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FR. T'S TIDBITS:

This year because of the way Christmas Eve and Christmas day fall (namely Christmas Eve falls on Sunday and Christmas on Monday) the fourth week of Advent lasts but a day and a half. The Advent season is cut short which means we have to be prepared to celebrate the great Feast of Christmas.

One of the materials I use every Advent season is what has become known as the "the little blue book." The little blue book contains writings or reflections by Bishop Ken Untener. These little six minute reflections allow us to center our attention on the season of Advent in the midst of our busy life and Christmas preparations. I would encourage you to pick up an Advent book in the gathering space and spend that six minutes a day reflecting upon the scripture verse, the reflection, and the prayer at the bottom of each page.

Also, many people have asked, "What is the meaning of Carpe Diem?" It is Latin for "seize the day." I began using the term after I saw the movie Dead Poets Society. It is a reminder for us to see God's hand in our work, our play, and our interaction with each other. As we journey through this season of Advent, may we seize each day and each moment as a gift from God knowing that He loves us and cares for us.

Carpe Diem,
Fr. Anthony Sulkowski

**DO NOT BE AFRAID
OF CONFESSION.**
Pope Francis

Prepare your heart for Jesus this Advent.

COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION SERVICE AT ST. EPHREM
(with individual confession)
DECEMBER 12TH at 7:00pm

PRIVATE RECONCILIATION AT ST. JANE FRANCES
DECEMBER 19TH from 5:30pm - 8:30pm

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**ST. JANE FRANCES de CHANTAL
PARISH COMMUNITY**

38750 Ryan Rd.
Sterling Heights, MI 48310
Phone: (586) 977-8080 | Fax: (586) 977-9305
www.sjfparish.org

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses	
Saturday	5:00pm
Sunday	9:00am & 11:30am
Weekday Masses	
Tuesday	7:00pm
Wednesday, Thursday	8:00am
Holy Day Masses	As Announced

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday
8:30am - 8:30pm
(Closed from 12:00 to 1:15 for lunch)

Friday: Closed

Saturday: 2:30pm - 6:30pm
Sunday: 10:00am - 1:30pm

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Knights of Columbus #13340	
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Doreen Corby	586-977-8080
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Don Rogowski	586-977-8080
Soup Kitchen	
Steven Gadzinski	586-731-4091
St. Vincent de Paul	
Tom Harris	586-977-8080
Ushers-Ministers of Hospitality	
Brian Brennan	586-264-1087

SACRAMENTS

CHILDREN'S BAPTISM

Do you have a child you would like to have baptized? We would be delighted to talk to you about your options! Please call the Parish Office (586-977-8080) to make arrangements.

RECONCILIATION

Tuesday from 5:30pm-6:30pm (or by appt.)

MARRIAGE

Congratulations! Please contact our Parish Office at least six months prior to your desired wedding date to make arrangements. Marriage guidelines are available at the Parish Office and must be read before your appointment. Participation in pre-marriage preparation will be arranged.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Contact the Parish Office at 586-977-8080. Also available once a month during the Tuesday evening Mass.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Are you interested in joining the Catholic Church? The preparation is a shared program with St. Ephrem, conducted at St. Ephrem. Those taking part in RCIA from St. Jane Frances will receive the faith formation at St. Ephrem's but celebrate associated rites at St. Jane Frances de Chantal. Please make initial contact with our pastor, Fr. Tony Sulkowski, before contacting St. Ephrem Parish.

PARISH SACRAMENTAL POLICY

We ask that in order to have your child baptized here, or to be married here, you should be a registered parishioner or active in your previous parish. This means attending weekly Mass with your faith community, using your envelopes and taking part in parish activities.

**Visits to the Homebound
for Communion/ Anointing**

Please contact the Parish Office at 586-977-8080.

