

December 10, 2023  
Second Sunday of Advent



Prepare the way of the Lord! This message we hear from the Book of Isaiah and the voice of John the Baptist. Each year we hear on this second Sunday of Advent, the figure of John, the cousin of Jesus and the last of the prophets preparing for the coming of Christ. The words of Isaiah are the beginning of Second Isaiah, words addressed to God's people in exile in Babylon. "Comfort, give comfort to my people" was spoken to people, crushed, enslaved in exile. This ray of hope is now given to us in our exile. In spite of all the darkness and sufferings of life, we have hope for the Lord is coming to us! Prepare his way!



*Christmas Mass Schedule*

CHRISTMAS EVE

5:00 pm & 7:30 pm  
NO Midnight Mass

CHRISTMAS MORNING

7:00 am & 10:00 am

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## WEEKLY INTENTION

### Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>

5:00 pm (SR) Rose & Francis Talarowski

### Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY/ADVENT

7:00 am (SR) Catherine Kozak

9:00 am (SR) Rosario Gracias

11:00 am (RB) People of the Parish

### Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am (SR) Battista Turcol

### Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>

7:00 am () Sister Dorothy Prettyman

9:00 am (SR) Mary & Bernard Fiore

### Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am (SR) Stanley Russell, Sr.

### Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup>

7:00 am () Mary Louise Monaghan  
Living Intention

9:00 am (SR) Morris "Marty" LaRue

### Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup>

7:00 am () William & Eloise Hart

9:00 am (SP) Frederick J. Konitzer

### Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am (SR) William McLaughlin

5:00 pm (SR) John A. Krupa  
20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

### Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY/ADVENT

7:00 am (SR) People of the Parish

9:00 am (SR) Morris "Marty" LaRue

11:00 am (SR) Linda Fedena  
& Gerald S. Fedena, Sr.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

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

8:00 am Breakfast Buffet with Santa (Masci Hall)

9:00 am-12:00 pm Attic Treasures (Convent)

11:00 am Children's Liturgy (Church)

3:00 pm Recital - Daniel Carunchio (Church)

7:00 pm Youth Group (Masci Hall)

### Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup>

6:00-6:30 pm Youth Choir Christmas Rehearsal  
(Church)

6:30 pm Religious Ed Advent Penance (Church)

### Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>

7:00 pm Finance Council (Rectorry)

### Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>

7:30 pm Penance Celebration

### Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup>

11:00 am-2:00 pm Christmas Food  
& Gift Card Pick-up (Rectorry)

5:30 pm Bingo (Masci Hall)

6:30 Rosary (Church)

7:00 pm Adult Choir (Church)

### Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>

6:00-11:00 pm Hall Rental (Masci Hall)

### Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Collection - Christmas Decorations & Religious Retirement**

11:00 am Children's Liturgy (Church)

Monsignor Tree Decoration (Rectorry)

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**Family Mitten Tree Celebration** will be next Monday night at 6:30 pm in Masci Hall. There are NO classes that night, but we come together to light our Advent Wreath and to decorate our Christmas tree with mittens and gloves! Parents, please bring a plate of cookies or other treat to share. Hot chocolate will be provided.

## December Church Chuckle

*A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin 5, and Ryan, 3. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson. "If Jesus were sitting here, He would say: Let my brother have the first pancake, I can wait." Kevin turned to his younger brother and said "Ryan, you be Jesus!"*

### Please Pray for Our Sick Parishioners



Dolly Albanese, Ruth Bower, Geri Crockett, Julia Davis, Toni Di Lezio, Sr., Susan Denis, Carly Fedena, Jim Fedena Sr., Paul Farren, Sr., Mary Gabel, Regina Gemignani, Michael Giberson, Patti Grimes, Felicia Hallahan, Sarah Hess, Ella Kirksey, Charlie Lafferty, James Lafferty, Leila Lahan, Thomas Leo, Joseph Lichota, Aliyah Miller, Sara Murphy, Alex Newton, Dave Pacitti, Jane Parsons, Fr. Roy Pollard, Dorothy Rich, Bridget Robinson, Helen Rupnicki, Kathleen Schaubert, Irma & Wally Schock, Eva Smith, Frank Sullivan, Janet Szubieolski, Mary Tabler, Catherine Thomson, Rose Marie Turcol, Catalina Weddle, Vaughn Whisker, Ann Wilson, Cindy Zych, Kathy Hope, Denise Lopes, Donna Dougherty, Gerri Fedena & our friends at the Kutz Home.

**HELP NEEDED:**  
**CHRISTMAS DECORATING**

On Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, our beautiful Christmas wreaths and sprays need to be fluffed after being stored all year. This is a sit down and chat task! Meet in the Church at 10 am. Call Sue Dunn at 302-893-1057.

