

# Third Sunday of Advent December 16 & 17, 2017

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday

5:00 PM For Carmine Maiorisi – Anniversary  
Remembrance – by daughter-in-law,  
Ann Marie

### Sunday

8:00 AM For the Parishioners of Saint Brigid's

10:00 AM For Helen Lolio and Richard Marotto by  
family

### Wednesday

7:30 AM For Arthur Rochon – 17<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

### Thursday

7:30 AM For Katherine Coughlin by Sandy  
Cerrito

### Next Saturday

5:00 PM For Kenneth Boehm by his Family –  
8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

### Next Sunday

9:00 AM For Charles and Dorothy Gaskin by  
their Family

### Christmas Eve

4:00 PM For Ursula, Douglas & Nicholas  
D'Aguano

### Christmas Day

9:00 AM For Alfred DeMaio – 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
and Teresa DeMaio by the Palumbo  
Family

## Parish Stewardship

### Weekend of December 9 & 10, 2017

Budget Collection	\$1,259.00
December Monthly to Date	\$500.00
Religious Retirement Collection	\$150.00
Annual Collection to Date	\$7,667.00
# of Budget Envelopes Used	46

## Blood Pressure Screening

The Parish Nurses will conduct the monthly blood pressure screening this weekend after all the masses.

## Religious Education News

There will be **NO** Religious Education the weeks of December 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>. Classes will resume on January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## 2018 20-Week Club

There will be a person collecting on the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend of every month from December to April. All other weeks you can use the 20-Week Club payment envelope found on the ushers' tables.

## 2018 20-Week Winners

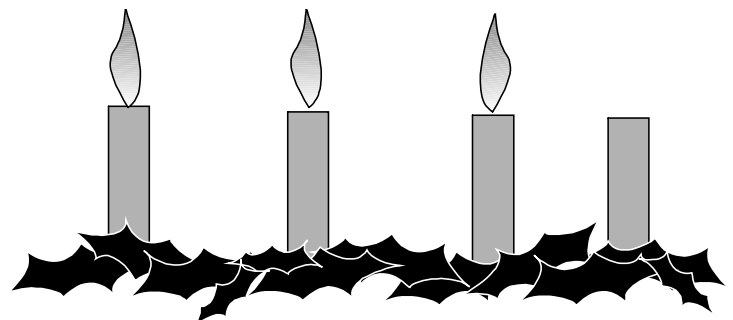
- December 10<sup>th</sup> – Anthony Fontaine # 228 and Anthony Vessella, Jr. # 066

## Care Notes

*Care Notes*, which are pamphlets to help people experiencing grief, illness or difficult times during the Christmas season, are available *free* in the foyer of the church. Pick one up for yourself or for someone you know who could use the support during these days.

## Parish Calendars

A Catholic Inspirational Calendar for 2018 is available in the foyer of the church for each family. Please pick one up and hang it in your home. Also, feel free to take one for anyone you feel would like or need one.



## ***Father Bob's Ramblings***

Several years ago, my friend Fr. Ron and I discovered an abandoned bird's nest in a tree in our front yard. After making sure it was truly abandoned, we took it down and saved it. Ever since then it has become one of our annual Advent decorations.

One might ask, "What does a bird's nest have to do with Advent?" Actually, it is a perfect symbol for this season. Just think about what a bird's nest is. It is the place which a mother bird creates for her eggs. (Our nest has a wide variety of elements, including pieces of scotch tape!) There they rest until the day they hatch and new life begins. She is attentive and expectant, protecting them and caring for them until that eventful day arrives. Then the babies stay there, being fed and nurtured by her until she urges them out of the nest and they fly on their own.

During the Advent season, our hearts become that place of waiting. Just as the mother bird does not know when the chicks will hatch; neither do we know when Jesus will come to life within us. So, we, too, need to be attentive and expectant. The Lord promises that He will come to make His dwelling within us. So, we need to make our hearts a warm, welcoming place for Him.

This weekend we celebrate the Third Sunday in this wonderful season of Advent. We are quickly approaching Christmas Day, but by rushing toward that day will necessarily wipe out the beauty of longing and yearning and preparing for His coming.

As these December days get colder and the nights are the longest of the year, we anticipate the warmth and the brightness of the coming Nativity.

Maranatha! Come Lord, Come Jesus!

## **Christmas Cookie Sale**

There will be **NO** Christmas Cookie Sale this year. Many of our bakers are either sick, caring for someone who is sick or unable to bake for one reason or another.

## **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

Anyone who may want to learn how to crochet and become a member of this special ministry, please let Fr. Bob know. One of the members of the Prayer Shawl Ministry is willing to teach you how to crochet.

## **Adult Confirmation Classes**

Any adult 18 years or older who wishes to take Confirmation Classes in preparation for receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation is asked to let Fr. Bob know before February 11, 2018. Classes will take place on Tuesdays February 27<sup>th</sup>, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>. Confirmation will be celebrated at the Easter Vigil on Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup>.

## **Vocations Retreat**

The annual priesthood retreat for high school seniors, college and post college age men who may be considering a priesthood vocation will take place @ the Seminary of Our Lady of Providence on Friday and Saturday, January 12-13, 2018. Please see Father Bob if you are interested.

## **Christmas & New Year's Mass Schedule**

December 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>

- Saturday - 5:00 PM
- Sunday - 9:00 AM

Christmas Eve

- Sunday - 4:00 PM

Christmas Day

- Monday - 9:00 AM

December 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>

- Saturday - 5:00 PM
- Sunday - 9:00 AM

New Year's Eve

- Sunday - 4:00 PM

New Year's Day

- Monday - 9:00 AM