

## The Third Sunday of Advent

December 17, 2017

*"My soul magnifies the Lord."*

*Luke 1:46*

### **SPECIAL NOTICES:**

#### **NEW PARISH WEBSITE LAUNCH!!**

Saint Catherine of Siena parish has upgraded and updated our website! The new layout is designed to be useful and easy to navigate, delivering timely and important information about Mass and Confession schedules, Religious Education, Siena Academy, our apostolates, special events, policies, weather-related announcements, cancellations, and more. The parish staff will be building up the content on the site in the weeks to come, so be sure to watch us as we grow! [www.saintcatherineschurch.org](http://www.saintcatherineschurch.org)

#### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY**

The Knights of Columbus invite all children of the Parish to our Annual Children's Christmas Party on Thursday, December 21 at 6:30 PM in Bishop Justs Hall. Santa *will* make an appearance. [Details in the Knights' column below.](#)

#### **ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE**

See the Flyer for complete information regarding confession and Masses

**NOTE: NO 12:00 NOON MASS ON 12/24**

#### **Mass Intentions**

##### **SATURDAY, December 16**

8:30 am Constance Holtz †

5:30 pm Abigail Ryan †

##### **SUNDAY, December 17**

8:00 am Michael Creedon †

10:00 am Constance Holtz †

12:00 pm Pro Populo

##### **MONDAY, December 18**

8:30 am Constance Holtz †

##### **TUESDAY, December 19**

8:30 am Helen Maljevac †

##### **WEDNESDAY, December 20**

8:30 am Ryan Family

##### **THURSDAY, December 21**

8:30 am Charles Patton †

##### **FRIDAY, December 22**

8:30 am Kathryn Argauer †

##### **SATURDAY, December 23**

8:30 am Richard G. Kane †

5:30 pm Victor Gorlinsky †

##### **SUNDAY, December 24, Christmas Eve**

8:00 am Richard G. Kane †

10:00 am Linda Hughes †

**NO 12:00 MASS, TODAY ONLY**

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

#### **CCD CALENDAR**

**Grades 1 through high school**

**Monday evenings: 5:00 –6:15 & 6:30 – 7:45**

**CLASS SCHEDULE:**

**NO CLASSES DECEMBER 18, 25, JANUARY 1**

**CLASSES RESUME JANUARY 8**

**NO CLASS JANUARY 15**

**Attention All High Schoolers:** It's not too late to sign up for the Monday evening CCD class! This is a great opportunity to continue learning about our beautiful Faith and discuss current topics with your Catholic friends. The class runs from 6:30 to 7:45. **Note: No High School Class on January 8. High School classes resume on January 22.**

And...**we have a great group of teens helping with the 5:00 pm classes** as assistants. We **could always use more help at either session.** This is a great chance to help your Church, share the Faith, AND earn service hours. Contact Mrs. Livaudais for more details. [stcatherinesreoffice@gmail.com](mailto:stcatherinesreoffice@gmail.com)

**Confessions for CCD Students in Grades 3 through high school:** Father Pokorsky will be available to hear the children's confessions during CCD time for the next two weeks. He will hear confessions for those children in the 5:00 pm session on December 4, and will be available for students in the 6:30 session on December 11. Please encourage your children to take advantage of this opportunity offered for the Advent season.

**Advent Wreath Lighting:** We will continue the tradition started last year of gathering in the church for the last fifteen minutes of each CCD class in December to celebrate Advent. Parents are welcome to join us as we light the candles of the Advent wreath and pray in preparation for the celebration of our Lord's birth!

**First Holy Communion PARENTS MEETING:** Parents of those children receiving the Sacraments of First Penance and First Holy Communion this spring are asked to attend a meeting on December 7 from 7:00 to 8:00 pm in Bishop Justs Hall. Father Pokorsky will speak about your child's formation in the Faith and Sacramental preparation. The catechists will present information about classroom lessons, and other practicalities. Please make sure that at least one parent attends this important meeting.

Also, parents of all children receiving sacraments this spring, please mark your calendars now with these important dates: **First Penance, Saturday, February 24; Rehearsal for First Holy Communion, Thursday, May 3; First Holy Communion celebrated at noon Mass on May 6.**

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



### Eucharistic Adoration

#### **WEDNESDAYS: and FIRST FRIDAYS**

*24 hour Eucharistic Adoration* begins after the 8:30 am Mass and ends at 8:55 am the following morning.

**We need volunteers for the 1:00 am to 2:00 am hour.**

To volunteer, please contact Diane Cieslak at: 703-678-3919 or polskagirl65@gmail.com.

