

ST. JOSEPH & ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA PARISHES

The First Sunday of Advent December 3, 2023

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Mon. 8:30am - 1:30pm
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Confession

Fri. 9:30-10:30am
Sat. 3-3:45pm

Mass Times

Weekend Masses:
Sat. 4pm
Sun. 7:15am & 10:30am
Daily Masses:
Mon., Thurs., Fri. & Sat.
9am
Wed. 5pm

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Mass Time

Sun. 9am



“Be watchful! Be alert!” Mark 13:33

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 3, 2023

Pastor's Note:

The season of Advent in the Christian calendar is a time of expectant waiting and preparation. It anticipates the "Coming of Christ" from three different perspectives: the physical Nativity of Jesus in Bethlehem, the renewed reception of Christ in the heart of the believer, and the eschatological Second Coming –Christ's return at the end of time.

Advent is the beginning of the liturgical year in the Catholic Church. The name was adopted from the Latin word "*adventus*" which means "coming, arrival." In the Greek it is "*parousia*" which we find in the New Testament, meaning "coming." This year we have a very short Advent season, it starts December 3rd and ends December 24th (only 22 days).

Our Advent readings call us to be alert and ready, not weighted down and distracted by the cares of this world (Lk 21:34-36). Like Lent, the liturgical color for Advent is purple; both are seasons that prepare us for great feast days. Advent also includes elements of penance, quiet, and discipline. This environment prepares our hearts for the full joy of Christmas.

The final days of Advent, from December 17th to December 24th, communicate a still deeper longing for Christ's Coming. In particular, the "O" Antiphons are sung during this period and have been since the eighth century. These antiphons express magnificent theology containing ancient biblical imagery drawn from the messianic hopes of the Old Testament. These hopes proclaim the Coming of Christ as the fulfillment, not only of the Old Testament, but of our present time as well.

Maranatha "O Lord, Come!"

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Baptism

To schedule a Baptism, please fill out our "Baptism Registration Form" found on our website: <https://stjoseph-stcatherine.org/wp-content/uploads/application-for-sacrament-of-baptism.pdf>. We will call you to set up a date and time.

Confession

Confession is available every Friday with Adoration from 9:30-10:30am. Confession is also available every Saturday from 3-3:45pm.

Marriage

Please contact the Rectory at least six months in advance to schedule a wedding.

For the Sick

We are happy to visit the homebound or hospitalized. If you or a loved one would like a priest to visit you, bring you Holy Communion, or offer the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, please contact the Parish Office.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 3, 2023

The Twenty-Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Mass Intentions

ST. JOSEPH

Saturday, December 2nd, The Vigil of the First Sunday of Advent

4:00 p.m. For 26th Birthday Blessings for Andrew Panaggio, By the Cataldo Family

Sunday, December 3rd, The First Sunday of Advent

7:15 a.m. For the Repose of the Soul of Sean Bailey, By Rose Bailey

10:30 a.m. For the Repose of the Soul of Edna Bailey, By Rose Bailey

Monday, December 4th, Advent Weekday/Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church

9:00 a.m. For the Repose of the Soul of Vi Defino, By the Cataldo Family

Wednesday, December 6th, Advent Weekday/Saint Nicholas, Bishop

5:00 p.m. For the Repose of the Soul of John Bailey, By Rose Bailey

Thursday, December 7th, VIGIL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

5:00 p.m. For the Repose of the Souls of Joe and Destiny Cataldo, By the Cataldo Family

Friday, December 8th, THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

5:00 p.m. For the Repose of the Soul of Wayne Fortier, By the Wayne Fortier Families

Saturday, December 9th, Advent Weekday/Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

9:00 a.m. For the Repose of the Soul of Edna Bailey, By Rose Bailey

Saturday, December 9th, The Vigil of the Second Sunday of Advent

4:00 p.m. For 4th Birthday Blessings for Jace Tewell, By the Cataldo Family

Sunday, December 10th, The Second Sunday of Advent

7:15 a.m. For Michael & Rose Hnath, Stephen & Catherine Dubrisko, & Sophie Kulick

10:30 a.m. For the Kalid, Shiner, & Michael Families

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

Sunday, December 3rd, The First Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m. For the People of Our Parishes

Sunday, December 10th, The Second Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m. For Blessings for Roberta Ulricson, By Carol Wharton

Jesus said to his disciples: "Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. It is like a man traveling abroad. He leaves home and places his servant in charge, each with his own work, and orders the gatekeeper to be on the watch. Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. What I say, I say to all: "Watch!" Mark 13:33-37

PARISH CALENDAR, DECEMBER 3, 2023

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Candle for the Week

St. Catherine ~ Pray for an End to Abortion



WEEKLY OFFERING . . . Stewardship
Giving of Time, Talent and Treasure in gratitude
for all of God's gifts.

Thank you for your generosity!

Thank you also for those who make up envelopes!

Collections for November 19, 2023.

<p>St. Joseph Offertory: \$1,080.02 Vanco Online Giving: \$121.00 <u>Total: \$1,201.02</u> Fuel and Maintenance: \$20.00 Cath. Camp. for Human Dev.: \$422.00 GRAND ANNUAL: \$1,558.00</p>	<p>St. Catherine Offertory: \$245.00 <u>Total: \$245.00</u> Fuel Assistance: \$50.00 Fuel and Maintenance: \$10.00 Cath. Camp. for Human Dev.: \$43.00 All Saints: \$10.00</p>
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Collections for November 26, 2023.

