

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 8, 2024

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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

SECOND & FOURTH SUNDAYS
1:15 PM ENG
2:15 POLISH

Please arrange the date of baptism through the Rectory office after the birth of your child

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please call the Rectory for an appointment at least **six months** prior to the desired date.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SATURDAYS
4:00 to 4:45 PM
and
THURSDAYS BEFORE FIRST FRIDAYS
4:00 to 5:00 PM

Other times by appointment.

second Sunday of
ADVENT



LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

WEEKDAYS 7:00 AM
SATURDAYS 8:00 AM
SATURDAY EVENINGS
VIGIL MASS 5:00 PM
SUNDAYS
8:00 & 9:15 AM
10:30 AM (Polish)
12:00 Noon

RECTORY HOURS WEEKDAYS

9 AM to 12 Noon
& 1 PM to 4 PM

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

TUES. 12 to 1 PM

MILLIONS OF MONICAS

TUES. 1 to 2 PM

PL PRAYER GROUP W/ ADORATION

2ND THURSDAYS 7 PM

LAY CARMELITE CHAPTER -1ST SAT.

AFTER 8 AM MASS

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY

1ST WEDNESDAYS 6:30 PM
(APRIL, MAY, JUNE,
SEPT., OCT. & NOV.)

Our Mission Statement

*Lord, God, all creation is yours, and you call us to serve you by caring for the gifts that surround us. May the example of St. Isidore urge us to share our food with the hungry and to work for the salvation of mankind. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, your son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.
Saint Isidore, Pray for Us.*

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 8, 2024

IN LOVING MEMORY

Missalettes

John B. & Helen Zilnicki and Family

Bread and Wine

Scott Bugdin

Sanctuary Lamp

Stella Bixby

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2024

5:00 pm + Simone St. Onge / + Claire Latour
+ Stanley Cichanowicz, Jr.
Intentions of Mader and Massiello Families
+ Michael D. VanHouten / + Elsie Anderson

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 8, 2024

8:00 am + Scott Bugdin
9:15 am + Marilyn Aneser (A)
10:30 am (PL) The People of the Parish, Living and Deceased
Birthday Blessings for Adam Wasilewski & Fam.
+ Eugeniusz Biedrzycki (2nd A)
+ Zofia Czaplak / + Krzysztof Olszowski
12 Noon + Mary Goroleski (A)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2024

7:00 am Intentions of the Massiello & Mader Families
12 Noon + Marie Dunleavy
7:00 pm (PL) + Jadwiga, Franciszek i Lechoslaw
Oleksiej i Ryszard Seltenreich

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2024

7:00 am + Edward Swiatkowski

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2024

7:00 am + Margaret Robinson

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2024

7:00 am + Carl Pfaff (A)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2024

7:00 am Blessings for Jacob Zaniewski

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2024

8:00 am Randy and Darlene Folkes and Family
5:00 pm (PL) The People of the Parish, Living and Deceased
+ William Hulse (7th A)
+ Janet, Dillon and Steven Perry
+ Stasia Grabowski / + Claire Latour
+ Joseph Ruthinowski (7th A)
Birthday Blessings for Michael Weber

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 15, 2024

8:00 am + Scott Bugdin
9:15 am + Margaret Bahnke
10:30 am (PL) + Aurelia, Stanley, Ziggy and Roman Wilinski
+ Jerzy, Irene, Margaret (6th A) and Zbigniew
Aleksandrowicz and Family
+ Stanislaw Andrzychowski
12 Noon + Stasia Grabowski

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

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: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/

Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Next Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (6)/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, December 9, 2024

Immaculate Conception Observed

A Holy Day of Obligation

Masses: 7 AM, 12 Noon, 7 PM (Polish)

Tuesday, December 10, 2024

Adoration 12:00 PM—1:00 PM

Millions of Monicas 1:00—2:00 PM



PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Dolline Welch

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

The feast of the **Immaculate Conception** will be observed on Monday, December 9th. Additional Mass times are 12 Noon in English and 7 PM in Polish.

