

3 December 2023
I Sunday of Advent (Both Calendars)

Sunday Mass: Anticipated Sat.4PM/8AM Ancient Rite Latin Mass
Sunday 9:30 AM (Live-streamed) 11 AM
Confessions: Wed. 6:30-6:55 PM/Sat. 7:30-7:55 AM
Sat. 2:30-3:30 PM & 6:30-7:30 PM

THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

Mon. 4 Dec. St. John Damascene, Pr., Doctor/St.Barbara, V. M.
invoked against lightning
8 AM For: Special Intention

Tue. 5 Dec. St. Sabas, Abbot/St. Crispina Thagorensis, Mother/Martyr
8 AM For: Carmen Filetti
Req: The Martin Family
Holy Rosary for the Preborn and the Newborn

Wed. 6 Dec. St. Nicholas, Bishop, Patron of Children, bakers, mariners
7 PM For: Clark Mollenhauer+
Req: The St. Joseph Society

Thu. 7 Dec. St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor
4 PM Anticipated Mass for the Immaculate Conception
For: The Parishioners of OLGCC

FRI. 8 DEC. SOL. OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

(A Holy Day of Obligation)

8 AM For: Joyce Lott+
Req: Mr. & Mrs. Timothy Maciag

12 Noon For: Kathleen Sheridan+
Req: Mr. & Mrs. Stuart Lohr

7 PM For: Jessica & Spencer Alessi
Req: The Rosary Society of OLGCC

Sat. 9 Dec. St. Juan Diego, Visionary of Guadalupe
8 AM For: Special Intention

4 PM For: George Gibilaro+
Req: Family

Sun. 10 Dec. II Sunday of Advent
8 AM For: Patricia Johnson+
Req: Mr. & Mrs. Timothy Maciag

9:30 AM For: Paul Osterdahl+
Req: Mr. & Mrs. Mark Judge

11 AM For: The Parishioners of OLGCC

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TUE. 5 DEC.

Jr. High School Class 7 PM Adult Education 8 PM

ST. JOSEPH SOCIETY MEETING: THU. 7 DEC. 7:30 PM

Our program this week will feature Fr. James Koury, the pastor of St. Basil Greek Melkite Catholic Church in Utica. The Melkites are one of the Eastern rite Catholic Churches. We encourage all men of the parish to come and hear his presentation.

GIFT TAGS FOR LOCAL NEEDY CHILDREN

The Verona Area Council of Churches is provided Christmas baskets for 110 (!!!) needy families this Christmas. Our parish always has provided the candy for these baskets. We also have gift tags for children's gifts, which are not to exceed \$25. The tags have the age, sex and item desired.

If you would like to provide a child with a Christmas gift, please come to the sacristy following Mass, and get a tag. But the gifts must be returned next weekend, so that they can be put in the boxes for the families later in the week. God bless you for your generosity.

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: FRI 8 DEC.

Please remember your obligation to assist at Holy Mass on the Holy Day.

ENVELOPES PLEASE

If you do not have a set of envelopes for your donations to the parish, but would like one, please **print** your FIRST AND LAST NAME on the list on the bulletin board and we will issue you a set once they arrive.

ADVENT MISSION

Next weekend, Fr. Mikhail Ford, OP will preach at all the Masses to prepare for a three day Mission which will be held on Mon., Tue. and Wed. (11-13 Dec.) with Holy Mass at 7 PM each day. Confessions will be heard prior to each Mass at 6 PM. Father will bring with him a first-class relic of St. Jude, Patron of the Impossible, which will be offered for our veneration.

NOT ALL THAT GLITTERS IS GOLD

Currently a movie is showing that is entitled "Journey to Bethlehem", which tells the story of Christmas. While we can be thankful that a major studio is willing to present the Birth of Our Lord, this film unfortunately misrepresents what we Catholics hold dear in our faith about Our Lord and Our Lady. Proceed with caution, otherwise you might be gravely disappointed!

NYS WINS APPEAL TO QUARANTINE CITIZENS

The New York State Supreme Court Appellate Division's Fourth Judicial Department has reversed a lower court's ruling against a regulation called Rule 2.13 allowing the government to involuntarily and indefinitely detain individuals for the purported sake of public health.

The lower court had ruled in July 2022 that the regulation was unconstitutional and lacking due process, but the state appealed that ruling. The Appellate Division then ruled unanimously on November 17 that the plaintiffs lacked standing because they hadn't been forcibly quarantined.

“The court seems to insinuate that the only person with the right to sue is someone who has been forcibly locked in their home against their will, or ripped from their home, taken from their loved ones, and thrown into a quarantine detention center, facility, institution, camp, etc...The court insinuates that apparently only *that* person would be injured,” explained attorney Bobbie Anne Cox, who is representing Uniting NYS and state legislators.

State Senator Mark Walczyk stated, “The Judiciary has a role to play in checking the Executive and I'm deeply disappointed the Appellate Division missed the opportunity to draw the line at tyranny. Governor Hochul is falling right behind Cuomo in a lust for power of the state over individual rights.”

The language in the regulation gives the state health department, under the purview of the governor, incredibly broad powers. “For anyone unfamiliar with this regulation, it allowed the Dept.of Health to pick and choose which New Yorkers they would lock up or lock down, with no proof that you were even exposed to, let alone actually sick with, a communicable disease. They could have you locked down in your home, or they could have removed you from your home and forced you to quarantine in a facility of their choosing.”

*(Adapted from an article in LifeSite News by Claire Chretien
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