

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT ['B']

NOVEMBER 30TH, 2014

"To you, my God, I lift up my soul, I trust in you, let me never come to shame."

[Entrance antiphon – Psalm 24:1]

The **Community will gather for Eucharist** this week at the following times.

Saturday, 11/29	5:00 P.M.	John V. Orlandi, Jr. by his Family
Sunday, 11/30	8:30 A.M.	Catherine & Biaggio Timpone by Bill & Maryann
Monday, 12/1	8:30 A.M.	Deceased Xaverian Brothers
Tuesday, 12/2	8:30 A.M.	[available]
Wednesday, 12/3	8:30 A.M.	No Mass
Thursday, 12/4	8:30 A.M.	Anthony J. White
Friday, 12/5	8:30 A.M.	Timothy Heaney by Bernie, Maria and Family
Saturday, 12/6	5:00 P.M.	Herman Haid
Sunday, 12/7	8:30 A.M.	John Orlandi, Jr. By Mary Wilkinson



Ministers of the Liturgy

November 30	<u>5:00 P.M.</u>	<u>8:30 A.M.</u>
Servers/	_____	Jordan Stroly
Acolytes	_____	Aaron McGhee
Readers	Janet Bertomen	Sara Patricola
Eucharistic	_____	Kathy Blackburn
Ministers	Eleanor Pulver	Al Blackburn
Ministers of	Jackie Dawson	Michael Porter
Hospitality	_____	_____
December 7	<u>5:00 P.M.</u>	<u>8:30 A.M.</u>
Servers/	Jason Stroly	Matthew Michetti
Acolytes	Joy Lynch	Ashton Colangelo
Readers	Ellen Petersen	Pat Christensen
Eucharistic	Elaine Fletcher	Suzan Porter
Ministers	Joy Lynch	Diana Forte
Ministers of	Jill Atherton	_____
Hospitality	_____	Frank Christensen

Prepare the way of the Lord. (Mark 1:3)

Prepare your heart to receive a greater awareness of the Lord's presence to you by removing whatever might stand in the way by participating in

RECONCILIATION MONDAY on December 15.

A priest will be available from 4:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. in St. Anthony's Church for those who want to celebrate individually the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The hours will be the same in other parishes all over the Archdiocese of New York. You may choose any parish.

Thank you for your contributions to the **Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development!** Your generous gifts will help CCHD end poverty in the United States through better education, improved housing, and economic development. Through CCHD and its beneficiaries, we help keep Catholic social teaching alive and carry out Jesus' mission to 'bring glad tidings to the poor...to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free" (Lk 4:18).

STEWARDSHIP – Last week's collection totaled **\$2,135.05**. In trying to maintain our budget, our weekly Sunday collection goal is **\$1,825.00**, which would now be **\$21,900.00**. Our total for the fiscal year is **\$17,842.85 – 81%**. The **Christmas Flower** donations reached **\$628.00**. The **CCHD** collection raised **\$361.00**. The children's collection received **2** envelopes. **Thank you for your generosity!**

Counters: 11/30 Baxter & Jan Stickle; 12/7 Diana Forte; 12/14 Terry & Steve Bush; 12/21 Sandy Schimmel.

Prepare for the Lord's Day
NEXT SUNDAY: Second Sunday of Advent

- 1] The Book of Isaiah: 40:1-5, 9-11
- 2] Psalm 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14
- 3] 2nd Letter of Peter 3:8-14
- 4] The Gospel according to Mark 1:1-8

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ADVENT

Parking

The east [field] side of the church can be used for parking in good weather, especially summer and fall. Please do NOT park in the rectory driveway.

Memorial Candles

+
The Altar Candles
burn the month of **December**
in memory of
Deborah Christensen
by
Pat & Frank Christensen
+

The Sanctuary Lamp
burns this week
in honor/memory of
[available]
By
[available]

CATECHETICAL PROGRAM FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

+ Our **Catechetical Program** will be meeting today.
For additional information call Jeanne Stroly, our Coordinator
at 845-868-1043.