This Week in Our Parish

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11

1:30pm Intercessory Prayer Mtg.
3:00pm Lectio Divina
6:00pm Faith Formation Classes (K-6)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

4:30pm Faith Formation Classes (K-6)
6:00pm Rosary
6:30pm Jr. High/Confirmation Prep
7:00pm Communal Reconciliation Service
at St. Ephrem (No Mass at SJF)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

8:00am Mass
9:30am Needle Crafters
6:00pm Needle Crafters
6:30pm Adult Choir Rehearsal
7:00pm Lectio Divina

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

8:00am Mass
1:00pm Swiffers, Team 3
6:00pm Grief Support Through the Holidays
6:15pm K of C Meeting

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

Parish Office Closed

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

4:30pm K of C Honor Guard
5:00pm Mass w/Corp Communion & Honor Guard

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

9:00am Mass
11:00am Grief Support Through the Holidays
11:30am Mass
12:45pm Christmas Decorating
6:00pm Youth Ministry Gathering

NEW TO THE PARISH?

WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN THE ST. JANE FRANCES de CHANTAL FAMILY? BECOME A REGISTERED PARISHIONER!

You may register at the Parish Office at anytime after Mass on the weekend or during regular office hours. Please call 586-977-8080 if you have any questions. We look forward to having you here!



Visit the parish website to stay up to date on what is happening, to sign up to be on our e-newsletter list, & to view the bulletin in full color!

sjfparish.org

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

"Nourished by God's Word and the Eucharist, St. Jane Frances de Chantal Parish is a welcoming Catholic community dedicated to living and proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ."



Tuesday, 6:00pm,
Novena to the Mother
of Perpetual Help & Rosary
Join us in the Church



Laurie Hall
Pastoral Associate
Ext. 104

“Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years and a thousand years like one day.”
– 2 Peter 3:8

I had the pleasure of participating in the Monday afternoon Lectio Divina session this week. It was a wonderful time of prayerful reflection on this weekend’s Gospel. It is such a familiar gospel and yet we were able to enjoy new insights due to the different viewpoints of the group. (Thank you to the group for the opportunity!) Before Lectio Divina started, I had been reflecting on the scripture above. One of the group members mentioned that verse just as we were finishing up, causing me to think about today’s Gospel message and what we discussed about forgiveness in relation to the concept of God’s time.

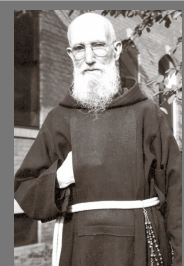
The author of 2 Peter reminds us that our time is not the same as God’s time. In the midst of Advent, a time of waiting and anticipation, patience and living in the moment can become a challenge. We are inundated with “hurry up” messages like “only 15 days until Christmas!” and “don’t delay, act today” or “flash sale – one day only!”

Thankfully, God gives us no such messages. God’s time does not require us to act without discernment, or complete tasks within a certain time frame. God is patient with us, always waiting for us to hear and respond to God’s call. We may have our entire lives to work on the things that challenge us, like forgiveness, love of others, or resisting gossip. Yet, we must be aware that God’s time is not like our concept of time.

Mark’s Gospel reminds us of what is written by Isaiah the prophet: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.” Last week we were told to be watchful and alert as we do not know when the time will come. Putting all this together, we can’t help but realize that delaying our response to God’s call and ignoring our challenges may not work out. It may be prudent to think about this message in terms of “don’t delay, act today.”

On a personal note...thank you all so much for your warm welcome at the Masses last weekend...I truly appreciate your kindness and your obvious love of God and the community of St. Jane Frances!

Laurie



We Thank God for Blessed Solanus Casey

Our Franciscan Family Welcomes Inquirers...

Looking for a deeper walk in your faith? Saint David Fraternity is a Canonically approved Secular Franciscan Order in Washington, Michigan consisting of lay men and women who strive to imitate the lives of the great Saints like St. Francis of Assisi, St. Clare of Assisi, and, of course, Detroit’s own, Blessed Solanus Casey.

We invite you to inquire if you think you may have a calling to be part of our Franciscan Family. For more information, please call (248) 630-6616.



Christmas Flower donations need to be turned in by Sunday, December 10th to be included in the special edition Christmas Bulletin Insert.

Thank you for your help and generosity! Please call the Parish Office with questions or for more information.



The Best Christmas Gift Ever!!