**DIOCESE OF WILMINGTON:**  
**CATHOLIC FORUM**

Listen to Catholic Forum each week. On Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, pastor, author and speaker, Father Dwight Longenecker, will discuss his book, "The Secret of the Bethlehem Shepherds." Catholic Forum airs on Saturday afternoons at 1:30 pm on Relevant Radio 640. You can listen online anytime at [cdow.org/CatholicForum](http://cdow.org/CatholicForum), or by searching "Catholic Forum" on Apple, Spotify, iHeartRadio, or Amazon Music podcasts.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

The Offertory Collection for the weekend of November 19, 2023, was \$4,074.00 and the online collection was \$2,282.00 for a total of \$6,356.00.

**Thank you!**

**2023 FAITH AND CHARITY**  
**CATHOLIC APPEAL:**  
**SHINING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**



To date, **\$62,308.64** has been received representing 97.32% of our Parish's **\$66,276.00** goal. **THANK YOU!** If you would like more information about the Annual Catholic Appeal: [www.cdow.org/annualcatholicappeal](http://www.cdow.org/annualcatholicappeal). Your generosity is deeply appreciated.



**TODAY, December 10<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am - 1:00 pm**  
**Masci Hall**

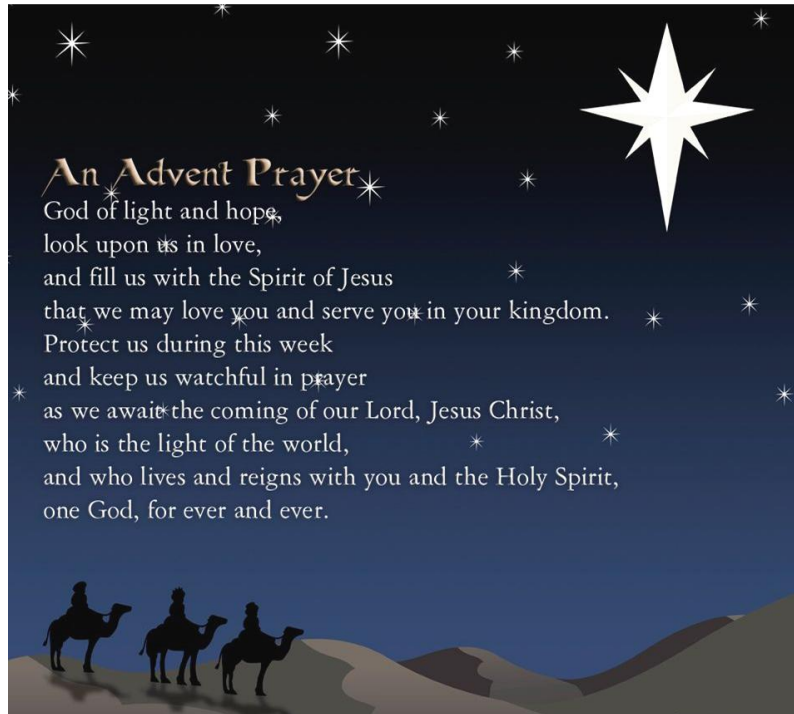
Today at our Second Sunday Breakfast Buffet, Santa and Mrs. Claus will join our Breakfast family from 9:30 am - 11:30 am. In addition to the all you care to eat Buffet (\$12 adults, \$5 children under 12), pick up some homemade soups, browse the craft selections hand made by our Young-At-Heart club, and take a chance on the 50-50. Reservations are not required but are recommended for those with 6 or more in your party. Please text or call Nancy at **302-598-8685** with your name, your time of arrival and the number in your party.



Last Saturday, the following children celebrated their First Reconciliation. Please keep them in your prayers as they journey toward receiving First Eucharist in May.

<i>Adeline Aherne</i>	<i>Avery Laskey</i>
<i>Aubrie Coco</i>	<i>Blakely Maxfield</i>
<i>Eloise Dunn</i>	<i>Maren Olivere</i>
<i>Madelyn Fischer</i>	<i>Lorraine Robinson</i>
<i>Kaelyn Schofield</i>	





## An Advent Prayer

God of light and hope,  
look upon us in love,  
and fill us with the Spirit of Jesus  
that we may love you and serve you in your kingdom.  
Protect us during this week  
and keep us watchful in prayer  
as we await the coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ,  
who is the light of the world,  
and who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.



## Christopher Council KofC #3182 is Celebrating our 75th Birthday !



As you know we have been serving this parish and community since our humble beginnings in 1948. Just look around, we have been an integral part of all carnivals, parish picnics, pancake/ buffet breakfasts, Fish Fry's and food distributions. We also make large annual donations to Coats for Kids, our food closets, Parish general fund and much, much more.....

We hope that you will be a part of our celebration by becoming a benefactor in our Ad Book. The proceeds will help fund our special anniversary projects as well as help defray costs for our celebration on January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Please consider becoming a benefactor in our Ad Book for a donation of \$10 or more by December 31, 2023. Supporting us has never been easier.

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