

Second Sunday of Advent December 8, 2024

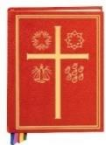


SUNDAY SCRIPTURE – QUESTIONS TO PONDER

- ~ The psalmist acclaims the great things the Lord has done. Would others know that God has done great things for you?
- ~ How can you spend time during Advent discerning what is of value?
- ~ What paths do you need to ask God to help you straighten?

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

In the Roman Rite, the Mass is made up of two principal parts: the Liturgy of the Word (see last weekend's Bulletin) and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. The Mass begins with the Introductory Rites and ends with the Concluding Rites.



The Liturgy of the Eucharist contains the Presentation of the Gifts and Preparation of the Altar, Prayer over the Offerings, Eucharistic Prayer, Preface, Holy, Holy, Holy, First half of prayer, including Consecration, Mystery of Faith, Second half of prayer, ending with Doxology, the Lord's Prayer, Sign of Peace, Lamb of God, Communion and the Prayer after Communion.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION COMMITTEE

*Is showing a Very Important Short Video
"The Veil Removed"*

Movie time!



Snacks will be provided!

Come to the hall immediately after the 4 pm Mass on Saturday, December 14, 2024. We will watch a very short video (about 7 minutes) and have a snack. This video is highly acclaimed, and we are sure you will not be disappointed. This video is approved for all ages.

LET US PRAY

Intentions for the Week

Saturday, December 7	St. Ambrose
4 pm Amelia Romquillo	- Betty Pingol
Constanca Alday	- William & Jessica Burke
Otto & Mary Paepke	- The Mood Family
Sunday, December 8	2nd Sunday of Advent
10:30 am Judith C. Jock	- Michael Jock
Gerald Mood	- Delaware State Columbiettes
Living Intention for Fr. Jim	- BVM Sodality
4 pm Vigil Mass for the Immaculate Conception	
Monday, December 9	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:30 am Wenefrida B. Aboyme	- Epi & Marie Aboyme
Tuesday, December 10	Our Lady of Loreto
8:30 am Mildred Lux	- Rita Brown
Madeline Whalen	- The Sloven Family
Deacon Reynaldo Trinidad	- Rudy & Josie Cinco
Wednesday, December 11	St. Damasus I
8:30 am Violet Farkas	- Mr. & Mrs. Fred DiMeo
Sylvia Vessels DuRoss	- James DuRoss
Thursday, December 12	No Mass Our Lady of Guadalupe
Friday, December 13	No Mass St. Lucy
Saturday, December 14	St. John of the Cross
4 pm Winifreda Aboyme	- Marie & Epi Aboyme
Jack & Jared Grove	- Carol Grove
Bob Gallihar	- The Taylor Family
Sunday, December 15	3rd Sunday of Advent
10:30 am Gerald Mood	- The Hutchinson Family
James R. Kinsella, Jr.	- Nancy A. Kinsella
RoseMarie Blanton	- Lori & Andy Ostrowski Family

Please Pray for Our Sick & Those in Need of Our Prayers

To have someone's name added to the Bulletin for prayers, please email submission@saintpolycarp.org or call the office and leave a message. Names will remain on the prayer list for eight weeks unless other arrangements have been requested.

Phyllis King, Mary Anne Olenik, Carol Walczak, William Green, William Neilson, Jordan Butler, Mike Bernardi Family, Cicero Family, Carol Donahue, ReAnna Hackett, Jimmy Callahan, Jesse L. Brooks, Nancy Melville, Carol Timmons, Nick Sarro, Joe Wisnewski, Anne Borgman, Margaret Williams, Liam Travers, Jimmy Wiggins, Alison Seewald, Bob Reeder, Lauren Travers, Marguerite Maguire, Lisa Wisnewski, Kathleen Gianjullo, J. R. Peck, Josefina Ocasio, Diana Bullins, Kenny Bullins, Bobby Bullins, Teresa Tier, Bridget O'Connell, Maureen Robinson, Robin Husman, Milli Burris Alvarez, Lyllie Deter, Dottie Patterson, Laverne Dykes, Janet Alexander, Kay Gallihar, Grace Wagner, Cathy Connell, Joe Donofrio, April Doyle, Andrea Laws, Angel Grasso, James Dean, Greg Kujala, Holly Powell, Lily Griffiths, Patty Moon, Deirdre Moor, Linda Blow, Mariann Pierson, Jaci Stokes, and residents of Pinnacle and DHCI.

