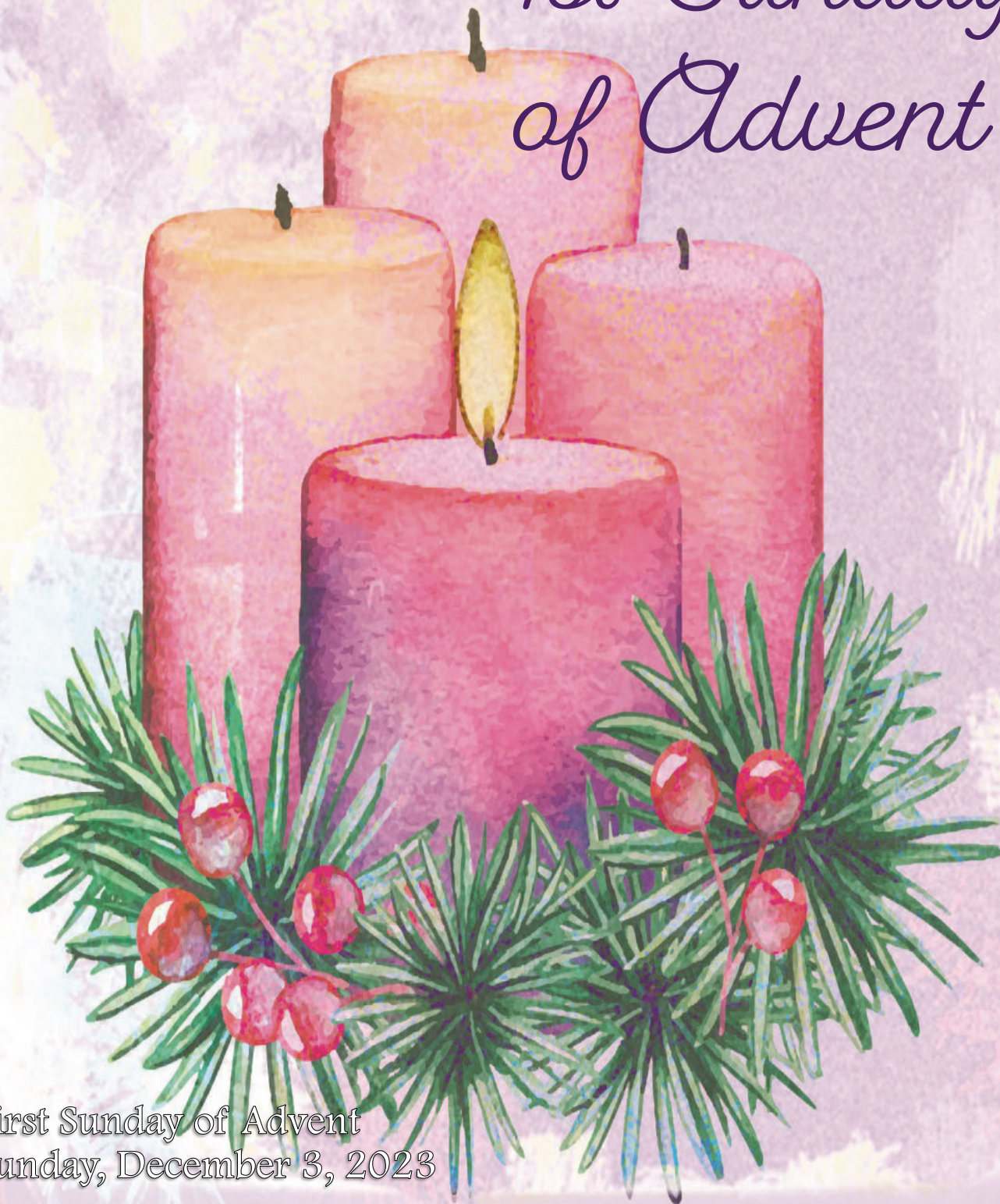




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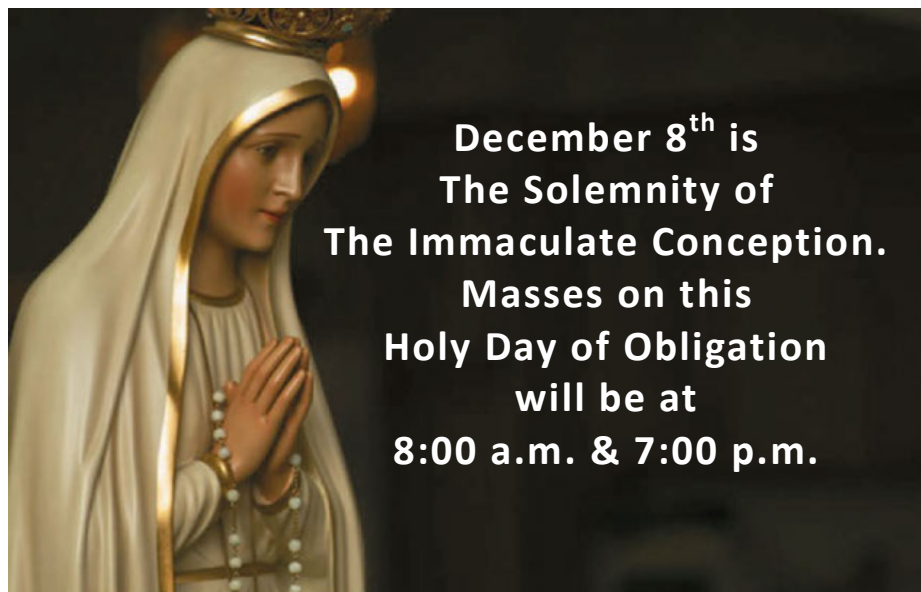
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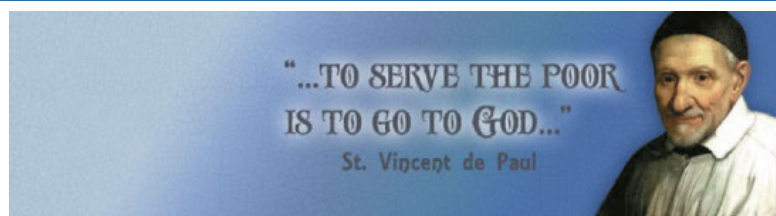
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Holy Day of Obligation
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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17TH
DUE: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8TH**

**BULLETIN FOR
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24TH
DUE: MONDAY, DECEMBER 11TH**



Who doesn't enjoy singing in the shower?
And who doesn't love singing in the car, right?

If you like singing in those places, try singing in the choir loft during the Christmas season! Our community would truly appreciate more people joining the choir and leading us in song during the Holy Day Masses! You would be giving a beautiful, heart-felt gift to your parish family and especially to our newborn King!

*Join us for practice every Sunday
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Will you light our Advent Wreath candles before Mass?
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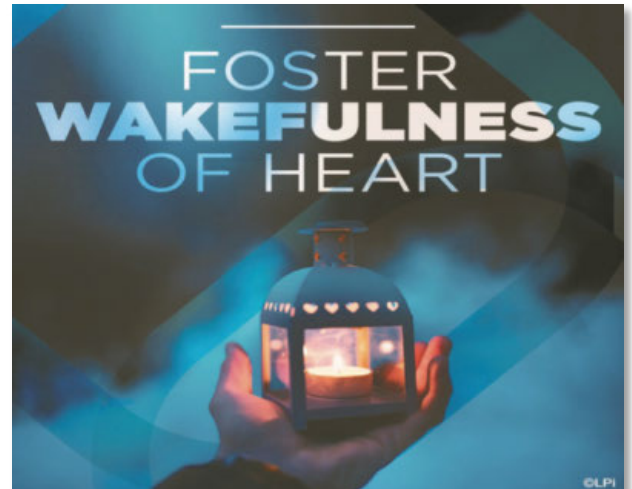
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Unfortunately, they are using our pastor's name and taking advantage of our parishioner's kindness and empathy. Should you receive an email or text from someone claiming to be