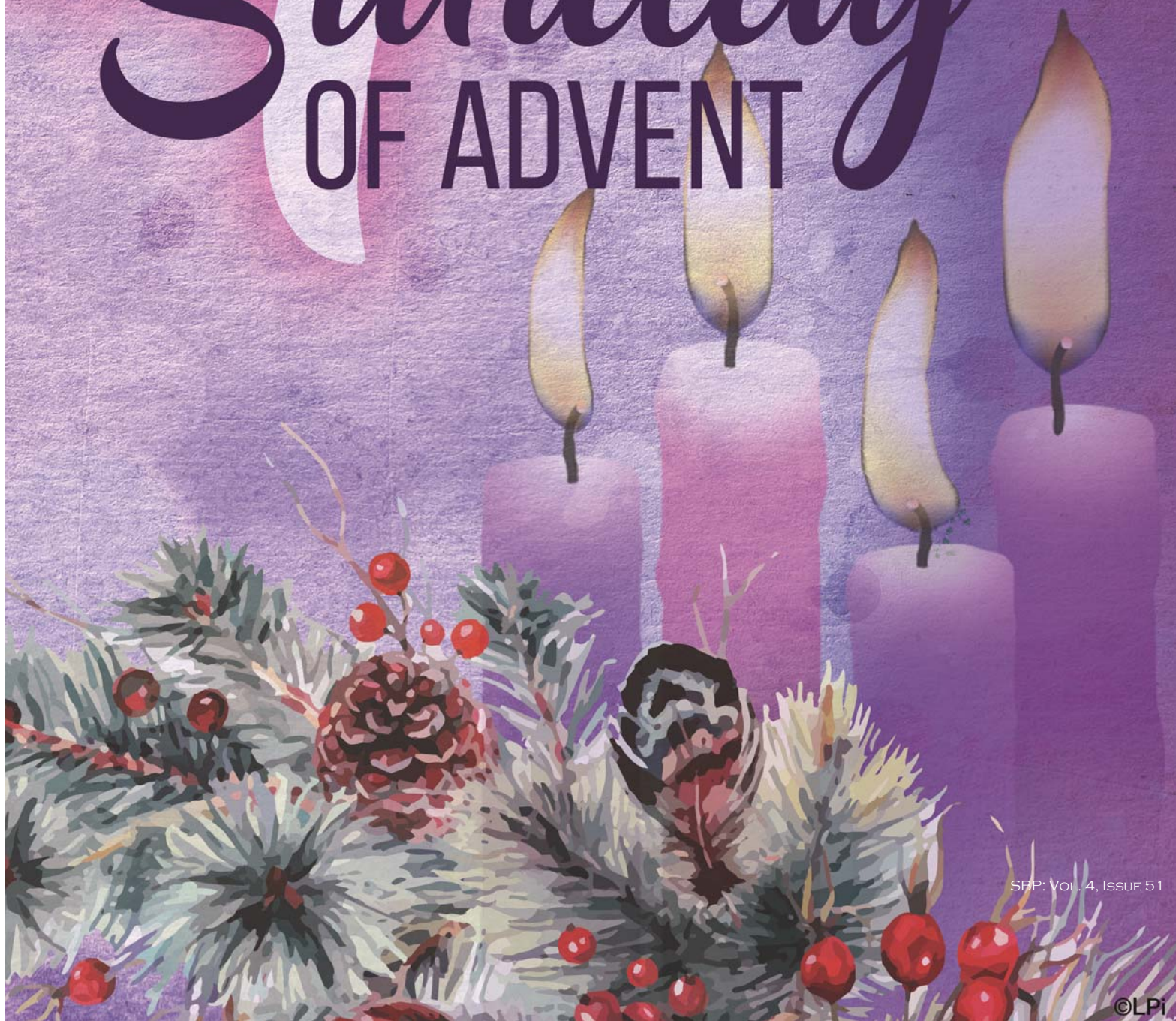


4th Sunday OF ADVENT



WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 20, 2020

SUN 12/20	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [2a]/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38
MON 12/21	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45
TUE 12/22	1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56
WED 12/23	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66
THR 12/24	Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79
FRI 12/25	Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25. Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14. Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20. Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14
SAT 12/26	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 [6]/Mt 10:17-22
SUN 12/27	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1] or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [7a, 8a]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 20, 2020

Sunday:	4 th Sunday of Advent
Monday:	St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Wednesday:	St. John of Kanty, Priest
Thursday:	Christmas Eve
Friday:	The Nativity of the Lord (holy day of obligation)
Saturday:	St. Stephen, the First Martyr
Next Sunday:	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

Does the world realize that it is waiting? As we go about all of the busyness of our lives and entertain our distractions, there are many holes and gaps in our lives that need to be filled. We are always wanting more, but not really sure what that "more" needs to be. Fulfillment, happiness, contentment, and true satisfactions are fleeting occurrences and often come to us in illusive ways. What we think is the ultimate fix to our anxious emptiness really is only a fancy trend that we entertain. The world does not realize any more today than it did over two thousand years ago that it is waiting for a Savior. We need a Savior. We need to see and embrace the God who has broken into history and become one with us. It is this union of God and man that sets us on a straight path, orders our relationships, establishes proper focus and goals, and tells us whose kingdom we really are meant to serve. The world does not know how truly lost it is. Do you realize how lost you are and that the One you need most is here among us and within your grasp?



