

Mass	Intention	Requested by
5:00 p.m., Saturday, December 10	Dominick and Carmella DePasquale Elaine Webber Lorraine Martin	Anthony and Kathleen DePasquale Son, John Family
7:30 a.m., Sunday, December 11	James O'Toole Carole Tarantino	Tom and Nancy Burkly Jo-Ann White
9:00 a.m. Sunday, December 11	Fr. Neil Draves-Arpaia Ernestine Chisholm Mary and John Miller	Jean Cremen Diane and Andy Kozak Family
11:00 a.m., Sunday, December 11	Eugene Landry Fred Martin, Jr. Mary Geiger	James and Joann Eustis Martin Family Family
8:00 a.m., Monday, December 12	Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion	
8:00 a.m., Tuesday, December 13	Charles DiSanto	Hugh and Mary Ann Foley
8:00 a.m., Wednesday, December 14	Andrew May June Veitch	St. Peter's Prayer Line St. Peter's Prayer Line
8:00 a.m., Thursday, December 15	Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion	
8:00 a.m., Friday, December 16	Erich Bayer	Ted and Linda Lupul
5:00 p.m., Saturday, December 17	Louis and Anna Coulombe Richard and Stephen Rudolph Henry Welden, Jr. Joseph Welden	Douglas Coluombe Nancy McDonald Family Family
7:30 a.m., Sunday, December 18	Lorraine Martin	Family
9:00 a.m. Sunday, December 18	Norman R. Brown Fr. Robert LeFevre William 'Bill' Hurley	Wife, Ellen Jean Cremen Theresa Pruneda
11:00 a.m., Sunday, December 18	Timothy Tellstone Daniel O'Donnell	Family

Readings for Sunday, December 18, Fourth Sunday of Advent: Is 7:10-14; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

Please remember in your prayers all those members of our parish family who are sick or suffering in any way, all those in hospitals or nursing homes, and all our shut-ins.

We pray for all who have died recently, including Anthony Sansiveri, husband of Rose Sansiveri. Let us not forget the victims of violence at home and abroad. We remember the men and women serving in the armed forces and their families, as we continue to **pray for peace**.

	Ministers of Communion	Readers	Server
5:00 pm 12/17 Saturday	Ethan Allen, Phyllis Delay, Judith Pierson, Steven Poissant, Erin Pritchard,	Ann Marie Przywara	Abby Austin

Saturday  T:30 am 12/18  Alberta Bennett, Mary Catellier, Mary Goyette, Michele Goyette, Thomas Hatlee,  Carol Loope Filesh Rosses		Sr. Charla Commins	Abby Austin
7:30 am 12/18 Alberta Bennett, Mary Catellier, Mary Goyette, Michele Goyette, Thomas Hatlee, Carol Leone, Eileen Reese		Stan Drosky Mary Catellier	
9:00 am 12/18 Sunday			Sophia and Frankie Anzaroot
11:00 am 12/18 Sunday	Nancy Brockley, Jacqueline Donnelly, Carol Gurney, Susan Hamlin, Barbara Haner, Margaret Pearson, James Sykes	Eileen Davenport Ellen Bradley	Caroline Crouth

Attendance 12/04/16 967 12/06/15 981	Weekly Collection 12/04/16 collection: \$16,751.50 (includes Electronic Giving: \$6,346.00) 12/06/15 collection: \$16,091.00	Collection Average to Date 2016 average to date \$10,304.80 2015 average to date \$ 9,471.00
	<b>SPNA</b> (Blue envelopes):  December 2016 \$746.00 December 2015 \$1,113.00	

Collection for Victims of recent fire in Saratoga Springs: \$1,000.00

# The Evangelist

To stay informed about our Catholic faith and news of our Diocese, read **The Evangelist**, our Albany Diocesan newspaper. To subscribe, please call 584-2375.

#### Family Perspectives By Bud Ozar

The question put to Jesus in today's gospel is also put to us today: "Are you the one?" Are you the one who will give guidance to the children in your life or must they look to TV sitcoms, films, videos and music lyrics for direction? Are you the one?

### Marriage Moments www.Susan Vogt.net

"Be patient, brothers and sisters...Do not complain about one another." (James 5:7-9). Preparation for Christmas can strain even the best relationships. Be gentle and patient with each other as you do the many tasks to prepare for Christmas.

# Parenting Pointers

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The purpose of Advent is not to shop but to learn to wait. Teaching your child to delay gratification is an important life skill. Perhaps this W.A.I.T. acronym could help:

- W— Waiting gives us time to make a good decision or buy the right thing.
- A— Anticipation can enhance appreciation.
- Instant gratification is often fleeting.
- T— Take stock of our blessings. What do you already have?



