

December 10, 2017 – SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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MASS INTENTIONS



5:00pm Peter & Damian Fondino
Sun., Dec. 10: Second Sunday of Advent
 7:00 a.m. Patricia Pick
 8:30 a.m. Thomas & Rita Feeney
 10:00 a.m. All living and deceased members
 of Saint Joseph Music Ministry
 11:30 a.m. Ron Matthews
 5:00 p.m. Stephane Kawalek

Mon., Dec. 11: St. Damasus, pope
 7:00 a.m. Chmura & McDonald Families
 9:00 a.m. Dr. Vittorio De Pippo

Tue., Dec. 12: Our Lady of Guadalupe
 7:00 a.m. All Souls in Purgatory
 9:00 a.m. Joseph & Dorothy Foey

Wed., Dec. 13: St. Lucy, virgin & martyr
 7:00 a.m. Walter George Weinmann
 9:00 a.m. Lucy H. Damis

Thu. Dec. 14: St. Joh of the Cross, pr & dr
 7:00 a.m. Vincent A. D'Aprile, Sr.
 9:00 a.m. Ken Hyatt

Fri., Dec. 15: Advent Weekday
 7:00 a.m. Rose Fuoco
 9:00 a.m. Ernest Fabiano

Sat., Dec. 16: Advent Weekday
 7:00am Carol Greco
 9:00am Henrietta Long

5:00pm Linda Bertone
Sun., Dec. 17: Third Sunday of Advent
 7:00 a.m. Helen R. Paradies
 8:30 a.m. John & Angie Caprotti
 10:00 a.m. James Raucci, Jr.
 11:30 a.m. Len Miller
 5:00 p.m. Living & Deceased Parishioners



Get Well Soon!

Eleanor Flynn, Zachary Swart, Joseph Petramale, Henry Schatzel, Mary Ahl, and all our parishioners who are homebound, in healthcare facilities or who are seriously sick.



In Loving Memory

Please remember in your prayers our beloved dead, _____, and all who died recently.

WE ARE A TITHING PARISH



Weekly Collections

First Sunday of Advent

Last Year's Basket Collection \$5,583.00
 This Year's Basket Collection \$6,649.00
 Building Maintenance & Repairs \$1,609.00
 Votive Candles \$145.00

Last Week's WeShare

11/28/2017 Collection \$840.16
 11/30/2017 Collection \$235.00

Thank you for your great generosity!!!

Church General Cleaning

We are asking our parishioners if you are able to help we would like to have our annual Christmas clean up in the church. If you are willing to help please arrive at the church on Tuesday, December 19th after the 9:00 Mass. Confirmation kids are welcome to accumulate your service hours. Let's make our church ready for Christmas!

WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE

The Kingston Council #275 Knights of Columbus wishes to announce the starting of the "2017 Annual Winter Clothing Drive". All proceeds and donations go to benefit all in need of our local community. Please drop off well-kept and near new items in the vestibule. If you need pick-up call Connie Vendetti at 331-2163.



ADVENT RECONCILIATION MONDAY
On Monday, December 18, 2017, we will celebrate our Advent Reconciliation Monday. This in the Monday following Guadete Sunday. The time for confessions will be from 4:00PM – 8:00 PM.

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AN ADVENT PRAYER
To be used when lighting the family wreath.

"Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which Your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility, and at the last day when He shall come again in His glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead."



The Bella House - Part I

In 2012, two pregnancy counselors at the Birth Choice Women's Center in Dallas, Texas, faced a dilemma. Once a client had chosen life for her baby, then what? Often she was without financial or medical resources to bring her baby to term. Even more challenging, often she had no place to stay during her pregnancy and no one to support her life-affirming, but difficult, decision. Out of this dilemma came a vision, the vision of The Bella House. The word "bella" means beautiful, and as its name implies, The Bella House "celebrates the beauty of every life."

After nearly two years of prayer, fund-raising, and strategic planning, The Bella House in the suburb of Plano opened its doors as a transitional home, a safe haven of hospitality, loving care, and personal growth. Its mission was to reach and support a largely underserved segment of our population, the homeless, pregnant woman. Fundamental to the Bella House mission is the belief that true transformation can only occur in an atmosphere of authentic love, namely, the love of God reflected in the good works of a loving people.

