



**Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 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

**Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**

*Our Lady of Guadalupe Epimachus & Alexander, M.*

8:00 AM Mass of the Day

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 13<sup>th</sup>**

*Lucy, V., M.*

9:00 AM Healing Mass

**Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**

*Spiridion of Termithus, Bp.*

8:00 AM Rorate Mass – in Honor of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary

**Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**

*Nino, V.*

8:00 AM +Lucy T., Frank & Lucille Mysiak  
and Family, By Estate

**Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Novena/Day 1**

*Eusebius of Vercelli, Bp.*

8:00 AM +Robert Gorlick (Annv.),  
By Children

**Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Novena/Day 2**

*Lazarus of Bethany, C.*

8:00 AM +Edward, Mary & Edward Kane,  
By Estate

3:00 PM Confirmation Class

7:00 PM Alden-Area Ecumenical Choir  
Concert – “Sing Gloria”, followed  
by reception in parish hall

**Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016**  
**Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
**Novena/Day 3**

8:00 AM Holy Mass

**Lector: Nancy Pokriki**

9:00 AM Coffee Hosts: Youth Club

9:15 AM Youth Group Meeting

9:30 AM SOCL & Adult Bible Class

11:00 AM Holy Mass

**Lector: Ashton Drakulich**

12:15 PM Greening of the Church



**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.

Elizabeth Swenda, Sharon Kysor, Gerald Ruzsala, Kim Hartman, 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

**Emily Zielinski** – Greenfields Rehabilitation, 5949 Broadway, Room #A107, Lancaster, NY 14086

**Irene Bryan** – Seneca Health Care, 2987 Seneca St., Room # 238D, West Seneca, NY 14224

**PARISH COMMITTEE COUNTERS FOR**  
**MONTH OF DECEMBER**

**8:00 AM:** Dave Pecynski & Don Barnes

**11:00 AM:** Janice & Richard Jones



**STW - #56 - \$479.00**

**Brown #56 - \$1,000.00**

**Bonus Ball – \$107**

**Queen of Hearts \$12,135.00**

**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.

**NOVENA FOR CHRISTMAS**

The sheet with the prayers for the novena (9-day prayer of intention) before Christmas is in today's bulletin. Please use them every day starting this coming Friday and continuing until Christmas. This will help you to "prepare the way of the Lord."

**CONFESSIONS FOR YOUTH**

All youth 15 years and under who have not come to confession must do so before Christmas, Fr. Gary and I are available before mass from 7:30 – 7:50 AM and I am available between mass and from 10:30 until 10:50. Please bring your prayer book. Bp John



**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!

**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.



### CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

The Christmas Giving Tree **Deadline** to place your gift(s) under the tree is no later than **Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**. The Lancaster Youth Bureau will be distributing the gifts to families in time for Christmas.

### 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 "

Come see this inspirational play - December 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM. Matinees December 4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>. Location: 1470 Church St., Alden, NY. For more information, call 937-7770.

### Reminder: HMRC CONCERT SERIES

Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 7:00PM - Alden-Area Ecumenical Choir concert entitled "Sing Gloria!" Reception will follow. Donations of baked goods would be greatly appreciated!

### 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 30<sup>th</sup>. 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.

### ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER

Our Annual Christmas Dinner will be held on Sunday, January 8th, 2017 following the 11:00 AM Mass. All parishioners are invited to attend and we ask that you bring a dish or dessert to pass. The sign-up sheet is in the vestibule. Please include family name, number of persons attending and dish you plan on bringing.



### PARISH BOWLING LEAGUE

The parish-bowling league will begin Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 and continue for 10 sessions every other week at the Wimbledon Lanes. Come join us for fun and fellowship during the long

winter months! The sign-up is in the vestibule.

### ATTENTION: LADIES GUILD MEMBERS

Our next meeting will be held on February 19, 2017 at 9:30am. We will be holding elections for all offices and planning our events for the year. **PLEASE** make every effort to attend. Thank you. Marcia Zgoda, President

### 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

**Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>** – "Greening of the Church"  
- Help bring in decorations after 11AM Mass.

**Tuesday, December 20**– Bell Choir practice 7:30PM

**Monday, December 26<sup>th</sup>** – Feast Day of St. Stephen  
Mass, 9:00 AM

**Tuesday, December 27<sup>th</sup>** – 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



Carol Drager - 12/12, Deborah Ruzala – 12/12, Louis Sorrento – 12/13, Karen Barnes, 12/14, Bonnie Swiantek – 12/15, Edward J. Dudek – 12/16, Sandra Kubacki – 12/17, Derek Pawlowski – 12/18

**Sto lat! ~ One Hundred Years!**

