



## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

# St. Jane Frances de Chantal

Sterling Heights, MI

December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Last week my family on the Sulkowski side had their annual Wigila gathering. Each year a different family member hosts the event. This year my sister, brothers and I were the hosts. Sixty-five members of the Sulkowski family gathered to share a meal, breaking the oplatek, and wishing each other the best in the New Year. As always we shared stories of the past and remembered those who have gone home to the Lord.

It is important to celebrate those traditions that have been passed on to us from one generation to the next. Each of us can trace our roots back to the old world, many of our relatives came through Ellis Island and settled in the new world to build a life for their family. Many who came brought only a suitcase with them, however they always brought the customs and traditions of their homeland.

In this Third week of Advent may we take the time to share the customs and traditions of our own heritage with those of the younger generation so that they to can carry out the traditions of our fore bearers and appreciate the customs and traditions that make every family unique. As we prepare to celebrate the feast of Christmas may we welcome all those who will come to St. Jane Frances de Chantal this Christmas Eve and Christmas day, those visitors who come home to celebrate with family and friends during this Christmas season?

One of the traditions or customs that make St. Jane Frances de Chantal parish unique is our welcoming spirit. Many visitors have told me over and over again how friendly and welcoming the people of St. Jane Frances are. Let us extend that same spirit of welcome to those who come and worship with us this Christmas and New Year season.

I hope these last remaining days of Advent will find you prepared to celebrate the great Feast of Christmas.

The Cold and Flu season is upon us. If you have the flu please refrain from drinking from the cup at Mass. Also, the total Christmas collection stays in the parish, thank you for your generosity. Have a great week.

Bon mot: Take the leap and the net will follow.

Carpe Diem,

Fr. Tony Sulkowski



Fr. Tony Sulkowski  
Pastor  
Ext. 102

Behold,  
I am sending  
my messenger  
ahead of you;  
he will prepare  
your way  
before you.  
Matthew 11:10

### Christmas Mass Schedule

**Christmas Eve Masses: 4:00pm, 6:00pm, & Midnight Mass (11:30pm Prelude)**

**Christmas Day Masses: 9:00am & 11:30am**

**Mother Mary, Vigil Mass: Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> 5:00pm**

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**MASS SCHEDULE**

**Weekend Masses**

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

**Weekday Masses**

Tuesday 7:00pm  
 Wednesday and Thursday 8:00am

**Holy Day Masses** As Announced

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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

8:30am - 8:00pm  
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**Friday: Closed**

**Saturday: 2:30pm - 5:00pm**

**Sunday: 10:00am - 12:30pm**

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**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 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 start your preparations and make arrangements. Couples should stop by the office and fill out the Request for Celebration of Marriage form. Fr. Tony will call the couple and answer any questions regarding marriage.

**ANOIDTING OF THE SICK**

Contact the Parish Office to schedule. Also available once a month during the Tuesday evening Mass.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS**

Are you interested in joining the Catholic Church? We are thrilled to have you! Contact our Pastoral Associate/Worship Coordinator, Laurie Hall, to begin the process by calling the Parish Office. Welcome home!

**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 call the Parish Office to schedule.

**Parish Happenings**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 16**

8:30am Packing of Christmas Baskets

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17**

8:30am-noon Picking up of Christmas Baskets

5:30pm Confessions

6:00pm Rosary

6:00pm Confirmation Prep

7:00pm Mass w/Anointing

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18**

8:00am Mass

9:30am Needlecrafters

5:45pm Needlecrafters

6:00pm Mats for the Homeless

6:00pm Bells

7:00pm Choir

7:00pm Lectio Divina

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19**

8:00am Mass

1:15pm Swiffers Team 3

5:30pm K-6 Faith Formation

7:00pm Judelaires Christmas Concert w/ Reception Following

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20**

Office Closed

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21**

Red Cross Blood Drive Sign ups

4:00pm Mass

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22**

Red Cross Blood Drive Sign ups

9:00am Mass

11:30am Mass

12:15pm Christmas Decorating

6:00pm HSYM Sun. Eve Gathering

**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

**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!





LAURIE HALL  
Pastoral Associate &  
Worship Coordinator  
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## GAUDETE SUNDAY!

