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2nd Sunday OF ADVENT

*A voice of one crying out in the desert:
"Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths."
- Mk 1:3*

DECEMBER 6, 2020

Advent, Second Sunday

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekends:

Sat - 4 p.m. Sun - 8 a.m., 10 a.m.

Weekdays:

Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m.

Holy Days: 8:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m.

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GOSPEL MEDITATION: BE EXCITED, CAPTIVATED

People knew over a year in advance that the Pope was coming for a visit to America and the preparations began. Security, protocols, crowd management, itineraries, invitations, regulations, and so much more was necessary to pull this event off effectively. It's not every day that we get a visit from such a prominent dignitary. Thought, effort, meticulous attention to detail and vision all are necessary to make this thing work. After all, he can't just show up in the ordinary and normal daily routines of life and catch people unprepared! Tickets have to be purchased, buses rented, hotel rooms reserved, and travel arrangements made early because it will be impossible to see him if we wait too long!

We do this kind of preparing not only for prominent religious figures but for political dignitaries, notable sports figures, people of

fame, and even actors. If an individual intrigues us, we are going to want to do all we have to do to get a "good seat" in the house. Does Jesus Christ captivate this much of our attention? We are asked to prepare the way of the Lord and to do so not with frantic frenzy but patient enthusiasm. We do not have to stand on a street corner making profound announcements about God's coming or become overly zealous in our embrace of the Good News. Our task is quieter, more interior, captivating, and consuming. We are asked to change. We have to conduct our lives with holy devotion.

Is the cost of that ticket too much for you? Don't you want the "best seat" in the house? You don't want to miss Our Lord's arrival when he comes, do you? After all, if he comes while you are going about your daily routines without you even knowing, he may catch you

off guard. Or, he may come in disguise looking like a beggar, a prisoner, migrant, refugee, or someone who is lost. Would you be ready to recognize him then?

Preparing for the coming of Christ requires a change of mind, heart, and behavior. We want our lives to speak of the exciting news of Christ's coming and the joy that the Gospel brings. It has to do with our demeanor, values, priorities, choices, and how we structure daily routines. Of course, it involves sacrifice. All anticipations do! Be excited, captivated, enthusiastic, and sitting on the edge of your seat eager to celebrate his coming among us at Christmas, and waiting for him to come again.

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WORSHIP & OUTREACH



SATURDAY, DEC. 5

4:00 pm Raymond/Padula Family†
Family

SUNDAY, DEC. 6

8:00 am James Silver Jr.†
Lucille Hicks

10:00 am Pat Kleinedler†
Terry & Chris McDonald

MONDAY, DEC. 7

8:00 am Charles Freeman†
Kay Wilson

TUESDAY, DEC. 8

8:00 am Living & Deceased members of the Prado & Skvarka families
Phil Skvarka

6:30 pm Ellen Curia†
Curia Family

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 9

8:00 am Mary Ann Barnes†
Don & Roberta Henning

THURSDAY, DEC. 10

8:00 am Peggy Howe
Butch & Linda Miller

FRIDAY, DEC. 11

8:00 am Deceased members of the Herbert Yoho Family†
Joanne Ray

SATURDAY, DEC. 12

4:00 pm Semon & Phyllis Prado
Danny Prado

SUNDAY, DEC. 13

8:00 am Mary & Fred Nadolski†
Nadolski Family

10:00 am Thomas & Nora Abraham†
Lucille Hicks

“Thou alone and Thy Mother are in all things fair; there is no flaw in Thee and no stain in Thy Mother.”
St Ephrem of Immaculate Conception

Gabriel Project

Holiday Raffle Removes Barriers to Giving

The Northern Programs Gabriel Project is reaching out for help a little differently this year with its Holiday Basket Raffle fundraiser. The Holiday Basket Raffle is a way to meet increased demand for services during a time when partner organizations are limited in their ability to hold in-person donation drives to help Gabriel Project clients. “All the baskets are created with love for the little ones we serve,” says Faith Hicks, chapter coordinator for the Northern Panhandle. Community groups and businesses in each program area met the call of volunteers to create baskets. Most baskets have a regional theme, while others are more universal in appeal, Hicks says.

Donations to purchase raffle tickets will allow the various regional programs to buy items needed specifically in their area. There also are opportunities to directly donate to the purchase of needed supplies.

go.rallyup.com/20e94 is the place to go online to view basket descriptions for each region and to buy tickets or donate. Tickets are for sale until 1 p.m. Dec. 18, with the raffle the same day at 9 p.m. Ticket prices are as follows: 10 entries \$10; 30 entries for \$25; 75 entries \$50; 200 entries for \$100. The Moundsville area basket is especially overflowing with items estimated to value \$455.

Hicks says this type of funding appeal keeps everyone safer by limiting contact with the supplies for clients.



Michelle Jackson
and
Arthur Fitzsimmons
will unite in marriage
Jan. 9th, 2021
St. Francis Xavier Church.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of our parish's Giving Tuesday fundraising campaign!



Deepest gratitude to our pierogi group members, who have already matched up to \$6,000 our current Giving Tuesday collection of \$6,055. Because of your combined generosity, our unofficial tally is \$12,055. This well covers the \$8,935 lump sum needed to begin replacement and repair of our safety alert system. We will have a final tally to report next week.



