

## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Masses for the Holy Day will be celebrated on Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm and Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am.

## DEACON PRENDERGAST

Deacon Don Prendergast will be here to serve and preach on the weekend of December 8/9.

## FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS

Our First Friday devotions will take place on Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. All day Adoration will conclude at 5:00pm that day.

## COLLECTION FOR RETIRED BROTHERS AND SISTERS

Next weekend is the annual collection for the *Retirement Fund for Religious*.

## CHRISTMAS FLOWER COLLECTION

We will have a second collection on the weekend of December 15/16 to help pay for our Christmas flowers and decorations. If you would like to make a memorial gift, please contact the Rectory.

## STEWARDSHIP CORNER:

**CHRISTMAS DECORATION ORGANIZATION:** Jana Szabo will be in the basement of the Deacon Riley Center (Convent) after Mass on the mornings of Dec. 5, 6 and 7<sup>th</sup> sorting through Christmas decorations. Please donate an hour or two if you can to help! Please call Jana at 292-3558 with any questions.

## JESSE TREE

Select a paper ornament from the tree on display in the back of the church and shop for the gift indicated. Wrap the gift and place it under the Jesse Tree. On the Feast of the Epiphany, all gifts will be taken to the St. Peter's Children's Shop and made into layettes for needy newborns.

## SULLIVAN COUNTY COMMUNITY CHORUS

The 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Winter Concert will take place on Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm (Snow date: December 16<sup>th</sup>) at the David Panebaker Auditorium at Liberty High School. The suggested donation is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children.

## MEETINGS/ACTIVITES FOR THE WEEK

Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm – Knights of Columbus Meeting (DRC)



**December 2, 2018**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

## MASS SCHEDULE

Weekends: Saturday - 4:00 PM; Sunday – 9:00 AM; 10:30 AM

Weekdays: Mon.-Tues. 11:45 AM; Wed.- Sat. 9:00 AM

## BAPTISM

By appointment. Please contact the rectory.

## MARRIAGE

Please contact the rectory to schedule your wedding and pre-Cana classes.

## CONFESSION

One half hour before all weekend masses and by appointment.

## SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

If you or someone you know is in need of a Nursing Home, Hospital or home visit from a priest or pastoral visitor, please call the rectory or Christy at 747-9555.

## ST. PETER'S PARISH

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## Parish Staff

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Fr. Antony David, MMI, Parochial Vicar

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## Religious Education Coordinator

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## St. Peter's Regional School Principal

Mrs. Lisa Layman 845-292-7270

## Parish Council President

Mr. John Burke

## Parish Trustees

Mr. James Green; Mrs. Sue Huggler

**Mass Intentions: Dec. 1 – Dec. 9, 2018**

**Saturday, Dec. 1**

9:00 AM – John Obermeyer  
4:00 PM - Stanislaw Feret

**Sunday, Dec. 2**

9:00 AM – Joseph Multari  
10:30 AM – James Gorman II

**Monday, Dec. 3**

11:45 AM - Dorothy Gruenfelder

**Tuesday, Dec. 4**

11:45 AM -

**Wednesday, Dec. 5**

9:00 AM -

**Thursday, Dec. 6**

9:00 AM -

**Friday, Dec. 7**

9:00 AM – Lucy Kienast & Family Living  
And Deceased  
5:30 PM – Yolanda Lopez

**Saturday, Dec. 8**

9:00 AM - Aiden Causey  
4:00 PM – Melvin and Bea Meachum  
5:30 PM – Yosmar Luna