What's that you ask? "The Third Sunday of Advent (Like the Fourth Sunday of Lent) is a day of joy in the midst of our spiritual preparations for Christmas. It is traditionally called Gaudete Sunday, from the Latin of the Entrance Antiphon for today. The antiphon captures the mood of the entire liturgy as we move into the second part of Advent: there is a sense of joyful expectation, an awareness that the fulfillment of God's great plan for us is near" (Sourcebook for Sundays, Seasons and Weekdays, 2020).

There is a joyful sense in today's readings. Isaiah sings a song of rebirth today, describing Israel after the exile. Flowers bloom, disabilities are healed, sorrow turns to joy. The letter of James counsels us to be patient during this transformation. In the Gospel, Jesus reminds John's disciples that he has done just what Isaiah prophesied. What's more, the kingdom of heaven promises greatness for all. As we reflect on God's word, let us rejoice, for we know that God is with us.

As we rejoice, we also must prepare. We prepare for the coming of the Son of God, into the world, into our hearts, and at the end of time. Let us try to put aside all the busyness and craziness of the season and concentrate on preparing our hearts for the divine presence in us and among us.

Peace,  
Laurie



### AS WE CELEBRATE THE

### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, HERE IS WHAT'S GOING ON AT ST. JANE FRANCES:

**CHRISTMAS SEASON DECORATING** – Please mark your calendars for Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>, following the 11:30am Mass. At that time we will bring Christmas to light in our beautiful worship space. We need just a couple of hours to transform our space into a beautiful reflection of the season we are celebrating. (If you are a high school student looking for service hours – this is your opportunity!) Please join us – all are welcome! If you can commit early, please email me at lhall@sjfparish.org or call me at the parish number. If you don't know your availability, just be there on Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> following the 11:30 Mass! Looking forward to a fun time!

### 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.

### COMING IN JANUARY: BISHOP ROBERT BARRON'S DVD—BASED PROGRAM

EUCARIST: Sacred Meal, Sacrifice and Real Presence

Christ is alive and fully present in the Eucharist. Join us as we delve into the "source and summit" of our Faith with Bishop Robert Barron's DVD-based program: Eucharist: Sacred Meal, Sacrifice and Real Presence. This spiritual study will give you a deeper understanding of the precious gift of Christ's body, blood, soul and divinity that you can receive at each and every Mass.

The program begins on Monday, January 13, 2020 at 6:45pm and continues for two additional Monday evenings. For more information or to register, contact Laurie Hall or stop by the parish office.



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## CIVILIZE IT

☆☆☆  
 DIGNITY BEYOND THE DEBATE

***A divided country. Fights at the dinner table. Political vitriol. What does it mean to love our neighbors in the midst of such a climate?***

*As Catholics, we have a long tradition of engagement in the political process as a means of putting our faith into action. We are called to bring the best of ourselves and our faith to the public square and yet today, many shy away from such involvement because our national and local conversations are filled with vitriol and harsh language, often directed at people themselves.*

*When personal attacks replace honest debate, no one wins. This kind of attack, no matter the reason, only serves to further divide our communities. As Catholics, we must model a better way. During this Advent and Christmas season, we can promote civility, love our neighbors and build community.*

*Civilize It is about making room in your heart for those with whom you disagree. We are called to recognize that each one of us is a beloved child of God and to respond in love to that reality. Civilize It is a non-partisan call to focus on the dignity of all people, even when we disagree and to put faith in action by bearing witness to a better way forward.*

*Take the pledge as an individual, family or community. Anyone and everyone can commit together to honoring human dignity through civil conversation. Pledge...*

1. *Civility—To recognize the human dignity of those with whom I disagree, treat others with respect and rise above attacks when directed at me.*
2. *Clarity—To root my political viewpoints in the Gospel and a well formed conscience, which involves prayer, conversation, study and listening. I will stand up for my convictions and speak out when I witness language that disparages others’ dignity, while also listening and seeking to understand others’ experiences.*
3. *Compassion—To encounter others with a tone and posture which affirms that I honor the dignity of others and invites others to do the same. I will presume others’ best intentions and listen to their stories with empathy. I will strive to understand before seeking to be understood.*

Adapted from the USCCB [Wearesaltandlight.org/civilize-it](http://Wearesaltandlight.org/civilize-it)

### RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE SUNDAY, JANUARY 5<sup>TH</sup> 8:00AM-2:00PM



We are taking Blood Drive Sign-ups the weekends of December 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup>. The donation of one unit of blood can potentially help to save three lives.

PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING!

