

# PEACE

#### PRIESTS OF THE PARISH

Rev. Thomas E. Barrett, Pastor

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### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00 pm 5:30 pm Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:00 am.,10:45 am, 12:15 pm

#### DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday through Saturday 8:00 am

CONFESSION Saturday 11:00 am-12:00 Noon

### PARISH OFFICE

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Monday: 1:00-4:00 pm Tuesday-Friday: 8:30 am-4:00 pm



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### **December 4, 2022**

#### **Celebration of the Sacraments**

"The purpose of the sacraments is to sanctify men, to build up the Body of Christ and, finally, to give worship to God. Because they are signs, they also instruct. They not only presuppose faith, but by words and objects they also nourish, strengthen and express it. That is why they are called 'sacraments of faith'."

- Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1123

#### **Mission Statement**

We CELEBRATE the Gospel when we encounter Jesus Christ in the Sacraments and through prayer. We TEACH the Gospel in order to strengthen each family in their knowledge of and in their relationship with God. We LIVE the Gospel by seeking justice, granting forgiveness and through works of service which enhance the spiritual, emotional, social and physical well-being of the entire community.

#### Eucharist

Saturday Vigil Masses: 4:00 PM, 5:30 PM 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:45 AM, 12:15 PM Sunday Masses:

Daily Masses:

Monday through Saturday 8:00 AM

#### Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament:

Monday through Friday	7:00 AM - 7:00 PM
Saturday	7:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Sunday	1:00 PM - 7:00 PM

#### **Baptism**

Congratulations, we welcome new members to our Catholic Community.

Requesting the Sacrament of Baptism for a child birth up to age seven involves a serious obligation and a faith commitment on the part of both parents. To prepare both parents for this commitment, they will be requested to participate in a Parent Baptism Catechesis, prior to the scheduling of an infant Baptism.

Parents are encouraged to begin this preparation prior to the birth of their child.

For additional information on infant Baptism please contact the Parish office 772-231-0671

#### <u>Confirmatio</u>n

Candidates are those already baptized and who have received the necessary formation in religious education. Candidates must be at least in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade to receive this Sacrament.

#### **Reconciliation**

The Sacrament is celebrated each Saturday 11:00 AM - 12:00 Noon.

<u>Anointing of the Sick</u> The Sacrament is administered on request to those who are ill at home, in the hospital or nursing home. Please call the Parish Office (231-0671).

#### Matrimony

Congratulations on your engagement. Call the Parish Office (231-0671) to make arrangements at least six months in advance. It is necessary that either the prospective bride or groom are registered, active members of Holy Cross Parish.

#### Holy Orders

If you feel you may have a vocation to serve the people of God in the Priesthood of Jesus Christ, contact Fr. Daniel Daza-Jaller at the Diocesan Vocation Office phone: (561-775-9552) E-mail: vocations@diocesepb.org or speak to one of the parish priests.



### Second Sunday of Advent

"Welcome one another," Saint Paul commands us, "as Christ welcomed you." Indeed, the Lord welcomes us here each Sunday as we gather together to celebrate the Eucharist. But let us not forget the first part, that we are also called to welcome one another. Moreover, as Paul welcomed Gentiles, and the wolf became a guest of the lamb, we are called to welcome those who are not like us: those coming from other cultures, speaking other languages, or expressing other viewpoints. Let us welcome all to this celebration.

#### Reading I: Isaiah 11: 1-10

A beautiful description of a future king, who would also be the Messiah. His 'knowledge of the Lord" would equip him, so to speak, to bring about a new world of justice and peace. Reading II: Romans 15: 4-9

Paul writes out his thoughts about the encouragement the Holy Scriptures provide to bolster our hope and the willingness to live harmoniously with each other. No longer are the Gentiles excluded from the community.

#### The Gospel: Matthew 3: 1-12

Matthew moves abruptly away from Jesus' infancy to His adult ministry, with His cousin John the Baptist acting as His precursor. Both John and Jesus relate to each other naturally, but also supernaturally by way of John's prophetic preaching, poor lifestyle and practice of baptism. For him, good works flow from true repentance.

### **Scripture Note**

"Prepare the way of the Lord," Isaiah cries through John the Baptist's words, and we continue to heed that call today. Before we hear John quote him, we hear Isaiah himself, longing for the day when the Lord's chosen one would arrive, and justice and harmony would blossom. Let us prepare a place in our hearts and in our homes for the Lord, so that we may sing, like the psalmist, of a new day of justice and peace for one and all.

