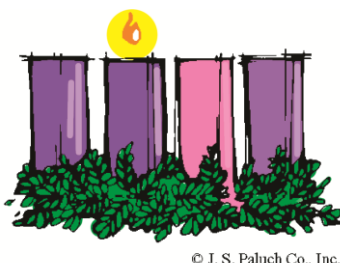


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First Sunday of Advent

Nov 27, 2022

FIRST READING: All the peoples shall stream toward the LORD’S house (Isaiah 2:1-5).

PSALM: We will rejoice as we go up to the Lord’s house (Psalm 122).

SECOND READING – It is the hour to cast off the dark and clothe ourselves in the light (Romans 13:11-14).

GOSPEL: Stay awake! Be prepared! The Son of Man will come when you least expect (Matthew 24:37-44).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION- PEOPLE OF THE LIGHT

We are called to reflect the light of God’s love through the ways in which we live our lives. Imagine the impact if each of us took this call to heart, every day, at home, work, or school, in our parish, in the world. “All nations shall stream toward it,” toward the love that only comes from God. Yet, we must admit that much of the time we fail to be beacons of God’s light. We fall asleep, complacent, preferring to go the easy route, which often leads to darkness rather than the radiance of Christ’s light. As we begin the season of Advent, Saint Paul admonishes us to throw off the works of darkness, to awaken to the call of light and love. In today’s Gospel, Jesus too tells us to stay awake, to be prepared to greet the Lord of light as people of the light.

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WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

MON	11/28	
TUES	11/29	
WED	11/30	
THURS	12/01	
FRI	12/02	
SAT	12/03	3:00PM Confession
SUN	12/04	

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (Nov 28th – Dec 4th)

MON	11/28. 7:50AM.	+ (B) George Seigh – (Son, Mike & Kim Seigh)
TUES	11/29. 7:50AM.	+ Rosemary Loncella – (Walt & Mary Werzyn)
WED	11/30. 7:50AM.	+ Theresa Oswalt – (Rich & Lisa Barent)
THUR	12/01. 7:50AM	+ Genevieve Trotz – (Family)
 12:00PM	+ Christian Mothers
FRI	12/02. 7:50AM	+ (A) William & Betty Gorentz – (Daughter Gloria & Family)
SAT	12/03. 4:00PM	+ (A) Pearl Forgas – (Daughter, Terri & Patrick Mulvehill)
SUN	12/04. 7:30AM.	+ (A) Sr. Catherine Paff – (Gritzer Family)
 10:30AM.	+ (A) Christy Carpenter – (David & Terri Radnoti)

Sunday Nov 27, 2022

Stewardship Reflections: Advent is a beautiful season meant for preparing for the celebration of our Savior's birth and the anticipation of His second coming. How can we as Christian stewards get ready for a holy celebration of Jesus' birth on Dec. 25 and for His certain second coming at a date we do not know? We can push back against the world's pressure and scale back on the material kind of gift-giving, the complicated menus, the unessential trappings of the season so that we have more time for the spiritual preparations of the "perfect" Christmas: Confession, weekday Mass, adoration, family prayer time, lighting the Advent wreath, performing acts of kindness.

The intentional and wise use of the gifts of time, talent and treasure is what the Christian steward is called to do, and with even greater intensity during Advent. Stay awake and go climb the Lord's mountain as the prophet Isaiah proclaimed. Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc. 2019/7/05)

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS (Nov 12th & Nov 13th 2022)

Weekly \$	3, 833.50
Building Fund \$	10.00

Thank you and May God Bless you for your continued support of St. Therese Church.



ADVENT WREATH PRAYER FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

(Light the first purple candle on your wreath)

Prayer: Stir up thy power, O Lord, and come, that by thy protection we may be rescued from the dangers that beset us through our sins; and be a Redeemer to deliver us; Who livest and reignest with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

All: Amen.

**Advent Wreath Candle symbols:

- Candle 1. Hope (purple)
- Candle 2. Peace (purple)
- Candle 3. Joy (rose: for Gaudete Sunday)
- Candle 4. Love (purple)
- Candle 5: Christ (white; center of wreath)

Blessing of the Advent Wreath: (by laypersons)

**O God, by whose word all things are sanctified,
pour forth thy blessing upon this wreath
and grant that we who use it may prepare our hearts
for the coming of Christ,
and may receive from thee abundant graces.
Through Christ Our Lord. Amen,**



Children's Christmas Party - All children 13 & younger from St. Therese & St. Anne Parishes are invited to attend **Breakfast with Santa** on **Saturday, Dec 17th** in the **St. Therese Church Hall**. Doors open at 10:00AM Please complete the form and drop it in the collection basket. **Forms are available in the back of church. Registration deadline is Dec 11th.** Sponsored by the KOC #10409 & Christian Mothers.