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

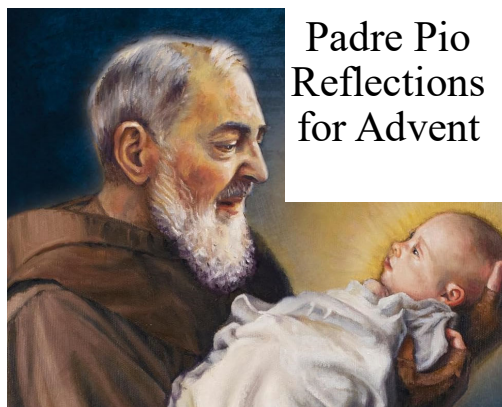
Carol Block * Paul Farber * Benedict Gargulinski * Miguel Angel Castrillon * Nicholas Steinkamp * Teresa Muenkel * Ron Danowski * Peter Kraljic * Mary Mader * Carson Whible * Dave Zazeski * Faye Anderson * Hana Cutler * James Gibson * Jim Kenna * Daryl Alec * Paula George * Christina Donovan * John Giordano * Richard Francis Harrison II * Ursula Mocniak * Joan Zaleski * Catherine and Charles J. Sehy * Grazyna Pawlak * Gillen Family * Blythe Fickenwirth * Jody Breitfeller * Benjamin Gonzalez * Dominique Tirado * Diana Perniciaro * Sammy * Brodie * Dolline Welch * Cathleen Mickaliger * Joseph Stepowski * James Kenna * Douglas Clark * Jan Suchta * Justin * Dakota Harmon * Cole Faller * Halikias Family * Lianna Forstein * Rosemary & Daniel Ambrosini * Thomas Ryall * Anne Marie Donlon * Dorothy Sousa * Anthony Naglieri * Thomas McEnany * Mary Khulman * Michael Alperti * Roseanne Murphy * Barbara Kozlowski * James West * Elizabeth Farruggia * Kelly Wine * Mary Van Duesen * Thomas DeGirolamo * William Berenger * Daria Quarlena * Eileen Borchart * Sheila Nolan * Tom Wisniewski III * Jeffrey Clark * James, George and Barbara Jaeger * Ernest and Alex Aponte * Helen Long * Michael Miglionico * Ralph Conforti * The Barauskus Family * Hope & Brittany Williams * John Marion * Emilia Andrychowski * Augie & Georgianna Lucente * Johanna Benthal * Michelle Giaccone * Gloria Keller * Howard Seifert * Ed Kennedy * Kit Z. * Dolores Contino * Agnes Brown * Krzysztof Olszowski * Anders Ryden * Kevin C. Cook * Anita Costi * Doriane Bay * David Vallone * Brittany Schacor * Karen and Kim Finocchiaro * Eleanor Koller * Grace Mary Schulteis * Victor Sechyshyn * George Angle * Marta Andreotta * Melissa Alexandra * Christian Vidal * Suzanne Thompson * Anna Grefe * Anthony Mannino * Marcella Frisen * The Huntley Family * Theresa Puglia * Brian Darmody * Leigh Anne Brown * Dan Modjeska * Judy Zakorski * Marie Miley * Marcjanna Stolarzewicz * John Shuot * Patrick Murphy * Brian Crowley * Louise Pampinello * Barbara Fenn

Please keep all those serving in the military and their families in your thoughts and prayers especially:

1st Lt. Nicholas Santorelli, Nicholas Pelosi, Christopher Drowns, Jeffrey Heppner, James Fleming, Thomas V. D'Auria, Mateusz Marzec, Andre DeRosa and Garrett Bracht

THE ADVENT GIVING TREE

If you take a gift-wish tag from the tree, please return the NEW, WRAPPED gift with the TAG SECURELY ATTACHED before **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15TH**



Padre Pio Reflections for Advent

"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." ~ John:14-27

"On this journey to Bethlehem, let us find peace even when we hit a bump in the road or it seems as if our journey has been completely rerouted. No journey is perfect, but it can be if we open up our hearts to Jesus. Let us call on Our Lady to join us and bring peace to our hearts from her son, Jesus. At the end of this journey, the child Jesus is waiting for you. Find the peaceful path and follow it. You will be amazed at what awaits you along the road." ~Padre Pio

EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLE OF BOLSENA

Do you know anyone who struggles with believing in the true presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist? Do you wish for a greater devotion and a greater faith when receiving Jesus in Holy Communion? In the year 1263, a young priest struggled with doubts. What happened in Bolsena, Italy, that caused all his doubts about the true presence of Jesus to vanish completely?