**Readings for the Week of December 5-11** Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13; Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3bc-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6; Mt 11:16-19 Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt

17:9a, 10-13 Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

### **December 4, 2022**



The Season of Advent

During the season of Advent, traditionally an Advent Wreath is a centerpiece helping us to focus on the meaning of the season. The Advent Wreath consists of four candles, three purple, one pink. This week we light the second purple candle and as a new candle is lit each week, we call our hearts to a new awareness, a fresh anticipation of the birth of Jesus. The following prayer is appropriate to use when lighting the second candle: *"We light this candle to proclaim the coming of the light of God into our darkness. With the coming of the light, there is peace, for Christ is called the Prince of Peace. His name is also Emmanuel, "God is with us". His presence with us gives us peace day by day. Amen."* 

Advent Penance Service with the Opportunity for Confession Scheduled for Wednesday, December 14th at 5:30 p.m., this is a

wonderful opportunity for preparation for the Feast of Christmas. More details will be in next week's bulletin.

Christmas Mass Schedule

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14TH WITH THE OPPORTUNITY FOR CONFESSION AT 5:30 P.M. IN THE CHURCH

### CHRISTMAS EVE-SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24TH

8:00 a.m. Mass of the Day 4:00 p.m. Mass in the Church 6:00 p.m. Mass with Children's Nativity Pageant Mass at Night 9:00 p.m. (8:15 p.m. Prelude-Carols & Traditional Christmas Music) Rev. Thomas Barrett, Pastor-Presiding

NATIVITY OF THE LORD-SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25TH 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:45 a.m., & 12:15 p.m.

Sunday, January 1, 2023 The Solemnity of Mary 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:45 a.m., & 12:15 p.m. Holy Mother of God is a Holy Day of Obligation Vigil Mass on Saturday, December 31st at 4:00 & 5:30 p.m.

### The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary



### Thursday, December 8 is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be celebrated at 8:00 a.m., 12:15 p.m., and 5:30 p.m.

People are often confused about this great solemnity. Perhaps they mistake it for the celebration of the Annunciation (March 25), since that, too, anticipates the coming celebration of Christmas. The Church even uses the same Gospel story: the angel Gabriel appears to Mary and tells her she is to be the mother of the Messiah. Today we celebrate the fact that Saint Anne and Saint Joachim, Mary's parents, conceived her without original sin. Mary, chosen by God to be the mother of Jesus, was perfect from the moment of her conception. Pope Pius IX declared

this as dogma of the Church in 1854. Nine months from now, the Church calendar will mark Mary's nativity (day of birth) on September ninth. But today, we celebrate *why* Mary is so special in God's plan of salvation. God's plan of salvation is put into action. Eve may be the mother of death, but Mary will be the Mother of the Living. This future of hope, promised by the prophets, is fulfilled with the assent of a poor girl in Nazareth. Pope Clement XI, established this Solemnity for the entire Church in 1708. She is the patroness of the United States of America, Spain, Tanzania, and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

May the Blessed Virgin Mary– our mother and God's mother– intercede for us as we pray for the grace to discern God's will.



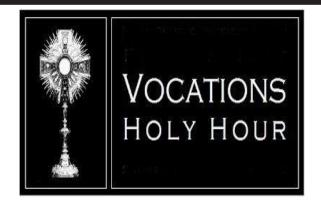
### **Download Our Parish App!**

Download our app today at myparishapp.com or search your phone's app store for

My Parish or text App to 88202.

The My Parish App has daily readings and prayers as well as important announcements regarding Parish Events. It is a great way to stay connected with our Parish!

Music Lessons Piano and Voice lessons are offered for all ages and levels by the Music Director, Melanie Steinke. Please call 772-284-8077 for more information.



Holy Cross Catholic Church will be hosting a Holy Hour for Vocations on Tuesday, December 20th at 5:00 p.m. All are welcome to join us as we pray for vocations to the priesthood. This program rotates the third week of each month among St. Helen, Holy Cross and St. John of the Cross.



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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

The annual collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious is next weekend, December 10 and 11. Nearly 25,000 elderly Religious Priests, Sisters, and Brothers have devoted their lives to prayer and ministry by educating youth, supporting the sick, helping the needy, etc. In their youth, these religious worked for little, or no pay, to keep the costs of Catholic education and medical care at a minimum. Because of this, no retirement savings or pension funds were set up to care for them in their senior years. Your support of the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to provide nursing care, medicine, and other necessities.