**Sunday, Dec. 9**

9:00 AM – Sr. Katherine Siebert (L)  
10:30 AM – Eula Rampe

**Prayers for the Sick:**

Linda Argentati-Morgans, Kay Aughavin, Clarence Barber, Cindy Hendrickson, Theresa Figueroa, Robert Friess, Ann Gabrielson, Tonia Wilkerson, Fran & Mary Scafidi, Kathy Meachum, Louise Pedrick, Lance Prince, Marta Nivon, Sr. Stella, Barbara Susloski, Michael Sandy, Raymond Katz, Jaxon Krutz, Robert Grant, MaryAnn Judson, George Knox, Anne Kunzweiler, Rosalind Morrison, Lee Most, Miriam Pailos, Lilley Family, Alyssa Bellina, Rosaleah, Mary Patterson, Maria Symanski, Dina Tyler, Lynn Reno, Lila Simon, John McPhillips, Lester Szabo, Nicole, Mary Volkens, Larry, Julie De Fio, Bill Guinan, Walter Kapicic, Michele Calvanico, BJ Berger, Bob Gruenfelder, Ida Alvarez, Easton Gorr, Weston Ward, George Mikel Mercado, Jr., Charles Struzinski, Herb Alvarado, Cynthia Herring

**Prayers for those from the Parish serving in the Armed Forces**

*SSG Richard Guinan, SGT Edward Ryan, SSG Bob Warren, Major Jason Constable  
PO 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Zachary Kulig, Jacob Lilley, PvtE2*

**Last Weekend's Collection**

*1<sup>st</sup> Collection: \$2691*

*Candles: \$24*

*Total \$2715. Thank you!*

**Next Sunday's Readings**

*Baruch 5:1-9*

*Philippians 1:4-11*

*Luke 3:1-6*

**LIVING OUR FAITH**

Imagine the valleys of your life. Those times when need was met by silence. When the desire for companionship found only absence. When there were bills to pay and only holes in your pockets.

Now reflect on the mountains. The tasks that seemed insurmountable. The illnesses that dragged on and on. The hurt that seemed to grow rather than diminish with time. The challenges that seemed to have been designed with someone bigger, stronger and better than you in mind.

The way of the Lord is the smooth way. No valleys, no mountains, just a journey through pleasant country. You've never been there? Neither had Jesus on this earth. He sums up his experience with a sad evaluation: "My kingdom is not of this world." This world has a rough topography, complete with sin, death and crucifixion. Yet we trust the words of Jesus because he's traveled these same valleys and mountains on the road to salvation. We're never so lost that we can't be found on these wild roads.

**Question for the week:** *Map out the prominent valleys and mountains of this past year. Where do you see hope in the smooth way?*

**December Birthdays:**

4<sup>th</sup>-James Reilly  
8<sup>th</sup>-Val Ludeman  
17<sup>th</sup>-Rebecca Rakin  
21<sup>st</sup>-Janet Martinkovic  
21<sup>st</sup>-Kathy Meachum  
23<sup>rd</sup>-Christy Hernandez  
25<sup>th</sup>-Ian Prince  
30<sup>th</sup>-Barbara Bitjeman

**December Anniversaries:**

23<sup>rd</sup>-Wayne & Katie Prisco



## **RESPECT FOR LIFE**

Bringing Jesus to Planned Parenthood through His Mother, Mary. You are invited to pray the Rosary for Life intentions on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday each month at 1pm, Prince Street – nearby to 1<sup>st</sup> Way Life Center on left, Monticello (outside). If the weather is inclement, we will meet in the Chapel of St. Peter's Church, Monticello. Next dates are October 12 & 26. For information, call 845-292-0709, Linda or 292-4647, Jane.

Gospel values should cause us to rethink how we are living our lives. We are never “there” having arrived at Christian perfection, with nothing more to do. Instead, the message of Jesus consistently calls us to go deeper, question more, and change our behavior to more closely match the Master. For what purpose do we do what we do? Are we seeking the golden ring? The life of retirement and leisure? Do we want to be the more important or admired person in the room? Is personal glory the goal? Rather, the Christian life is about self-emptying service. The Christian life does not put the self in the center, but puts the other, with his or her needs in the center. Today we might ask ourselves, whose needs will I put before my own?