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4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 2022

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Mass Schedule & Intentions - 17th December to December 25th

SATURDAY DECEMBER 17th - 5.00pm

Fr. Stanley Pietlock by Parish Family
 Carmela Agostino by Teresa Angi & Angelo Fazari
 Connie Mazzei-Johnson by Sarina Altimari
 Patricia Buccella by Joe & Lidia Labricciosa
 For the health of Zvoni Nenadovich by R&S Lastovic

SUNDAY DECEMBER 18th ****Fourth Sunday of Advent**** 9.00am

Agostino & Milvia Mammoliti by Tina, Nancy & Rosa
 Angela & Dionisio Riolino by family
 Anna Maria & Antonino Giovinazzo by family
 Frank Lostracco by family
 Luciano Ventresca by Teresa Di Gioia
11.00am - for all your Intentions.

MONDAY DECEMBER 19th 6.30pm Advent Reconciliation

TUESDAY DECEMBER 20th - 5.00pm -Mass & Adoration- All Souls in Purgatory by Nely Ayala

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 21st - 9.00am Sts. Gregory & Nonna by G.Pang

THURSDAY DECEMBER 22nd - 5.00pm -Mass & Adoration- Kevin Kiss by John & Kay Kiss

FRIDAY DECEMBER 23rd - 9.15am Venera Presti by Rita & Paul D'Amico family

SATURDAY DECEMBER 24th {For all your intentions}
 5.00pm Christmas Eve Family Mass
 11.40pm Christmas Carols
 12.00am Midnight Mass

SUNDAY DECEMBER 25th
 9.00am Christmas Day Mass of Thanksgiving
 11.00am Christmas Day Mass of Thanksgiving

SATURDAY DECEMBER 31st
 5.00pm New Year's Eve Mass and Adoration

SUNDAY JANUARY 1st, 2023
 9.00am In Honor of Our Blessed Mother
 11.00am For World Peace by R&S Lastovic



"Many Christian churches have begun the season of Advent. It celebrates 'the coming of Christ to the world.' In my own faith tradition, Advent has a two-fold focus. We begin this season by reflecting on the second coming of Christ. The scripture readings remind us that no one knows when this will take place; however, we still must be prepared. During the final days of Advent (Dec. 17 to Dec. 24) we focus on our preparations for the birth of Jesus at Christmas. This was his first coming to the world. In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus describes what will happen when he comes again in his glory at the end of time. At this time, the final judgment will take place. We are fortunate, because Jesus reveals what the 'entrance exam' question will be — how have you treated those considered the least? I think that we have a natural attraction to famous people. By associating with influential people, we can feel important. To be friends with those in 'high places' is generally considered a good thing. Jesus turns this thinking upside down because he has friends in 'low places.' Jesus is not identifying with the rich and powerful. He makes himself one with the poor, the weak, and those that we consider on the peripheries. Jesus says that whatever you do to them you do to me. This is a radical statement that should give us pause for some reflection... In Advent, we focus on Christ who has come and who will come again. We also acknowledge that he is with us in the present moment, especially in those considered the least and insignificant. Let us bring hope to others in this life so that we can ace that 'final exam.' -Taken from a reflection by Bishop Gerard Bergie (www.saintcd.com)



O Come,
 O Come
 Emmanuel



A Prayer for the Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mother Mary, pray for us, that we might be inspired by the way you received your life and God's. Draw us close to your Son, that we might trust Him with our lives, as He learned to trust His Father by His trust in you. Amen.

In Loving Memory:

+ Fr. Stanley Pietlock (79) passed away on Dec. 3rd. He will be buried in his hometown in Delaware. We remember Fr. Stan with much gratitude and pray that God may grant him eternal reward.