Thanks to your past support, 271 religious communities received funding in 2022, with 24,924 religious past the age of 70 benefiting from this fund. Like many Americans, religious communities face the monumental challenge of funding elder care. The Diocese of Palm Beach is grateful for your spiritual and financial assistance toward these dedicated women and men of God as they live out the final chapter in their story of faith and service.

Thank you for all that you do for our retired religious women and men, for your prayers, your friendship, your love and your generosity.

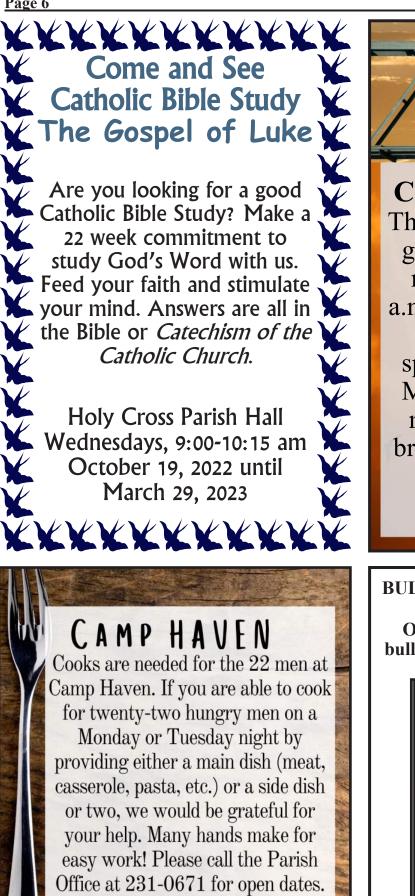
With gratitude for your continued support and every prayerful wish, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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Most Reverend Gerald M. Barbarito Bishop of Palm Beach





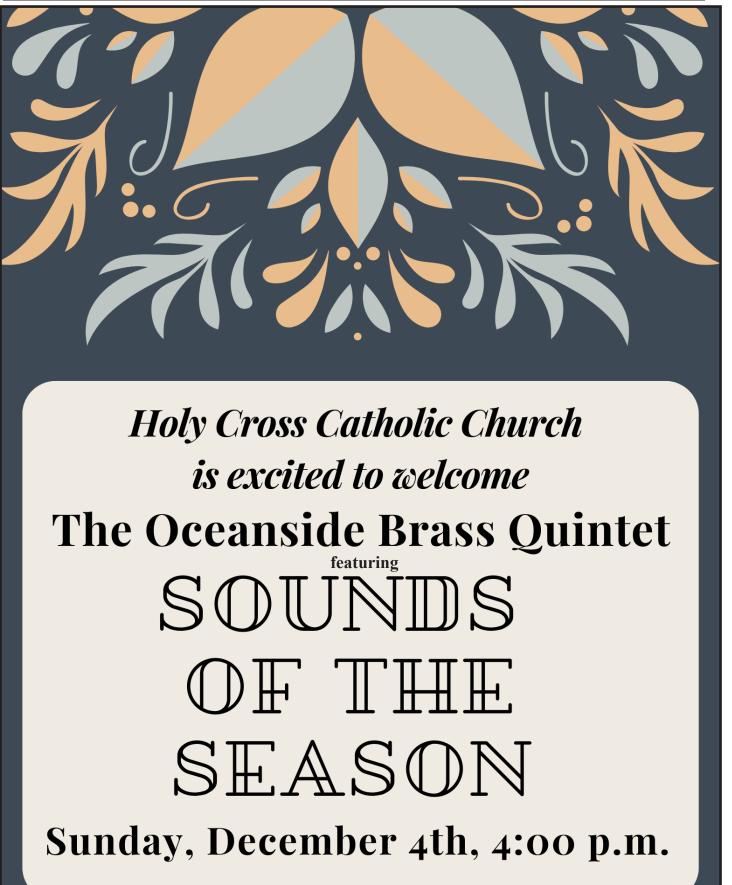


**Catholic Men's Ministry** The new season for our men's group has begun. The men meet on Tuesdays at 6:50 a.m. in our Parish Hall. There will be an array of new speakers from TMIY "That Man Is You". We invite all men who are interested in broadening their faith to join us. We look forward to having you with us.

