

SAINT STANISLAUS PARISH
DECEMBER 11, 2016
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PLEASANT VALLEY, NY
3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



**Masses
 For The
 Week**

****BIRTHDAY GREETINGS****

December 11

Robin Barrett, John Fumo, Bridgett Leonard, Diane Malone,
 James Papineau, Louis Rossi, Melissa Schaeffer

December 12

Raquel Ayala, Rachel English, Pauline Herr, Ryan Kiernan,
 Carol McCann, Cheri Salfelder, Diane Slifstein

December 13

Ryan Brady, Deacy Carroll, Catherine Cole-Weber,
 Christopher Courchaine, Thomas Fenton, Christopher
 Foster, Emmalee Fumo, Kyle Handy, Jennifer Quattrocchi

December 14

Patricia Iapichino, Joseph Quinn, Bryan Valletta, Andrea
 Vanswearingen, Karl Wenzel

December 15

Andrew Aldrich, Lisa Cali, Alyssa Cipriano, Justin Crandell,
 Margaret Dausser, Richard Duggan, Mary Forgette, Jason
 Gasparini, Stacey Hammell, Clarisse Murphy, Robin
 Rabideau, Chuck West

December 16

Robert Alderman, Joseph Banas, Joshua D'Eredita, Cali
 DeLawder, Joseph DeMatteis, Thomas Gibson, Jose Guerra,
 Patrick Long, Scarlett Miller, Karen Pagano, Devin Rigolino,
 Jo Anne Smith, Robert Tompkins, Jr.

December 17

Gianna Geraci, Peter Graziano, Monica Kelly, Alexandra
 MacKay, David Myers, Lexi Roe, Susan Stabell, Matthew
 Stokes, Christine Toussaint, Shannon Vetter

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Saturday, December 10

5:30pm Edward Waz, Jr.

Sunday, December 11

8:15am The People of St Stanislaus Kostka

11:00am Suzanne Roth- St Stanislaus Teen Club

Monday, December 12

9:00am Martin Glass – Candace Glass

Tuesday, December 13

9:00am Robert Bollalla – Cecilia Trejo

Wednesday, December 14

9:00am Communion Service

Thursday, December 15

9:00am Souls in Purgatory

Friday, December 16

9:00am John Koenig – Carrie

Saturday, December 17

5:30pm Alfred Schoomaker – wife, Ellie

ST. STANISLAUS IS A TITHING PARISH

God's Plan for Giving

In return for the Lord's generosity, our people
 returned to His Church the following

December 4, 2016 + Parish Pay \$6505.00

Capital Improvement \$2534.00

Grocery card profits (last week) \$200.00

Thank you for your continuing generosity that enables
 us to continue to serve the people of God.



THIS WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION
RETIRED RELIGIOUS

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



GAUDETE SUNDAY



FAITH FORMATION

Please take note of the following important dates:

Faith Formation Classes are not in session between Christmas and New Years. They resume Jan 3 and 4

CROSSFIT Session: January 15

Confirmation Session: January 30

GIFT I, II & III: December 18

FAMILY TREE LIGHTING

December 11, 2016 3-5pm

Come and join us as we continue to celebrate Advent and prepare for the coming of our Savior.

"The people who walked in darkness have seen a GREAT LIGHT" Isaiah 9:2

We will be making ornaments, decorating cookies, and will have many other surprises!

We ask that each family please bring an item for the "Taking it to the Streets" or the Sister of Life Ministry. We hope to fill our empty baskets with gifts for those in need in our community, and for those who struggle to care for their babies.

Suggested items for the homeless include: small toiletries, gloves, mittens, and socks

Baby items include: pacifiers, onesies, booties, nightgowns, receiving blankets, diapers

RECONCILIATION MONDAY

DECEMBER 19

"Confession heals, confession justifies, confession grants pardon of sin, all hope consists in confession; in confession there is a chance for mercy."

Fr. Backes and Msgr. Quinn will be hearing Confessions from 4:00pm-8:00pm

This is the last opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation until Saturday, January 7th at St. Stanislaus Kostka

Every parish in the Archdiocese will have priests available to hear confessions from 4-8pm on the 19th if you prefer to go elsewhere. Come home for Christmas!

ANNUAL SENIOR BREAKFAST

THIS Tuesday, December 13

"Mercy never ends ..." *

This year we would like to do something a bit different for the annual Advent Breakfast. Any Senior over 55 is invited to attend including our daily Mass attendees/ Lunchbox / Prayer Shawl / Exercise participants.

9am Mass

Buffet Breakfast

*Short reflection on the above topic by Deacon John

Instead of the usual door prizes we thought this year to ask the group to bring baby items for the Sisters of Life ministry to the mothers and newborns.

Please RSVP to Nancy Dunn at 635-1700 x 12 by Monday December 12

PASTOR EVALUATION

This year Rev. John J. Backes will be completing his first six-year term as Pastor of St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish. In keeping with Archdiocesan policy, an evaluation of the parish has begun.

