

MUSIC SELECTIONS: Dec. 15, 2019
 ENTRANCE HYMN 293
 PREPARATION HYMN 455
 COMMUNION HYMN 656
 RECESSIONAL HYMN 723

PSALM 146: THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR A



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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 14TH THROUGH DECEMBER 22ND, 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.

12-14	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
12-16	9:00 AM	Mass at Immaculate Conception
12-17	9:00 AM	Mass at Immaculate Conception
12-18	9:00 AM	Mass at Immaculate Conception
12-19	7:00 AM	Mass at Immaculate Conception
12-20	7:00 AM	Mass at Immaculate Conception
12-21	4:00 PM	Marie Gabriele – Martin Gabriele & Family Eleanor Harkins – Dianne Johnson George Santos (10th Anniversary) – The Lenane & Nold Families Michael Pelham (5th Anniversary) – His Wife and Children Edna Yager (31st Anniversary) – The Family
12-22	9:00 AM	Helen Swits – Kathy & Larry DeMarco Andrew & Mary Frank – The Gawlas Family Della Marx – The Family

LITURGICAL MINISTERS – DEC. 21 ST AND DEC. 22 ND , 2019		
	4:00 PM	9:00 AM
LECTOR	R. McGuire	K. Burke
CUP 1	B. Corlew	D. Stec
CUP 2	S. Ernst	D. Schoch
BREAD 1	Celebrant	Celebrant
BREAD 2	L. Neals	L. DeSieno
BREAD 3	T. Neals	A. DeSieno
BREAD 4	Deacon	Deacon
CUP 3	J. Masi	A. Stolle
CUP 4	K. Brooks	C. O'Connor
SERVER		W. Schnore
SERVER		D. Burns
GREETER	C. Gregoire	T. Grasso & M. Zuppa

FINANCIAL STATISTICS 12/2-12/8/19			
OFFERTORY	\$3,447.70	ENVELOPE USERS	123
ELECTRONIC GIVING	1,660.00	ELECT. USERS	19
CHILDREN	4.00	ATTENDANCE	
IMMAC. CONCEPTION	676.00		
DEBT REDUCTION	115.00		
CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS	480.00		
CHRISTMAS	5.00		
MASS STIPENDS	170.00		
DONATIONS	360.00		
TOTAL INCOME	\$6,917.70	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2,834.00

*Some larger expenses include: N.Grid \$2,179/Flowers \$395

Next weekend's second collection will be our monthly **Building Maintenance** collection. Last month's collection amounted to **\$2,458.00** and **\$2,605.96** was used for various repair/maintenance items during the month of November (including snowplowing, church boiler repair & church fire alarm repair). In the coming month, we will be replacing two rectory windows as well as make a repair on an old steam pipe at the church. Your generosity is needed & greatly appreciated.



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. We also pray for men and women in our armed forces who are serving our country.

Scripture Readings for the Week			
Mon. 12/16	Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a	Mt 21:23-27	
Tues. 12/17	Gn 49:2, 8-10	Mt 1:1-17	
Wed. 12/18	Jer 23:5-8	Mt 1:18-25	
Thur. 12/19	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a	Lk 1:5-25	
Fri. 12/20	Is 7:10-14	Lk 1:26-38	
Sat. 12/21	Sg 2:8-14	Lk 1:39-45	
Sun. 12/22	Is 7:10-14 Rom 1:1-7	Mt 1:18-24	

	The Week Ahead
Mon. 12/16	Advent Reconciliation Service - 7PM - ICG
Wed. 12/18	Adult Choir Rehearsal - 7PM - C
Thurs. 12/19	Baptismal Prep - 7PM - C (Pre-registration required) Social Concerns - 7PM - R

Christmas Mass Schedule

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



Advent Wreath Blessing - Week 3 - Joy

Dear Jesus, help us focus on you during this busy season. May we stay aware of the joy you bring into our lives. We want to find you in the everyday moments and come with hearts of gratitude to your manger on Christmas. 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 2020.

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 2020.

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.

All parishioners are invited to join Bishop Scharfenberger on Wednesday evening, December 18th at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception as we pray for survivors of abuse, their families and our communities. Flyers regarding this prayer service are available in Holy Family Hall.

Sponsor of the Week

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Congratulations to **Kevin Burke** who was the winner of the Christmas Cross Stitch! Special thanks to Mary Morrette who created the beautiful cross stitch and to her husband, John, for the professional framing. Congratulations also to **Sam Loatman** who was the winner of the jar of M&M's (he guessed 800 & there were 879 in the jar!). There are a limited number of **Christmas Bazaar** items left for sale in Holy Family Hall (many would be great stocking stuffers). Please leave your payment in the designated box. Many, many thanks to our bakers this year who went above & beyond to provide the sale with wonderful homemade baked goods ~ it was **greatly** appreciated. Last (but not least), thanks to everyone who stopped by & supported our sale. Net proceeds from last weekend's sale & raffle amounted to **\$2,339.61**.



The 2020 boxed set of offertory envelopes have been delayed in production. As soon as we receive them, they will be available for pickup. We are sorry for this inconvenience & hope to have them available soon.



We have been informed that the statements for the **Re-igniting Our Faith Campaign** should be going out next week (this is for the parishioners who chose the option of an annual or semi-annual payment plan). If you do not receive a statement next week, we strongly encourage you to call the Foundation Office directly at 518-453-6658 and speak to Barbara Perez (email barbara.perez@rcda.org) and advise that you would like your statement ASAP.



Our next order for Hannaford gift cards & reloads is scheduled for **Tuesday, Dec. 17th**. Please be sure your order is at the Parish Office by **10am on Monday, Dec. 16th**. Order forms are available on the bulletin boards in Holy Family Hall or the back entrance.