**TO REGISTER ONLINE:**

- Visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)
- Go to box down on left and middle of screen that says “Make a Donation” and click “Enter a Sponsor Code” which is stjane.
- Click “click here” to schedule an appointment to donate.

First time users must then click the blue “create a profile” link to the right of the screen before logging in to schedule a time. Complete all fields marked with an asterisk.



#### C.A.R.E. PROGRAM Caregiver Assistance Resources and Education Program<sup>®</sup>

### January 4, 2020 Caregiver Resilience Training

9:00am-11:30am Fr. Page Activity Center

In continuation of our 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Caregiver Series, the next session is Saturday January 4<sup>th</sup>. You can attend even if you missed previous sessions!

Cost per session is \$5 per person.  
 Light refreshments will be offered.

**Registration is required!**

Sign up in the parish office or call 586-977-8080.



## YOUNG CATHOLIC PROFESSIONALS

YCP Detroit would graciously like to invite you to join them for a wonderful evening on Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at Little Caesars Arena to watch our hometown Detroit Pistons take on the Memphis Grizzlies for Young Catholic Professionals night. Please contact **Trey Bauman** at [trey.bauman@ycpdetroit.org](mailto:trey.bauman@ycpdetroit.org) for tickets and information. **TICKET: \$25.00 DEADLINE: 12/20/2019**





**Knights of Columbus  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Family  
Rosary for Vocations**



The Knights of Columbus invite you to join them as they pray the rosary on Sunday, **December 29, 2019** for Vocations after the 9:00am Mass.

We will have extra rosaries available if you need one. Whether you pray the rosary all the time or have never experienced this devotional prayer, please feel free to join them! The Knights of Columbus host this any month there is a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday.

The October Knight of the month is  
Jakub Shonka  
The October Knight Family of the month is  
Jacqueline LaRocca and Family



**ATTENTION SENIORS  
"THURSDAYS AT THE  
MUSEUM"**

The Detroit Institute of Arts is offering a **FREE special program for adults 55 and older**

The DIA is offering groups of people from Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties **FREE** admission, **FREE** transportation and a complementary coffee and cookie reception. The itinerary is:

- 12:00pm Bus pick-up at St. Jane Frances  
**(Please park in parking lot out by the garage)**
- 1:00pm Program begins
- 2:30pm Coffee and cookie reception
- 3:15pm Bus departs from DIA to St Jane Frances

We are scheduled to attend the following event:

**January 30<sup>th</sup>**— Drawing In The Galleries and Collection Tours. In addition to offering tours of the DIA, art instructors will also be available for those who would like to draw in the galleries. (Must sign up by **January 16<sup>th</sup>** in the parish office).

**We can only take a maximum of 50 people, so sign up early!! Any questions contact Linda at 586-977-8080, ext. 113 or Lsmith@sjfparish.org.**

**St. Paul of the Cross  
Passionist Retreat Center**

**Advent Evening of  
Peace & Prayer**

Tuesday, December 17 • 6:30 - 8:30 pm

\$15 per person • Children 5 and up - free  
Early Registration Discount • \$10 before Dec. 3

Pray the O Antiphons • Family Friendly Activities

register online at [stpaulretreat.org](http://stpaulretreat.org)

You may also complete this form and return it to the Center, OR call (313)286-2800.  
Payment in full is requested, and reservations are necessary.  
• December 17 Evening of Peace & Prayer •

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
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St. Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat Center 23333 Schoolcraft Detroit, MI 48223  
Questions? Contact Lynnette Marshall at [lmarshall@stpaulretreat.org](mailto:lmarshall@stpaulretreat.org)



**EUCHRE NIGHT  
Come join us for a Super Bowl Party**

WHEN: Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup>,  
from 5:00pm until about 10:00pm.

WHERE: In the Fr. Page Activity Center.

WHO: Whether you are a pro or a beginner join us for a fun night of Euchre!

WHAT: We'll be playing Euchre and having a fun evening together! The games will be played using rotating partners.

HOW: Sign-up in the Parish Office. The cost is \$10.00 per player and covers the cost of dinner, snacks, dessert, beverages and prizes.

We ask that the \$10.00 please be paid before the night of the event. The cut off for signing up is Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup> (No refunds for cancellations received after January 6<sup>th</sup>).

