

ST. VALENTINE'S PARISH, PHILADALPHIA, PA

SUNDAY DECEMBER 8th 2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT, (BLUE)

9:30AM Mass for the soul of the departed George Bolock

MONDAY DECEMBER 9th CONCEPTION OF MARY BY St. ANN, (WHITE)

8AM Mass for the soul of the departed Bishop Casimir Grotnik; 8th Anni of death.

TUESDAY DECEMBER 10th ADVENT WEEKDAY, (BLUE)

8AM Mass for the soul of the departed Fr. Marian Tarnowski

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 11th RORATE MASS, (WHITE)

8AM Mass for the health of the sick.

THURSDAY DECEMBER 12th ADVENT WEEKDAY, (BLUE)

8AM Mass for An increase of Vocations.

FRIDAY DECEMBER 13th ST. LUCY, VIRGIN AND MARTYR, (RED)

8AM Mass for the intentions of our Parish Family.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 15th 3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT, (BLUE), GAUDETE SUNDAY

LESSON: Zephaniah 3:14-18 LESSON: Philippians 4:4-7 GOSPEL: St. Luke 3:10-18

9:30AM Mass for the soul of the departed Hedwig Jankowski; from All Souls List.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: DECEMBER 24th Christmas Eve; DECEMBER 25th Christmas Day

OFFERING ENVELOPES: The 2025 Offering Envelopes are ready for pick-up in the back of the Church. Please take yours home.

ADVENT CANDLES: The four candles of the Advent wreath specifically symbolize the Christian concepts of hope, peace, joy and love, with these candles being lit subsequently throughout each week of the Advent season. HOPE, Also called the Prophecy Candle, this candle represents hope

and the anticipation of Christ's coming. **PEACE**, Also called the Bethlehem Candle, this candle symbolizes peace and preparation. **JOY**, Also called the Shepherd's Candle, this candle represents joy at the birth of Christ and the anticipation of His return. **LOVE**, Also called the Angel's Candle, this candle symbolizes love and the message of God's love.

DECORATE THE CHURCH: We will gather after Mass to decorate the Church for Christmas. Please stay and lend a hand.

SACRED VOCATIONS: Please pray for an increase of vocations to the Priesthood and Diaconate.

MOST OF THE CHARACTORS: As we have begun our Advent experience, we begin to see the people of Advent, those who were there for the Birth of Jesus, it puts in into a perspective of history. We people we hear about were people of history, Herod, Tiberius Ceaser, Pilate, and John the Baptizer. This means they existed, making the Birth of Jesus a real event. John had been living in the desert by himself when the Word of God came to him. John moves to the Jordan to begin to call people to reform their lives, because the Messiah was on His way. Jesus and the Baptizer were cousins, John shows up to call people to get them ready. He calls them to be baptized and repent. We too are called as they were to reform our hearts and souls to receive the Messiah. We need to do as Isaiah says and make a straight path to our hearts.

IN NEED OF PRAYER: Michele Elliot, Bridgette Roth, Christi Duff, Nancy, Kyle, Fr. Carmen, Maria Harrington.