



Fr. Tony Sulkowski  
Pastor  
Ext. 102

**FR. T'S TIDBITS:**

The Church begins the season of Advent, a season of preparation for the Feast of Christmas and the New Year. Many people have begun to prepare for this wonderful season one only has to drive through the neighborhoods and see the colorful lights and Christmas trees decorated with ornaments and tinsel.

These are all ways in which we prepare for something special. When we celebrate family events such as marriages, baptisms, graduations, birth of a child we always prepare so as to enter fully into these celebrations.

Likewise, the Church invites us to prepare in a spiritual way so as to enter wholly into this sacred season. The season of Advent is our time to spiritually prepare for the great Feast of Christmas. There are many ways we can do this - attend daily mass, do some spiritual reading, volunteer at the church or in the community. How we prepare is up to us. The fact is that Christmas will come whether we are prepared or not.

As we enter the season of Advent may we prepare ourselves for the birth of Christ, and may we pray for each other as we continue to build up the Body of Christ.

I would like to thank the staff for the nice welcoming reception they had for me. It was great to meet the members of St. Jane Frances de Chantal. I look forward to getting to know all of you as we journey forward. Have a wonderful Advent.

Carpe Diem,  
Fr. Anthony Sulkowski

Please take a moment to welcome **Laurie Hall**, our new Pastoral Associate/Worship Coordinator, to the St. Jane Frances de Chantal family!

*I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.  
Philippians 4:13*

Greetings to the community of St. Jane Frances de Chantal! My name is Laurie Hall and I am excited to join the community as your Pastoral Associate/Worship Coordinator. Thank you to Fr. Tony and the staff for their kindness and the opportunity to serve together!

I come to you from a 14+ year ministry at St. Michael on the East side of Sterling Heights. I served there as Pastoral Associate and Worship Coordinator so I have an idea of what I've signed up for! I'm looking forward to jumping right in and serving with all of you. I'm a graduate of Sacred Heart Major Seminary and have studied all aspects of Worship.

On a personal note, I have enjoyed 25 years of marriage to my husband, Dan, and have two grown children, Kaitlin and Zachary. I am an avid reader, a bit of a news junkie, a great fan of a day spent near water, and I love people! Spending time listening to the "story of your life" is time well spent. I look forward to hearing your stories as we worship God together.

I live my life by the scripture verse above. I truly believe that God has led me to this community and will guide me as I seek to know you, grow with you and work together to build the kingdom of God. I will be praying for all of you as you celebrate Advent and Christmas - I ask for your prayers as well.

**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](http://www.sjfparish.org)

**MASS SCHEDULE**

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

**PARISH STAFF**

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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**

**MINISTRIES**

- Knights of Columbus #13340**  
Joe Nida 586-977-8080
- Parish Nurse Ministry**  
Doreen Corby 586-977-8080
- Seniors**  
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 4**

- 3:00pm Lectio Divina  
6:00pm Faith Formation Classes (K-6)

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5**

- 4:30pm Faith Formation Classes (K-6)  
5:30pm Confessions  
6:00pm Rosary  
6:30pm Jr. High/Confirmation Prep  
7:00pm Mass w/Anointing

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6**

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

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7**

- 8:00am Mass  
1:00pm Swiffers, Team 2  
7:00pm Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8**

- Parish Office Closed*  
8:00am Mass for Immaculate Conception

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9**

- 5:00pm Mass

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10**

- 9:00am Mass  
10:00am Heavenly Delights  
11:30am Mass  
12:30pm Giving Tree Gift Wrapping  
1:00pm Baptisms  
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](http://sjfparish.org)



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

**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."



# BAPTISM

The Catholic Community of  
**St. Jane Frances de Chantal**  
welcomes the following child  
who was Baptized by  
Fr. Anthony Sulkowski  
on November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017



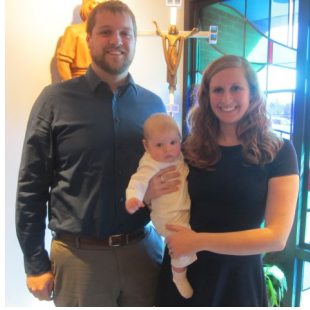
## *Juliana Rose Borg*

Parents: Anthony Borg  
Nicole Borg  
Godfather: Ryan Borg  
Godmother: Kelly Marra