Questions: Contact Linda Smith at  
[Lsmith@sjfparish.org](mailto:Lsmith@sjfparish.org) or 586-977-8080, ext. 113



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For a fun, family activity this Advent, check out the Journey to Bethlehem at:  
[www.sjfparish.org/YouthMinistry](http://www.sjfparish.org/YouthMinistry)

*Family Corner*

**ABOUT THE GOSPEL:**

John the Baptist questions if Jesus is the one that God has promised will come after him. In response, Jesus recounts some of his miracles, all of which were prophesied by Isaiah. Jesus affirms that John is a prophet sent to prepare everyone for his own arrival.

**IN CHURCH:**

Jesus went out of his way to show kindness to people who needed it. Have each person in your family make a pledge to help someone who needs it. Each evening this week, share how you have spread Jesus' kindness.

**QUESTIONS FOR THE WEEK:**

- ◆ How do you share good news with others ?
- ◆ What signs in Jesus' ministry, show us who He is? In what way is John the Baptist important to Jesus?
- ◆ What was John the Baptist waiting for?
- ◆ What are ways that you have made the world a better place? Have you shared the Good News of Jesus with someone? How?

**FAMILY PRAYER:**

God, we thank you for many blessings. Help us to be blessings to others .  
 Amen.

**QUESTIONS TO ASK YOURSELF NEXT WEEK, IN PREPARATION FOR MASS:**


- ◆ How did you help prepare for Christmas this week?
- ◆ Why are parents, and the people who take care of us, important?
- ◆ Where was Jesus born?

*JOY*

*Rejoice in the Lord always,  
 I shall say it again:  
 Rejoice!*

*Phillipians 4:4*

Come  
**Journey to Bethlehem**




Friday, December 20, 2019 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm or  
 Saturday, December 21, 2019 from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Journey with Mary and Joseph from Nazareth to Bethlehem. See the sites, hear the sounds and smell the scents they would have encountered. Walk the 75 mile journey in about 20 minutes.

Group trips leave every few minutes from the church to travel through the building, which is transformed into Nazareth, the Governor's Palace, the Marketplace and Inns, and finally, the Stable. Hear from Mary and Joseph and others who were part of their journey. Your journey ends in the Gym with simple refreshments. Everyone is welcome. Bring your family and friends. There is no charge for this trip but free will donations are welcome.

St. Margaret of Scotland Parish  
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Happy Gaudete Sunday, the beginning of a week for rejoicing! What do you have to rejoice about? Me? I'm fairly healthy, I have pretty much all of the things that I need (sanity is a little fleeting at times, but...), the things that I "want" are not necessities, my friends are very patient and understanding and I really have a great family. I can rejoice that I have really and truly been blessed in my life.

We all have ups and downs, we all have good days and bad, but what our Christian Philosophy asks us is: what do we (as individuals) choose to let "rule" our lives? If we allow the bad things to be at the forefront of our lives, the aches and pains, the sullen and grumpy, the sorrow and misery; THAT is what our lives will resemble: broken down, grouchy, gloomy lives that have nothing to look forward to. Now, if the good things in our lives drive us in the world, and the "bad" take a back seat, we become happier, cheerier people, even if we ache and are stiff. We are joy filled and at peace, even when we miss those that are gone that meant so much to us.

We rejoice in the fact that God wants us to be happy. We know that Jesus (God's own Son) came to Earth, took on flesh, lived, preached, suffered, died and rose again for me, for you, to be able to be allowed to join God again in His Oneness, in His Eternal—ever after. Our life, here in this mortal understanding of life, is just a beginning for what is to come. We might struggle, we might suffer, we might be sad, but these things do NOT rule our lives, we know that there is more, and when we live happy lives, we give that happiness to others. When others see that happiness, amidst grief, pain and sorrow, it gives them permission to be happy and joyful. When we smile at a stranger, we add a ray or two of brightness to their lives, what they choose to do with the light is their call, all we can do is shine the Light that God gave to us. In this way, we encounter Christ, Risen from the dead and alive in the world today.

Be the hands and feet of Jesus in the world! Shine His light to others around you. Our simple acts of kindness and happiness are our best evangelistic tool in the world! Live His Word, and see what it does.

*Faith Formation Reminder:*

We will meet this week, for both Confirmation Preparation AND Kindergarten—6<sup>th</sup> grade sessions. We will have a two week break for Christmas and New Year, and gather once again, the week of the Church's celebration of Epiphany, January 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> respectively.