Fr. Joe, please know that you're being scammed! Do not respond and most certainly, do not purchase any gift cards! The only thing Father Joe asks is that we keep every Sunday holy by coming to Mass and receiving Communion worthily, and give our hearts to Christ!



Fr. Joe was so happy to baptize *Tucker Gosselin* on November 24th! Pictured with young Tucker are his three older sisters, Blair, Elliott & Charlotte (who Fr. Joe also baptized), and their proud parents, Megan and Shaun! Congratulation to the Gosselin Family!

The following day, November 25th, Father Joe had another honor when he baptized *Loretta Jean Schwartz*! Loretta's mom and dad are Tom & Heather and her older sister is Evelyn (Evie). What a beautiful blessing Loretta is to the Schwartz family and to St. Peter's!



Coming to FORMED.org - Sunday, December 3rd!

Routed: Rediscover the Jesse Tree this Advent Season
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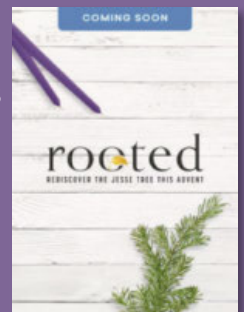
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Annual Breakfast with Santa

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Sunday, December 17th

After the 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Masses!

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Memento Mori

Just this week, my husband and I signed our wills, and the lawyer was careful to couch our transaction in gentle, abstract language: "When we lose you" she kept saying, instead of "When you die."