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## *Aiden Todd Brower*

Parents: Steven Brower  
Kaitlin Brower  
Godfather: Alan Letkowski  
Godmother: Tiffany Letkowski



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## *Elizabeth Ann Letkowski*

Parents: Alan Letkowski  
Tiffany Letkowski  
Godfather: Brian Hayner  
Godmother: Kristina Bartold

IN SYMPATHY



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

## *George Lutfy*

Beloved husband of the late Xenia.  
Loving Father of James (Carol) Lutfy and  
Gary (Susan) Lutfy and grandfather of numerous  
grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

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

IN SYMPATHY



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

## *Gerald Lovelle*

Beloved husband of Diane (nee Lozier).  
Loving father of Sherry (James) Brown, Tammy  
(Christopher) Hines, & Brandy (Gino) Cappellaro.  
Proud grandfather 8 & great-grandfather of 1.

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faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.



## WHAT IS YOUR MESSAGE?

In this week's *Lectio Divina* Sessions we will together consider the Gospel account from St. Mark for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent. This Gospel concerns Jesus' cousin, John the Baptist.

Please join us if you can, either at the Monday afternoon session from 3:00pm - 4:00pm, or at the Wednesday evening session from 7:00pm - 8:00pm. Come with us as we open ourselves to God's Word, allow the Lord

to help us discern the significance of John's role in announcing the Savior, and ponder what this all means to each of us in the days ahead.

As always, no prep, no homework, no pressure. Please join us.



**DEBBIE MAZUR**  
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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. 12<sup>th</sup> 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. 8<sup>th</sup>.

**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](http://www.widowedfriends.org)**



## CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

*A chance to share your time and talent!*

Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> 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.



**Theology on Tap**  
**Friday, December 8, 2017**  
**6:30pm-8:30pm**  
 At Traffic Jam & Snug  
 511 W. Canfield St.  
 Detroit, MI 48201

Theology on Tap is a great opportunity for young Catholic adults to meet in a comfortable setting to explore our faith and how it affects our lives. Renew International’s Theology on Tap is a licensed program that encourages the exploration of faith amongst young adults, ages 18-35, in a setting that is meant to be non-threatening and open to dialogue.

Join young adults for fellowship, food, fantastic speakers and faith. This week’s speaker is:

**Fr. Pierre Ingram, CC, speaking about “The Immaculate Conception”**

## 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](mailto: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 17<sup>th</sup>. 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 of hours of your time on **Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>**, 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**  
 Director of Faith Formation &  
 Youth Ministry Coordinator  
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**HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**

We are looking at offering a Winter Retreat at Spring Hill Camps in Ewart, MI. If this sounds like something you'd be interested in, let us know! The weekend we are looking at is February 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>.

Contact Ben at [bklassen@sjfparish.org](mailto:bklassen@sjfparish.org) if you would like to join us for this experience! Grab a friend and ask them to come along!

**Are you in Grade 9 - 12?**

Did you know that there are ministries here in YOUR parish community looking for YOU? Do you need service hours, or do you like to help others in need? We have that! Do you like to hang out with your friends, talk, eat junk food, and get out of the house every once in a while? We have that, too. Would you like to be more active in Mass or other Worship opportunities? We can always use and welcome your help! Do you want to make a difference in your community? You already do, but come and speak with us, and we can help guide you to where you will be able to use your gifts and talents in a full, enriching way. Try us out and help shape this community, by calling or e-mailing Ben (upper left corner of this page) or swing by some Sunday evening. Our Sunday Evening Gatherings for High School aged students happen almost every Sunday evening. Come join us (enter at Door #4)! Come by yourself or better yet - bring a friend!

Happy New Year, welcome to Advent 2017! Does this sound familiar (or a little odd) to you? The Faith Formation group looked at me this week with puzzlement, and someone said, "But it's not even December yet, that's crazy!" The Church celebrates its new Liturgical Year, starting this weekend with the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent. The days are getting shorter, the calendar year hasn't ended, so why?