## PARISH SUPPORT December 8, 2019

|                             |                    |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| Registered Families:        | 1406               |
| Envelopes Returned:         | 319                |
| Amount Offered:             | \$8,146.01         |
| Loose Offering:             | \$1,080.00         |
| Online Giving Contributors: | 72                 |
| Contributions:              | \$2,729.00         |
| Total Offerings:            | <b>\$11,955.01</b> |
| Budgeted Offertory:         | <b>\$12,044.00</b> |
| Actual Offertory:           | <b>\$11,955.01</b> |
| Difference: short           | - <b>\$88.99</b>   |

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We are grateful for your support of our church. Online Giving allows you to make contributions to our church without writing checks or worrying about cash donations. Please visit our parish website at:

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

To sign-up for Online Giving. Please email Jody Gazo at [jgazo@sjfparish.org](mailto:jgazo@sjfparish.org) or call 586-977-8080, ext. 112 with any questions. Thank you!



The Angels and  
Inspiration Music Series  
proudly presents:

# The Judelaires in 'Ring Those Christmas Bells!'

Come early to hear St. Jane's Handbell Choir: 6:45pm Prelude!

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2019 - 7:00PM  
ST. JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL CHURCH  
38750 RYAN RD., STERLING HEIGHTS MI

Celebrate the joy of the season and enjoy popular holiday favorites! Originally the St. Jude Choral Club in Detroit, the Judelaires began performing many years ago and are well known for their audience-pleasing style...and twice, they won the competition to open for the Rockettes Christmas show at the Fox Theatre!

Bring your family and friends...the more, the merrier.  
A free-will offering will be taken up and a reception will be held afterwards.

For details, email [TheJudelaires@yahoo.com](mailto:TheJudelaires@yahoo.com)  
Visit The Judelaires on  
Facebook: [www.judelaires.com](http://www.judelaires.com)  
or contact Janina Jacobs at [Jjacobs2456@yahoo.com](mailto:Jjacobs2456@yahoo.com)



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**WELCOME Judelaires!**

Check out the poster in the Gathering Space and DO come and see the **Angels and Inspiration Music Series (AIMS)** presentation on Thursday, December 19, 2019, beginning at 6:45pm with our own Handbell Choir, directed by Fawn Kopas. **The Judelaires** will then take over and perform **'Ring Those Christmas Bells!!'**, a concert of holiday and Christmas favorites you and your family will certainly enjoy. A Free Will offering will be taken and an AfterGlow Reception will follow. The Judelaires were very impressed with their welcome here at St. Jane in 2018, so please feel free to do the same this year. I believe we specialize in hospitality at this parish. A big THANK YOU to the Ushers and to Jody and Mary Lee and the kitchen crew for all their hard work in making the reception happen. Kudos also go to Fr. Tony for allowing these concerts to continue here and to my fellow staff members for their help.

Advent is just about over on this Rejoice (Gaudete) Sunday, and the birth of Jesus is at hand, along with all of your favorite Christmas music. The Music Ministry plans to be present at all the Masses and those of you who attend the later Mass on Christmas Day will get the same beautiful music as what will be celebrated at Midnight Mass. Our musicians and choir are very dedicated, they love to worship through song and you all will get the benefit of that dedication. So please, if you see them around the parish, DO let them know how much you appreciate their efforts.....they all work pretty hard to prepare for this.



## SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

Thank you

### St. Jane Frances

#### First Sunday Memorial

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#### 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

#### ONLINE GIVING

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[WWW.SJFPARISH.ORG](http://WWW.SJFPARISH.ORG)

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### December 16, 2019

#### Sunday

#### Third Sunday of Advent

Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10;

Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

#### Monday

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9; Mt 21:23-27

#### Tuesday

Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1- 2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

#### Wednesday

Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

#### Thursday

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

#### Friday

Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3 -4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

#### Saturday

#### Saint Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

#### Sunday

#### Fourth Sunday of Advent

Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6;

Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

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## MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16: NO MASS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17:

7:00pm Dec. Dennis Briston

(Carolyn Briston)

Liv. Valentin's Family (Mom-Maria)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18:

8:00am For the Parishioners

Liv. Nicoletta Vacaj (Mom-Maria)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19:

8:00am For the Parishioners

Dec. Madaline Majka

(Majka Family)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20: NO MASS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21:

4:00pm Dec. Shirley Putrycus

(Putrycus Family)

Dec. Grace Beaufait

(Robert and Frances Kraft)

Dec. Ken Serbenski (Donna)

Dec. Eugene & Frances

Berthiaume (Joyce)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22:

9:00am Dec. Helen Jarboe (Family)

Dec. Franciszka & Piotr Palinski

(Daughter & Son-in-law)

Liv. Pope John Paul (Maria)

11:30am For the Parishioners

Dec. Stanley & Stella Mandziuk

(Pat Mandziuk)

Dec. Ray Mandziuk

(Pat Mandziuk)

Dec. Jillian Tockstein

(Family)

#### LOW GLUTEN HOSTS AVAILABLE:

Call the Parish Office at 586-977-8080.