### BULLETIN SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

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### **Intentions of the Holy Father**

Each year, the Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for this intention each month.

### December-Volunteer Not-for-Profit Organizations

We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.



### 5:30 Mass

The 5:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday has resumed.

We are in need of volunteers for this Mass. If you are interested in serving as a Lector,

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, or Altar Server please call the Parish Office.

### **Giving Tree Project**

Thank you to the parishioners who have taken a tag from the Giving Tree.

Please remember that we need to have the gifts to the Church no later than the weekend of **December 11th**, in order to deliver the gifts to the agencies for their Christmas Parties. The gift cards need to be dropped in the collection baskets.

Please do not lose the tags and be sure to secure it properly to the gift or the gift card.

If anyone did not get to pick up a tag but would still like to contribute to the agencies, a gift card in the amount of \$35.00 to Publix or Walmart would be helpful. If you have any questions, please call Maryanne Egan at 772.321.0464.

Thank you for your generosity and may God bless you and your families with a happy, healthy, and holy Christmas season.

### Check out Formed.org for great advent content for all ages!

### **Registering on FORMED is easier than ever!**

- 1. Go to Formed.org/signup
- 2. Enter your parish zip code (32963) or name to select your parish
- 3. Enter your name and email
- 4. Click on link that is emailed to you to start enjoying all of the free content right away!





### Saints of the Week of December 5-11



Saint Nicholas, Bishop, December 6

Nicholas, † 4th c.; bishop of Myra in Asia Minor; model pastor noted for charity; popularized as Santa Claus; patron of children, bankers, pawnbrokers, sailors, perfumers, brides, unmarried women, travelers, fishermen, dock workers, brewers, poets and prisoners; also of Russia, Greece, Sicily, Lorraine, and Apulia in Italy where his relics are enshrined in Bari.

### Saint Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor of the Church, December 7



Ambrose, † Holy Saturday, 397; born in Trier of noble parents; classically educated; while a catechumen, chosen by popular acclaim as bishop of Milan and consecrated 7 Dec. 374; his allegorical exegesis and rhetorical skill made him a compelling preacher; defender of

orthodoxy against Arianism; brought Theodosius to public penance; composed several liturgical hymns; baptized Augustine; along with Sts. Jerome, Augustine, and Gregory I, declared one of the four great doctors of the Latin Church by Pope Boniface VIII, 1298.

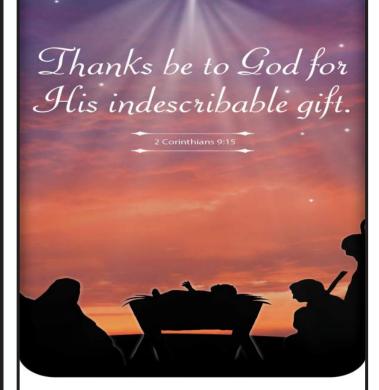
### <u>Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin, December 9</u>



In 1531, Our Lady appeare four times to a native convert, Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin (meaning "the talking eagle"), at Tepeyac, near Mexico City. A member of the Chichimeca people, he was perhaps a leader of his own people and may have been involved in the area's textile industry. Known for his holiness, he devoted himself, tradition says, to the pilgrims who came to

see the miraculous image of Mary imprinted on his cloak. Pope John Paul II canonized him 31 July 2002.

> Choir Rehearsals Choir Rehearsals have resumed and are held on Wednesdays from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the Church. The Choir sings for the 10:45 a.m. Mass and is open to all ages.



Please log onto our website: www.holycrossverobeach.org to sign up for the electronic giving program. Your consistent stewardship is appreciated during this joyous time and throughout the year.

Please remember Holy Cross Catholic Church in your will and estate planning.

### Christmas Wreath Pick Up Reminder

If you purchased a Christmas Wreath from the Knight of Columbus please don't forget to stop by the table after all Masses December 10/11 to pick it up.

All proceeds from the wreath sale will go to benefit the Diocese of Palm Beach Seminarians.

## **Holy Cross Women's Guild** Christmas Joy and Baby Gifts

The Holy Cross Women's Guild Christmas event is always a sell out so we want to encourage everyone who wants to attend to buy their tickets early.

