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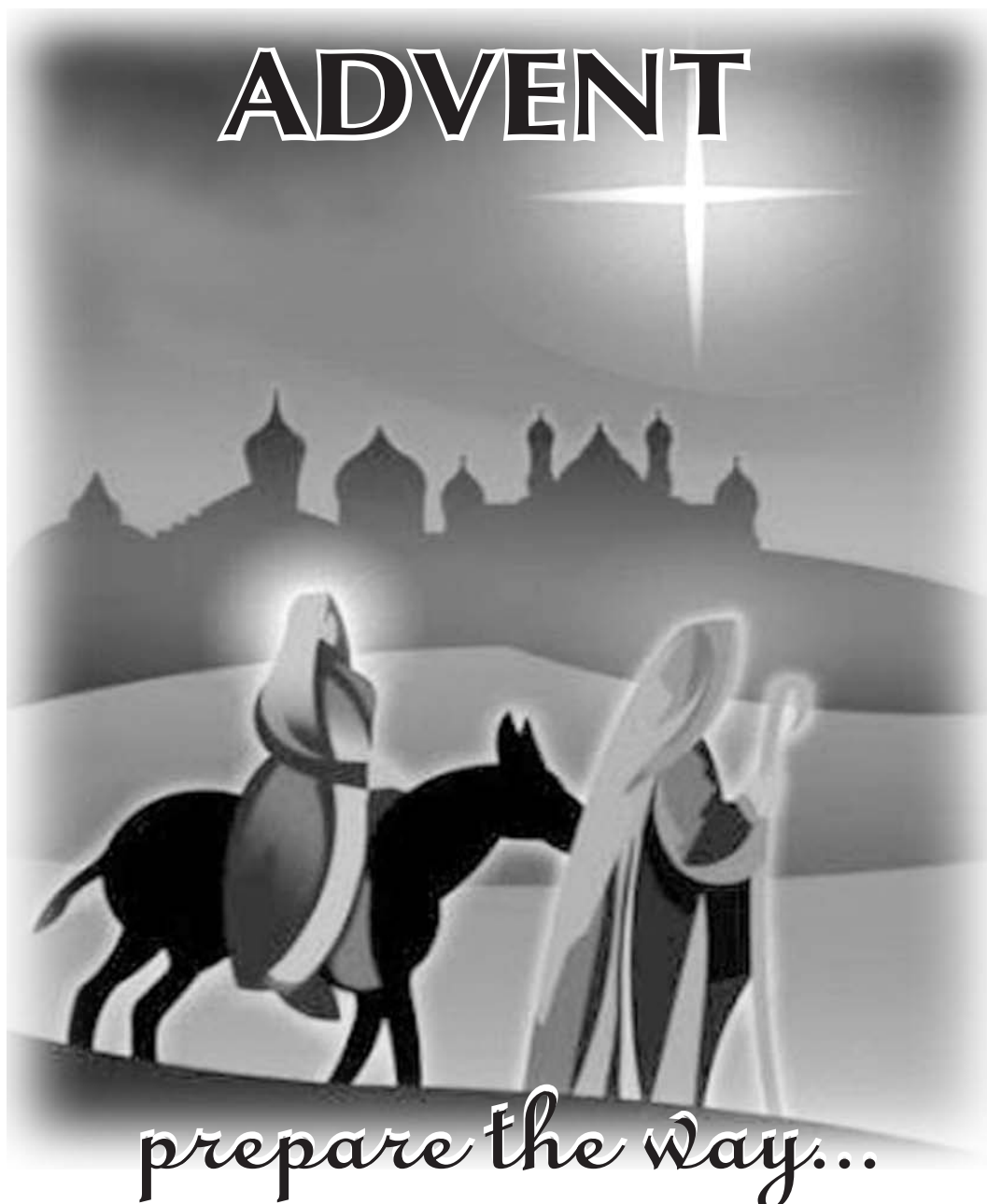
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PARISH TEAM:

Father George Parayil - Pastor

Deacon Gary Thibodeau - Deacon Assistant

Deacon Curtis Boone - Deacon Assistant



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Sat. December 17

5:00 pm – +**Maria Vomiero and the Deceased Members of the Vomiero Families**

Sun. December 18

8:00 am - +**For the People of the Parish**

9:15 am – +**Claudio Martellacci**

10:30 am – +**John De Cotis**

12:00 pm – +**Antonio Comella**

Mon. December 19

7:00 pm – +**Antonio Branco**

Tues. December 20

9:00 am – +**Maureen Browne**

Wed. December 21

7:00 pm – +**Manuel Barbosa**

Thurs. December 22

7:00 pm – **No Intentions**

Fri. December 23

9:00 am – +**Marie Andres Vergis, +Clifford Mayo, +Nabil Zereik**

Feast Days This Week

Wed. Dec. 21 – **St. Peter Canisius**

Fri. Dec. 23 – **St. John of Kanty**

Offertory Envelopes for 2023 – Please remember to pick up your offertory box as soon as possible. Thank you for your generosity.

