Sunday, December 4th, 2016
Second Sunday of Advent

7:50 AM General Confession & Absolution
8:00 AM Holy Mass
Lector: Michael Pokriki
9:00 AM Coffee Hour
9:30 AM SOCL & Adult Bible Class
10:30 AM Harmonia Choir Warm-Up
10:50 AM General Confession & Absolution
11:00 AM Holy Mass
Lector: Jan McJury
12:15 PM Senior Christmas Dinner
1:00 PM Ladies Auxiliary – Serving Lunch at the Towers

Monday, December 5th
Sabas, Ab.

8:00 AM +Rose Borucki (Annv.), By Daughter Alice and Henry Nowak, and Family
8:00 AM Bingo Kitchen Workers Report
9:30 AM Bingo Team Report
11:30 AM Bingo
7:00 PM Harmonia Choir rehearsal (Preparing for Advent/Christmas Season)

Tuesday, December 6th
Nicholas of Myra, Bp., D.

8:00 AM Mass of the Day

Wednesday, December 7th
Ambrose of Milan, Bp., D.

8:00 AM Rorate Mass
+Frances Przybylski, By Viola Przybylski
6:00 PM Parish Board Meeting/Christmas Party
6:30 PM New Horizon Support Meeting

Thursday, December 8th
Solemnity – Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 AM Mass of the Day
10:00 AM Seniors - Fish Fry Preparations
7:00 PM Contemporary Group Practice

Friday, December 9th
Leocadia, V., M.

8:00 AM +Daniel Haniszewski (B.D.), By Lisinski Family
4 - 7:00 PM Fish Fry

Saturday, December 10th
Gregory III of Rome, Bp.

8:00 AM Mass of the Day
3:00 PM Confirmation Class

Sunday, December 11th, 2016
Third Sunday of Advent
8:00 AM Holy Mass/Contemporary Choir
Lector: Lauren Lightcap
9:00 AM Coffee Hosts: Parish Board
9:15 AM Parish Budget and Calendar Meeting
9:30 AM SOCL & Adult Bible Class
11:00 AM Holy Mass/Contemporary Choir
& Youth Choir
Lector: Alexis Drakulich
2:30 PM Nuncrackers/Lancaster Opera House

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER OUR AILING BROTHERS & SISTERS

Lord, look upon our friends and family with the eyes of your mercy and let Your healing hand rest upon them, restoring them to wholeness and strength for service in Your Kingdom. Amen.

Gerald Ruszala, Kim Hartman, David George, Lottie Kowalow, Bill Woch, Carolyn Gaut, Norman Gaca, Ed Miller and Fr. Raymond Drada.

Chester Ratajczak – Garden Gate Rehabilitation, 2365 Union Rd., Room # 48, Cheektowaga, NY 14227

PARISH COMMITTEE COUNTERS FOR MONTH OF DECEMBER

8:00 AM: Dave Pecynski & Don Barnes
11:00 AM: Janice & Richard Jones

STW - #55 - $258.00
Brown #54 - $1,000.00
Bonus Ball – 0
Queen of Hearts $11,324.00

2017 LITURGICAL CALENDAR

The 2017 Liturgical Calendars are available in the vestibule for the taking - compliments of Barron Miller Funeral Home. Our sincere thanks to Barron Miller for their generosity.

COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS

We need volunteers to make coffee, pour juice, cut rolls and clean-up after Coffee Hour. You do not have to bake unless you want to and have the time. **Please** consider donating one Sunday to host Coffee Hour. If interested and want further instruction call the Parish Office. The 2017 signup sheet is in the Vestibule.

END OF YEAR

Is your stewardship/pledge current for 2016? If not please fulfill your financial obligation before the end of the year. **Please note:** The finance committee will be closing the books for 2016 on Friday, December 30th. If you plan on contributing to your stewardship/pledge or any other donations, you must do so by this date to get credit for this year. Thank you.