It makes sense (this is totally NOT a theological reason, just a Ben reason) if we look at what we are doing in our Religious and Faith life. We celebrate and worship the King of Kings, Jesus the Christ. So we look at His birth as the beginning of the new promise of God to His people, hmmm... the New Testament, right at the beginning, the Gospel (Good News) and the point from which the Christian teachings expand upon the Old Testament (old promise).

So, we prepare (beforehand) for the birth of *the* Christ Child, the beginning of the reason behind why we do what we do. The other thing I see, is in nature - specifically what is happening *in* nature right about Christmas-time. The winter solstice (the one day of the year when the nighttime is longer than *any* other nighttime of the year) happens December 21<sup>st</sup> (in the Northern hemisphere - where Christianity began and first grew). After the solstice, the days begin to get longer, more sun creeps into our lives, and *the* Son enters into our minds.

This year, let's wiggle out of the "regular ruts" of the season. Let's make New Year resolutions now (for the new Liturgical Year) that are manageable for us. If you are like me, and started out missing "just this one Mass, this one time", it gets easier to miss the next time, and we fall into that "rut" of missing Mass. Mass is a sacrifice. It is a recollecting, a recalling and a remembering of the one time, physical Sacrifice of sacrifices, that Christ made for us. It is also remembering, recalling and celebrating, the Eternal Sacrifice of the once little baby Jesus, for ALL time, for ALL of us.

So maybe, when we prepare this year and remember the little baby who would grow to be *the* man who would give ALL, for everyone, our weekly coming to church isn't so much a sacrifice, as it is a necessity. We, as community (with unity), join together, in person, in speech, in prayer, in SONG (even if we don't sing to well) to celebrate. So, join Jesus inside of you, with Jesus inside of everyone else this Advent. Let your resolution be to come together more often, sing quietly (if you normally don't), sing louder if you normally hum along, lay out your clothes the night before, or come in 5 minutes before Mass to get into a "Mass frame of mind", join an activity at church, pray every day in word AND deed. These are little, very reachable resolutions for each of us to stretch ourselves and come ever so closer to God.

Happy New Year! I look forward to seeing you next week!

**About the Gospel:**

Jesus tells us to be ready, to be watchful and alert. Do not fall into laziness, or overwork yourself so much that you cannot stay awake for the return of the Master of the house, God!  
 Always be ready.

**In Church:**

As you worship through Advent, pay special attention to your actions. Make the sign of the cross purposefully, genuflect and bow with purpose and reverence, recite the prayers paying special attention to the words you are saying.

**Questions for the Week:**

How can you be more watchful and alert this week?  
 Where is Jesus calling you to pay more attention and be more faithful in your life?

**Family Prayer:**

Jesus, help us to better understand Your Word, so that we will be ready for Your return to this world.

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

Are we ready for Jesus? What, over the past week, did we do to prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming to the world?  
 Was I watchful, and alert this past week?  
 Did I prepare myself properly for school, for work, for Mass? Did I prepare myself and those around me for Jesus' coming? Did I help Mom or Dad prepare for the upcoming season and guests?

**Family  
 Corner**



*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** or [mrspattig@yahoo.com](mailto:mrspattig@yahoo.com).



**Retirement Fund  
for Religious**

Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

**HELP CARE FOR ELDERS.** "Thanks to support from the Retirement Fund for Religious, we are now in a much better position to care for our elders," writes a religious sister. Your donation helps her religious community and hundreds of others provide for aging members and plan for long-term needs.

**HELP RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES.** "Your generous contribution helps us to care for our retired sisters and enables our younger sister to continue in active ministry," writes a religious sister. Your gift to this year's collection helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for thousands of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good work of their elders!

Please prayerfully consider a generous gift for next week's Retirement Fund collection.

