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## *prepare the way...*



# ADVENT

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



### Saturday, December 22

**5:00** Victor Lea *req. by Jeanne & Family*  
 Vincent & Ruby Crowley *req. by the Family*

### Sunday, December 23 Fourth Sunday of Advent

**8:00** Bruno Pietrobon *req. by the Family*  
 Agostino Compare *req. by his Wife & Children*  
**9:30** Jozef & Feliksa Brzozowski *req. by the Janusz & Komor Families*  
 Dawn Marie Ardelli & Michael Patrick Ardelli Sr. *req. by Michael Ardelli Jr. & Family*  
**11:30** Gimino Cardamone *req. by Theresa & Angelo Elia & Family*  
 Nancy & Nick DiPaolo *req. by Rosemary Panetta*  
**7:00** People of the Parish  
 Lucrezia 'Lucy' Rizzo *req. by Mary Profeta*

### Monday, December 24 Christmas Eve

**8:00** Pietro Guerin *req. by Maria & Family*  
 Gautier, Hunt & Van Dun Families *req. by John & Anna Hunt*  
**4:00pm** People of the Parish  
**6:00pm** People of the Parish  
**12:00am** People of the Parish  
**Tuesday, December 25 Christmas Day The Nativity of the Lord**  
**8:00am** People of the Parish  
**9:30am** People of the Parish  
**11:30am** People of the Parish

### Wednesday, December 26 St Stephen

**8:00** Carmine De Mizio *req. by Pasqualina DeMizio*  
 Ray Tan Wee Lee & Tan Poh Neo *req. by Wife & Sister-in-law*

### Thursday, December 27 St John

**8:00** Cecil Shannon *req. by Charlene*  
 Madeline Rosati *req. by the Grandchildren*

### Friday, December 28 The Holy Innocents

**8:00** Margret Snow *req. by the Connors Family*  
 Adriana Corbi *req. by Rotella & DiBellonia Families*

### Saturday, December 29 St Thomas Becket

**5:00** Roger Archambault *req. by his Wife: Anita*  
 Oscar Bonaguro *req. by the Family*

### Sunday, December 30 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

**8:00** People of the Parish  
**9:30** Frank Ruberto *req. by Teresa Ruberto*  
 Frank & Josephine Manella *req. by the Family*  
**11:30** Mary Watson *req. by the Family*  
 Margaret & John Pederi *req. by Dtr: Margaret Pederi*  
**7:00** Jack DeGiorgio *req. by the Family*  
 Sergio Simonetti *req. by the Family*

### Baptism Schedule for 2019

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on: **Sunday, Jan 20, Feb 17, Mar 24 (infants only), Apr 28, May 26 & June 23**  
 A mandatory meeting for Parents and Godparents will be held in the Church on Tuesday, Jan 8, Feb 5, Mar 12, Apr 16, May 14 & June 11 at 7:00 pm.

### Sacrament of Baptism

*Congratulations on the birth of your child! If you wish to have your child baptized, please register in the parish (if you haven't already done so). One of the parents must come into the parish office, meet with the pastor or his designate, so we can complete the proper forms, and gather all the necessary information. We encourage parents and Godparents to make an effort to attend liturgies in the parish community. We also have a special evening of preparation for parents and Godparents! Many blessings!*

### Children Sacramental Dates 2019

Confirmation: Saturday, June 1, 2019 @ 5:00 PM  
 First Reconciliation: Tuesday, March 19, 2019 @ 7:00 PM (*new date*)  
 First Communion: Sunday, May 5, 2019 @ 9:30 AM and 1:30 PM  
 (If you are a parishioner at St. Patrick Church, and have a child who does not attend St. Patrick or St. Mary Schools, and would like to celebrate their sacraments here, please contact the parish office for the registration forms.)

**Warehouse of Hope:** Accepting used electronics, small appliances, TVs, etc. working or not. Bring items Monday to Friday 9 - 5pm and place them in the drop-off house at the back of the building, 46 Broadway Ave., St. Cath.