We Pray for our Deceased

James Challandes

May the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

Prayer Chain: To request prayers or to be part of our Prayer Chain, contact Cookie Ruane at rosie11031949@yahoo.com or call 302-540-6429.

Rosary by Telephone: Tuesdays at 11 am. The dial in number is: 1-701-802-5254/PIN: 1747300#.

Eucharistic Adoration: Tuesdays, 11 am – 8 pm – Chapel; and at the end of the 4 pm Vigil Mass, before the 2nd Sunday of the month.

Flame of Love Rosary: Thursdays at 6:30 pm - Chapel
Divine Mercy: Fridays at 3 pm – Chapel.



DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Use this QR code or visit

<https://bible.usccb.org/daily-bible-reading>

LITURGY

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION A Holy Day of Obligation



The Catholic Church teaches that Mary was without Original Sin from the moment of conception.

This year, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, December 8th, falls on a Sunday, the Second Sunday of Advent. The Sunday Liturgy takes precedence over the Holy Day. Therefore, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception will be transferred to Monday, December 9th. It is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Accordingly, the faithful have **two obligations**:

1. To attend Mass either Saturday evening or Sunday morning to fulfill the obligation for the Second Sunday of Advent.

4 pm Vigil Mass on Saturday, December 7th
10:30 am Mass on Sunday, December 8th

2. To attend Mass either Sunday evening or Monday to fulfill the obligation for the Immaculate Conception.

4 pm Vigil Mass on Sunday, December 8th
8:30 am Mass on Monday, December 9th
(St. Dennis – Monday, December 9th, at 7 pm)

Many people wonder why they just cannot attend the Sunday evening Mass and fulfill the obligation for both. The Readings for each Mass are different. One set of readings is for the Second Sunday of Advent and one set is for the Holy Day.

St. Dennis Parish
153 N Main St, Galena, MD 21635
410-648-5145 www.stdennischurch.org



The Sacrament of

Reconciliation

St. Polycarp – In addition to Saturdays from 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm, Confessions will be heard following the 10:30 am Mass on Sundays during Advent: December 8th, 15th, and 22nd.

Reconciliation Monday

Monday, December 23rd, 3 pm - 5 pm and 6 pm - 8 pm
St. Polycarp Church and St. Dennis Church
Two priests will be present during each session.

VOCATION CHALICE



The Vocation Chalice encourages individuals and/or families to pray regularly for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Call or text Alice Gaston if you can take home the vocation chalice for a week of prayer, 302-670-7924.

Family/Person	Weekend	Mass time
Lail Family	December 8 th	10:30 am
Netz Family	December 29 th	10:30 am

Arrive 15 minutes before your mass time and pick up (or drop off) materials in the sacristy.



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Advent is a time of preparation. Just like parents in every time and every location prepare for the birth of their child, Mary and Joseph did their best to welcome the Holy Child in the humble surroundings where our Lord entered the world. Would this not be the ideal time to proclaim the birth of our Savior by decorating our Church with all the splendor befitting the birth of the King of Kings? During this Advent season, please consider using the Christmas flower envelope to help us proclaim our joy as we rejoice in the birth of our Lord.

CHRISTMAS NOVENA OF MASSES

Christmas is a time to reflect on the blessings of family and shared togetherness. We exchange gifts as an act of love and appreciation, but there is no greater gift we can give than the gift of the Holy Mass. Although a loved one may no longer be present to share this time with us, let us remember that, now more than ever, they rely upon us for their spiritual well-being. Take a moment to show your affection by praying on their behalf. Living or deceased, the best gift you can give is the gift of the Mass. Please use the Christmas Novena envelope to show your loved ones they have not been forgotten.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Eucharistic Adoration will take place this Saturday, December 7th, following the prayer after Communion at the 4 pm Vigil Mass.