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE — December 21<sup>st</sup> & December 22<sup>nd</sup>

Please see scheduling app for updates.

|               | 4:00pm            | 9:00am            | 11:30am         |
|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Presider      | Fr. Tony          | Fr. Tony          | Fr. Tony        |
| Sacristan(s)  | Lisa Skoczylas    | Karen Mills       | Brian Finn      |
| Lector 1      | Keith Morris      | Eileen Clase      | Barb Milczynski |
| Lector 2      | Chris Darner      | John Martin       | Sarah Friedmann |
| Altar Servers | Azure Swincicki   | Teresa Mezzapelle | Taryn Pawl      |
|               | Elizabeth Galadik | Jasmine Abuel     | Nina Benno      |
| Ushers        | Team 3            | Assigned          | Team 1          |

## WEEKDAY LECTOR SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

John Martin

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

Judy Taylor

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

Cindy Guzi

**PRAYER LIST**

*From the Letter of James 5:13: Is anyone among you suffering? He should pray. Is anyone in good spirits? He should sing praise!*



It is our Christian duty to pray for others. Please call the Parish Office to add or remove a name from the Prayer List. Please be aware that, in this age of security issues, we can add only names of persons who have given permission to have their names printed. If you desire prayers for someone who does not wish to have their name printed in the bulletin, please use our Intercessory Prayer Box in the Worship Space.

The Intercessory Prayer team will include your intentions in their prayers. Names added to the Prayer List will remain on the list for a period of 4 weeks. If the illness or situation continues after that time and additional prayers are needed, please call the Parish Office. Thank you!

- Fr. Gerard Austin
- Nancy Burr
- Norma O' Connor
- Mary Ann DeDonatis
- Anna Lisa Flattery
- Danny Frezza
- Scott Harris
- Daniel Lynch
- John Mazur-Baker
- Jean McDonald
- Kevin McDonald
- Anita Pitlock
- Steve Sadecki
- Daniele VanAcker
- Nicole Zapinski

**IRELAND  
PILGRIMAGE  
St. Jane Frances  
de Chantal  
& Fr. Tony Sulkowski  
May 4 - 14, 2020**

*Join Fr. Tony as he leads you on the trip of a lifetime to the Apparition site at the shrine of Our Lady of Knock in Ireland!*

**For information contact the Parish Office**



**SEND IN THE SWIFFERS**

The Swiffers are volunteers who help keep our church and gathering space beautiful! Their duties include cleaning the altar area and pews, wiping the windows on the entrance doors and vacuuming the gathering space. All cleaning supplies are provided and volunteers work in teams.

The teams clean once a month and are usually scheduled on Wednesdays or Thursdays at 1:15pm. Due to several of the team members leaving for warmer weather, the Swiffers are in need of additional volunteers during the winter months. This commitment would only be during the months of January, February, and March.

If this is something you can help us with or you want more information, please contact Linda Smith at 586-977-8080 ext. 113 or at [Lsmith@sjfparish.org](mailto:Lsmith@sjfparish.org) Thank you!

**ARMED SERVICES PRAYER LIST**

- Robert Bain, Army
- Nicholas Brosowski, Army
- Chris Burley, Navy
- Shaun Chaplin, Air Force
- Charles Cosnowski, Air Force
- Winnie Darrow, Coast Guard
- Alexander J. Hendzell, Marines
- Louis B. Kasper III, Coast Guard
- Carmen LaForest, Navy
- Matthew McDowell, Air Force
- Cassidy Kicinski Rose, Air Force
- Jeremy Rzeppa, Navy
- Scot D. Skoczylas, Navy
- Anthony Trotta, Navy



**ST. JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL** expresses our support & prayers to the family of:

**Peggy Ondre**

Wife of Michael,  
Mother of Brian and Maggie  
and Grandmother.

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