<p>St. Joseph Offertory: \$970.00 Vanco Online Giving: \$121.00 <u>Total: \$1,091.00</u> Building Improvement: \$534.00 Candle Money: \$26.75 Cath. Camp. for Hum. Dev.: \$25.00 GRAND ANNUAL: \$170.00</p>	<p>St. Catherine Offertory: \$177.00 <u>Total: \$177.00</u> Building Improvement: \$164.75 Fuel Assistance: \$3.00</p>
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We are collecting Christmas gifts for residents of the Grafton County Nursing Home. If you would like to participate, please purchase an item from the list below and place it in the box near the church entrance by Sunday, December 10th. Please don't wrap the gifts, as that will be done by the nursing home staff.

Christmas List:

- fleece blankets
- 300 piece puzzles
- grippy socks
- men's old spice body wash
- woman's dove body wash
- Hershey mini chocolate bars
- large print word search and sudoku books
- sugar free candy
- gold bond unscented lotion/hand cream

Thank you for your generosity!

Total Amount
Collected for the 5th
Annual "Grand
Annual Collection
2023":

\$4,834.00

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Upcoming Second Collections for December:

December 3rd: Christmas Flower Offering

December 8th: Immaculate Conception

December 10th: Retirement Fund for Religious

December 17th: Building Improvement

December 25th: Fuel and Maintenance & My Christmas Gift

“Brothers and sisters: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always on your account for the grace of God bestowed on you in Christ Jesus, that in him you were enriched in every way, with all discourse and all knowledge, as the testimony to Christ was confirmed among you, so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will keep you firm to the end, irreproachable on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, and by him you were called to fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

St. Joseph Church is looking for a volunteer **“back-up offertory counter.”** We need someone who is available as a fill-in counter particularly for the following dates:

Jan. 17th

Feb. 5th

All Spring

as well as being on call in case of last-minute need. Please call Lucy at the Office if interested! (603) 747-2038 or email:

stjoseph_church@yahoo.com

We meet Mondays from 8:30am-10am.

Saint Quote for the Week: "The giver of every good and perfect gift has called upon us to mimic Gods giving, by grace, through faith, and this is not of ourselves."- **St. Nicholas of Myra**

3. Of the Teaching of Truth (continued from last week)

“He is truly great who has great charity. And he is great who is little in his own sight and who sets at naught all worldly pleasures as vile dung, so that he may win Christ. And he is very well taught who forsakes his own will and follows the will of God.”

Taken from *The Imitation of Christ* by Thomas A’ Kempis p. 8

Pro-Life Reflection from Priests for Life Website

Let's do our part to protect the unborn!

He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will no longer be death" (Revelation 21:4).

Reflection: Men continue to suffer from the abortion of their children. Many of them repent of having shed the blood of the person God entrusted to their care, love, and protection. Others tried to protect their child, and were not allowed by the child's mother or by the law to intervene to stop the abortion. Men in these circumstances need to know that they do not weep alone, and that healing is available.

Prayer: Redeem, O Lord, the fathers whose hearts are torn by the abortion of their children. Amen.

<https://www.priestsforlife.org/pro-life-reflections/>

In Our Thoughts and Prayers: Pray for their healing and consolation through Christ especially: *Anne Bennett-Colaricci, Mother Elias, Arthur A. Joy III, Deborah LaMountain, Bill O'Malley, Anita Desani, Vinnie Aliberti, Frank Kalil, Carrie Daly, Harvey Atkins, Don Wharton, Anthony Garcia, Alessa Hatch, June Dutilly, Brenda, Konstantinos Lambroulis, Gina Young, Leslie Cataldo, John & Lorraine Belanger, Patsy Belanger, Justin Kershner, Jacob & Dawn Kershner, Jonathan Satcher, Lisa, Lou, and Kostis Booros, Michael V. Roy, Sue Lewis, Martin and Mary Priolo, Richard Brothers, David Elliott, Dot Elliott, Danuta and Zofia Waloch, Joe, Michael Beldotti, Brian Hatch, Baby Eva, Nancy Myers, Tammy Poitras, George Vaillancourt, Gail Maitland, Hubbel Knapp, Chuck, Marcia Lackie, Michael Rose, Christine Giuda, Tom Petito, Sue Holden, the Cataldo Children, Jon Sciarra, John Krasucki, Katherine Lokitis, the Bouras Family, Kent Riach.* These names will be listed for four weeks unless requested to remain longer. No name will be placed on the prayer list without the individual's permission. Please make your requests known to the rectory (603)747-2038 and **let us know if any of these names need to be taken off the prayer line.**

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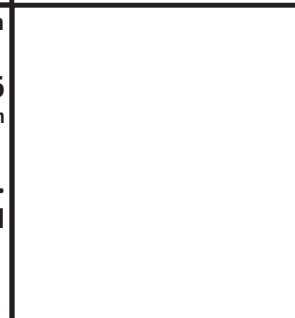


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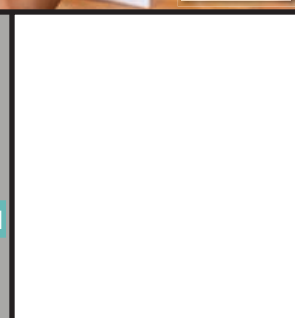
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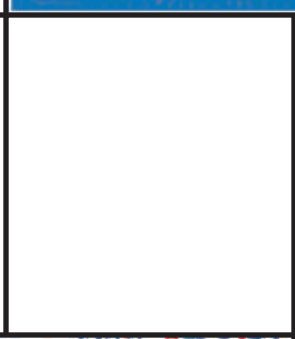
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