NATIVITY OF THE LORD - MASS SCHEDULE



ST. POLYCARP CHURCH

Tuesday, December 24th, at 4 pm
Tuesday, December 24th, at 9 pm
Wednesday, December 25th, at 10 am

ST. DENNIS CHURCH

Tuesday, December 24th, at 4 pm
Tuesday, December 24th, at 6 pm (Hispanic)
Wednesday, December 25th, at 10 am

LITURGY COMMITTEE NEWS

Here are some items discussed at our meeting in November:

- ~ Formation – We finished the Liturgy Document, *Ecclesia de Eucharistia: On the Eucharist in its Relationship to the Church*
- ~ Immaculate Conception Masses: Sunday, December 8th, at 4 pm and Monday, December 9th, at 8:30 am
- ~ Reconciliation Monday – Dec. 23rd: 3-5 pm and 6-8 pm.
- ~ Collaboration with St. Dennis' Liturgy Committee – we are sharing a summary of our minutes to review and brainstorm, and also, some of the handouts on Eucharistic Revival
- ~ We continue to work on the brochure for the Wall Rack and the upcoming Annual Forum in January

Don't forget to check out our Bulletin Overflow
at www.saintpolycarp.org/overflow

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

CHRISTIAN FORMATION UPDATES NOVEMBER 2024

- ~ The Christian Formation Committee will present a showing of a short video "The Veil Removed" after Mass on Saturday, December 14th. All are invited to join us for the viewing and to participate in a brief faith-sharing discussion of the video. Refreshments will also be served.
- ~ Come to St. Polycarp's Annual Forum on Sunday, January 12, 2025 after Mass, to see what our Christian Formation Committee is doing in our Parish. We will have brochures available with all of the wonderful videos our faith-sharing groups have viewed and discussed this past year.

Advent Greetings from the CRE,

Our PSR students participated once again in the Annual Deacon Charlie Memorial Advent Poster Contest. The students certainly didn't make it easy for Maureen Robinson and her family when they had to choose the winners. Our students did a remarkable job and are getting more and more creative each year.

Be sure to stop by Mother Drexel Hall to see for yourself all the wonderful posters! All 70 posters are on display from now through the Epiphany!

Sunday:

1st Place: Ryder Hackett (PreK)
2nd Place: Ethan Okpara (2nd Grade)
Honorable Mention: Jase Reed (3rd Grade)

Tuesday:

1st Place: Kiara Okpara (7th Grade)
2nd Place: Alana Oscar (8th Grade)
Honorable Mention: Hailey Arrighi (6th Grade)

First place winners will receive \$75 towards tuition next year and second place winners will receive \$50 towards tuition next year.

During Advent, we are encouraged to prepare our hearts for Jesus and intentionally remove the distractions of the world from our lives. This can be challenging, especially with the commercialization of Christmas. However, Advent provides us with an opportunity to refocus our attention on the true meaning of the season. What are you doing that will spiritually bring you more joy and excitement on Christmas morning?

Advent Blessings,

Erica Taylor

PARISH & FAMILY LIFE

COLUMBIETTES ANNUAL COOKIE WALK



Join us on Saturday, December 21st, after the 4 pm Mass or on Sunday, December 22nd, after the 10:30 am Mass. You will be able to purchase delicious homemade cookies lovingly baked by our Columbiettes! Many varieties. Only \$1 per bag!



BREAKFAST WITH JESUS

Come join us Sunday morning after the 10:30 am Mass on December 22nd, for BREAKFAST WITH JESUS. Brother Vincent Knights of Columbus will be serving a pancake breakfast with scrambled eggs. Let us celebrate the pending birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Donations are always welcomed.



50/50 MONTHLY DRAWING!

NOVEMBER WINNER – \$49.00

Congratulations to Patricia Czop!

