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“To the Greater Glory of God and the Salvation of Souls.”



**Celebration of
the Eucharist**

SATURDAY EVENINGS
5:00pm Vigil Mass
7:30pm Spanish Mass

SUNDAY
8:00am English & Italian
9:30am Children's Choir
11:30am Adult Choir
5:00pm Youth Mass

MONDAY, TUESDAY,
THURSDAY AND FRIDAY
9:00am Mass

WEDNESDAY
9:00am Mass
Noon Mass

SATURDAY
8:30am Mass

HOLY DAYS AS
ANNOUNCED.

Second Sunday in Advent - December 4th 2011

Pastor
Rev. Gregory Yacyshyn

In Residence
Msgr. John Heinlein

Senior Priest
Rev. James Leone

**Parish Office
Hours**

MONDAY, TUESDAY,
THURSDAY, & FRIDAY
9:00am-5:00pm

WEDNESDAYS
9:00am-6:00pm

SATURDAYS
CLOSED

SUNDAYS
10:00am-2:00pm

CLOSED HOLIDAYS

Deacons
Thomas Gillen
Kenneth Geoghan
Mark Herrmann
Joseph Simeone

Useful Numbers

RECTORY
281-5743

PARISH OUTREACH
281-5634

RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION
281-2835

YOUTH MINISTRY
281-5743

NURSERY SCHOOL
395-3959

QUEEN OF APOSTLES
SCHOOL
878-1033

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL
219-3542

**Sacrament of
Anointing of
the Sick**
Available in danger of
death or whenever
there is a personal
need, call the rectory
for an appointment.

**Sacrament
of Penance/
Confession**
SATURDAYS
Noon during Advent,
4:00-4:45pm and by
appointment
WEDNESDAYS
2:00-2:45pm and by
appointment

Parish Outreach
MON.-THURS.
9:00am-1:00pm
CLOSED
FRI., SAT., SUN.,
AND HOLIDAYS

**Sacrament of
Marriage**
Couples wishing to be
married should contact
the rectory at least one
year in advance to meet
with one of the priests
to make wedding
arrangements.
Pre-Cana is required
for all couples.

**Sacrament of
Baptism**
Celebrated on most
Sundays throughout
the year. Please contact
the rectory to set up
an appointment with
a member of the staff
to arrange for the
Baptismal preparation
session and to set a
date for Baptism.

Devotions

MIRACULOUS MEDAL
NOVENA
Mondays after the
9:00am Mass

ST. JUDE NOVENA
Thursdays after the
9:00am Mass

ADORATION OF THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT
Wednesdays
12:30pm-1:00pm
Benediction at 1:00pm

FIRST FRIDAY
8:00pm-9:00pm
Benediction at 9:00pm

THE HOLY ROSARY
Monday through Friday
at 8:30am; Saturdays at
8:00am

Masses for the Week

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2011

5:00pm Parishioners of Saint Jude

7:30pm Poor Souls in Purgatory

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2011

8:00am Diana Kazanecki †

9:30am Mary & George Proto †

11:30am Intentions of Barbara Kruk and family

5:00pm Dino Cester †

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2011

9:00am Christopher Clay †

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2011

9:00am Catherine Incremona †

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2011

9:00am Mary Ann Moller †

12 Noon Saint Jude Guild:

Patricia Harrington †

Lorraine Borelli †

John C. Terrone †

Angelina Tamburrino †

Intentions of

Deacon Thomas Gillen

7:30pm Angeline Suraci †

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2011

7:30am (Latin) End to Abortion

9:00am Parishioners of St. Jude

12 Noon Josephine Longhitano †

7:30pm Antoinette Angioli †

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2011

9:00am Barbara Grecky †

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2011

8:30am Robert Bottari †

5:00pm Sally Ann Prichard †

7:30pm Parishioners of Saint Jude

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2011

8:00am Frances Casciano †

9:30am Carole Murphy †

11:30am Sabina McNamara †

5:00pm Carmela Pitaro †

† Denotes Mass is for deceased

FOR THE SICK: Benjamin Archer, Paul Bidegain, Janet Brandimarte, Francis X. Butler, Cecelia Cottone, Anthony Cuccia, Mary Theresa Cunningham, Michael Francis Cunningham, Natalie Danisi, Alexandra Ditman, Isabella Grace Dobbeck, Chuck Drake, Nicholas Ferrara, Anthony Fino, Christian Gallucci, Frank Gaeta, Bob Gamberale, Nora Getchell, Deacon Thomas Gillen, Ann Giordano, Michelle Gonzalez, Joan Guarino, Charlotte Hall, Catherine Hannon, Jon Hanson, Steve Herrbrandt, Jo, Richard & Matthew Kaminsky, Father Walter Kedjierski, Cookie Landau, Frances Lee, Christine Leone, Katherine Lindsey, Carmine Linsalata, Ryan Loftus, Julius Manchise, Joseph V. Mosca Jr., Joan Muller, Ruth Muller, Joshua Mussi, Logan Murphy, Ronald Nappe, Frank Nitto, Miguel Oriana, Doris Ortiz, Joan & Jessica Passaro, Jackie Pastore, Gina Pisano, Salvatore Russo, Richard Rydzewski, Lucille Story, Joseph Stozzetto, Patricia Swenson, Angelo Tafuro, Al Vanderbilt, Mary Vazzana, Anthony M. Vigorito