Christian Mothers will hold their Monthly Rosary, Mass & Christmas Party this Thursday, Dec 1st starting at 11:30AM.



Parish Advent Christmas Project - Please place your star on the outside of your gift. Return your **unwrapped** gift to us **no later than Sunday, Dec 4th**

St. Therese Christian Mothers are having a **Rada Cutlery Fund Raiser**. Orders should be handed in by **December 1st**. Catalogs will be available in the back of church as supplies last. Call Helen Sorchilla at 535-1141 if you have any questions You may order by:

Place your order and payment in the collection basket marked: Christian Mothers Rada sales.

Handing your order and payment to any Christian Mothers.

Please make your check out to St. Therese Christian Mothers. Orders should be received and delivered by the middle of December. Rada Cutlery make great Bridal/ Wedding Gifts.

Christmas Cookie Sale -

It's that time of the year again! The Christian Mothers will be having their annual Christmas Cookie Sale on **Saturday Dec 10th & Sunday 11th**. We are once again calling out to the bakers of the parish. Would you be willing to bake some cookies? Your help will be greatly appreciated. You may make as many dozens as you like. Please deliver your cookies to the Church Hall by 9AM on Saturday, Dec 10th. Cookies will be sold after all Masses Sat & Sun. Thank You in advance for all of your support throughout the year!



Thank You!
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Thank You for the Thanksgiving Food & Monetary Donations to our Food Pantry, May God Bless your generosity.



Our Catholic Ministries Drive -Forward In Faith- As of September 30th, we have collected **\$14,560.00 of our \$20,392.00 Goal.** Please consider making a pledge to the Ministries Drive. You have until Dec 31st 2022 to pay your pledge in full.



Oktoberfest 2022 was another huge success and after all bills have been paid our Net Profit is

\$16,710.20. Thank you again to everyone who helped in any way and also to those who made monetary donations helping defray the costs.

There are envelopes in the back of the church for the new **Glass Etched Doors** going into the Chapel/ Sacristy. These doors will be in memory of the Franciscan Sisters of Millvale, PA, who dedicated years of service to our parish. Any donation will be appreciated.

**Families and the Gospel -
First Sunday of Advent**

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

In today's gospel Jesus advises: "Stay awake, watch out, and pray for the strength to hold your ground" when "fearful and bewildering signs" appear threatening your family. Resist being "fearful;" fear cripples! Instead "pray for the strength" to be courageous.



Stocking for Solders

Our sister Church St Anne's Christian Mothers will again be participating in "**Stocking for Soldiers.**" Stocking and instructions on how to fill will be available in the back of the church. Filled stocking will be accepted until Dec 11th. Please consider this worthwhile program to let our servicemen & women know how much they are appreciated.

ABORTION; When they tell you that abortion is a matter just between a woman and her doctor...they are forgetting someone (the child). There are alternatives to abortion. There have to be.



"A Person's a person no matter how small"
-Dr. Seuss

Community News & Events



The Catholic Daughter of the America Court of Our Lady #647, Johnstown, Pa.

Invite Catholic women 18 and older to consider attending one of our meetings.

When: the third Tuesday of the month

Where: St John Gualberts Activity Center

Time: Rosary begins at 5:30PM, meeting at 6PM, followed by refreshments and fellowship.

Contacts- Tina Frank - 814-615-3238

Patti Brylsky - 814-619-9692

Winter dates weather permitting!!

The West End Improvement Group will sponsor the **Annual Christmas Tree lighting ceremony on Tuesday, Dec 6th at 6PM** at the skate park on Fairfield Ave. The Johnstown Fire Dept will escort Santa to the light up.



Area Penance Services

Dec 11	St. John Gualbert	2:00 PM
Dec 14	West End Penance Service	St. Francis of Assisi 5:00 PM
Dec 18	St. Benedict	5:00 PM
Dec 19	Visitation	5:30 PM
Dec 21	St. Patrick	6:00 PM

