

Dear Parishioners,

On December 8th, Pope Francis will open the Year of Mercy. During this year of Mercy, we will focus on mercy by praying before weekend mass Pope Francis' prayer for the year of Mercy. This will replace our vocation prayer for the year-- if we live God's Mercy, people will hear God's vocational call.

On another topic, I ask you to consider the time you prefer for the weekend masses. I will change the schedule ONLY IF THERE IS A WIDE CONSENSUS, AND ONLY WITH MONTHS NOTICE. I ask each "household" to get a card and vote -- returning it next week. Upon your 18th birthday, you should register with the parish as a "household", and your vote counts!

Fr Jim Dubrouillet

*This Week in our Parish*

Sun., 6 9:00 AM Mass  
 10:15 AM Confirmation Class  
 Sr. High Youth Mtg.  
 Mon., 7 5:15 PM Mass @ Holy Cross-  
 Vigil for Immaculate Conception  
 Tue., 8 12:15 PM Mass @ Holy Cross  
 7:00 PM Mass  
 Wed., 9 6:00 PM Confession @ St. Luke  
 6:30 PM Religious Ed. (1-6)  
 Adult Bible Study  
 Thu., 10 7:00 PM Intro to 33 Days Retreat  
 Sat., 12 3:30 PM Confession @ Holy Cross  
 7:00 PM Mass  
 Sun., 13 9:00 AM Mass  
 10:15 AM Sr. High Youth Mtg.  
 Jr. High Youth Mtg.

*Mass Intentions*

Sat., 12 7:00 PM For the People  
 Sun., 13 9:00 AM Marie Sanchez (living) by S. Pavlick

*Celebrating birthdays this week:*

December 7 Greg Bida  
 December 8 Jay Bicknell, Bruno DiFilippo,  
 Anthony Huffstetler  
 December 9-10 no known birthdays  
 December 11 Gianna Ciapi, Luke Cunniffe, Peter Finneran,  
 Belle Fisher, Pat Georgetti  
 December 12 Lizzy Anderson, Luke Jones,  
 Wayne Massingale

*May God bless you on your special day!*

*Readings for the Week*

Sun Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6;  
 Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6  
 Mon Is 35:1-10; Ps 89:9ab, 10, 11-12, 13-14;  
 Lk 5:17-26  
 Tue Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4;  
 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38  
 Wed Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10; Mt  
 11:28-30  
 Thu Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, and 9, 10-11, 12-  
 13ab; Mt 11:11-15  
 Fri Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, an6; Mt 11:16-19  
 Sat Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab;  
 Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47  
 Sun Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Phil 4:4-7;  
 Lk 3:10-18

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

**Parishioners:** B.Ahearn, G. Amorosia, E. Bouchard, C. Carpenter, D. Clements, L. Currens, J. Dunn, I. Maziarz, J. Maziarz, P. Mitchell, B. Moll, R. Pavlick, J. Russell, J. Sewell, D. Sheridan, M. Tobon, A. Young

**Friends and Relatives:** D. Amorosia, K. Armstrong, B. Authement, Bolt Family, D. DeLise, S. DeLise, D. Doria, S. Drake, B. Elliott, M. Fernandez, J. Gniewek, Mr. & Mrs. E. Guderian, Jr., H. Hanahoe, A. Heredia, E. Kiesznoski, W. Kuell, D. Lovett, C. Maziarz, J. Merck, B. Metts, M. Nash, V. Navasnik, T. & M. Nicholson, C. O'Quinn, L. O'Quinn, L. Paradis, J. Pavlick, T. Quatrini, M. Reddy, J. Richeda, M. Rizzo, G. Roberts, C. Robinson, M. Sanchez, T. Shayne, J. Sheridan, P. Shoemaker, E. Swire, J. Taylor, S. Taylor, our homebound members, all current and former members of our military and those who have asked for our prayers.

# Second Sunday of Advent

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION NEWS

**Confirmation Class** will have one class in December on the 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Junior High Youth group** will have one meeting in December on the 13<sup>th</sup>.

## PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

### Immaculate Conception Mass Schedule

December 7      5:15 PM at Holy Cross  
December 8      12:15 PM at Holy Cross  
                         7 PM at St. Luke

**Mass Information:** Please check the calendar for changes to the weekday Mass schedule for December 9-11. There will be no Mass at St. Luke on Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Procedure for Announcements before Mass:** If you or your group would like an announcement to be made prior to Mass, please submit a written copy to the office for approval no later than the Wednesday before the weekend you'd like it announced. Please do not approach the lector to read items that have not been approved.

**Thank You!** Thank you to all the blood donors and the ladies who provided baked goods for our recent blood drive! We collected 17 complete units and had another 8 deferrals. Thank you for giving the gift of life! Our next blood drive is scheduled for Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, mark your calendar!

**Respect Life:** Please continue to pray and fast for the intention of closing the Greenville Abortion Mill on or before December 12<sup>th</sup>, the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe; including the conversion of the abortionists and staff. On December 12 at 7 PM, please come mark the day with the singing of Christmas carols and prayer at the Greenville Women's Clinic, 1142 Grove Road, Greenville. With God everything is possible.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter:** Advent is a time for renewal. Give your spouse the best Christmas present ever – take them on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend to renew your marriage! The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are Feb. 26-28th in Myrtle Beach SC and Feb. 5-7th in Asheville, NC. Please apply early. For more information, go to [www.scmariagematters.org](http://www.scmariagematters.org) or call 803-810-9602.

## Stewardship Report November 28-29, 2015

Weekly ..... \$3,202.54  
YTD Collection.....\$90,569.18  
Surplus/ (Deficit) .....\$716.98

*Thank you for your generosity!*

## Liturgical Ministry Schedule

### December 8, 2015

7:00 PM      Lector: J. Thompson  
                 Servers: A. Bissonnette  
                         J. McConnell  
                         J. McDaniel  
Greeters: T. Buff  
                 G. Pittman  
                 D. Thurlow  
                 R. Walsh

### December 12-13, 2015

7:00 PM      Lector: A. Bissonnette  
                 Servers: E. Swire-Clark  
                         R. Hundsrucker  
                         J. Sewell  
Greeters: D. Jacob  
                 D. Pietras

9:00 AM      Lector: K. Borcherts  
                 Servers: N. Baker  
                         A. Borcherts  
                         E. Pliauplis  
Greeters: V. Giammalvo  
                 G. Pittman  
                 L. Stein  
                 L. Stein

### Holy Cross Catholic Church 558 Hampton Ave Pickens, SC Mass Schedule

Saturday.....5:00 PM  
Sunday.....11:15 AM  
Monday.....8:15 AM  
Wednesday.....12:15 PM  
Friday.....12:15 PM