FOR THE DECEASED: Barbara Giaccone, Philip DeLuca, Carol Trombetta, William C. Murphy

FOR THE MILITARY: John Abel, Matt Corica, Joseph Competello, Michael Cuervo, Kenneth Drumm, Jr., Daniel Edwards, Daniel Engo, Michael Hickey, Jeffrey Holmes, Steven Kay, Richard Kruger, Chris Manakides, John Maresca, Joe Occhinieri, Anthony Ochoa Jr., Katherine M. Onorato, Matthew Parenti, Rich Pinckney, Tory Pinckney, Gerard Posillico, John Redding, Jr., Eric Reilly, Vinnie Riveria, Randy Sanchez, Steven Schloesser, Carl Seaman, Don Skelton, Bobby Sosa, Derek Trabocchi, Timothy Weisner

Christmas Schedule

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18th

“Special Visitor” at the 9:30AM Mass!

CONFESSIONS

Wednesday, December 14th, 2–2:45PM

Saturday, December 17th, Noon–1PM

Saturday, December 17th, 4–4:45PM

Wednesday, December 21st, 2–2:45PM

Friday, December 23rd, Noon–2PM

Saturday, December 24th, Noon

PENANCE SERVICE WITH CONFESSIONS

Monday, December 19th at 8PM

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

SATURDAY: 4PM, 6PM, & 8PM (Spanish Mass)

11:15PM Christmas Carols with Mass at Midnight

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

SUNDAY: 9AM, & 11:30AM

Please Note Times

NO evening Mass Christmas Day

NEW YEARS EVE MASS

5PM Vigil Mass for Sunday Obligation, & 7:30PM (Spanish Mass)

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS

8AM, 9:30AM, 11:30AM, & 5PM

New Years Day follows a regular Sunday Schedule.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8TH — EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Children's Pageant at the 9:30AM Mass

Important Information

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION: Thursday, December 8th is the ‘Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary’, a ‘Holy Day of Obligation’, and all Catholics are bound to attend Mass for that day. The Mass schedule is Wednesday, December 7th is the Vigil Mass at 7:30PM and Thursday, December 8th at 7:30AM (Latin Mass), 9:00AM, Noon, and 7:30PM. Immediately following the 7:30PM Mass there will be a ‘Prayer Hour for Life’ from 8:30–9:30PM.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MASS: Once again the children and their family of the parish are invited to gather for the Family Mass at 9:30AM on December 18th. We will celebrate Mass and the children will receive a special treat!

Christmas Wafers—Oplatek

The price is \$3 per package. The Christmas “Oplatek” Wafers are available at the rectory. The Oplatek Wafer is part of a beautiful Polish tradition at Christmas and they come with complete information on how to use them.

St. Vincent de Paul

In today's Gospel John the Baptist urges us to “Prepare the way of the Lord,” and this is what Advent is all about. We are called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our own hearts, in our family and to reach out to those in need. Please call the ‘Society of St. Vincent de Paul’ so that together we can help the suffering and poor to celebrate Christmas.

Lector and Extraordinary Ministers Meeting

The Advent prayer service has been POSTPONED.



nd With Your Spirit

Our 'St. Jude Outreach' Thanksgiving food drive and distribution went very well. Our Outreach Staff—Aida, Laura, and Karen—and numerous dedicated volunteers made the well organized and smooth allocation of necessities possible. Turkeys, fresh and canned food, and gift cards were provided to 355 households totaling 1,523 persons. Many thanks to our staff, our volunteers, and of course, all those from both within *and* outside of the parish, who donated groceries and money so that a proper Thanksgiving would be possible for all these people in need.

Please note that the "Giving Tree", **decorated with stars representing gifts for specific children in need**, is set up in the church narthex (entryway). Thank you for your generosity and kindness in serving our Lord through our less fortunate brothers and sisters. The gifts (with stars attached) may be returned to the tree as late as December 13th. **There are still plenty of stars available.** With the stagnant economy and ever rising prices, it will certainly be a difficult winter for many, especially those whose means are little or nothing. Thanks in advance to all who continue to provide for the poor in our midst. As our blessed Lord said: "*As often as you did it for one of these least ones, you did it for Me.*" (Matt. 25) And please, if anyone is donating perishable food items, they should be brought directly to Outreach during regular hours of operation, Monday through Thursday, 9AM to 1PM, or by arrangement through the office (281-5634), so that they do not spoil and then have to be discarded. Also, **please do not donate expired or open food packages.** Any expired or open packages of food must be thrown out, as we cannot give them to anyone, neither in good conscience nor by law.