This year the event will be held on Monday, Dec. 12 at the Grand Harbor County Club, doors will open at 11:30 and lunch served at noon. Tickets are \$35 and are on sale now in the Parish Office.

If you have a group of friends who want to sit together or an entire table you want to fill, we urge you to please reserve and purchase your tickets for everyone in your group at the same time.

As in past years, there will be great Christmas music and a delicious lunch. Everyone is also encouraged to bring baby items that will donated to CareNet, a local organization that provides free and confidential pregnancy services for women and their families. Casseroles and non-perishable food items will be collected beginning at 11:00 AM at the bottom of the circular driveway at Grand Harbor Clubhouse before the Christmas Luncheon.

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Knights of Columbus Meeting Attention all men!! The Holy Cross Knights of Columbus will meet Monday, December 12th in the Parish Hall. The fun starts at 6:00 p.m. with praying of the Rosary followed by sandwiches and refreshments. Then the general meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. If you are looking for a way to get involved with your Parish community stop by and see what the Knights have to offer.





Tuesdays, 2:15 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Holy Cross Catholic Church invites anyone who is suffering illness, along with their caregivers, to come to Eucharistic Adoration and join in prayer for healing. We urge

anyone who suffers from chronic pain or the stress of today's uncertain times to please come.

### **Missalettes**

We would like to extend a special thank you to the volunteers who helped place the new missalettes in the pews. Thank you Anna & Andy Beindorf, Tina Carone, Rae DelVecchio, Millie & Joel Demski, Anne & Marty Farb, Kathleen Johnson, Frank Mannino, and Yolanda Replogle for donating your valuable time to this task. Just a reminder that these missalettes are to remain in the pews and are not to be taken home.



It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas at the Holy Cross Gift Shop! Stop by for a gift that expresses the true meaning of the season.

The Gift Shop is open 6 days a week 8:30 am-1:30 pm *Closed on Friday* 772-231-2363

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are invited to participate in Children's Liturgy of the Word which is held on Sundays during the 9:00 a.m. Mass. During the Mass we dismiss our children in grades Kindergarten-Third, along with their adult catechists, to take part in the Sunday Scripture at their level. Terminology at the appropriate age level helps the children to understand and appreciate the Gospel message of Jesus Christ. In the past we have noted that children who attend Mass and participate in the Liturgy of the Word for Children have a more complete understanding of their Catholic education, and are more prepared for their celebration of the Sacraments. This is a required preparation for those receiving the Eucharist for the first time.

### **Children's Nativity Pageant**

All children of the Parish in grades K-5 are invited to participate in the Children's Nativity Pageant which will take place on December 24th, 2022 at the 6:00 p.m. Mass. Rehearsals will be held on Tuesday, December 6th & 13th 5:00-5:45 p.m. and Saturday, December 24th, 10:00-10:45 a.m. If you are interested in your child participating in this beautiful reenactment of the Birth of our Lord please contact Mrs. Lori Humenik, Director of Religious Education at 772-231-0671 prior to December 6th.





# Kid's Corner

### The Immaculate Conception

This Thursday we will be celebrating the Immaculate Conception of Our Blessed Mother. The words "Immaculate Conception" mean that she had no sin on her soul, not even original sin, from the first moment her life began!

Why do you think God saved Mary from all sin? He wanted her to be the perfect mother for His Son Jesus. If you could make your own mother wouldn't you make her perfect too?



Mary is also a model to all people of how to live a good Christian life and to serve God as best we can. We should thank God for giving us such a beautiful example in His holy Mother. We should pray to Mary every day and ask her to help us love her Son Jesus more. Can you say an extra 'Hail Mary' on Our Lady's feast day?

Answer to "Peace Among Animals" puzzle: lamb, leopard, calf, bear, lion, baby.

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### Peace Among the Animals

In today's first reading, the prophet describes peace between animals and people in God's kingdom. Can you figure out which animals (or people) go with which? Clue: the pictures might help! Then the wolf shall be a guest of the \_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_ shall lie down with the kid: the and the young lion shall browse together, with a little child to guide them. The cow and the shall be neighbors, together their young shall rest; the \_\_\_\_\_ shall eat hay like the ox. The \_\_\_\_\_ shall play by the cobra's den, baby leopard calf bear lion lamb

### **Children's Choir**

Does your child love to sing? Children's Choir rehearsal is back! Sessions are held on Tuesdays immediately following Religious Education, 5:00-5:30 in the Parish Hall. Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity to cultivate your child's life long love of music.