Presents under the Christmas tree are truly wonderful, but they can’t heal a hurting marriage. Transforming your marriage into a mutually satisfying relationship is the "gift that keeps on giving." With the help of Retrouvaille, it can be done. Retrouvaille is a Christian peer ministry designed to help heal troubled marriages. This quite possibly could be the best Christmas gift you could ever give yourself, your spouse, your children, your family and your friends!!

****Please pass this information on to anyone who you suspect might be a hurting couple****

The next Retrouvaille program will begin on Friday, January 19, in Romulus, Michigan.

For confidential information or to register call 800-470-2230 OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE: HelpOurMarriage.com



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GRIEF SUPPORT THROUGH THE HOLIDAYS

St. Jane Frances De Chantal’s Grief Ministry is having two sessions that are open to anyone who has experienced a loss.

Thursday, December 14, 2017
6:00pm - 8:00pm
 &
Sunday December 17, 2017
11:00am - 1:00pm

If you would like more information call:
 Barb at (586) 264-0845



All widowed men and women are invited to join us for a Holiday Lunch and Fellowship at the **Wildflower Café, 42900 Garfield (just south of 19 Mile), on Tuesday Dec. 12th at 11:00am.** Join us for good food, conversation and a chance to meet new friends who understand your loss. RSVP to Esther at 586-264-1939 by Dec. 8th.

Sponsored by Widowed Friends, a “peer” support group in the Archdiocese of Detroit. For further information about Widowed Friends, come visit our website at www.widowedfriends.org



CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

A chance to share your time and talent!

Sunday, December 10th join us in the Fr. Page Activity Center at 12:30pm to help wrap gifts. Please bring scissors, tape, gift boxes (if possible)

—NO wrapping paper needed.

NOTE: Minors under age 16 need to be accompanied by a parent.

NEEDLE CRAFTERS

Do you like to sew, knit, or crochet? Whether you are new to the craft or a seasoned veteran, please join us at any of our gatherings to socialize and work on projects (your own or ours)!

During December and January, the focus of our projects will be for:



This agency provides many services for men, women & children including emergency services, substance-abuse treatment, housing, etc. As a means of support to this organization, we will be focusing our projects on the following: **hats, scarves, blankets and baby items.**

Please join us on Wednesday mornings from 9:30am - 11:30am or Wednesday evenings from 6:00pm - 8:15pm.

If you have any questions, please contact Debbie at dmazursjffparish@gmail.com or 586-977-8080, ext.107.

OUR LADY OF CONSOLATION INFERTILITY + MISCARRIAGE SUPPORT GROUP

December 11, 2017

7:00pm in the Small Social Hall (Room 11)

St. Fabian Catholic Church
 32200 Twelve Mile Road; Farmington Hills, MI 48334
 For more information email: olc.infertility@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS WAFERS

The Christmas Wafer commemorates a custom that is many centuries old.

Oplatek from the Latin ‘**Oblatum**’ - Holy Bread - is believed by some to emanate as far back as the ‘**manna**’ of Exodus 16:31 and is sometimes referred to as the Bread of Angels.

Shared at the Christmas Vigil meal, the breaking of the Christmas Wafer offers best wishes to family and friends.



Christmas Wafers are now available in the Parish Office. A donation of \$1 per package of 4 wafers is appreciated.



FREE CONFERENCE FOR THE COMMUNITY

COMMUNITY IN CRISIS MACOMB COUNTY'S RESPONSE TO THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC

Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2017

Continental breakfast: 8:30 a.m.

Conference: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. (lunch provided)

Macomb Intermediate School District

4401 Garfield Rd., Clinton Twp. (South of Hall Rd., west side of Garfield)
Rooms 100, A, B & C - south side of the building (the atrium)

Continuing Education Units pending for SW, MCBAR, MCOLES, SCECHS

NOTE: \$10 fee for SCECHS and social work contact hours

OVERVIEW:

Prescription drug abuse continues to plague our region. This conference will provide awareness and education on statistics, trends, outcomes, and opportunities for community members to become active in addressing opiate abuse throughout Macomb County.

