

# THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 12-20, 2020

## Weekend Masses are at St. Frances Cabrini Church

### Weekend:

**Saturday** Dec 12 **VIGIL: THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**SFC** 4:30pm *Weekend Mass Intentions*

**Sunday** Dec 13 **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

*Weekend Mass Intentions*

**SFC** 11am **Mass will be Live-Streamed on Facebook and YouTube**

### Weekdays:

**Monday** Dec 14 St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church  
**SFC** 8am *People of the Parish*

**Tuesday** Dec 15 Advent Weekday  
**SFC** 8am *People of the Parish*

**Wednesday** Dec 16 Advent Weekday  
**SFC** 8am *Karen Deck Vendetti 'Birthday Memorial'*  
 by Dad and Kristen

**Thursday** Dec 17 Late Advent Weekday  
**SFC** 8am *Ann Seline* by family

**Friday** Dec 18 Late Advent Weekday  
**NO MASS HERE** 8am Mass at Community Center – Our Lady of Peace

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### Weekend:

**Saturday** Dec 19 **VIGIL: FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**SFC** 4:30pm *Weekend Mass Intentions*

**Sunday** Dec 20 **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

*Weekend Mass Intentions*

**SFC** 11am **Mass will be Live-Streamed on Facebook and YouTube**

**Mass Intentions for December 12/13:** *Ann Seline* by Family; *Gerald Paul Armeni* by Mary Margaret Armeni; *Pat Gurto* by Pat & Cheryl Clancy; *Larry Moore* by Marie & Ron Richards.

**Mass Intentions for December 19/20:** *Ann Seline* by Family; *Stephen Kanack* by wife, Pat & granddaughters, Claire & Danielle Glotzbecker; *Larry Moore* by Marie & Ron Richards.

### Mass Intentions and Sanctuary Candle Intentions

**Any Mass Intentions** that you would like to schedule may be done by leaving a message at the Parish Office (599-8570), emailing [stmsfc@hotmail.com](mailto:stmsfc@hotmail.com), or by dropping it in the collection basket if you are attending the weekend Mass. We are able to schedule one Mass intention per weekday (Mon-Thurs) and multiple intentions on the weekend. **Sanctuary Candle Intentions** may be scheduled in the same way. *Mass and Sanctuary Candle Intentions are \$10 each.*



### Sanctuary Candles

#### *In Memory of:*

**Stephen & Jane Palagyi**  
 by Virginia & David Arp

#### *Health & Welfare of:*

**All Parishioners**  
 by Marie Richards

### ADVENT CONFESSIONS

December 12 3:30pm  
 December 13 10:00am  
 December 19 3:30pm  
 December 20 10:00am

December 23 4-6pm

All confessions will be held at  
 St. Frances Cabrini Church  
 Confessions anytime by appointment  
 call 599-8570

### *AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION*



I believe that You are present in  
 the Most Holy Sacrament.  
 I love You above all things,  
 And desire to receive You into my  
 soul.  
 Since I cannot at this moment  
 Receive You sacramentally,  
 Come at least spiritually into my  
 heart.  
 I embrace You as if You were  
 already there  
 And unite myself wholly to You.  
 Never permit me to be separated  
 from You.  
 Amen

## **Stewardship Update**

**Sunday December 5/6** \$4,969.00 84 Envelopes 8 On-Line

*Thank you for your continued generosity!*

**Stewardship:** Today's Responsorial Psalm recalls the words of Mary when she agreed to be the mother of God. Her words outline the life of a Christian steward. She recognizes all of the good things the Almighty has done, including filling the hungry with good things, coming to help his servant, and – personally to Mary – that he “has done great things” for her. Mary recognized all of these things and gave her whole life to the Lord. When the Lord asks us to make sacrifices in our own lives – sacrifices far less than Mary made – the Christian steward heartily accepts!

Due to the rise in COVID cases in our community, the Parish Offices will be closed to visitors for the time being. For emergencies or to make an appointment, please call the office at 440-599-8570. There is a secured drop box on the door of the office if you are dropping off your envelopes.

**On November 17, 2020 Pope Francis appointed Reverend David J. Bonnar the 6<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Youngstown Diocese.** The Mass of Ordination and Installation of Reverend David J. Bonnar as the **6<sup>th</sup> Bishop of the Youngstown Diocese** will take place on Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 2pm. You are invited to watch the ceremony livestreamed on our diocesan website at [doy.org/media/cathedral](http://doy.org/media/cathedral).

**News from the Saint Vincent DePaul Society H.A.L.O. 2020:** When we share our gifts with those in need, we experience the true joy of Christmas. Our outreach to families in need in our community this Christmas took on a different look due to concerns about the Corona Virus. Considering the safety of our parishioners and the adopted families, we asked our parishioners for monetary donations instead of purchasing gifts. Your response to this appeal resulted with incredible blessings for our neighbors in need. **The H.A.L.O. collection this year was \$6,480.25!** Your generosity enabled Corpus Christi Parish to adopt fourteen families from the Conneaut area which included fifty-two children and twenty-four adults. Walmart gift cards were given to the parents in order for them to purchase the gifts for their children. The adults received a food voucher to a local grocery store along with CVS and Dollar General gift cards. Our parish family donated with hearts filled with generosity to provide for local children to have their Christmas dreams come true this year. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

**The St. Vincent de Paul Society continues to accept your tax-deductible donations to assist those in need in our community.** You may mail your donations to the parish office or drop it in the collection basket marked for the St. Vincent de Paul Society. In this time of food insecurity, unemployment and evictions, let our parish continue to be a beacon of hope to those in need in our community. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Our 'Featured Advertiser' this week is:

## **CONNEAUT FAMILY HEALTH CENTER**

*Thank you for your support of our weekly bulletin!*

**Vocations:** “*The One who calls you is faithful.*” Will you be faithful to His call? Listen; God may be inviting you to be a priest, deacon or consecrated religious. Call Fr. Scott Kopp at 330-744-8451 or email: [skopp@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:skopp@youngstowndiocese.org)

## **Reflecting on the Readings for the Third Sunday of Advent:**

**Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11**

**Luke 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54**

**Thessalonians 5:16-24**

**John 1:6-8, 19-28**

Readings can be found at

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/120620.cfm>

In his book, *Seeds of Hope*, the beloved spiritual guide, Henri Nouwen, writes, “Waiting is active. Most of us think of waiting as something very passive, a hopeless state determined by events totally out of our hands”. What if we thought of Advent’s waiting as watching for the ways, places, and people through whom God is “Writing the divine word of hope in the midst of our dark world”? (Nouwen). Isaiah invites us to consider how we might participate in the ushering in of good news to the oppressed, mournful, brokenhearted, and imprisoned. Even as God’s people awaited a Messiah, God was active in the life of Mary, whom God had chosen to participate in the gift of salvation. Perhaps in our Advent waiting, we, too, can be changed – becoming more loving, more caring, more patient, more hopeful. Let us remember, though, that it is Christ who comes as the agent of hope and of change, even as we wait and watch. He is the one for whom we truly wait and hope. Come, Lord Jesus.

-As I wait for life to return to “normal”, post COVID-19, how can I shine the light of Christ’s love in the lives of those who wait in despair?

-How is hope already being shared in the darkness and uncertainty that seems to define our current state of affairs?

-What enables me to “give thanks in all circumstances”, in places and lives where Christ is continually at work?

**If you would still like to help a family in need this Christmas,** you may contact ‘Michelle’ at Catholic Charities in Ashtabula, 992-2121. There are still families waiting to be adopted through the HALO program. If you wish, you may also ask for a family in the Conneaut/Kingsville area.