\$1.00 per chance! Proceeds benefit our PSR.

Simply place \$1 per chance in one of the envelopes found at the doors of the Church. Place the envelope in the collection basket or drop off at the office. Enter as many times as you like for the month! Each dollar gets you one chance for that month! Winner pulled monthly on the last Monday of the month! Winner gets half: PSR gets half!

Thank you for supporting our PSR!

PASTORAL COUNCIL

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NEWS FROM THE NOVEMBER MEETING

- ~ Saint Polycarp will host the annual Christmas dinner for members of Pastoral and Finance councils at St Polycarp and Saint Dennis on December 11, 2024, in Mother Drexel Hall.
- ~ The Annual Forum is scheduled for January 12, 2025, after the 10:30 AM Mass. All are encouraged to attend.
- ~ The Parish Appreciation Dinner will take place on Saturday, February 22, 2025, after the 4 PM Mass. Look for more information in the bulletin to secure a reservation.

COLLECTIONS

OFFERTORY

Date	Offertory	Children's Offertory	Total Offertory
December 1	\$4649	\$20	\$4669

SECOND COLLECTION – NOVEMBER 10

SVDP/Poor Box	Holy Day	Religious Retirement
\$188	\$80	\$234
Christmas	Christmas Novena	Christmas Flowers
\$255	\$90	\$320

The Second Collection this weekend is for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Please support those who have given a lifetime. Women and men religious have dedicated their lives to service-praying, teaching, and caring for those in need-usually for little to no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Your donation provides for the essential care, medicine, and daily needs of thousands of senior women and men religious. Please give generously.

eGiving through Faith Direct is the easiest and most convenient way for our parish to receive your weekly offering and other Church support Sign up today by visiting faith.direct/DE831 or call their Customer Service team at 866-507-8757. You can also text "Enroll" to 302-202-2251 or you can use this QR code for easy giving.



Thank you for your continued generosity.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

For the most up-to-date information
Visit <https://saintpolycarp.org/calendar/>

Saturday, December 7	
11 am	First Reconciliation (Church)
12 pm	Reception for First Reconciliation (Hall/Kitchen)
2:30 pm	Confession
4 pm	MASS- Adoration
Sunday, December 8	
9 am	Faith with Friends (Library)
9 am	PSR Grades P/K-4, (Rooms 1 - 6, 8)
9:30 am	Nativity Rehearsal (Church)
10:30 am	MASS
Following Mass – Confession	
4 pm	MASS (Vigil) - Immaculate Conception
5:30 pm	Confirmation Class (Library)
Monday, December 9	
OFFICE CLOSED	
8:30 am	MASS - Immaculate Conception
12 pm	St. Vincent de Paul (Library)
6 pm	Girl Scout Volunteer Meeting (Library)
6:30 pm	OCIA Session (Hall)
Tuesday, December 10	
8:30 am	MASS
9 am	Adult Faith Formation - Connected in Christ (Library)
11 am – 8 pm	Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)
11 am	Columbiettes Rosary (Telephone)
6:30 pm	Liturgy Committee Meeting (Library)
7 pm	PSR Grades 5-8 (Rooms 3-8)
Wednesday, December 11	
8:30 am	MASS
5 pm	Joint Pastoral Councils Christmas Dinner (Hall/Kitchen)
Thursday, December 12	
10 am	Pathway to Peace (Library)
6 pm	Girl Scouts Meeting (Hall)
6:30 pm	Flame of Love Rosary (Chapel)
6:30 pm	Building & Maintenance Committee Meeting (Library)
7 pm	Grief Support Group (Room 8)
Friday, December 13	
3 pm	Divine Mercy (Chapel)
Saturday, December 14	
2:30 pm	Confession
4 pm	MASS
5 pm	CFC - Video "The Veil Removed" (Hall/Kitchen)

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, December 9th, in observance of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

EARLY BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

BULLETIN DATE	SUBMIT BY NOON
December 22	Monday, December 9
December 29	Monday, December 16
January 5	Wednesday, December 18