Parishioners and staff who wish to do so may write letters with their own comments about our parish and the pastoral leadership of the parish. These letters are kept confidential and Father Backes will not see them. Please address your letters to:

Reverend Monsignor Edward Weber
The Office of Priest Personnel
Archdiocese of New York
1011 First Avenue
New York, New York 10022

Letters should be received no later than **December 31, 2016**.

Any correspondence received after the deadline will NOT be included in the evaluation process.

DECORATING THE CHURCH

Friday, December 23 - 9:45am

We would like to include as many parishioners who are willing and able to help out during the decorating of the Church for Christmas. Please consider volunteering a few hours to make our parish home beautiful.

If you are interested please call the parish office.

PTAF CONFERENCE

Last weekend the St. Stanislaus CROSSFIT/PTAF Teen club attended the 55th Annual Pallottine Teenage Federation Conference held at Honors Haven Resort and Spa in Ellenville, NY. It was an amazing weekend and all of us should be very proud of these young men and women. Each and every teen represented our parish with respect, outpouring of Faith and uncontained JOY!

We are incredibly blessed with youth leaders that are unafraid to show and share their love of our Church and our God.

Our very own Hope Andrews was Conference Co Chair and all of her hard work and dedication showed... it was a great weekend. Lucky for us, Hope will be returning next year and will serve on the PTAF board as President. But it does not stop there: Garrett Linnane, our parish president and last year's PTAF Board Vice President was named the Conference Chairperson for 2016-2017. St. Stan's own Apryl DeMild was named next years PTAF Board Program Chairperson and Rachel Nazak is 2016-2017 PTAF Day Chair.

What a great year we have ahead of us with St. Stanislaus leading the way!

There are many people that need to be thanked. First and foremost Dawn Andrews who was on the front lines organizing and coordinating getting all of our teens to Conference as well as chaperoning on the weekend. Thank you to Michelle DeMild, Shannon Linnane and Carmella Newman who helped us take care of the teens all weekend. Shout out to Tina Jaeb, Jenn Nazak, John Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins, Stephanie Constantine and Denise Rowe for helping us transport our teens from schools, to and from Conference.

We thank the parents for trusting us with your children and we thank Father Backes coming to Conference and for supporting us all year.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR LUTHERAN CARE RESIDENTS

Each year The Lutheran Care Center looks to provide gifts for its residents – especially those who have no family.

The following UNWRAPPED items are suggested:

MEN: Clothing (sizes L-2X), Sports figurines/pictures, toiletries, electric razors

WOMEN: Clothing (sizes M-2X), NEW costume jewelry including large face watches, perfume, toiletries

MISCELLANEOUS: CDs, Radios lap robes/blankets, socks/slippers, word puzzle books, pictures, coffee table books

**PLEASE NO used items, NO jigsaw puzzles,
and NO hats/gloves**

Bin will be in Hall vestibule for collection

This facility, within our parish boundaries, is served by our priest, deacon and many volunteers and holds a special place in our hearts. Please consider giving to these, your fellow parishioners

Due by DECEMBER 1

PLEASANT VALLEY ECUMENICAL FOOD PANTRY

The following items are needed for Christmas food bags:
Pie crust box mixes Boxes of corn muffin mix
Cans of fruit pie filling Boxes of pasta
Cans of pumpkin pie filling Spaghetti sauce

To help us track donations, please pick a "reminder" star from the food bin lid near the church hall doors.

****All donations are needed by Sunday, December 18****

Thank you!

FORMED

Please read the following note from the Cardinal – this is a most wonderful Christmas gift to us all. It is easy – consider taking advantage of this treasure.



TIMOTHY CARDINAL DOLAN

Season of Advent 2016

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

A Blessed Advent to you! We all know how busy this time of year can get as we prepare for Christmas – with holiday gatherings, shopping, travel plans, etc. Yet we can never forget that the Church gives us these four weeks of Advent as an opportunity to *prepare ourselves* for the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Can I suggest one way you might fit some Advent preparation into your busy schedule? Spend some time on FORMED.org, if you haven't already signed up. Thanks to a generous benefactor, all parishes in the Archdiocese of New York are currently signed up for this online platform that provides Catholic content such as movies, E-books, audio talks, Bible studies, and more! There is an Advent study, as well as a new program on the Sacrament of Confession, called *Forgiven*. I especially encourage you to watch this and prepare for our Archdiocesan-wide *Reconciliation Monday* on December 19.

FORMED.org is a website that you log into with a *parish access code* that allows you to view all the content. This means that you can view this great Catholic material anywhere you have internet access. All you need to do is enter the access code that your parish has provided. I know most parishes put this information in their bulletin and on their website, but if you do not know your access code, please email formed@archny.org and include your name and home parish to receive it. (OUR CODE IS: 63VQRV)

Whether it is an activity at your parish or sitting down at home to watch something on FORMED.org, the season of Advent is an opportunity to receive many graces and keep our focus on what really matters. We just celebrated Thanksgiving, and it is good for us to show our gratitude to God by spending some time reflecting on His great act of love – sending us His Son to be our Savior.

Faithfully in Christ,

+ Timothy Cardinal Dolan