JOIN EXPERT PRESENTERS FOR A CONVERSATION ABOUT:

- Trends in drug trafficking and drug enforcement in Macomb County and Michigan, including the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area program (HIDTA)

- Opioid use and abuse amongst youth

- Community-based programs in Macomb County related to the opioid epidemic

- Former NFL football player Randy Grimes's recovery story

- Guidelines for safe prescribing

Panel discussion to follow the afternoon portion of the conference with an opportunity for audience members to ask questions.

REGISTRATION:

No fee. Registration required. Please [click here](#) to register on the MISD website or call Heather at (586) 228-3493.



Never SHARE Take SPARINGLY Store SECURELY Dispose PROPERLY

St. Vincent de Paul Society REGULAR AND CHRISTMAS FOOD COLLECTION

Due to an increase in calls for food, our pantry is running low on the following items:

- ◆ canned tuna, canned chicken and canned ham,
- ◆ canned baked beans, peas, carrots, beets, potatoes, mixed vegetables and soups.
- ◆ peanut butter and jelly or jams,
- ◆ powdered milk,
- ◆ Jell-O,
- ◆ rice,
- ◆ instant potatoes,
- ◆ pasta and
- ◆ cans or jars of spaghetti sauce.

We are now collecting food for the St. Vincent de Paul Christmas food baskets to make the holiday a little better for the less fortunate. It is expected that we will have requests for help from about 50 families this year. The following food items will be needed for the food baskets:

- ◆ canned sweet potatoes,
- ◆ boxed stuffing,
- ◆ canned cranberries,
- ◆ canned pumpkin for pies,
- ◆ frozen turkeys (10-12 lbs.),
- ◆ turkey breasts and hams.

These items are needed no later December 17th. Christmas food baskets will be delivered on Tuesday, December 19, 2017.

Your food donations can be deposited in the basket in front of the Church (during the offertory collection or before or after Mass) or you can give them to one of the ushers. To make a cash donation, you may use one of the envelopes on the table located in the hallway marked St. Vincent de Paul (or any envelope and write St. Vincent de Paul on it) and place it in the collection basket or drop it off at the office.

We are grateful for your continuing support for this ministry during the holidays and throughout the year.

St. Jane Frances de Chantal
St. Vincent de Paul Conference

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Please mark your calendars! It's time once again to decorate St. Jane Frances for the Christmas season. We know everyone is very busy at this time of year, but St. Jane Frances really needs a couple hours of your time on **Sunday, December 17th**, after the 11:30am Mass. (*High school students, this is a fun way to earn some community service hours!*) Please join us; the more the merrier! We look forward to seeing you!





BEN KLASSEN
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HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS: We are still accepting reservations to join us for a Winter Retreat at Spring Hill Camps in Evert, MI. If you have never been there, it is a blast! A 750 ft tall tubing hill, swimming, a broomball tournament, a live band, a fabulous speaker, and the list goes on. February 23rd-25th is the weekend to go. Contact Ben at the e-mail above if you would like to join us!

ABOUT THE GOSPEL



- ◆ John the Baptist baptized with water as a symbol that the people were leaving their old, sinful ways behind.
- ◆ He was preparing them for when Jesus would baptize them with the Holy Spirit and change them forever by His sacrifice on the Cross.

IN CHURCH

If you are tempted to talk during Mass, remain silent and focus on preparing your heart for God.

QUESTIONS FOR THE WEEK

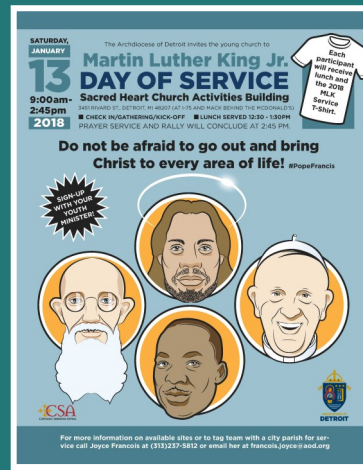
- ◆ How does your family prepare for Christmas?
- ◆ How is straightening up a friendship like making a straight road for God?
- ◆ How can I grow as a follower of Jesus?

FAMILY PRAYER

Lord, please help us to prepare not only for Christmas celebrations, but also for Your arrival in our hearts.

