

2nd Sunday in Advent

St. Monica's Parish

December 9/10, 2017

CHURCH WARDENS: Thank you to Ursulene Mora-Farmer and Anne-Marie Scerbo for their service as wardens. Congratulations to John Dike and Patrick Laurin who have been elected our new wardens.

THE BAPTISMAL LITURGY: will be celebrated this Saturday and Sunday, **November 9th and 10th**. Zyth Alexander Embang will receive the sacrament **on Saturday at 4:00 p.m.** Three children will receive the sacrament **on Sunday at 1:30:** Clarc Lawrence Gonzaga, Jazper John Hughes and Charles Okechukwu Okeke. Parishioners are invited to attend.

VIDEO DIVINA: This year, Fr. Lloyd's film series looks at movies that courageously examine the multi-faceted experience of Love. Join him on **Friday, December 8 at 7 p.m.** in the parish rectory to view the movie **Crash**. Free admission and popcorn, and stimulating discussion to follow! All are welcome!

YOUTH GROUP: Come and join the St. Monica's COOL Youth Group as we Watch, Prepare and Rejoice in this 2017 season of Advent. Starting December 8th we will present a 3-part series on advent that will focus on the hope that this season rekindles inside us as we joyfully open our hearts and our homes for the coming of Christ. Sessions will be **December 8th, 15th and 22nd from 7:30-9:30 p.m.** in the church hall. We look forward to welcoming youth, sixth grade and up, into our midst to explore and celebrate this exciting season. Happy New Year!

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE: In this busy season we invite you to come, be still and find inner peace with prayer, reflection, music and reconciliation. This Advent Reconciliation Service will take place on Thursday, **December 14th at 7 p.m.**

FAITH & JUSTICE COMMITTEE –HOCKEY TICKETS IN AID OF ZAMORAN: The Faith and Justice Committee will be raffling off two tickets to a Canadians Hockey Game January 23rd. The tickets also include food and nonalcoholic drinks. The value is \$350. The tickets are \$10 each and will be on sale after each mass until January 14th – when the winning ticket will be drawn.

DANS LA RUE: To support Dans La Rue please bring in warm hats, scarves, mittens and socks. They can be placed on the Christmas tree at the front of the Church.

CHRISTMAS CAKES & NUTS: The Kiwanis Club, Lakeshore will be selling fruit and cherry cakes as well as mixed nuts after all the masses this weekend, at the back of the church.

FAIR TRADE ON SALE NEXT WEEKEND, DECEMBER 16 & 17th.

Please join us downstairs **for Coffee and Conversation** after the 11:00 a.m. Mass

MASS INTENTIONS DECEMBER 9 TO 17, 2017

Saturday, , December 9: St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

4:00 Ermando Giuseppie Nudo By his wife Elvira Nudo
 Antonio Bei By his wife Gabriella Bei & Family
 Antonietta Cioffi D'Addio By Franca & Family

Sunday, December 10: Second Sunday of Advent

8:30 Lina Garofalo Corbella By Husband Pietro Corbella
11:00 **In Loving Memory:** Loreto & Paolina Ciambella, Deceased members of the Cullen Family, Jordon Turcotte Alexander, Doris Sanders, Eric Field

Monday, December 11: St. Damasus

8:00 Anna & Lorenzo Forlini By Louise Forlini
 Elisa Palucci By Vince Palucci & Family

Tuesday, December 12: Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:00 Ignazio Ciampini By Ernesta Ciampini
 Gerry Oliver By Lucy, Ken, Josee-Nadine, Philippe & Simon

Wednesday, December 13: St. Lucy

8:00 Lee Heung Sik Peter By Georgia, Stella & Rebecca Park

Thursday, December 14: St. John of the Cross

8:00 Oksana Cybulski By Claudio & George
 Adelina Guaiani By Giuseppia Fiori & Family

Friday, December 15: Weekday Mass

8:00

Saturday, December 16: Weekday Mass

4:00 **In Loving Memory:** Angelo Caucci, Leonard & Terry Winslade, Alessandro Palladini, Pietro DiMeglio, Anne Marie Ringue, Tito & Anita Forlini

Sunday, December 17: Third Sunday of Advent

8:30 Filomena Forlini By Teresa Caucci
11:00 Maria Lonardo Aiello By Husband Carmelo Aiello
 Deceased Brothers & Sisters In-Law By Bernardina Fiori & Family
 Fioravante Rotiroti By Rotiroti Family

Thank you for your on-going support of our parish. Collection for the weekend of December 2-3, 2017 totalled **\$3,054.74.**

Financial Report for November 2018

Budget Estimates for year 2017:	\$ 369,960.00
Monthly Revenue Goals:	\$ 30,830.00
Current Month Sunday Collections:	\$ 20,931.25
Current Month Online Collections:	\$ 847.21
Year to Date Revenues:	\$ 223,588.52
Year to Date Expenses:	\$ 224,048.39
Difference: Surplus (Deficit)	(459.87)

ANNUAL TOY AND FOOD

DRIVE: To support our annual toy and food drive for the food pantry Christmas baskets, please take an "ornament" from our Christmas trees at the front entrance of the Church. Unwrapped toys and food must be received no later than December 10th. For further information, please contact Jennie Armstrong at the rectory.



ADVENT PRAYER

BOOKLETS AND

CANDLES: are still available for you to purchase at the main entrance of the church. The booklets are now at the reduced price of \$1.00 each. The candles are \$5.00 for each set. Please put your payment in the **Payment Box.**

DONATION BOXES: The Donation boxes for 2018 are now available for pick up at the back of the church.

Donations for the 2017 tax year will not be accepted after December 31st.