Offertory Collection for Dec. 11th

Weekly Offertory: \$4,209.80

PAG (Pre-Authorize Giving): \$2,961.60

\$7,171.40

Thank you for your support!

Blessed Christmas – The Christmas season celebrates the birth of the Lord Jesus and the ways He manifested the presence of God among us. Jesus continues to be born in our hearts today. He is forever, Emmanuel, God-With-Us. And with all the angels, we sing out our joyful proclamation, "Joy to the World, the Lord is Come!"

My Daily Offering – *O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer you my prayers, works, joys, sufferings of this day in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world. I offer them for all the intentions of Your Sacred Heart: the salvation of souls, reparation for sin, the reunion of all Christians. I offer them for the intentions of our Bishops, and of all Apostles of Prayer, and in particular for those recommended by our Holy Father this month.*

Missals for 2023 – are available for purchase in the Narthex for \$7.

Nativity Scene Raffle – Tickets for a beautiful Nativity Set that is valued at \$400 is being raffled to help raise funds for the church. Tickets are being sold at 1 for \$10 or 3 for \$25. Please visit the ladies in the Narthex following Mass. The winner will be announced on **Sunday, December 18 following the 12:00noon Mass.**

Parish Registration – The office is continuously working on updating the parishioner database. If you/family are not registered and would like to be registered with St. Padre Pio Parish, please see one of the Ushers following Mass and they will provide you with a Parishioner Registration Form. Weekly Offertory Envelopes are available for parishioners who wish to use them and who wish to receive a tax receipt at the end of the year.

Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG)

Parishioners are encouraged to sign up for Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG). It is a convenient, easy, and automatic way to support your parish. This allows the parish to meet its monthly obligations, such as hydro, heat, payroll etc. All donations are tax deductible and can be stopped at any time. Donations can be directed to your weekly or building fund offering or both and will be deducted from your bank account on the 20th of the month. Thanks to all our parishioners who give so generously.



Laetare Sunday - The Fourth Sunday of Advent symbolizes Love. All four candles will be lit on our Advent wreath and we will have a full circle of light. The Lord brings the light of love to his people by sending His only Son to earth for our salvation.

Blessing of a Christmas Tree – Gather the family together to say a little Christmas prayer together. *"Dear Lord, the evergreen branches of this tree are symbols of your everlasting light; the sparkling lights and decorations, reflections of your presence; the gifts beneath it, reminders of your many gifts to us. Help us to keep the peace and joy of Christmas in our hearts all through the year." Amen*

Memorial Christmas Tree – In the Narthex, you will find a tree standing near the offices. This is a Memorial Christmas Tree. You are invited to place an ornament on the tree in memory of a loved one who has passed away. In this way, we can remember them during the Advent and Christmas seasons. After the Christmas season, you are asked to remove the ornament for safekeeping until next year. A suggested ornament would be one which has a small photo frame, or something that is symbolic of that person.



Nativity Scenes – St. Padre Pio presents its Annual Display of Nativity Scenes, entitled 'Joy to the World. You will find displays, representing many different countries and cultures, artistic styles and materials. All of them present the different ways that artists have interpreted the birth of Jesus through the ages. Jesus was born for all people, so his birth is depicted reflecting the different artistic styles found in many cultures. The display, in the cabinets at the side entrance of the church, will continue until Sun. Jan. 8, 2023 the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, and the end of the Christmas season.

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

Help us start a conference (branch) of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at St. Padre Pio Parish!
St. Vincent de Paul helps so many marginalized people, including the poor, elderly shut-ins, those with addiction and people in our community who have no where to turn. This is YOUR opportunity to answer Christ's call to serve your neighbours in need and respond to the less fortunate
Please join our information meeting on
Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at 7:30 PM at St. Padre Pio church
For more information, please contact Margaret Tersigni at stpadrepio.stvincentdepaul@gmail.com

Monthly Memorial Mass – Families are invited to our monthly memorial mass in commemoration of the loss of a loved one. The memorial mass will be celebrated on the last Wednesday of each month. A family member will be invited to light a candle and gather around the altar in honor of a loved one when the names are called. Anniversary Mass Donation envelopes are available in the narthex. Our next mass will be held on **Wednesday, December 28, at 7:00pm**

Christmas Greetings – Deacon Curtis, Deacon Gary, the Office staff and I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a most joyous Christmas! May the Lord's presence and peace be in your hearts as we celebrate His coming among us.

Fr. George Parayil

Masses for New Year's

New Years is the feast of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. It is a major feast. Masses will be celebrated:

Sat. December 31 at 5:00pm

Sun. Jan. 1 at 8:00am (Italian), 9:15am, 10:30am and 12 noon.

Office Hours

The office will be closed on:

Mon. December 26

Tues. December 27

Mon. January 2

Christmas Schedule

Sat. December 24

5:00 pm – Children's Nativity Play will follow the Homily

9:00 pm

12:00 midnight

Sun. December 25

8:00 am (Italian)

9:15 am

10:30 am

12:00 pm

Mon. December 26

9:00 am

Please note there will be no evening Mass.



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