YEAR OF
MARK



December 7th, 2014 Second Sunday of Advent

ADDRESS OF POPE FRANCIS
TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT
STRASBOURG
25 NOVEMBER 2014

Today we hear from the prophet known as Second Isaiah. Beginning in chapter 40 the tone of the book changes, as does the perspective. A book that formerly presented words of judgment and doom to the people of Judah and Jerusalem now turns to prophecies of "comfort" (v1), addressing the exiled people in Babylon. The Prophet announces that their "guilt is expiated" (v2) and calls them to "prepare the way of the Lord" (v3), who comes to deliver them and bring them home to Jerusalem. "Here is your God!" (v9), the prophet cries out.

In Second Peter we are encouraged to live in anticipation of the Lord's return, conducting ourselves "in holiness and devotion" (v11). God desires "that all should come to repentance" (v9), and so what seems like a delay is an opportunity for us to reform our lives, a message echoed by the prophets of the Old Testament and John the Baptist.

For Mark, the ministry of John the Baptist is a fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy of "a voice of one crying out in the desert" (v3). Today's Gospel is unusual in that while it anticipates Jesus' presence, he is not yet present. We hear from the precursor, John, who is presented in imagery echoing the prophets of biblical Israel: "clothed in camel's hair, ... [feeding] on locusts and wild honey" 9v6). John calls to us to "prepare the way of the Lord" (v3). Joan Chittister, in her book *The Liturgical Year*, reminds us that "it is while waiting for the coming of the reign of God... that we come to realize that its coming depends on us" (62). As we wait, let us prepare by transforming our lives with the power of God's love, that we may welcome him when he comes.

For reflection: What can I do to help prepare the way of the Lord? Has there been a time in my life when I experienced God's patience with me before I repented? How can this insight help me in my relationship with others?

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Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary

is a holyday of obligation in the United States
as Mary is patron of our Country.

On December 8th Mass will be at the usual time of 8:30 A.M.
An evening Mass at 7:00 P.M. will be celebrated at Immaculate
Conception Parish whose patronal Feast is
the Immaculate Conception.

ArchNY Flocknote You can 'sign-on'...by simply typing in
the following [www.flocknote.com/StAnthonyPP] in your browser
in order to register. Only 21 registered, so far.

How, then, can hope in the future be restored, so that, beginning with the younger generation, there can be a rediscovery of that confidence needed to pursue the great ideal of a united and peaceful Europe, a Europe which is creative and resourceful, respectful of rights and conscious of its duties?

To answer this question, allow me to use an image. One of the most celebrated frescoes of Raphael is found in the Vatican and depicts the so-called "School of Athens". Plato and Aristotle are in the centre. Plato's finger is pointed upward, to the world of ideas, to the sky, to heaven as we might say. Aristotle holds his hand out before him, towards the viewer, towards the world, concrete reality. This strikes me as a very apt image of Europe and her history, made up of the constant interplay between heaven and earth, where the sky suggests that openness to the transcendent – to God – which has always distinguished the peoples of Europe, while the earth represents Europe's practical and concrete ability to confront situations and problems.

The future of Europe depends on the recovery of the vital connection between these two elements. A Europe which is no longer open to the transcendent dimension of life is a Europe which risks slowly losing its own soul and that "humanistic spirit" which it still loves and defends.

ANTIQUÉ APPRAISAL ROAD SHOW

being held at St. Joseph's School, 25 St. Joseph Drive, Millbrook, NY on Saturday, December 6, 2014, 10:00am - 5:00pm. Astor Galleries will be bringing a team of nationally and internationally recognized appraisers to this exciting event. So gather your treasures and come to have them appraised. Donation \$5.00 per item or \$20.00 for 5 items. For more information please call 800-784-7876 [see details on bulletin board]

Advent is the Season of Joyful Expectation

Spend time during the Season reflecting on the Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis ~ 'The Joy of the Gospel'.

You can locate it at the Vatican website
'Vatican.va' or 'La Santa Sede'

And click to translate the page into English.

Click 'Apostolic Exhortations' and
'Evangelii gaudium' is all that appears.

Come join us for days of

BIBLE STUDY

and gain understanding of the Bible and the book of
ISAIAH

When: December 13, 20 - Saturdays 10:00-11:30 A.M.
Where: St. Mary's Hall, 64 Hunns Lake Rd., Bangall, N.Y.
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