Now you can watch a 37-minute video on **Formed** that tells the true story. The video was produced by volunteers, is well done and well worth watching! Share it with your family, friends and neighbors. To find it on Formed, simply type in the word "Bolsena" into the search function in the online platform or in the phone app. Sign up for free:

1. signup.formed.org
2. Enter parish zip code or name

OUR COLLECTIONS

Today, December 8: Sunday and Religious Retirement
Next Week, December 15: Sunday and Christmas
Flowers

Thank you for your generosity!

Venerable Antonietta Meo: A Shining Example of Eucharistic Holiness

(National Catholic Register)

COMMENTARY: *The young Italian girl sought to conform her whole existence to her Lord and God present on the altar.*



On July 3, the Church marked the feast of St. Thomas the Apostle, whose conversion from doubt to faith after the Resurrection led to the greatest confession of Christ's divinity in sacred Scripture. After the Risen Jesus appeared to him and invited him to put his fingers into the wounds of his hands and place his hand in Jesus' pierced side, the formerly doubting disciple simply cried out, "My Lord and my God!"

That exclamation has become one of the most common aspirations of Catholics during Mass during elevation of the Sacred Host and Precious Blood immediately after the consecration. Thomas' conversion and awestruck confession are also what the Church in the United States is hoping will happen on a wide scale during the ongoing Eucharistic Revival.

The Church is being called to convert from a situation of theological and practical doubt — in which **seven of 10 do not profess faith that Christ is really, truly and substantially present in the Eucharist and five of six Catholics skip Mass on the Lord's Day — to one in which the Church will be able to proclaim in body language with reverential unison, "My Lord and my God!" to Christ present on the altar, in the tabernacle and in the monstrance.** The Eucharistic Christ invites us not merely to penetrate his wounds with our fingers and hands, but to enter into a life-changing communion with him as we permit him to enter fully into us and heal our wounds. He invites us all, as he said to Thomas in the Upper Room, not to "going on unbelieving, but believe."

Antonietta "Nennolina" Meo died of bone cancer at 6 1/2 years old in 1937 in Rome. In her few years on earth, however, she lived the Christian life with heroic virtue, as Pope Benedict XVI declared in 2007, when he proclaimed her "Venerable." Three days later, he said in an audience that she had left all Christians, young and old, "a shining example" that "shows that holiness is for all ages: for children and for young people, for adults and for the elderly." She "reached the peak of Christian perfection that we are all called to scale; she sped down the 'highway' that leads to Jesus." The highway that leads to Jesus was a Eucharistic life, in which she sought to conform her whole existence to her Lord and God present on the altar.

This showed itself fundamentally in two ways. The first was a burning desire to receive Jesus in Holy Communion. When she was 5, already suffering from the bone cancer that would lead first to the amputation of her leg and then would metastasize to her hand, foot, throat, mouth and head, she longed to receive her first Holy Communion. She got her wish on Christmas 1936, just after her sixth birthday. In preparation, she did catechetical lessons with her mother each night, received her first confession, and began to write, first with the help of her mother and then on her own, a series of moving letters to Jesus, God the Father, the Holy Spirit and the Blessed Mother in which she described her longing.

On Sept. 15, 1936, she penned, "Dear Jesus, today I am going for a walk and going to the sisters to tell them that I want to make my first Communion at Christmas. ... Jesus, come soon into my heart, so that I can hold you tight and kiss you!" She would dictate or write such letters before bed and then tuck them under the statue of the Baby Jesus in her room so that he could read them while she was sleeping or help deliver them to their intended recipients. As Christmas drew near, the intensity of her longing grew. Counting down the days, she wrote that she was preparing within her a "beautiful, soft, soft little crib, dear Jesus, so that you can rest well [in] my heart."

The night of her first Communion, she knelt for an hour with hands folded in silent adoration, despite the pain that her primitive prosthetic leg was causing her. She wrote soon after, "Dear Jesus in the Eucharist, I am so very, very happy that you have come into my heart. Never leave my heart; stay for ever and ever with me. Jesus, I love you so. I want to let myself go in your arms and do what you will with me."