**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  
**Saturday** 12:15pm



**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

*Downey 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 3, 2017	
<b>SUNDAY</b>	
<b>First Sunday of Advent</b> Is 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37	
<b>MONDAY</b>	
<b>St. John Damascene, Priest &amp; Doctor of the Church</b> Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 8:5-11	
<b>TUESDAY</b>	
Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	
<b>Saint Nicholas, Bishop</b> Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mt 15:29-37	
<b>THURSDAY</b>	
<b>St. Ambrose, Bishop &amp; Doctor of the Church</b> Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27	
<b>FRIDAY</b>	
<b>The Immaculate Conception</b> Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98: 1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38	
<b>SATURDAY</b>	
<b>Saint Juan Diego</b> Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8	
<b>SUNDAY</b>	
<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b> Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85: 9-10, 11-12, 13-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8	

**MASS INTENTIONS**

- MONDAY, DECEMBER 4**  
 No Mass at St. Jane Frances
- TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5**  
**7:00pm** Dec. Ignacz Blahota (Tom & Judy Taylor)  
 Liv. Chung Nguyen (Vanessa)  
 Liv. Joseph Nguyen (Mom)  
 All Souls (Vanessa)
- WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6**  
**8:00am** Dec. Christine Flaviani (Tom & Judy Taylor)  
 Dec. Assunta Varani (Tom & Judy Taylor)  
 Dec. James Taylor (Tom & Judy Taylor)  
 Dec. Michael Koczon (Tom & Judy Taylor)
- THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7**  
**8:00am** All Souls (Vanessa)  
 Liv. Fr. Jerry Slowinski (Nguyen Family)  
 Liv. Pavlin Vacaj (Mom)  
 Liv. Nikoleta Vacaj (Mom)
- FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8**  
**8:00am** Dec. Lianne Reyes (Balagtas Family)  
 Dec. Nicanor Reyes, Jr. (Balagtas Family)  
 Dec. Salvador Balagtas (Balagtas Family)
- SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9**  
**5:00pm** For the Parishioners  
 Dec. Members of Bauer Family (Scally Family)  
 Dec. Sandra Kotulis (Judy Kotulis, Sister)  
 Dec. John Ward (Stender Family)
- SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10**  
**9:00am** Dec. Dorothy Briston (Carolyn Briston)  
 Dec. Ornella Balangna (Carolyn Briston)  
 Dec. Evelyn Geldhof (Olsen Family)  
 Dec. Arnold Jarboe (Wagdi Gredi)  
 Dec. Mercedes Garcia (Ball Family)
- 11:30am** Dec. Bernadette Wilcox (Family)  
 Dec. Alex Hetrick (Andy Hetrick & Debi Teran)  
 Dec. Mark Chmielewski (Family)  
 Dec. Stanley & Helen Chmielewski (Family)

**LITURGICAL SCHEDULE — DECEMBER 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> WEEKDAY LECTORS**

	12/7 @ 7:00pm	12/8 @ 8:00am	
<b>Presider</b>	Fr. Tony	Fr. Tony	<u>Tuesday, 12/5</u> Mary Minjeur
<b>Sacristan(s)</b>	Brian Finn	Dick & Nancy Volpe	<u>Wednesday, 12/6</u> Mike Scavo
<b>Lector 1</b>	Denise Dara	Barb Milczynski	<u>Thursday, 12/7 8:00am</u> Judy Taylor
<b>Lector 2</b>	Harv Bajercius	John Martin	
<b>Altar Servers</b>		Maggie Friedmann	
		Sarah Friedmann	

**LITURGICAL SCHEDULE — DECEMBER 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>**

	5:00pm	9:00am	11:30am
<b>Presider</b>	Fr. Tony	Fr. Tony	Fr. Tony
<b>Sacristan(s)</b>	Lisa Skoczylas	Dick & Nancy Volpe	Dan & Darlene Rys
<b>Lector 1</b>	Christopher Darner	Eileen Clase	Barb Milczynski
<b>Lector 2</b>	Cynthia Kaufmann	Jolynn Friedmann	Annette Mobley
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Lucas Jeffery	Samantha Belz	Maddie Kleinberg
	Elsa Jeffery	Amanda Belz	Isabella Schilling
<b>Ushers</b>	Team 2	Assigned	Team 3



