. Johnson
BREAD 1	Celebrant	Celebrant
BREAD 2	C. Kukan	L. Wilson
BREAD 3	Deacon	Deacon
BREAD 4	D. Mayer	H. Burke
CUP 3	R. Kruk	K. Sroczynski
CUP 4	C. Gregoire	A. Schnore
SERVER		N. Smith
SERVER		R. Jackson
GREETER	M. Cylbuski	P. Johnson

FINANCIAL STATISTICS 11/25-12/1/19


OFFERTORY	\$3,535.82	ENVELOPE USERS	120
CHILDREN	4.00	ATTENDANCE	319
DEBT REDUCTION	732.00		
CHRISTMAS	20.00		
CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS	445.00		
TOTAL INCOME	\$4,736.82	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$7,659.07*

*Some larger expenses include: P/R \$5,384/Priest Exp. \$1,086

Next weekend’s second collection will be for the **2019 Bishop’s Appeal**. As we get closer to our assessment of \$64,116, we will use next weekend’s second collection to try to close the gap of **\$7,495** that is needed to reach this assessment. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Scripture Readings for the Week

Mon. 12/09	Gn 3:9-15, 20 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12	Lk 1:26-38
Tues. 12/10	Is 40:1-11	Mt 18:12-14
Wed. 12/11	Is 40:25-31	Mt 11:28-30
Thur. 12/12	Zec 2:14-17	Lk 1:26-38
Fri. 12/13	Is 48:17-19	Mt 11:16-19
Sat. 12/14	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11	Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sun. 12/15	Is 35:1-6a, 10 Jas 5:7-10	Mt 11:2-11

 **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 **Allan Johnson**, husband of Patty. We also pray for men and women in our armed forces who are serving our country.

	The Week Ahead
Wed. 12/11	Choir Rehearsal – 7 PM - C
Wed. 12/11	Communal (joint) Penance Service – 6:30 PM - OLG
Sat. 12/14	Breakfast with St. Nick – 9 AM - OLG



Giving Tree Update – Please have your unwrapped gifts (with tag attached) under the tree by next **Sunday, December 15th**. Your donations of wrapping supplies are also appreciated. For ease in sorting, **do not** combine gifts with different colored tags in one bag. Please use separate bags for each colored tag. Thank you!



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 collection basket or mail to the Parish Center by **December 16** for inclusion in the Christmas Memorial publication. For envelope users, there is a Christmas Memorial envelope included in the box.



Advent Wreath Blessing – Week 2 - Peace
Dear Jesus, you entered our world on Christmas as the Prince of Peace. This Advent, as we strive to become the best version of ourselves, fill us with a deep and abiding peace. Help us share that peace with everyone we encounter, especially those that need it most. Amen.

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.



Once again this year we have cards available in Holy Family Hall to be sent to military personnel who are currently serving our country. Please consider signing a card or two ~ it only takes a few moments to make a difference to someone who is so far away during the holiday season.

Please stop by after mass and check out the items available at our **Christmas Bazaar & Bake Sale**. There are wonderful homemade baked goods and great little gifts for that person you need one extra thing for! **Nick's Next-to-New Shop** is a great way to pick up some “new” Christmas decorations at a fraction of their original cost. We will be drawing the winner of the Christmas Cross Stitch on Sunday after mass ~ last chance to pick up additional raffle tickets for this beautiful prize.

Please make note of our Christmas liturgies for this year: Christmas Eve at **4:00 & 7:00 PM** and Christmas Day at **10:00 AM**. Our joint penance service with Our Lady of Grace will be held on **Wednesday, December 11th at 6:30 PM** at Our Lady of Grace Church.

We will begin to deliver Christmas poinsettias to our homebound & nursing home residents during the week of **December 16th**. If you would be available to deliver a plant or two, please call the office 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.

'Tis the season for needing volunteers! We have some busy weeks ahead and need **MANY** volunteers to help! **Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Greeters & Altar Servers** please sign up in Holy Family Hall for one (or more) of our Christmas masses (as well as New Year's Day). As we will have a visiting priest covering our masses and many visitors to our church, we need **EVERY** slot filled in order to make everything go smoothly. After the 9:00 am mass on **December 22nd**, we will be setting up the church for Christmas and, again, will need volunteers to help move chairs, set up Holy Family Hall & choir area, move plants, raise the banner, etc. Please consider helping your church family prepare for the Christmas season.

There is a table in Holy Family Hall by the vesting sacristy with a limited supply of candles & wreaths, Christmas cards and Advent reading materials.

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