Questions to ask yourself next week, in preparation for Mass:

- ◆ Have you told anyone about Jesus? Have you shared with anyone how important Jesus is to you?
- ◆ Have you thanked God for the Gifts that He has given to you? How have you used these gifts to help proclaim the kingdom of God at school, work or home?



HIGH SCHOOL & MIDDLE SCHOOL TEENS

Join us for the Martin Luther King Jr. - Day of Service on January 13th, 2018.

Let us know by **December 20th** if you will join us so that we can get our numbers in to the organizers of the event.

Visit www.sjfparish.org/Youth-Ministry where you can see a large version of the flyer and get a permission form to join us at the event.

In the past we have lead events at St. Pat's Senior Center and at Gleaners Food Bank. Join us to see where we get to serve this year!

Last week we were told to "Stay awake! Be ready!" (Mk 13:33). This week we come back to the *beginning* of the Gospel of Mark, where John the Baptist announces the beginning of Jesus' ministry, "a voice of one crying out in the desert" (Mk 1:3). John is the last of the prophets, calling everyone to a new testament, a new witness, a new *tangible* understanding of God's love for us. No longer will God speak through the prophets of old, the crazy looking people like John, "clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey." (Mk 1:6).

Our new understanding comes in the way of God *incarnate*, embodied in flesh, "The Word" who comes, so that we may not just "hear" what God tells us, but see, touch, smell and experience "(some)one who has similarly been tested in every way, yet without sin." (Hb 4:15). A young child, boy, teenager and adult, growing up, choosing right from wrong, choosing to continue his studies, choosing to learn more and more about God, the best way that he knows how.

God gives us ample time to decide to follow Him. He calls every moment of every day, each of us, by name. Have I heard? Have I listened? Have I taken 5 minutes to be quiet and wait for the whisper of God's call?

God has given us prophets, priests, leaders, and His Son. We hear but often struggle to really listen to the former, will we take the time to listen to and experience the latter? How can we each be better listeners?

Last week, we lost a friend, a mentor, a prayer supporter and an all around wonderful woman, in Maureen Blair. She showed us Jesus in everything that she did! She battled cancer for years, doing so with grace, dignity and perseverance, finishing her calling here with us at St. Jane Frances, and getting us set on a good path. She pushed through pain with prayer, she encouraged her family and each of us in prayer, many people's lives were changed by her prayer, her life.

Jesus was present, in her life and being, in everything that she shared and passed on to all of us. Have you heard the call of John the Baptist, the call of the prophet Isaiah? Can we use the example of a God-fearing woman, like Maureen, to help us hear and better understand God's call for us? Where are each of us being asked to do God's will? How will we each challenge and stretch our comfort zones to help grow the Kingdom of God in this world?

As we get closer to the end of our preparation period, closer to that Holy Day, are we ready? What can each of us do for each other, to help prepare not just for the holiday, but for the Holy Day? Spiritually, are you set? Pray for me, and I will pray for everyone here at St. Jane, as I prepare myself for the day when Christ comes again. ~ *Peace, Ben*




*Fr Tony Sulkowski and
St Jane Frances de Chantal
Invite you on Pilgrimage*




Rome - Florence - Assisi
October 1-10, 2018

\$3,590/person (double occupancy)




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WHAT'S INCLUDED

- ◆ International round trip airfare: Detroit > Rome
- ◆ Papal Audience
- ◆ 4 Star Hotels
- ◆ Continental breakfast daily, 6 dinners (with wine) , and 6 lunches (including a Tuscan farmhouse luncheon)
- ◆ English speaking, Catholic guide
- ◆ Luxury Motor Coach
- ◆ Entrance to all museums and activities per itinerary
- ◆ Mass each day with Fr. Tony in beautiful churches

ITINERARY

Monday, October 1	Depart for Rome
Tuesday, October 2	Rome Panoramic City Tour
Wednesday, October 3	Rome (Papal Audience & Basilica)
Thursday, October 4	Florence
Friday, October 5	San Gimignano & Siena
Saturday, October 6	Assisi & Orvieto
Sunday, October 7	Imperial Rome & Papal Basilicas
Monday, October 8	Baroque Rome
Tuesday, October 9	Castel Gandolfo & Montecassino
Wednesday, October 10	Return Home



Terra Sancta Pilgrimages
with Franciscan friar **Fr. Alex Kratz**
will be leading a

Catholic Pilgrimage to the Holy Land
from **April 9-23, 2018.**

This life-changing experience walking in Jesus' footsteps includes daily Mass and Rosary, biblical readings on site, time for prayer and spiritual guidance, and meeting local Christians.