Her Eucharistic desire continued to grow as Jesus in the Eucharist really became the center of her life. "Dear Jesus in the Eucharist," she wrote, I love you so much. ... I know that you suffered a lot when you were little, and I want to go to Mass every Sunday where the sacrifice of the cross is renewed and where you make an even greater sacrifice to enclose yourself in the Most Blessed Sacrament of the altar. Dear Jesus, I will come to receive you every Sunday, but I would like to receive you every day, but Mom does not take me there." She also lived a Eucharistic life in her approach to the enormous suffering she experienced as a result of osteosarcoma.

Her tomb rests in the Roman Basilica of the Holy Cross, dubbed "in Jerusalem" because it was the former palace of St. Helen, who brought several relics of the Lord's Passion from Jerusalem to Rome together with dirt from the Holy Land that she used as the foundation for the chapel she constructed to house the relics, where they remained for 1,600 years.

In 1930, a new chapel was made off to the side of the basilica, but as soon as one enters the ramp leading to the chapel, there is a small room with Nennolina's sarcophagus, which one can't miss when returning from venerating the relics.

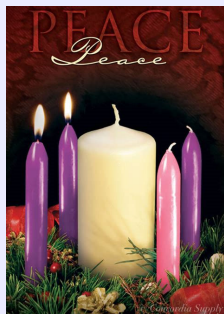
She was placed there not just because she made all her sacraments at the basilica, had her funeral Mass there, and was loved by the Cistercians in charge, but because she had lived a life of intense communion with Jesus' passion, pondered in the relics, and entered into by means of the Eucharistic sacrifice.

Nennolina demonstrated a profound and precocious comprehension for the meaning of redemptive suffering. After her leg was amputated, she wrote to Jesus, "I'm not saying to give me back my leg. I gave it to you!" and told her mother why she gave it: "You know, Mom? I offered my leg to Jesus for the conversion of poor sinners." When others kindly told her they were praying for her to get better, she asked them rather to pray that she do God's will. "I want to stay with him on the cross because I love him." When her father was worried about how much pain she was in, she told him, "Dad, the pain is like fabric: The stronger it is, the more value it has."

When St. Pius X in 1910 lowered the age of first Communion to the age of discretion, he predicted, "There will be saints among the children!" **If Nennolina is eventually canonized, she will become the youngest non-martyred saint in Church history.**

Through Holy Communion, Jesus seeks to make us holy, and children are often able to appreciate the reality of the holiness of the Eucharist more easily than adults. It's one of the reasons why I have regularly used Nennolina in parish work and beyond to inspire first communicants, encouraging them to prepare little presentations on her, to read some of her Eucharistic letters aloud in class, and to imitate her longing. As Pope Benedict said in 2007, however, she is a "shining example" not just for children but for "adults and the elderly," pointing out to every Catholic the Eucharistic interstate to Christian perfection.

Advent week 2: the candle of peace



One of the hallmarks of the Christmas story is when the angels appear to the shepherds and proclaim, "Peace on earth" in [Luke 2:14](#).

Jesus brought about peace, in the most unexpected ways, when He arrived. The Jews, particularly the zealots, wanted a rebellion. They wanted their Savior to overturn the oppressive rule of the Romans and bring about peace in a violent way. But Jesus had something else in mind.

First, He gives us **inner peace**. Because of His work on the cross, we have a chance to receive salvation and be indwelt by the Holy Spirit. This grants us an **inner peace** ([John 14:27](#)). Not only do we have the **peace** that comes from our assurance of salvation, but we also have the **peace** of mind knowing God will heal this broken world and will come again.

Second, we have **peace with others**. We put aside our differences ([Galatians 3:28](#)), especially with other believers, because we belong to the same family. We have the same purpose: to let others know about the **peace of Christ**. The Hebrew word for peace: *Shalom*, goes far beyond not fighting with others or peace as we know it.

The **peace of God** allows us to look at others through heaven's eyes and help guide the world to see God's "here" and "not yet here" kingdom.

Peace from God, biblical peace, allows us to trust in God's promises ([Proverbs 3:5](#)), through restful, tranquil faith, despite the dark, scary world around us.



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31 Grudnia 2024

PTCA, 300 Lincoln Street

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W cenie biletu: zimne przekąski, gorąca kolacja, kawa, ciasto. Zimne napoje i szampan na stole. Alkohol we własnym zakresie.

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