



Mass Intentions of the Week

**Secomd Sunday of Advent
December 4, 2016**

Saturday, December 3rd 5:00PM Judge John Frawley
Sunday, December 4th 8:00AM Mary & Michael Clarke
 11:00AM Our Parish Family
Monday, December 5th 7:30AM Pat Ross
Tuesday, December 6th 7:30AM William Jackimczyk
Wednesday, December 7th 7:30AM Michel Benedict
 5:15PM Suzie Barnes
Thursday, December 8th 7:30AM Special Intention Living- Carmen Phaneuf
Friday, December 9th 7:30AM No Intentions
Saturday, December 10th 5:00PM Children of Newtown, CT
Sunday, December 11th 8:00AM Kay Mack
 11:00AM Our Parish Family

REMINDER: Bulletin announcements must be in writing and in the office by Monday at Noon.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

December 8, 2016

Vigil Mass, December 7th 5:15 PM in English

Vigil Mass, December 7th 7:00 PM in Spanish

December 8th 7:30 AM in English

Liturgical Ministers sign-up sheet for English Masses posted in vestibule. Please sign up to help.

Baptism Parents Meeting

Baptism Preparation Classes will be **by appointment only during December**. Please contact the parish office for details. Baptisms take place the first Sunday of the month usually at 12:30 pm from September to June.

Religious Education

NNS=Nantucket New School

FGH=Fr. Griffin Hall

December 4th: Grade 1-8, NNS 9:30 to 10:30 AM

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LECTORS

Please pick up your new *Workbook for Lectors*. They are labelled and available at the rear of the church in the cabinet.

Prayer Request

Book provided in the Lobby for you to write your intentions for anyone to be remembered in prayer. Let us continue to hold each other up in prayer. **Please pray for all who serve our country and are in harm's way. SICK:** Pray for: Michael Ferreira, Kimberly Feinsod, Irene Garnett, Gladys Soverino, Kathleen A. Meehan, Julie Grimaldi, Bernard Walsh, Joan Wilson Godeau, Peter Dugan, Bill Iller, Kori Olsen, Dennis J. Dias, Ashley Andrade, Barbara Murphy, Fr. Tom Clements, Claire Schroeder, Davy Walker, Pamela Marchant, Dino Almadobar, Sandy Duarte, Elsie Dudley, Therese Woodward, Troy Towne, Lola Jagolta, Marie Blasi, Lee Rand Burne, Roy Barrett, Marge Mock, Charles Howard, Ceil Dragon, Barbara Carvalho, John Grangrade, Phyllis Slattery, Tom Murphy, Xavier Andrade, Shannon Reeves, Kathy Sherman, Patricia & Charlie Andrade, Barbara Mintz, Richard Ross, Stephen McCluskey, Kerry O'Keefe. For visits by Fr. Bouchard please call the office.

Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday: Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Friday: Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Stewardship A Way of Life

Second Sunday of Advent

We must be good stewards of God's gifts to us, receiving them gratefully and cultivating them with care, lest we be the ones about whom John the Baptist speaks today, cautioning us, "Every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."

11-27 First collection \$2,402.00

11-27 Christmas Flowers \$1,213.00

Up coming collections:

December 3 & 4 Fuel Offering

December 8 Immaculate Conception-Charitable Works of the St. Vincent de Paul Conference of the Parish

December 11 & 12 Retirement Fund for Religious

First Reconciliation

On Saturday, December 10, at 11 AM about 30 of our children will celebrate the forgiving love of the Lord in the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. Let us pray for them and their families.

THIS WEEK AT MASS

Weekday Masses will be daily Masses for Advent except:

Tuesday, December 6: St. Nicholas, bishop (+ 4th Century). He was bishop of Myra in Asia Minor and a model pastor noted for charity. He is popularized as Santa Claus (anglicized from the Dutch "Sinter Claus").

Wednesday, December 7: St. Ambrose, bishop and doctor of the Church (+ Holy Saturday, 397). He was born in Trier of noble parents and classically educated; while still a catechumen, he was chosen by popular acclaim as bishop of Milan and consecrated on this date in 374. He baptized St. Augustine.

Thursday, December 8: Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a holy day of obligation. This feast of the "Conception of Mary by St. Anne" originated in the 7th Century and established as a solemnity for the entire Church in 1708. We celebrate the fact that in preparation for her role as the mother of God Mary was kept free from the stain of sin from the first moment of her conception.. Under this title Mary is the patroness of the U.S., Spain, Tanzania, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. See elsewhere in the bulletin for the Mass schedule.

Friday, December 9: St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin ("talking eagle"). In 1531 Our Lady appeared four times to this native convert at Tepeyac, near Mexico City. He devoted himself to the pilgrims who came to see the miraculous image of Mary (of Guadalupe) imprinted on his cloak.

For more information on saints of the day click on www.americancatholic.org, the daily features, saint of the day. There is a link on our website.

The Advent Wreath

Second Sunday of Advent

This Sunday two candles will be lit.



**Save
the
Date**

Nantucket in Naples (Florida, that is)

A gathering of parishioners and friends in the Southwest Region of Florida that takes place while Father Bouchard is vacationing in that area.

Wednesday, February 8, 2017
5pm to 7pm

Please provide your winter contact information to the office.

KEEPING THE SEASONS

Please note the insert in this Sunday's bulletin, from the series, *Keeping the Seasons*. A different insert will be offered in each Advent bulletin. Please use them at home to keep Advent and the preparation for Christmas a Christ-centered moment in your life and your family's.



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Vigil: December 24th at 5:00PM

10:00PM – with all the solemnity of the former midnight Mass.

Christmas Day: 9:00AM

Spanish Mass: Vigil: December 24th at 7:00PM

Reconciliation(Individual Confession)

Saturdays, 4 to 4:30PM

Tuesday, December 20, 8:00 to 8:30AM(after Mass)

Tuesday, December 20, 5:30 to 6:00PM

Come, Lord Jesus

Advent is a time when we prepare for the coming of the Lord – not just His first coming in Bethlehem, but His coming again as King and Lord of glory. In tune with this theme of joyful waiting and anticipation, we will use this phrase, this prayer, as our response to the Universal Prayer (Prayer of the Faithful/General Intercessions) during Advent: **COME, LORD JESUS.**



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS AND DECORATIONS

Would you like to help us make our church beautiful for Christmas- and have your loved ones remembered in prayer during the Christmas season? If you have not already done so, please use the "Christmas Flowers" envelope in your "packet" (extras are at the church entrance) to make your donation and list those you would like remembered, living or deceased.

The Christmas 10 pm Vigil Mass will be offered for them, and we will remember them in prayer throughout the Christmas season. A list of names will be published in the bulletin after Christmas



Church Decorating Time Again

Please come and help us get the Church dressed for the Christmas holidays. We will be decorating on **Saturday, December 24th at 8:00AM**. Join us and be a part of this fun Parish activity.

Co-ordinator: Deb Wilson at 508-367-1633.