Cost is \$4,299 (all expenses included, round trip from Detroit, 3 daily meals, all tips and taxes).

\$500 deposit due at registration.
Orientation Meeting is February 4.

Next pilgrimage: October 8-22, 2018.

Call [\(248\) 514-1747](tel:2485141747) or mrspattig@yahoo.com.



The
MotorCity
CHORALE
Formerly the General Motors Employees' Chorus

**2017 Holiday
Concert Series**

*Concerts are free unless noted otherwise
Donations graciously accepted

Sunday, December 3 3:00 PM
Joint Concert with the Warren Concert Band
Warren Woods Middle School Auditorium - 13400 E 12 Mile Rd, Warren MI
*Tickets \$10

Monday, December 4 7:30 PM
First Presbyterian Church of Warren - 3000 E Twelve Mile Rd, Warren, MI

Friday, December 8 7:30 PM
Central Woodward Christian Church - 3955 W Big Beaver Rd, Troy, MI

Sunday, December 10 3:00 PM
Utica United Methodist Church - 8650 Canal Rd, Sterling Heights, MI

Sunday, December 10 7:30 PM
Holy Innocents Catholic Church - 26100 Ridgmont St, Roseville, MI

Friday, December 15 7:30 PM
St. Ephrem Catholic Church - 38900 Dodge Park Rd, Sterling Heights, MI

Sunday, December 17 3:00 PM
First Presbyterian Church of Mt. Clemens - 168 Cass Ave, Mt. Clemens, MI

Sunday, December 17 7:30 PM
St. Paul Lutheran Church - 375 Lothrop Rd, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI

For additional information please visit our website at motorcitychorale.org
or our Facebook page at facebook.com/motorcitychorale

The Motor City Chorale is a 501(c)(3) organization and a registered Michigan non-profit corporation

Our Cluster Partner
ST. EPHREM CATHOLIC CHURCH
 38900 Dodge Park | Sterling Heights
 Phone: 586-264-1230 | Fax: 586-264-2757
Pastor: Fr. Craig Giera

WEEKEND MASSES
Saturday 4:30pm
Sunday 9:00am & 11:00am

WEEKDAY MASSES
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday
 9:00am

CONFESSIONS
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday
 8:30am

TRAVELING CHALICE:

A PROGRAM OF PRAYER FOR
 PRIESTLY & RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS

Parishioners are asked to take the chalice home and display it in a place of honor. We ask them to pray each night for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. This week our parish gratefully acknowledges the

Frontera Family

for hosting our Traveling Chalice.

If you would like to participate in The Traveling Chalice Program please contact Ray Sroka at 586-979-7879.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 10, 2017	
SUNDAY	
Second Sunday of Advent	
Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8	
MONDAY	
Saint Damasus I, Pope	
Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14; Lk 5:17-26	
TUESDAY	
Our Lady of Guadalupe	
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	
WEDNESDAY	
Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr	
Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10; Mt 11:28-30	
THURSDAY	
Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church	
Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab; Mt 11:11-15	
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	
SUNDAY	
Third Sunday of Advent	
Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28	

Mass Intentions

for the Week of December 11th

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11

No Mass at St. Jane Frances

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

No Mass at St. Jane Frances

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

8:00am All Souls (Maria Vacaj)
 Dec. Louis DeMello (Family)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

8:00am Dec. Nancy Carrier
 (Dolores Baranski)
 Dec. Enrico Varani
 (Tom & Judy Taylor)
 Dec. George Lutfy
 (Appleton Family)
 All Souls (Maria Vacaj)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