# In Our Parish

All Masses 12/10-11	Ongoing collection: nonperishable food items	All Masses	Vestibule of Church
All Masses 12/10-1	Poinsettia sale	After each Mass	Church (Ladies of Charity)
All Masses 12/10-1	Prayer Line List updated	After each Mass	Day Chapel
12/10-11	Baptism Rite of Enrollment		
12/11 S	SCCS: Music/Drama	1:00-4:00 pm	Parish Ctr: Hall and stage
12/12 M	Outreach Office	9:00a-12:00p	Rectory
	Yoga (Gail: 429-9455)	4:00-5:30 pm	Parish Ctr: Rm 205
	Pastoral Council	5:00 pm (set up)	Parish Ctr: Meeting Room
	AA	7:00-9:30 pm	Parish Ctr: Room 206
12/13 T	Reconciliation	1:00 pm	Church
	Piano Lessons	2:30-6:00 p	Church
	Lectio Divina	6:00 pm	Rectory: Meeting Room
	Stitch and Time Group	6:00-7:30 pm	Rectory: Dining Room
	Reconciliation	7:00 pm	Church
12/14 W	Prayer Team	8:30-8:45 am	Church
	Faith Sharing Group	8:45 -10:00 a	Parish Ctr, - Hall
	Outreach Office	9:00a-12:00p	Rectory
	SCCS: Music	6:30-8:30pm	Church
	Confirmation Prep	6:30-8:30p,	Parish Ctr: Rm 204/206
12/15 T	Rosary	8:30 am	Church
	Piano Lessons	2:30-6:30 pm	Church
	Bikeatoga	6:00-8:00 pm	Church: Basement
	Choir	7:30 pm	Church
12/16 F	Outreach Office	9:00-12:00 pm	Rectory
	SCCS: 8th grade retreat	8:00a-3:00p and Mass 10:00 am	Parish Center and Church
12/17 S	Bikeatoga	9:00a-12:00p	Church: Basement
12/18 S	Rel Ed:K-6/YM7-8/9-11	10:10-11:20 am	Parish Center
-	Sixth Grade Bake Sale		Parish Center
	Third Grade Pageant		Parish Center
	RCIA	10:00 am-1:00pm	Rectory: Dining Room
	SCCS: Music/Drama	1:00-4:00 pm	Parish Ctr: Hall and stage
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Volunteers are needed in all Ministries for Mass:

5:00 pm 12/24 Vigil Masses 10:00 pm

Prelude of Carols beginning at 9:20 pm

12/25 Christmas

9:00 am (There is no 7:30 am Mass) 11:00 am

New Year's Day

New Year's Eve 4:00 pm (There is no 5:00 pm Mass) 7:30 am

9:00 am

11:00 am

### Reconciliation

Tuesday, December 13: 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm

### Ladies of Charity-Christmas Giving

Ladies of Charity will adopt families for Christmas as funds allow, identified through Saratoga Mentoring. This change from the giving store in past years will instead focus on gifts of food or clothing through monetary donations and Questions and donations may be directed to Linda Maitan (518) 583-4020, 100 Damascus Drive, Wilton, NY 12831

# Sponsor of the week

# Be Sport Happy

The only place parents need to go for info on 35 sports in Saratoga for kids ages 3-13.

> www.besporthappy.com Lexie and Peter Bonitatibus Find them on Facebook at Be Sport Happy

Thank you for advertising in our Bulletin!

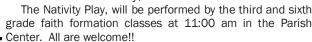


### **Church of Saint Peter Giving Tree**

This tradition continues as does your generosity toward those who need a little extra help this Christmas. Thank you! and our thanks to the Christian Service Committee for organizing the Giving Tree



### Sunday, December 18



Also, before the 11:00 am performance of The Nativity Play, the Sixth grade will host a Bake Sale. Please stop over and enjoy the Play and the Bake Sale!



### Calendars for 2017

Thank you to Burke and Bussing for making 2017 calendars available to all! They may be found in the vestibule.

# Dominican Retreat and Conference Center 1945 Union Street, Niskayuna, NY 12309

dslcny@nybiz.rr.com (518) 393-4169 www.dslcny.org

January 8: 12-step Presentation for Men and Women "Never Along Again: Finding Friendship in Recovery."

January 12: Monthly Workshop for Men and Women "Organizing, changing, Downsizing, Rightsizing"

January 13-15: Dreaming in winter Weekend for Men and Women

"Fresh things I now reveal; before they appear I tell you of them." "Sung Vespers in the Spirit of Taize" January 19:

January 27-29:

Weekend Retreat for Women "What do you want me to

do for you?

Please check the website for cost and more specifics about the offerings of the Dominican Retreat and Conference Center.

### Third Age Committee

Our Third Age Committee, whose ministry reaches out to the homebound, would like to also include those who have Eucharist brought to them each Sunday.

If you are someone who brings Eucharist to another person, please call the office (584-2375) to leave their name.

### Seventh and Eighth Grade Youth Ministry

On November 21, the following group went to Equinox in Albany, helping other volunteers prepare for the Annual Thanksgiving Day Community Dinner: Great adult drivers: Susan Hedge and Beth Smullen Great teens: Bailey Bennett; Zac Colangelo, Garrett Hedge; Becca

Los, Francesca Marrapodi, Zoe Laddis, Sam Smullen, Shannon Smullen I am very grateful to be building community with these wonderful folks! Carol Boltzer. Pastoral Associate, YM GR7-8



**Thank you** for continued support of the food collection for those less fortunate. Please leave non-perishable foods (No glass containers, please) in the box in the vestibule of Church. Suggestions for items always needed: 100% fruit juice, raisins/dried fruit, applesauce (no sugar added), canned fruit, canned tomato products, brown/wild rice, rolled oats/plan pasta, quinoa/whole grains, cereal, cereal bars, canned tuna/chicken/ salmon, dried beans, canned beans, nuts and seeds, peanut butter, coffee/tea, vegetable oil, powered milk-regular/soy/ and almond, fresh meats & fish. Thank you!!