*O Come
All Ye
Faithful*

Masses For The Week



Monday - 12/21 - St. Peter Canisius

9:00 a.m. - James & Mary Dolores Maier
(Sharon Maier Kaczmaryczyk)

Tuesday - 12/22

9:00 a.m. - Verna & George Green
(Margaret Carrothers)

Wednesday - 12/23 - St. John of Kanty

9:00 a.m. - Lyn & Beth Houze

Thursday - 12/24 - Christmas Eve

4:00 p.m. - Jack Del Rio (Sharon McGrath)

5:30 p.m. - Carl "Mike" Turkal

7:00 p.m. - For All For Whom We Pray
(The Wellin Family)

Midnight - People of Our Parish

Friday - 12/25 - THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

10:00 a.m. - For the Intentions of Our Flower Donors

Saturday - 12/26 - St. Stephen

4:30 p.m. - Frank & Angela (David & Sue Mastriani)

Sunday - 12/27

8:00 a.m. - People of Our Parish

10:30 a.m. - Peter Eaglowski (Vickie Davide)

2021 Calendars: will be available after Mass this weekend and each weekend until Christmas.

The Sanctuary Candle – is prayerfully lit in memory of Al Bucci – Happy Birthday! With love from Phil, Judy, and Dave.

Flowers on the Altar – are in memory of Elizabeth Maylor, from Catherine, Megan & Family.

On November 17th, 2020, Pope Francis appointed Reverend J. Bonnar the 6th Bishop of Youngstown. The Mass of Ordination and Installation will take place on Tuesday, January 12th, 2021 at 2:00 pm. Due to the limitations imposed by the current pandemic, the number of invitations has been severely restricted. You are invited to watch the ceremony via live stream on our diocesan website at doy.org/media/cathedral. A rebroadcast on ETC-Ecumenical Television Channel is scheduled for Thursday, January 14th, 2021 at 10:30 am and 8:00 pm.

Bingo:

We are always looking for volunteers to help out at Bingo, which is currently the ONLY fundraiser we can have for the school and the parish. If you are able to volunteer, your help would be greatly appreciated! NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED! Areas to help could be anything from working the kitchen (taking money and serving food/coffee) to walking around selling instant tickets to players during the game and breaks (\$1.00 per ticket, you take the money and hand them the tickets). If you are able to help, please call either Jennifer at the parish office at (330) 833-6898 or Lisa at the schools office (330) 833-9510. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

SCHEDULE OF MASSES:

SATURDAY - 4:30 p.m. - SUNDAY - 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.
HOLYDAY VIGIL - 7:00 p.m. - HOLYDAY - 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
WEEKDAY - Monday, Tuesday, Friday, 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday, 8:20 a.m. (School Mass)
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION - SATURDAY - 3:30 p.m.

December 12-13, 2020

Weekly Budget

\$ 12,621.00

Needy

\$ 269.27

Reg. Collection

\$ 3,717.00

Mail-in

\$ 3,916.66

On Line

\$ 1,030.00

Total

\$ 8,663.66

Deficit

(\$ 3,957.34)

Mass Attendance

209 - 4:30-58; 8:00 - 61; 10:30 - 90

Envelopes 76

Online Viewers: 550

Lectors - Saturday/Sunday

4:30 p.m. - 12/26 - M. Kring

8:00 a.m. - 12/27 - V. Lorenz

10:30 a.m. - 12/27 - J. Turkal

Sacristans - Saturday/Sunday

4:30 p.m. - 12/26 - P. Bishop

8:00 a.m. - 12/27 - J. Wyman

10:30 a.m. - 12/27 - P. Martin

Mass Intentions:

Mass Intentions are available and may now be scheduled through June of 2021. If you would like to schedule a Mass for a loved one, please call the rectory office at (330) 833-6898 and speak with Jennifer.

**DISPENSATION FROM THE OBLIGATION
TO ATTEND SUNDAY MASS**

The Catholic faithful who reside in the Diocese of Youngstown and all other Catholics in the diocese and especially those who are sick, or at high risk of becoming sick continue to be dispensed from their Sunday obligation until further notice. The Easter Duty obligation is extended for a period of one year from the end of the Easter Season 2020.

Divine Mercy Chaplet St. Barbara parish and the Knights of Columbus Council 554 has restarted our monthly Divine Mercy Chaplet at St. Barbara's Church on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 9:45 A.M. following the 9:00 A.M. Mass. The Chaplet for December will be on the 22nd during Eucharistic Adoration at 9:45 A.M. The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us - all of us. And, he wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.