No Mass at St. Jane Frances

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

5:00pm Dec. Eugene & Frances Berthiaume
 (Joyce)
 Dec. Carol Trinity Miller
 (Robert & Frances Kraft)
 Dec. Ursual Steinhebel
 (Judy Kotulis)
 Dec. Josephine Roby
 (Appleton Family)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

9:00am For the Parishioners
 Dec. Ken Serbenski (Wife - Donna)
 Dec. Dennis Briston
 (Caron Briston)
 Dec. Jessie Stelmach, 7th
 Anniversary (Franczyk Family)

11:30am Dec. Edward Papcun
 (Wife & Family)
 Dec. Ida Iannucci (Jennie Colella)
 Dec. Saleh Alamat (Family)
 Dec. Matthew Swita
 (Richard & Christine Stuhlsatz)



Who Are You?

Following last Sunday's introduction to John the Baptist through St. Mark's Gospel, this week in our *Lectio Divina* sessions we will take a closer look at the Baptist through the eyes of St. John the Evangelist.

Please join us if you can, either on Monday afternoon from 3:00pm - 4:00pm, or on Wednesday evening from 7:00pm - 8:00pm. Come with us as we open ourselves to God's Word, allow the Lord to help us discern who John the Baptist was, and maybe gain some insight into who we are as we travel this Advent journey together. As always, no prep, no homework, no pressure. Please join us.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE — DECEMBER 16 th & 17 th			
	5:00pm	9:00am	11:30am
Presider	Fr. Tony	Fr. Tony	Fr. Tony
Sacristan(s)	Tim & Karen Pawlik	Selma & Paul Marzec	Lynn & Dave Burley
Lector 1	John Martin	Denise Dara	Matthew Pawl
Lector 2	John Czarski	Geri Miles	Felix Erfe
Altar Servers	Amanda Dufoor	Maggie Friedmann	Julia Ortmann
	Elizabeth Galadik	Sarah Friedmann	Teresa Mezzapelle
Ushers	Team 1	Assigned	Team 2

WEEKDAY LECTOR SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12th

No Mass at St. Jane Frances

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13th

John Martin

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14th

Barb Milczynski

PARISH SUPPORT
December 3rd, 2017

Budgeted Weekly Obligation:
\$12,237.00

Actual Average Weekly Collection:
\$12,169.00

Registered Families: 1445
Envelopes Returned: 363

Amount Offered: \$10,100.48
Loose Offering: \$742.23

Online Giving
Contributors: 77
Contributions: \$3,579.00
Total Offerings \$14,421.71

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TOGETHER LET US PRAY...
Please pray for those who are in special need of our prayers.

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Charles Ashley
Tim Broders
James Brown
Mary Sue Bruce
Sam Castelli
Sandy Castelli
Vicki Chrzanowski
Bernie Colasanti, Jr
MaryAnn DeDonatis
Sharyl Dennis
Anna DiDonato
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Kevin Wilcox
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William Wonsowicz
Toni Woodring
Mary Woywood
Helene Young
Mary Zalewski
Marti Zysk

ARMED SERVICES PRAYER LIST

Please pray for the men and women serving our country in the Armed Services that they may return home safely to family and friends. We remember particularly:

Robert Bain, Army
Chris Burley, Navy
Shaun Chaplin, Air Force
Amir Ciplakovic, Marines
Melanie De Le Ree, Air Force
Zack Hoover, Air Force
Louis B. Kasper III, Coast Guard
Stephen LaBarge, Army



Carmen LaForest, Navy
Matthew McDowell, Air Force
Jeremy Rzeppa, Navy
Scot D. Skoczylas, Navy
Sean Slattery, Marines
Allison Stewart, Army
Anthony Trotta, Navy

IN SYMPATHY



The community of
St. Jane Frances de Chantal
expresses support and prayers to the family of

Maureen Blair

Beloved wife of Gary.
Loving mother of Erin (Daniel Colwell) Blair, Emily Blair and Daniel Blair.
Loving grandmother of James Blair Colwell. Maureen is also survived by her brothers and sisters and many loving nieces and nephews.

May her soul and the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.