It's very uncomfortable to dwell on our death. But the Christian life does not just encourage us to do so: it demands that we do.

I once came upon a prayer consecrating the last two hours of life to the Blessed Mother. I have since found variations of the prayer online with different phrasing, but the sentiment of them all is the same: let me not be caught sleeping. Let me be ready.

"You can't do all your homework at the end," a deacon who ministers to the dying once told me. "Good Friday is waiting in the wings for all of us."

I think of that a lot when I don't particularly feel like praying, when I think I'm too busy to go to confession or when feelings of resentment fester inside me on Sunday mornings as I pack my family off to church. All our good deeds are like polluted rags, says the prophet. We have all withered like leaves.

You can't do all your homework at the end. God is faithful. Are we?

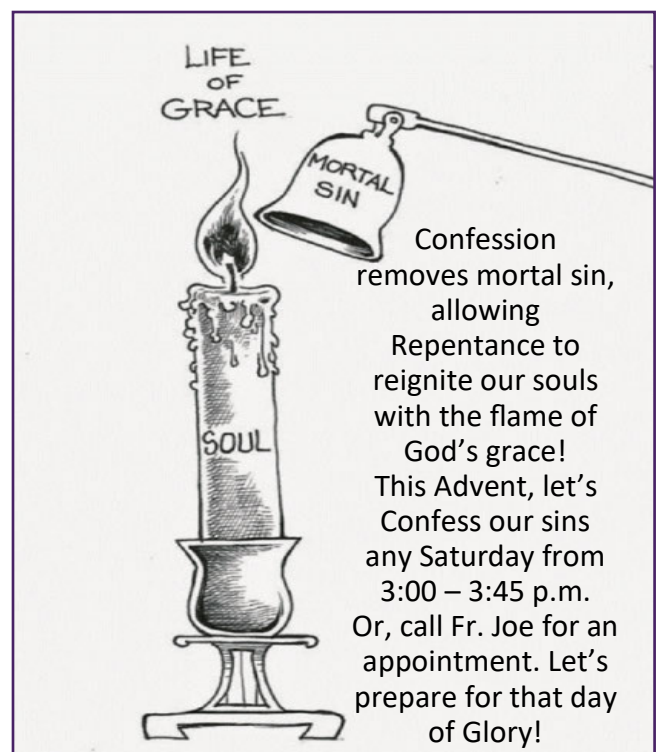
"May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!'"
— Mark 13:36

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman



FOR THE WEEKENDS
OF 12/2 - 12/10/2023

The Mass		For	
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT			
CONFESSIONS OFFERED ON SATURDAY'S, 3:00 - 3:45 P.M.			
ROSARY PRAYED AT 3:30 P.M.			
Sat	4 pm	†	Mike Hagi
Sun	7 am	†	Ann Kattner
	9 am	†	Jeff Rietschel
	11 am	†	Carol & Linda Weiss
Tues	8 am (1)	†	Jack Schmitt
	(2)	†	Cliff Stehle
Wed	8 am	†	Genevieve M. Stack
Thur	8 am	†	Ann DeSantis - Kattner
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY			
Fri	8 am	†	Walter & Katherine Kula
	7 pm	†	Brian Lavan
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT			
CONFESSIONS OFFERED ON SATURDAY'S, 3:00 - 3:45 P.M.			
ROSARY PRAYED AT 3:30 P.M.			
Sat	4 pm	†	Theresa Poletto
Sun	7 am	†	Alec Naffziger
	9 am	†	Susan Wagener
	11 am	†	Joseph Carey



	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Ushers
1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT			
Saturday 12/2 4:00 pm	Peggy Mack	Deacon Mark	Phil Webb Chad Franckowiak
Sunday 12/3 7:00 am	Eleanor Murphy	Carol Magnine	Dennis Wehrheim David Smid
9:00 am	Kathy Rietschel	DeAnne Besetzny	Ron Hlavin Larry Hauser
11:00 am	Nettie Toms	Kathie Toms	Rich Yager Tom Straley
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY			
Friday 12/8 8:00 am	Peggy Mack	Deacon Mark	Rich Yager Paul Leali
7:00 pm	Sandi Wesinger	Jacqui Wold	Chad Franckowiak
2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT			
Saturday 12/9 4:00 pm	Tom Straley	Susan Straley	Gary Miller Deb Christian
Sunday 12/10 7:00 am	Jeff Kelley	Cyndee Wehrheim	Shaun Gosselin Scott Hastings
9:00 am	Joanne Prato	Deacon Mark	Tom Fanella Larry Hauser
11:00 am	Stan Tinsley	Sharon Ellicson	Tom Straley Mike Gordon
Extraordinary Ministers for the Homebound			
December 3rd - 1st Sunday of Advent			
Bev Schmitt, Thomas Gough, Paul Serio & Steve Besetzny			
December 10th - 2nd Sunday of Advent			
Deacon Mark, Eddie Wells, Mary Seil & Georgene Keim			