Vocations: "Be it done unto me according to your word." Obedience to the Lord's will is the fruit of humble prayer. If you think God is inviting you to a deeper consecration as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Father Scott Kopp at (330) 744-8451 or email skopp@youngstowndiocese.org.

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Dear Parishioners,

The season of Advent is truly a time of hope and this year, more than ever, we are becoming people of hope. We hope that the pandemic situation will change, we hope to get back to our families, to our hobbies, favorite restaurants, vacations, or personal contact with others. We are eager to do so, but for now we have to wait. In a few days we will celebrate the birth of our Savior who came to bring hope to the people of Israel and He came to do the same for us in this time. Jesus came to us to save us. He came to us to heal us and He came to us to love us.

As we are approaching the Christmas Season, I hope that we will be able to celebrate the Birth of Our Savior in a festive, calm, and, most of all, safe way. Since your safety is my number one priority, please remember that tickets are required for all the masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Without a ticket you will not be able to enter the church for the Christmas masses, but you will be asked to go to an overflow location or to watch it on the internet. The tickets are on a first come, first served basis. The church will be disinfected after each liturgy; therefore, the church will be open 15 minutes prior to scheduled mass. I may sound a bit like Ebenezer Scrooge, but I hope you understand these precautionary steps for everyone's safety.

As you open your homes and your hearts for your loved ones (if you are able to do so) during this wonderful season of the year, may we all open our hearts for our loving God, who wants to dwell with us. Therefore, let's celebrate the birth of Our Savior and make room for Him in our hearts and home.

May God bless you and fill your lives with his love, grace, and mercy. I pray that you and your family have a blessed and joyful Christmas Season and Happy New Year. Thank you for your prayers and for your sacrifices as well as for your ministry to our parish.

In Prayers,
Fr. Brian

Reconciliation

With Communal Penance being cancelled this year, each of the parishes in our region are offering the Sacrament of Reconciliation at different dates and times. Below is a list of area parishes and their dates and times.

St. Barbara

Saturdays from 3:30 - 4:30 pm

St. Joseph, Massillon

Monday, December 21st from 11:00 - 11:30 am

Tuesday, December 22nd from 1:00 - 1:30 pm

Wednesday, December 23rd from 7:00 - 8:00 pm

NOTICE

Due to the rising number of cases of COVID-19, and in an effort to keep our staff and parishioners safe, the parish office will be closed to visitors. The staff will still be available to answer phone calls and assist with any questions. If you need to drop something off for a staff member, please do so in the locked mailbox next to the front door. We apologize for the inconvenience, but safety must be our priority during these uncertain times.

Office Hours:

Monday	8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Tuesday	8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Wednesday	8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Thursday	CLOSED
Friday	10:00 am - 4:30 pm



~ A Prayer for Our New Bishop ~
BISHOP-ELECT REVEREND DAVID J. BONNAR

Almighty God, eternal shepherd and guide,
in your love for us,

You have blessed the Diocese of Youngstown
with a shepherd to lead us to be Christ's heart of mercy,
voice of hope, and hands of justice.

May Bishop-Elect Bonnar fill our minds and hearts
with the truth of the Gospel,
the power of the sacraments
and the desire to build up your holy Church
so that "All May Be One."

We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen

Knight's of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus is the largest Catholic fraternal organization in the world. The group consists of faithful, hardworking men ages 18 and up, however most of the events are for the entire family! As members of your local Knights of Columbus Council, (**Massillon Council 554**), we would love to see you join us as a new member. We are involved in many activities such as parish breakfasts, parish corporate communions, pro-life movements, coats for kids, community festivals, and activities for the entire family! All you have to do to get signed up is go to <https://www.kofc.org/apps/joinus/en/registration/index.html>. On the second page of registration, when you click the checkbox that you wish to join a council, enter (**554**) in the text box to ensure that you will join our council. Also, at checkout, enter the code MCGIVNEY2020, and you will become a member for FREE for your first year (offer is valid thru 12-31-2020). Once signed up, the Grand Knight, (**Ken McLaughlin**), will give you a call a few days after you have signed up, and will advise you of the next steps. If you have any questions, please call or text Grand Knight (**Ken McLaughlin**) at (**330-571-1203**). Thank you for considering joining our organization and expanding upon your honors as a Catholic Gentleman!

Stewardship:

We are about to receive one of the most mysterious gifts: the give of God's Son in the form of a baby. God could have come to us in any other way, but he chose to become human. Recalling the struggles in Jesus' life as a human, he could have easily stopped preaching and setting an example of the Father's will, but he persisted. He did this for us simply because he loves us. Jesus is the ultimate steward because he recognized the gifts from his Father and shared them freely with others. How do we live our lives in this way?

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Shop avemariapress.com now through December 31, 2020, for Christmas gifts or a personal read to help encourage your faith. Be sure to use our code, STBARBARA, at checkout!



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