

Dear Parishioners,

As we begin Advent this year, you probably noticed our new Saint Augustine Hymnals with the readings for Mass. They are hard covered books meant to last us for many years. Please teach your young children to care for them, as they should be in use when your children get married. We switched to permanent hymnals to save money year in and year out.

These hymnals are a good way for you to prepare for Mass on Sundays and Holy Days. Should you want a copy for use at home, extra copies are available for \$20 each. If you are interested, please place your money in an envelope marked 'Hymnal' in the collection (be sure to include your name if paying in cash). Your hymnal will be placed in the entrance of the church with your name on it for the next weekend.

I will continue to be available for Confessions at Holy Cross on Saturdays from 3:30 until 4:30 PM. I will come earlier if more than an hour is needed, but I will continue to end at 4:30 so that I have time to pray before celebrating the Mass.

At St. Luke's, I will be in the new confessional on Wednesdays from 6 thru 7:30 PM on evenings with religious education. This includes December 2nd, 9th, and 16th. In January I will continue extra confession times as parishioners join in a parish retreat "33 Days to Morning Glory".

Fr. Jim Dubrouillet

This Week in our Parish

Sun., 29 9:00 AM Mass
 10:00 AM Blood Drive
 Tue., 1 7:00 PM RCIA
 Wed., 2 6:00 PM Confession @ St. Luke
 6:30 PM Religious Ed. (1-6)
 Adult Bible Study
 Thu., 3 12:15 PM Mass
 Sat., 5 3:30 PM Confession @ Holy Cross
 7:00 PM Mass
 Sun., 6 9:00 AM Mass
 10:15 AM Confirmation Class
 Sr. High Youth Mtg.

Celebrating birthdays this week:

November 30 Danny Heredia, Patty Smith
 December 1 no known birthdays
 December 2 Emma Neuburger, Jenny Pittman
 Victor Priego-Reyes
 December 3 Harrison Morgan, Sandra Segars
 December 4 Zig Brzezinski
 December 5 Arminda Weston
 December 6 Katie Graham

May God bless you on your special day!

Readings for the Week

Sun Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37
 Mon Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3; Lk 21:1-4
 Tue Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3; Lk 21:5-11
 Wed Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28;
 Dn 3; Lk 21:12-19
 Thu Dn 6:12-28; Dn 3; Lk 21:20-28
 Fri Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3; Lk 21:29-33
 Sat Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3; Lk 21:34-36
 Sun Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25; 1 Thes 3:12-4:2;
 Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Mass Intentions

Thu., 3 12:15 PM Helen Bottenfield †
 by Ruth McDaniel
 Sat., 5 7:00 PM For the People
 Sun., 6 9:00 AM Priest Intention

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.

First Sunday of Advent

CHRISTIAN FORMATION NEWS

Confirmation Class will have one class in December on the 6th.

Junior High Youth group will have one meeting in December on the 13th.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

Angel Tree Gifts must be returned to the church by **December 6**. Questions? Call Cindy Smith, 313-6142 or Rosemary Stevenson, 855-0504.

Respect Life: Please continue to pray and fast for the intention of closing the Greenville Abortion Mill on or before Dec 12th, the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe; including the conversion of the abortionists and staff. On December 12 at 7:00 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. Call Ingrid 864-329-0044 or Jo Ann 864-248-0264 for more information.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is being held in the education wing on Tuesdays from 7-8:30 PM. Anyone interested in becoming Catholic, learning more about the Catholic faith or deepening their relationship with Christ is welcome to attend. Call the office with any questions.

The MASTER's Gardeners - Thanks to a group of creative women, our Door Wreath Workshop was a huge success with a full enrollment.



Those whom we could not accommodate will want to register early next year when dates are announced for our rustic *Hypertufa Garden Containers Workshop* and our *Garden Stepping Stones Workshop*. Enrollment will be

limited and fees for supplies non-refundable. To keep Christ in Christmas, our December 19th meeting is being cancelled.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Let us all be thankful for the gift of our vocation. Learn how to enrich your vocation of Marriage or Holy Orders by attending a session made just for you. 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.scmarragematters.org or call

Stewardship Report November 21-22, 2015

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| Weekly | \$4,027.92 |
| YTD Collection..... | \$87,366.64 |
| Surplus/ (Deficit) | \$1,539.54 |

Thank you for your generosity!

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

December 5-6, 2015

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| 7:00 PM | Lector: B. Kelly Servers: A. Bissonnette J. McDaniel J. Sewell Greeters: B. Jacob D. Pietras |
| 9:00 AM | Lector: B. Polomski Servers: R. Hundsrucker K. Franek G. Brons Greeters: S. Callegari D. Ewing J. Powers D. Wikle |

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

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