To the family and loved ones of
Veronica DiCola,
Rosemary Patrone's mother,
our heartfelt condolences.



Recently Sick: Joseph Grampa, Eleanor Smith, Thomas Sullivan, Bobby Kleinedler, Sandye Yoho, Anna Mae Veronis Holiday, Sara Walters, Bill Fowkes, Joanna Bierce, Isabella Wood, Dale Whitlatch, Mike Morris, Sami Wilson, Bob Kleinedler.

Homebound: Semon & Phyllis Prado, Rachel Kerekes, Doris Murphy, Deanne Ferraro.

Nursing Homes: Hazel Markey, Katie Renshaw, Joan Weekly, Alma VanSyoc, Ron Flading, Betty Kerns, Marie Lohri, Bill Tennant, Ron Jaworski, Raymond Pennybacker, Helen Remke, Barb Meyer.

Names of those recently sick will appear for two months. Please resubmit requests for those who still need our healing prayers.

NEWS & COMMUNITY

Calendar of Events

Tuesday, Dec. 8 6:30	Holy Day of Obligation Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Holy Mary
Thursday, Dec. 10	Knights of Columbus 50-50 Raffle Drawing Tickets are on sale after Masses and in the office
Sunday, Dec. 13	Decorating Xavier Hall for Christmas Volunteers needed!
Monday, Dec. 14	Christmas Food Orders Deadline forms are in the office and on our website.
Wednesday, Dec. 16	Flower Fund Deadline forms are in the office and on our website.
Saturday, Dec. 19	Christmas Deliveries to Shut-ins Volunteers Needed!
Monday, Dec. 21	Pick Up Food Orders Church Basement 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. noon - 2 p.m.
Mondays & Thursdays	Catechesis Gatherings 7 p.m. Xavier Hall

LECTORS

Dec. 12 4:00 pm **D. Prado**

Dec. 13 8:00 am **T. Wise**

10:00 am **L. Niemiec**

OFFERING NOV. 22, 2020

Envelopes	\$1,778.00
Loose Offering	\$252.00
Church Repair	\$25.00
Diocesan Collection	\$315.00
<u>Other Collections:</u>	
Thanksgiving/SVDP	\$1,466
Online Giving:	\$422.65
Christmas Flowers	\$10.00
Candles	\$112.00
Memorial Offerings	\$1,000.00
Pennies for God	\$14.00
Attendance	124

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A COLLECTION FOR RETIRED

Religious will be taken up next weekend, Dec, 12-13. Bishop Brennan is asking everyone to remember the important roles of these servants and to give generously to the fund, which supports them in old age.

The religious take a personal vow of poverty and historically receive little more than room and board from the parishes, schools, hospitals, and charitable works in which they serve. This means they do not have financial resources for their later years when many of them are dealing with illnesses or need extra care. The Bishop asks all of us to view the collection as an act of gratitude for the honorable, Christ-centered service of the religious. We are also asked to see it as a practical way to assist them in their present condition.

A LECTOR TRAINING SESSION

for young adults of our parish is planned for Dec. 13 after the 10 a.m. Mass in Xavier Hall.

Andrew, our visiting seminarian candidate, will conduct the session, which will likely be in the Church.

THERE IS STILL TIME TO DONATE

to the purchase of flowers and a small gift for parish shut-ins and those in nursing homes. Donations can be placed in a marked envelope and dropped in the collection basket or mailed to the office.

Volunteers also are needed to deliver items Dec. 19. Items will be left safely on porches and at entryways. No houses or buildings will be entered. Please call the office if you can help.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS):

Sat. 3:30 p.m. or any other time upon request.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

By appointment. Contact the parish office at least six months before the date of the marriage. Pre-Cana is required.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (PSR):

Sundays during the school term at 9:00 a.m. - 9:50 a.m. Grades 1-12.

HOLIDAY NOTES

PLEASE RESERVE A MASS TIME for Christmas this year, as we can only seat 80 people. Should reservations overflow, we will contact you to offer another Mass seating time.

Make reservations either by using the form in last week's bulletin, sending an email, or calling the office Monday - Wednesday. Forms are also on the entrance table in Xavier Hall.

The following are our Mass times:

- * 4:30 p.m. Christmas Eve (Children's Mass)
- * 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve
- * 10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve
- * 10:00 a.m. *Christmas Day.*

CHRISTMAS FOOD ORDERS

are being taken from now until Monday, Dec. 14. for our pierogi group's scrumptious holiday baked goods and other offerings.

Nut bread, nut cookies, apple butter, potato/cheese pierogies, and sauerkraut/bacon pierogies are for sale. You can use the order form in this week's bulletin or call 304-845-5565 and leave a message. Forms also are on our website. Pick-up times are Monday, Dec. 21, in the church basement from 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 p.m., and noon - 2 p.m.

WE NEED HELP SUNDAY, DEC. 13

decorating Xavier Hall for Christmas. Please come help deck our hall following 10 a.m. Mass.



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

By appointment. The diocese requires instructions beforehand for parents or guardians. Contact the parish office.

REGISTRATION, CHURCH SUPPORT:

Parishioners should be properly registered at the parish office. Please be sure to update your information when you move or change phone numbers.



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