It was coming up to Christmas and Sammy asked his mum if he could have a new bike? So, she told him that the best idea would be to write to Santa Claus. But Sam, having just played a vital role in the school nativity play, said he would prefer to write to the baby Jesus. So his mum told him that would be fine. Sam went to his room and wrote 'Dear Jesus, I have been a very good boy and would like to have a bike for Christmas.' But he wasn't very happy when he read it over. So he decided to try again and this time he wrote 'Dear Jesus, I'm a good boy most of the time and would like a bike for Christmas.' He read it back and wasn't happy with that one either. He tried a third version. 'Dear Jesus I could be a good boy if I tried hard and especially if I had a new bike.' He read that one too, but he still wasn't satisfied.



So, he decided to go out for a walk while he thought about a better approach. After a short time he passed a house with a small statue of the Virgin Mary in the front garden. He crept in, stuffed the statue under his coat, hurried home and hid it under the bed. Then he wrote this letter. 'Dear Jesus, if you want to see your mother again, you'd better send me a new bike.'



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns from December 3rd through December 16th for
† Departed Parishioners
 May this light which reminds us of Jesus' True Presence in the Sanctuary
 Welcome them into eternal peace.



Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, we place into your hands, all fellow parishioners we know and love, who are ill or injured and in need of Your healing touch. Jesus, be with them all, especially:

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Anthony Hodnik	John Paleka
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Edward Johnson	Dorothy Scichowski
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Diana Kattner	David Thomas
Ronald Klein	Fred Zahn
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Interested in volunteering?

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PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, December 3rd - 1st Sunday of Advent

• **Benediction & Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament - 6:45 am**

• OCIA - Classes - Upstairs Office Conference Room - 10:00 am

• Choir Rehearsal - 12:00 pm

• Sacramental Instruction Classes - Grades 2nd & 7th - 6:00 pm

Monday, December 4th

• SVdP Zoom Meeting - 12:00 pm

• Faith Formation Class Grades 1st, 3rd & 4th - 5:00 pm

• Faith Formation Class Grades 5th & 6th - 6:30 pm

Tuesday, December 5th

• Morning Bible Study - Parish Hall - 9:00 am

• SPWM - Meeting - Parish Hall - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, December 6th

• Spiritual Warfare Rosary - Church - 6:00 pm

Thursday, December 7th

Friday, December 8th

Saturday, December 9th

• **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament all Night until 6:45 am**

Sunday, December 10th - 2nd Sunday of Advent

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Gospel Meditation

Lately I've been listening to a science-based podcast on healthy living. The host frequently discusses the wide range of health benefits of sleep. So, each night I'm trying to get more, and better, slumber, and it's helping me feel energized. So, why in the world should we follow Christ's advice this week? "Watch therefore, for you do not know when the master of the house will come...lest He find you asleep." Isn't sleep, especially at midnight and cockcrow, a good thing?

Of course, it is. But the wakefulness the Lord calls us to is a deep, personal orientation to Him. A nightly vigil is therefore a metaphor for this, but it's not just that. We should give up real sleep in order to pray, too. This difficult practice is a time-tested way to foster wakefulness of heart. When we give up sleep to pray, it focuses us. We learn that life is not an endless series of days. You and I belong to the Lord – awake or asleep, in life and in death. Sooner or later, even our need for our physical sleep will pass away. And our attentiveness to God – that is, whether we are awaiting Him to meet us – will be all that matters.

May I challenge us this week and this Advent to intentionally give up at least one hour of sleep each week for prayer? Stay up later, wake up in the middle of the night, or an hour earlier, and pray. Will we be a bit more tired the next day? Yes. But we'll be amazed at the spiritual wakefulness that results, too.

~ Father John Muir ~



PARISH INFORMATION

BAPTISMS - Msgr. Jarmoluk is eager and happy to baptize children whose parent(s) are practicing the Catholic faith and registered members of St. Peter's Parish. Please call the Parish Office for additional requirements and information.

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HOLY COMMUNION - Parishioners confined to their homes, for an indefinite length of time due to illness or advanced age, may call the Office and request that the Holy Eucharist be brought to them on Sunday mornings.

REGISTRATION - New members should register by either calling the Parish Office or visiting us online at StPeterCatholicChurch.org

HOSPITAL VISITS - If you wish Father to visit during your stay in the hospital, please call him at the Parish Office and he will be happy to do so. Likewise, if you wish to be added to our Prayer Chain, let us know by calling (815) 675-2288

FUNERALS ARRANGEMENTS - are to be made in consultation with Father.

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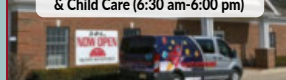
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