



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 7 - St. Ambrose

8:00 Albert Konieczny *by family*

4:30 John Cvitanovich *by Betty Leavitt and family*

Tuesday, December 8 - Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 George and Nancy Roetzer *by Howard and Marilyn Schaeffer*

7:30 Parishioners of St. Teresa's

Wednesday, December 9 - St. Juan Diego

5:30 Alfred and Mary Strollo *by family*

Thursday, December 10

8:00 Irene Swift *by Bernadette Connolly*

Friday, December 11 - St. Damasus

8:00 Betty Bergman - Birthday Blessings *by Tom and Amy*

Saturday, December 12 - Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

9:00 Parishioners of St. Teresa's

4:30 Nicholas Majkowski *by mom*

Sunday, December 13 - Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 Edwin Schneider *by family*

10:15 Eleanore Demblewski *by children*



### Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday - Isaiah 35:1-10;

Good News Luke 5:17-26

Tuesday - Genesis 3:9-15, 20;

Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12; Luke 1:26-38

Wednesday - Isaiah 40:25-31;

Matthew 11:28-30

Thursday - Isaiah 41:13-20;

Matthew 11:11-15

Friday - Isaiah 48:17-19; Matthew

11:16-19

Saturday - Revelation 11:19a;

12:1-6a, 10ab; Luke 1:39-47

Next Sunday - Zephaniah 3:14-

18a; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:10-18



PASTORAL SHARINGS

### Let St. John help you with Advent and Beyond God's Enduring Love

Love the, consists in this:  
not that we have loved God  
but that He has loved us  
and has sent His son as an offering for our sins.

Beloved,  
if God has loved us so,  
we must have the same love for one another.

No one has ever seen God.

Yet if we love one another  
God dwells in us,  
and His love is brought to perfection in us.

The way we know we remain in him  
and He in us  
is that He has given us of His Spirit.

We have seen for ourselves, and can testify,  
that the Father has sent the Son as savior of the world.

When anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God,  
God dwells in Him  
and He in God.

We have come to know and believe  
in the love God has for us.

God is love,  
and he who abides in love  
abides in God,  
and God in Him.

1 John 4:10-16

**Our Special Prayer Request for the Week:** That we may be healed from any sickness of soul and be enriched with virtue so when He comes at the end of time He will graciously call us to eternal joy; we pray to the Lord...



In your prayers...

Please pray for the sick of the parish and their family members particularly; Thomas Brennan, Irene Michalak, Alexis Bruno, Sara Milani, Julie Conschafter, Loretta Varo, Julie Carlo, Rita Matynka, Pamela Rodgers, Julie Robertson, Carmella Verdi, Eva Bassanello and Rose Cvitanovich. Please also continue to pray for the troops who are serving our country in Iraq, Afghanistan and around the world.



Immaculate Conception

This Tuesday is the Feast of Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary and is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Mass times are 4:30 pm on Monday and 8:00 am and 7:30 pm on Tuesday.

Volunteers for the Holy Day Masses are needed. Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers and Ushers are encouraged to sign up on the sheets on the bulletin board in the back of Church!

**IT'S TIME TO REMEMBER** the nuns who taught you in religion, the religious brothers and sisters who nursed you in your illness, the religious who taught in our high schools, colleges and parishes. It's time to remember them with affection and a generous donation to assist in their retirement years. **The second collection next weekend will give you a chance to say "Thank you".** Don't miss this opportunity!



- \* **Sunday, December 6 - Religious Education Classes - 9:00 - 10:00 am, 11:15 am - 12:15 pm**
- \* **Wednesday, December 9 - Religious Education Classes - 4:00 - 5:00 pm**
- \* **Saturday, December 12 - Monthly Visitation to the Erie County Home - cars leave the parking lot at 1:15 pm - cookies are needed!**
- \* **Saturday, December 12 - Confessions heard from 8:15 - 8:45 am and 3:45 - 4:15 pm**
- \* **Sunday, December 13 - Religious Education Classes - 9:00 - 10:00 am, 11:15 am - 12:30 pm**



**Caroling and Cookies** - Next Saturday, December 13, 2009.

All are invited (both young and old) to make our Annual Christmas Visit to the residents of the Erie County Home. We will leave the church parking lot at 1:15 pm and arrive back before 3:00 pm. We are looking for your help to make this event successful and bring the Christmas spirit to the residents of the Home. Encourage your youngsters to go to sing and join us yourselves if you can. We are also looking for cookies and help in distributing them while the children do their caroling. If you are unable to attend but can donate cookies, please leave them in the back of the church on Saturday morning.



**The Mitten Tree is Up!** Donations of handmade or store bought mittens, scarves and hats are sincerely appreciated. These gifts will not only warm the bodies of those who receive them, but also the hearts of those who donate them. The tree will remain through next weekend.



**Advent Penance Service in Preparation for Christmas** - St.

Teresa's, Our Lady of Peace and Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary parishes will participate in a joint Penance Service on **Tuesday, December 15th at 7:00 pm at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church, Main Street at Harris Hill Road, Williamsville.** Don't pass up this moment of grace!



St. Teresa's invites you to a family pilgrimage to the Festival of Lights at Our Lady of Fatima Shrine and a Niagara University Basketball Game on Sunday, December 6th. Cars

leave the parking lot at 12:45 pm and will attend the basketball game at 2:00 pm and then go to Sunday Mass at the Shrine at 5:00 pm, followed by dinner and then view the Festival of Lights. The cost of the hockey game is \$5.00 and free for ages 3 and under. If you would like to attend or need more information, please call Rory and Jennifer Reichenberg at 542-2728.



Three men married wives from different countries. The first man married a woman from China. He told her that she was to do their dishes and house cleaning. It took a couple of days, but on the third day, he came home to see a clean house and dishes washed and put away. The second man married a woman from Italy. He gave his wife orders that she was to do all the cleaning, dishes and the cooking. The first day he didn't see any results, but the next day he saw it was better. By the third day, he saw his house was clean, the dishes were done and there was a huge dinner on the table. The third man married a girl from Ireland. He ordered her to keep the house clean, dishes washed, lawn mowed, laundry washed, and hot means on the table for every meal. He said the first day he didn't see anything, the second day he didn't see anything but by the third day, some of the swelling had gone away.



**A Prayer for Priests and Priestly Vocations**

Heavenly Father, please grant to Your faithful servants, the grace and strength to carry out Your mission for the church each day. Keep our priests close to You and continue to inspire them to serve others in Your holy name. Please help to inspire men who are called to a priestly vocation to answer Your call and participate in the fullness that You have planned for them. Amen.

Many new items have been added to the pamphlet rack with Advent themes for all ages - All priced from \$.50 to \$4.00. Check them out today!

BOTTOM LINE:

"Put on the splendor of glory from God forever"  
Baruch 5:1