

The Third Sunday of Advent

December 11, 2016

Weekend Mass Intentions

5:00 pm: *Chester H. Weaver+*
7:30 am: *Russ Hildebrand*
9:00 am: *Michael Bagley+*
11:30 am: *Rowena Villaver+,
and Helen Orlando*



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Weekday

12 Noon Mass Intentions

12/12: *Carroll Celentano*
12/13: *Chester H. Weaver+*
12/14: *Steve Cox*
12/15: *Russ Hildebrand*
12/16: *Steve Cox*

We Pray for the Sick

Carroll Celentano, Sr. Jean Marie Hobbs, Clarence Wroblewski, Russ Hildebrand, Steve Cox, Sr. Agnes Rose McNally, George Hays, Greg Neifert, Jo Gerber, Alfonso Janoski, Jim Albanese, Enrico Salvatierra, Carole Ripken, Joseph Debes, Stella Vincent, Debby Gerber, Beverly Frick, Joan Reed, Penelope Cogle, Lex Bishop, Bernard Zuchowski, Arnold Gerber, Jean Dugan, Robert Dugan, Richard Bratman, Joseph Kelley, Angela Morton, Mary Carol Forbus, Anne Head, Dorothy Burnham, Anthony Tackett, Bill Wurst



Readings for the Week:

Monday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47 (690A)

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Mt 21:28-32 (188)

Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25/Lk 7:18b-23 (189)

Thursday: Is 54:1-10/Lk 7:24-30 (190)

Friday: Is 56:1-3a, 6-8/Jn 5:33-36 (191)

"DAILY MASS OPPORTUNITY: Please... join us for Daily Mass Monday through Friday at 12 Noon.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: The office will be open Monday – Friday from 9 AM to 3 PM.



Winter Weather

Announcements and Closings

Weekdays: If Baltimore City Schools have canceled school and/or after school events, 12 noon Mass will be canceled as will other scheduled events.

Weekends: Please refer to the "Home" page of our website, theshrine.org. If such weather occurs on a Saturday, it is likely that the 5pm Mass will be canceled.

Celebrants for Dec. 17 and 18

5 PM: Msgr. Moeller

7:30 AM: Msgr. Moeller

9 AM: Fr. Mc Kearney

11:30 AM: Fr. McKearney

2nd Collection-December, 2016

December 11th - Retired Religious Fund

December 25th - Christmas

Poor Box Recipients

October-December: St. Peter Claver-Belize

Simbang Gabi



Tuesday, December 15th thru

Friday, December 23rd

Simbang Gabi Masses ~ 7 PM each evening except for the last on

December 23rd at 6 PM with a Reception to follow.

Hark at the Heart



Welcome One and All

Please join us as we celebrate the wonders of the Advent and Christmas season with the children of our Elementary Faith Formation program.

Sunday, December 18th at 10:30 AM

(in the church)

The program will be followed by light refreshments in the undercroft.



Christmas

Flower Memorials

Envelopes for Christmas flowers are available. This is a lovely way to memorialize your loved ones during the holiday.

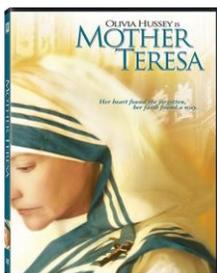
Pillars of the Faith



This year we will be presenting a number of sessions at the Shrine on the foundational aspects of our Catholic Faith. Join us on Friday, January 6, after the First Friday Mass, for Father Au's talk on the Incarnation. Mass is at 6:30, followed by a fellowship meal at 7:00 and the talk at 7:30.

Mother Teresa Movie

Part 2 of *Mother Teresa*, a film starring Olivia Hussey as the recently canonized saint, will be shown on Sunday, January 15 in the parish undercroft after the 11:30 AM Mass. A light lunch will be served. Contact Steve Cox in the parish office for additional information.



Women's Prayer Group

The group meets on the first and third Tuesday of every month at 7 pm in the church undercroft. All women are welcome! Come join a group of women who want to grow into a deeper prayer life, and enjoy the unique friendships that develop when we pray together.

Contact Steve Cox for details.



Altar Servers Needed!!

We are in need of Altar Servers for the 5 pm and 9 am Masses.

This is a special opportunity to serve your church. Please see a Sacristan after Mass or contact the Parish Office for more information!!



Greeters/Hospitality Ministers

Needed! If you are interested in being a

hospitality minister at one of our masses, please contact the parish office at 410-466-6884.

\$ Financial Corner

Did you know that you are able to donate online at theshrine.org? Many parishioners have moved to this option to contribute to the Shrine. Annually, over \$95,000 is collected via this secure online option. You can donate either a recurring amount or make a one-time donation. This option is a secure website provided by Vanco services.

Shrine Book Discussion Group

Meets monthly on Thursday evenings at 6:00 in the parish undercroft. All are welcome. Participants are asked to obtain copies of the readings through the bookseller or library of their choice.

Upcoming meetings and readings are as follows:

Jan. 26 - Dorothy Day, *The Long Loneliness*

Feb. 23 - Evelyn Waugh, Selected Short Stories (TBA)



Ministry Opportunity

Volunteers from the Shrine regularly take the Eucharist to patients at Sinai Hospital and other local healthcare facilities. We are looking for people who feel called to help in this ministry. Please contact Stephen Cox in the parish office if you are interested.

Christ Even Now on the Way to Bethlehem

Evidently, in the mind of holy Church, neither the prophecy concerning Bethlehem Ephrata nor its fulfillment in the day of Caesar Augustus is to be considered merely a glorious divine disposition and achievement. No, the prophecy of Micheus is still being verified every day, but predominantly during the annual Advent season; for the selfsame incarnate eternal Son of God who journeyed to Bethlehem to be born there physically, now to the end of time comes to human souls as to spiritual Bethlehems, there to be born anew, again and again.

But be sure to picture these merciful spiritual journeyings of Christ to the Bethlehem of souls as all too often sadly realistic spiritual repetitions of His first long journey over the rugged road from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Meditate long on the wanton and malicious opposition He encounters on His way to them from souls that leave their senses and heart and mind to be ruled by earthly vanities, and their whole selves to be willing victims of the sensual and selfish illusions and witcheries of the seven capital vices.

Can you still fail to see why Isaias and the Baptist compare the hardships of the way of the world's Messiah-King to souls with a rough, crooked, and almost impassable road up steep hills and down precipitous valleys and through dangerous mountain passes? Do you wonder that these prophets of His coming insist so strongly that merely sentimental longings and routine prayers, however multiplied, cannot prepare us worthily for the entrance He must expect and the welcome He craves?

Pray very honestly, therefore, that you may begin to see the practical reasons for the Church's crying out in the desert world, and even into your own interior soul and heart: "Prepare ye the way of the Lord: Make straight in the wilderness His paths; Every valley shall be exalted; Every mountain and hill shall be made low; And the crooked shall be made straight; And the rough ways plain" (Is. 40:3, 4). Then shall you see the salvation of God!