**PARISH SUPPORT  
November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

Budgeted Weekly Obligation:  
\$12,237.00

Actual Average Weekly Collection:  
\$12,051.00

Registered Families: 1447  
Envelopes Returned: 315

Amount Offered: \$6,222.46  
Loose Offering: \$933.27

**Online Giving**  
Contributors: 86  
Contributions: \$3,019.00

**Total Offerings \$10,174.73**

**PARISH SUPPORT  
November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

Registered Families: 1447  
Envelopes Returned: 337

Amount Offered: \$7,313.00  
Loose Offering: \$651.00

**Online Giving**  
Contributors: 75  
Contributions: \$1,996.00

**Total Offerings \$9,960.00**

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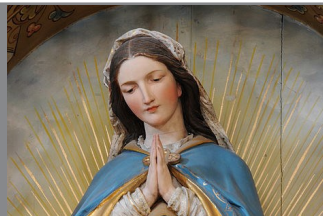
Please pray for those who are in special need of our prayers.

<i>Lillian Arendall</i>	<i>James Friedmann</i>	<i>Anita Pitlock</i>
<i>Charles Ashley</i>	<i>Cindy Graham</i>	<i>Amy Zachwieja Raggio</i>
<i>Maureen Blair</i>	<i>Pauline Gronowski</i>	<i>Marlene Rokicki</i>
<i>Tim Broders</i>	<i>Scott Harris</i>	<i>Olivia Rokicki</i>
<i>James Brown</i>	<i>John Karalunas</i>	<i>Arnold Semrau</i>
<i>Mary Sue Bruce</i>	<i>James Klassen</i>	<i>Irene Tallerico</i>
<i>Sam Castelli</i>	<i>Joan Knapp</i>	<i>Joseph Tallerico</i>
<i>Sandy Castelli</i>	<i>Judy Koelzer</i>	<i>Kathryn Tallerico</i>
<i>Vicki Chrzanowski</i>	<i>Walter Kronner</i>	<i>Tom Taylor</i>
<i>Bernie Colasanti, Jr</i>	<i>James Kwapis</i>	<i>Jerome Trombly</i>
<i>Sharyl Dennis</i>	<i>Joann Lichocki</i>	<i>Daniel Van Acker</i>
<i>Anna DiDonato</i>	<i>George Lutfy</i>	<i>Roy Weickel</i>
<i>Mario DiDonato</i>	<i>Sr. Eileen Lynch</i>	<i>Mel Werner</i>
<i>John DiPucchio</i>	<i>Lynn Macieczni</i>	<i>Kevin Wilcox</i>
<i>Rita Duffey</i>	<i>Addison Mathews</i>	<i>Don G. Wisniewski</i>
<i>Kevin Duffoor</i>	<i>William Navalta</i>	<i>Toni Woodring</i>
<i>Pam Evezia</i>	<i>Norma O'Connor</i>	<i>Mary Woywood</i>
<i>Shirley Essad</i>	<i>Kathleen Pawlik</i>	<i>Mary Zalewski</i>
<i>Marie Gagnon</i>	<i>Matthew Pawlik</i>	<i>Marti Zysk</i>
<i>Richard Gerst</i>	<i>Helen Perliskey</i>	
<i>Charles Grade</i>	<i>Adam Phillips</i>	

**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:

<i>Robert Bain, Army</i>	<i>Carmen LaForest, Navy</i>
<i>Chris Burley, Navy</i>	<i>Matthew McDowell, Air Force</i>
<i>Shaun Chaplin, Air Force</i>	<i>Jeremy Rzeppa, Navy</i>
<i>Amir Ciplakovic, Marines</i>	<i>Scot D. Skoczylas, Navy</i>
<i>Melanie De Le Ree, Air Force</i>	<i>Sean Slattery, Marines</i>
<i>Zack Hoover, Air Force</i>	<i>Allison Stewart, Army</i>
<i>Louis B. Kasper III, Coast Guard</i>	<i>Anthony Trotta, Navy</i>
<i>Stephen LaBarge, Army</i>	



**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE**

<b>St. Jane Frances</b>	<b>St. Ephrem</b>
Thursday, December 7 <sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm Friday, December 8 <sup>th</sup> at 8:00am	Friday, December 8 <sup>th</sup> at 9:00am, 12:15pm, & 7:00pm