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### Stewardship

#### WE ARE STEWARDS ... and this is how we live out our stewardship!

To be a good Christian steward is to recognize that God has blessed us richly. We also need to acknowledge those blessings by returning a portion of our gifts of time, talent, and treasure in gratitude.

**Treasure** - The offertory for November 19/20 totaled \$31,485.20. The offertory for November 26/27 totaled \$30,225.85.

### May God bless and reward your stewardship. *"For everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven...*

*a time to heal*... Mike Aramini, Cheryl Bauer, Reggie Berrios, Jr., Mary Butler, Tom Cadden, Alysa Calestini, Darrell Clark, Kathleen Cole, Jessica Cooper, Avis Daly, Mary Davis, Madeline DelBonta, Barbara Dilatush, Richard DeLorenzo, Dr. Stephen Faherty, Moira Feeley-Rekus, Edward Frigerio, Marty Feely, Jorge Garrido, Paula Grech, David Hall, Brian Hart, Susan Hartung, Liz Healy, Barb Johnson, Russ Jones, Chris Kirwan, Chester Kos, Cathy LaCroix, Bill Llanoe, Marguerite Lobingier, Nancy Lumia, Walter Mariani, Dr. Hugh McCrystal, Ruth McDermott, Janet Murray, Carroll Oates, John Ogden, Karla Peters, Mary Reeder, Anne & Fred Sorkin, Dale Spruce, Evelyn Taggart, Angela Uzzle, Michele Wohlbach, Jean Walsh.

and a time of peace."

*— Ecclesiastes* 3:1-11

The **Sanctuary Light** in the **Church** will burn this week for the intentions of Piroska Boroczky as requested by Tamas & Cyndi Boroczky.



#### Sunday, December 4 7:30 a.m. Edward Ochylski †/Bev Cambron 9:00 a.m. Barbara M. Hogan †/Cheryl Flynn Frank English †/Jack & MaryEllen 10:45 a.m. Curley Mary Berrigan †/Pat & Dan Kroger 12:15 p.m. Monday, December 5 8:00 a.m. Marilyn A. Flynn †/Paul & Cheryl Flynn **Tuesday, December 6** 8:00 a.m. Ronald Post †/Kathleen & Colin Petterson Wednesday, December 7 8:00 a.m. Eleanor Ochylski †/Edward Ochylski **Thursday, December 8** 8:00 a.m. Michael J. Kenney, II †/Kathryn Kenney 12:15 p.m. Michael J. Egan †/J.J. & Cathy Gilet 5:30 p.m. Irene Barrett †/Fr. Thomas E. Barrett Friday, December 9 8:00 a.m. Virginia Gehan †/Roy & Jane Gehan Saturday, December 10 8:00 a.m. Michael Kenney †/John Dennehy 4:00 p.m. Alfred & Edie Scarpa †/Linda Scarpa 5:30 p.m. Parishioners of Holv Cross Sunday, December 11 Fr. Sean O'Manion SI/Kathy & Bob 7:30 a.m. Lemoine 9:00 a.m. Fr. Michael Cairns SI/Kathy & Bob Lemoine 10:45 a.m. Richard Newhouse †/Roger & Mary Schroeder 12:15 p.m. Fr. Richard George SI/Kathy & Bob Lemoine

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
December 4	December 5	December 6	December 7	December 8	December 9	December 10
9:00 a.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word 4:00 p.m. Sounds of the Season Concert Poinsettia Sale after all Masses Gift Shop Open 8:30-1:30	6:00 pm Knights of Columbus Rosary & Social 7:00 pm Knights of Columbus General Meeting 6:00 pm RCIA Gift Shop Open 8:30-1:30	6:50 am Catholic Men's Ministry 8:30 am Lord, Teach me to Pray 2:15 pm-3:30 pm Divine Mercy School Dismissal-5:00 Religious Education K-5 5:00-5:30 Children's Choir 7:00 pm AA Gift Shop Open 8:30-1:30	9:00 am Catholic Bible Study 7:00 pm-8:15 pm Religious Education 6-8 7:15-8:30 pm High School Youth Group Gift Shop Open 8:30-1:30	Gift Shop Open 8:30-1:30	Gift Shop Closed	11:00 a.m. Confession Gift Shop Open 8:30-1:30



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