### **CATHOLIC INQUIRY**

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process by which adults (and children who have reached the age of reason) are instructed in the Doctrine of the Church and are prepared to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. If you or someone you know would like to inquire about becoming a Catholic, please call Father Pokorsky on his direct line – 703-638-8451.



### **Children's Christmas Party**

The Knights of Columbus invite all children of the Parish to our Annual Children's Christmas Party on Thursday, December 21 at 6:30 PM in Bishop Justs Hall. There will be crafts, a lite dinner, and a visit from Santa ! No registration is required. If you have any questions, call Jim Hanlon at 703-759-6539.

**OVER 50?????**

**New members welcome!**

**No charge for the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. Dues \$20.**

**Call Judy Mahanes at 703) 759-3997.**

## OPUS DEI

### **EVENING OF RECOLLECTION:**

A priest of the Opus Dei prelature presents an "Evening of Recollection" for women on the **3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month from 7:30 pm to 9:15 pm** in the Church.

**CONFESSIONS:** A priest of the Opus Dei prelature offers Confessions on **Monday mornings after the 8:30 am Mass until 11 am.**

### **RECOLLECTION FOR HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS:**

A monthly Recollection, with quiet prayer and reflection, open to all high school girls on the **3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month from 12:15 to 3:00 pm.**

Please contact: Alyssa Hernandez at: [stonecrestaolactivities@gmail.com](mailto:stonecrestaolactivities@gmail.com) for more information.

### **ST. AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE** **"FORMED.org"**

We are excited to announce that St. Catherine of Siena has access to *Formed* from the Augustine Institute. *Formed* is a dynamic on-line web-based digital platform available 24/7. This series is designed to help you grow in your faith at all levels – how you think, pray and live. Better yet, access is *FREE* to all St Catherine of Siena parishioners and families anywhere, anytime, on computers, tablets or phones. So even though you have a busy schedule, you can still learn and grow in your faith. To access FORMED, go to:

<https://formed.org> and set up your own username and then enter our parish code—**F6KWXM**. Each registered family has access. Take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about our faith from the best Catholic authors and presenters.

### **JP2 YOUTH APOSTOLATE**

is a new group formed under the patronage of St. John Paul the Great. Our mission is to provide a social outlet for school-aged youth of the area in the spirit of faith, adventure, and service to others. Unlike other youth organizations, JP2 Youth is parent-led, parent-organized, and parent-supported.

Contact: [novajp2youth@gmail.com](mailto:novajp2youth@gmail.com).

## THIRD ORDER DOMINICANS

The Dominicans TOR invite all parishioners to share in their apostolic mission by study, prayer, and preaching in keeping with our state as members of the laity. Meetings are usually held every 1st Saturday at 10:00 am in Padre Pio Hall following Mass and Rosary. Contact Paul Bernier at [bernierp@verizon.net](mailto:bernierp@verizon.net) or 571-340-0940.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Andrew Gentry, Connor Moriarity (nephew of parishioner) Rev. Gerry Creedon†, Dan Specat†, Charles Marcolini†, Elisa Barbaro, Dominic Ricci†, Connie Holtz†, Marilyn Natoli†, Isabella Maria Santorum, Blanche Gorkinsky, Walter Zolkivsky†, Arleen Michelitch†, Angela Bubbosh†, Bernadette Magurski, Madeline Daniels†, Dominick Carducci†, Dora Berrara†, Ann Haraburda† Patricia Guntle, Mary E. Brindley†, Joseph Squarzini Jr. †, Kathleen Fishert†, Joseph Dunnet†, Walter von Fricken†, Mary Wood, Alfonso Basile†, Maryann Murphy†, Joshua Basile, T. Peter Wood, , Collette Briggs, Vickie Miller. FOR PARISHIONERS SERVING OUR COUNTRY OVERSEAS: Jonathan Choo, Justin Smallwood,

### Collections

Collection totals for the weekend December 10/11: Regular -- \$12,163, 2<sup>nd</sup> collection for Catholic Charities -- \$3,368, Poor Box -- \$132. Thank you for your generosity.

## FROM THE DIOCESE

### THANK YOU FROM CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Thank you for your support of Catholic Charities this year. Your support is vital to our work and we are grateful for your gifts. If you missed the opportunity to give, you may still do so. Make your year-end gift in support of Catholic Charities in next week's collection and note **Christmas Collection Catholic** on the memo line using the envelope/flyer provided to each parish or by going online at [www.cdda.net](http://www.cdda.net). Flyer/envelopes are available in the vestibule. Checks should be made payable to St. Catherine of Siena.