### Please pray for those who are hospitalized:

Dr. Andy Fisher, Jean Clay Pizzolato

### Please pray for those who are ill

Mary Power, Erika Bell, Sherry Wales, Nikki Mansfield, Nicolina Compare, Bernadette Moore, Marie Cadman, Alvin Learn, Bruno DeLazzari, James Moody Sr., Fern Albert, Lester Snow, Rose MacDonald, Elizabeth Stachura, Joe Mancuso, John Calder, Melissa Brideau, Toni Brideau, Charlene Shannon, John Nicks, Moira Campbell, Leon Dopke, Adele Morabito, Anna Hunt, John Kealey, Norah Marrie, Anna Vergalito, Helen Lelievre, Nancy Weiss, Samuel Potapczyk, Baby Julian, Baby Noah, Denise Colalillo, Mary Lawrence, Bernard Martin, William JA De Foe, Emily Hanover, Leo Martin, Drago Bicanic, Baby Victoria, Bob Marshall, Gerry Laffrady, Edna McDonnell, Fred Girardo Sr., Gloria Smelko, Fran Smelko, John Smelko, Maria Melchiorre, Conner Hawkswell, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Danielle Barranca, Iole Mancini, Jeannette Fabian, Donna Cormier, Maria Rosiana, Alice Dalton, Audrey Vendramin, Baby Maximus, Jeanne Lea, Patrick Kealey, Tom Hilton, Francesco Albanese, Rosalyn Dagleish, Kelly Dettlor, Florrie Heimburger, Kitty Decicco, Evelyn Rose Baker, Jozefa Bilski, Rebecca Evans, Marie Massolin, Maria Guerin, John Jefferson, Todd Reid, John Cox, Jill Leronowich, Nancy Jean Rose, Margaret Smith, Faith Amadio, Kelly Laslo, Patrick McCarthy, Stefanie Borin, Muriel Pivarnyk, Walter Wallace, Joyce Weaver, Kerrie Szuch, Carmella Modenti, Frank Sica, Margaret Waghorn, Vito Fuccillo, Baby Hope, Donna Bradley, Cheryl D'Amizio, Francois Chayer, Julie Nicholson, Mary Jo O'Kell, Alessia Commisso, Vicki Dubeau, Lorraine Spence, Baby Sebastian, Patricia O'Reilly, Mary Brennan, Robert & JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Pepper Martin Jr., Vital & Emmanuel Chayer, Michelle Price, Brian Smith, Carlo Trasmundi, Jadwiga Wozniak, Shirley Machulla, Baby Gabriel Paraskevopoulos, Trina Washington, Helen Rotella, Jeanne S

*Please help us update our list of those who are homebound, infirm, or hospitalized by calling the parish office.*

**CWL News...**The next meeting for the St. Patrick Church CWL will be held on **Wednesday, January 9 at 6:30pm** in the lower Hall.

### 2019 Church Envelopes

Please make sure you pick up your Offertory Envelopes as soon as possible. They are in the sacristy, to the left of the altar. Many thanks.

**Separated & Divorced Healing Ministry** No meeting on December 24th. Regular meetings will resume January 14, 2019. Meetings are 7 to 9 pm at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, 7020 Stanley Ave, Niagara Falls. Pre-registration is not required. For a pamphlet call 905-356-4113 or 905-684-0154, or email [separatedanddivorced@saintcd.com](mailto:separatedanddivorced@saintcd.com)

### Hospital and Home Visits

If you have a family member in hospital, and would like a visit from Fr. Gerard or Fr. Marc, or wish to celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, please let the parish office know. Fr. Gerard and Fr. Marc cover the on-call pager for GNGH on Mondays and Tuesdays. The hospital staff can put you in touch with the on-call chaplain at any time.

We also have a team of Eucharistic Ministers who bring Communion to the homes of those who are ill. If you are confined to your home and would like a visit from one of our Eucharistic ministers, please let the parish office know. If you would like to celebrate the Anointing of the Sick at your home with one of our priests, please let us know.

**Weekday Rosary.....**Every morning at 7:30, the Holy Rosary is prayed in St. Patrick Church.  
**Keep Mary in mind, and Jesus will grow in your heart!**

### Parish Registration

**Please help keep our records up to date! You may bring this form to the parish office or place it in the collection.**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Postal Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**I am new in the parish and wish to register** \_\_\_\_\_

**I wish to use contribution envelopes** \_\_\_\_\_

**I have recently moved** \_\_\_\_\_

**We have married & wish to update our information** \_\_\_\_\_



Today's bulletin is for the 4th Sunday of Advent and also for Christmas! It had to be submitted to the publisher on December 13th!

#### Fourth Sunday of Advent - December 23rd

The **Blessed Virgin Mary** is highlighted on this 4th Sunday of Advent! We pay special honour to her this day! Today's Gospel is the Visitation of Mary to her elderly cousin, Elizabeth! Remember, both are with child!