Mothers can come to Bella House when they are newly pregnant, and can stay up to six months after their baby is born. To date, 19 women have come through its doors. A few have left before giving birth because they have found permanent housing, or have reconciled with the baby's father or their families. Every mother has said she is better for having been at The Bella House, even if her stay was not that long. See more about "The Bella House" in next week's bulletin.

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Parish Registered Members

It's time to clean up our envelope listings starting next year. For those who don't use their envelopes, and do not want to please let us know. If you are not a registered parishioner, and would like to be, please call our office at 338-1554. If you have moved, please give your change of address. Thank you.



ADORATION CHAPEL

Come let us adore! Let us bring Jesus the gift of our “presence” and He will bless us in return. The Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel on Delaware Avenue

next to the Immaculate Conception Church/ Rectory. It is open 7 days a week, 24 hours a day. If you would like to spend one hour each week in Advent preparation for Christmas, please call Betty Hickey at 338-2235. Thank you.

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CHRISTMAS FLOWER FUND

Throughout the Christmas season we will again provide a beautiful means of

remembering a loved one. Special envelopes for our Christmas Flower Fund are available now. Names of the deceased and donors will be suitably displayed in the Church. Please return your envelope by December 19th to the parish office.

CATHOLIC PILGRIMAGE TO GREECE “WAY OF ST. PAUL” SUMMER OF 2018

Join Father Michael McLoughlin, Pastor of St. Columba, Hopewell Junction and Peter’s Way Tours on a wonderful Pilgrimage to Greece “In the Footsteps of St. Paul” on July 29 – August 7, 2018. It will make the Letters of St. Paul come alive! Stops include Thessaloniki, Philippi, Veria, Meteora, Athens (including the Parthenon) and Corinth. A three day cruise is included! Stops include Mykonos, Ephesus (Mass at the House of the Virgin Mary), Patmos, Heraklion (Crete) and Santorini. Please call Father Michael at St. Columba 845-227-8380 or email rectory@stcolumbaonline.org for a Pilgrimage Brochure! Spaces are limited so do not delay.



TOYS FOR THE NEEDY

The Saint Joseph's Social Ministry will be collecting toys for the children of our Community. These toys will benefit the local children at Christmas. The new and used toys will be collected November 18/19 and December 3/4. Gifts of toys for boys or girls are for ages 1 – 12 years old only. Underwear, socks, pajamas, towels, infant clothes, Walmart gifts cards are needed. Thank you for supporting the needy children in our community. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

PARISH WEBSITE

Have you visited our new Parish website? It offers current programs, Mass schedules, ministries and many other exciting details about St. Josephs. While there, sign up for Facebook, Flocknote, Twitter for important notifications. Please visit:

www.saintjosephkingston.org/

THANK YOU

We would like to thank our parishioners for their generous and outpouring support of donations of **Coats for Folk, Toys for the Needy, Food Pantry for St. Joseph’s Social Ministry and Birthright**. Thank you for helping those who are in need in our community. Have a Happy Advent Season!!!

MUSIC NOTES...

As we enter into a new liturgical year, our music ministry is preparing songs for Advent (not Christmas!) Some parishioners have asked me, "Why don't we sing Christmas Carols in December"? Well, unlike our secular culture who begin Christmas songs on Thanksgiving and end them on December 26th, we sing of waiting and anticipation of the birth of Christ. THEN, from Christmas Eve through Epiphany we sing our beloved Christmas Carols. Our trees may go up during Advent, but the Christmas season ends after the second Sunday in January!

Our music ministry will provide music at the 10:00 during the season of Advent and at 5:00 p.m. and midnight Masses on Christmas Eve. We are also planning our annual Epiphany Concert on January 7th at 3:00 p.m. Please mark the date.

Of course our dedicated cantors provide song at the Saturday 5:00, Sunday 8:30 and 11:30 Masses.

If you would like to join us for Christmas Mass (5:00 p.m.), come to rehearsals on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the balcony. Or call Bob at 845-389-1503 or music.saintjoseph@gmail.com. Please like us on Facebook also!

Happy New Year,
Bob Gaus, chair director