OPLAKI/CHRISTMAS WAFER

Packets of Christmas wafers are available in the church vestibule for $3.00 each. Each packet contains 5 wafers.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS

Envelopes for Christmas flower donations are also located in the vestibule of the church for your convenience, or you may use your weekly envelope and indicate accordingly.

ADVENT SPIRITUAL BOOKLETS

Our Advent reflection and family activity books are on the table in the foyer for you and your family's use. Take a book for a friend or relative and invite them to church this Christmas!

PARISH BUDGET & CALENDAR MEETING

Our Parish 2017 Budget and Calendar Meeting will be held on Sunday, December 11th at 9:15 AM. **Please come with your ideas, suggestions or consider heading up/helping with an event!** Thank you.

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

The Christmas Giving Tree is up and we encourage you to take a tag and purchase a gift for a **needy child in our community.** The tags specify the age and gender of the child. **Deadline** to place your gift(s) under the tree is no later than **Wednesday, December 14th.** The Lancaster Youth Bureau will be distributing the gifts to families in time for Christmas. **PLEASE:** Note the deadline date change.

BELL CHOIR PRACTICE

The next bell choir practice will be Tuesday, December 20, 2016 at 7:30 PM at the **Cathedral** in preparation for Christmas Eve.

ACTS THE ALDEN CHRISTIAN THEATRE
Presents: "IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE "

December 9th, 16th & 17th at 7:30 PM. Matinees December 4th & 11th. Location: 1470 Church St., Alden, NY. For more information, call 937-7770.

HMRC CONCERT SERIES

Saturday, December 17 2016, 7:00PM - The Alden-Area Ecumenical Choir will perform their concert at HMRC entitled "Sing Gloria!" The choir will perform John Rutter's "Gloria" accompanied by a brass ensemble. A free-will offering will be collected during the concert to benefit not-for-profit organizations in our community. A holiday reception will follow. **Donations of baked goods and helpers** to set up for the reception would be greatly appreciated!

PARISH BOWLING LEAGUE

The parish-bowling league is looking for interested bowlers. The league will begin Sunday, January 8th, 2017 and continue for 10 sessions every other week at the Wimbledon Lanes in W. Seneca. Come join us for fun and fellowship during the long winter months! The sign-up is in the vestibule. Any questions call Don Barnes @ 677-2705 or Bob Giczkowski @ 783-9596.

Mass Liturgies for Christmas
Christmas Eve Masses
4:00 PM Vigil Mass
Contemporary Choir/Bell Choir
10:30 PM Carols of the Season
Harmonia Choir
11:00 PM Shepherd's Mass

Christmas Day Mass
9:00 AM Harmonia Choir

UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETING

Saturday, December 17th, The Alden Area Ecumenical Choir at the Cathedra/Reception to follow, 7PM
Sunday, December 18th – "Greening of the Church" for Christmas **–** Help is needed in carrying in decorations after the 11:00 AM Mass.
Tuesday, December 20th – Bell Choir practice at the Cathedral, 7:30 PM
Monday, December 26th – Feast Day of St. Stephen Mass, 9:00 AM
Tuesday, December 27th – Feast of St. John Mass at 9:00 AM/Blessing of Wine

TO ALL YMS OF R MEMBERS, GOLFERS AND INTERESTED PARTIES

For a successful golf outing in August of 2017, each committee needs individuals to help. Only half of the sign-up sheets have committee leader names. I am asking those who would be interested (men, women or creatures of unknown varieties) to assist us. If you have any questions about any of the committees or the responsibilities, see me. Deacon Tom Klusek

Jessica Benbenek – 12/8, Daisy Woch – 12/8, Chester Ratajczak – 12/9, Bernice Makowski – 12/10 and Mary Ann Osenkarski – 12/10
Sto lat! ~ One Hundred Years!

FYI – Joseph Ratke will be turning ***"100"*** years young this December 24th. Let him know you're thinking

about him. Address: NY State Veterans Home, 4207 State Hwy. 220, Oxford, NY 13830