When Mary greeted Elizabeth, John the Baptist leapt in Elizabeth's womb! How ironic that John would be the one who would usher in the Saviour of the world and baptize him! In many respects, John is the **hinge** between the Old and New Testament. May Mary intercede for us, and draw us closer to her Son! May we take the sacred time to reflect on Mary as the perfect role model for discipleship! As the old prayer says, "Keep Mary in mind and Jesus will grow in your heart!"

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#### Christmas Message

On behalf of our Parish and Staff, I want to wish you all the blessings of the Christmas Season! The Gospel for Christmas Mass during the Day proclaims, **"And the Word became flesh and lived among us!"** This is not just a theological doctrine about the Incarnation! This affirms that God **became one of us**, a person who relates to us at any time. The gift of Christmas is the gift that we are never alone. We have within us, **divine life, light and love**.



There is absolutely no limit to the depth of God's love for us. Christmas is a season of great joy. It is a time to open our eyes and our hearts to the Newborn Child! Then, open our eyes and hearts to those around us. We need to bask in the realization that **God is with us, Emmanuel!** And God will always remain faithful to us! Let's do our best to remain faithful to God, by spreading peace, love and good will... and celebrating the gift of His presence with everyone! My prayer is that we will each do our blessed part to Keep Christ in Christmas... and to keep Christ in our lives and in our families. **May the New-Born Saviour fill your hearts and homes with love, joy and peace!**

Merry Christmas! Joyeux Noel! Buon Natale!

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**HOW ABOUT IF INSTEAD OF GIVING YOU EVERYTHING THAT YOU THINK YOU WANT FOR CHRISTMAS I GIVE YOU WHAT YOU NEED?**

*Those who have not Christmas in their heart will never find it under a tree.*

*The best of all gifts around any Christmas tree: the presence of a happy family all wrapped up in each other.*



Please continue to bring food items to Mass for Project Share! Every item helps! **"Lord, when did we see you hungry?"**



#### A Child's Grace for Christmas Dinner

Dear God, we thank you for this day.  
Bless all that we do and all that we say.  
May we each enjoy your blessings great  
As Jesus' Birth we celebrate.  
And may the love that we share here  
Remain in our family throughout the coming year. Amen!



#### Prayer For Those who Grieve at Christmas

Comforting God, while the world is bright and sparkling, my heart feels laden and has an emptiness that cannot be filled. How can I enter into this season of joy? Instead of entering into the **Rejoice** of Christmas, I long for the sorrow of Lent. I beg you Lord, show me how the two are connected. I ponder the name **Emmanuel** and know that it means "God with us." With us. With me in this world, in this sorrow. If I look beyond my pain, I know that you too, suffered so much in this world. I never understood so clearly before that **Emmanuel** is what your nativity is really about. You are in my world, in my pain. Thank you, Lord, for the loved one you blessed my life with. Grant me now in my grief, a peace. Give me a comfort that might not make the tears go away, but that lets me feel your presence as you take up a place deep in my heart, *with me*.

#### Christmas Flowers

Envelopes are available at the doors of the church if you would like to donate toward the Christmas Flowers, in memory of your deceased loved ones. May they sleep in Heavenly peace.

#### Christmas Mass Schedule

**Christmas Eve- Monday, December 24th**  
4:00 PM -Children's Mass with Pageant (Church)  
4:00 PM - Mass in Gymnasium  
6:00 PM -Choir Mass (Caroling at 5:30 PM)  
12:00 AM- Midnight Mass

**Christmas Day- Tuesday, December 25th**  
8:00, 9:30, 11:30 AM (No Evening Mass!!!)

#### New Year's Mass Schedule (Solemnity of Mary, Mother of Jesus)

Monday December 31st, New Year's Eve: 5:00 PM  
Tuesday, January 1st, New Year's Day: 11:30 AM

#### SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

The members of the SSVP again seek your generosity in helping to make this Christmas a little brighter for those less fortunate in our city. This year we are anticipating a significant increase in those requiring our help and we would appreciate your financial assistance.

**DID YOU KNOW?** For those of you who have Celiac Disease or are allergic to wheat products, our parish has special approved **Gluten-Free hosts** available. The onus is on you to let the presiding priest know before each Mass. He will ensure that he has it in his ciborium for you.



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