Congratulations to the following catechists who received diocesan awards at the 11:30AM Mass here on November 20th for their years of dedicated service: For ten years of service as Catechists in the 'Diocese of Rockville Centre': Patricia Bona, Catherine Carlson, Dinah Castro, Ketty Colbert, Christine Pisciotta, and Michael Savino. For 20 Years of Service as a Catechist for Diocese of Rockville Centre: Jacquie Cronin. And the Distinguished Service Award for 11 years service as a Catechetical Leader in Diocese of RVC: Theresa Amorese. Many thanks, as always, to all the dedicated women and men who lovingly teach the Catholic Faith to the young people of our parish.

As we have begun a new Church year, may I kindly remind and ask all parishioners—pretty please?—to be attentive to keeping our facilities—most especially our church—with reverence for God's house and respect for our neighbor. Sometimes after Mass the pews look quite a fright: hymnals and bulletins scattered about; used tissues and other debris; coffee cups; and frequently small piles of dirt and mud from cleats are visible on the floor... Very simply, if everyone could be mindful of neatly replacing their missalettes and pew cards after Mass, and either taking the bulletin home or leaving it at the door on the way out if they are finished with it; and having their children stamp the dirt out of their boots or cleats **in the parking lot before entering**, then it will save our maintenance personnel, volunteers, (and the pastor!) from having to spend time tending to unnecessary mess and dirt. I thank everyone in advance for treating *their* spiritual home, and their fellow parishioners, most appropriately.

Lastly, on Sunday, November 27th, we began the implementation of the 'Third Edition of the Roman Missal'. Though a number of people may have missed the "And with you spirit" response to the priest's greeting of, "The Lord be with you," we will assuredly all catch on soon enough. Though several of the congregational responses and communal prayers have changed, **many** of the words of the Eucharistic Prayer and of the other orations the priest says are now presented in more accurate translations of the Latin and are more poetically attractive. The language is clearly different. Speaking for Msgr. Heinlein, Fr. Leone, myself, and other priests with whom I have been in contact, we all felt a little as if we were celebrating Mass for the first time. Yet after having used the new edition for the last week, I am quickly becoming more comfortable with it. I know it will prove to be a blessing for the Church.

Let us continue to be diligent, yet patient with ourselves and each other, by making use of the pew cards (please leave them in the church!) or the missalettes for our responses, so that our outward participation at Mass will be more harmonious, and will lead us to a deeper daily living of the Eucharistic Mystery we celebrate.

The Lord be with you... And with your spirit!

**Happy Advent,
Fr. Greg**

Faith Formation

CONF. PREP. 2 , HIGH SCHOOL , & RCIC2 UPPER STUDENTS: Permission slips to view the 'Pam Stenzel Morality DVD' on December 14th at 7:30PM, need to be completed and signed by a parent and returned to the 'Faith Formation Office' by December 9th. If you need another copy, please contact the office at 281-2835. Children not attending will be given make up work.

Faith Formation Fundraisers

THE DOVE CHOCOLATE PARTY: Will be held next Saturday, December 10th at 7PM in the parish center main hall. Please call 281-2835 and R.S.V.P. if you have not already done so. Yum, CHOCOLATE!

BAKE SALE: Our bake sale will be held December 12th, 14th, 15th, & 17th during sign in/out of class in lobby of parish center. All donations gladly accepted! Bring your donation with you when you bring your child to class. If you are a student who needs to do community service, this will be a great opportunity. Contact the 'Office of Faith Formation' for details 281-2835.

Lighthouse Catholic Media

'Lighthouse Catholic Media' presents the first-ever young adult download of the month club, call *Truth Be Told*. Each month, for only \$1.99/month, you'll receive via email an exciting and faith-filled mp3 download from the biggest speakers in young adult ministry. An excellent gift idea for grandchildren or godchildren ages 13-30. Sign up today at www.tbtdownload.com. When signing up, please be sure to use St. Jude's promo code 23358.

Rosary Altar Society

Our Christmas party will be held on Monday, December 5th at 8PM in the main hall of the parish center. We will be having "covered dish" so we are asking Rosarians to contact one of the Rosarians officers to let us know what your contribution will be. We will also be holding a "grab bag" if you wish to participate the minimum price is \$5 (new item). Also, please bring a canned good to donate to our "Adopt-A-Family" food basket. **NOTE:** DO NOT forget that religion classes will still be in session. Party goers will be allowed in AFTER classes are dismissed.

Outreach—Thank you

Thank you to Linda & Tom Rodecker, and Jay, Laurie & Dan Rudek, Cathy Beczak & her sister Marilyn, Ben Schiraldi, Mary Ramsey, Rosemarie Akie, Eleanor Kobasiuk, Pam D'Amato & her friend Jeannie, and Mary Sidaras who took time off their busy schedules to fill our Thanksgiving baskets and distribute them. Thank you to Nick Drake who has been helping everyday and weekends to oversee the organization of our food closet and distribution of our Thanksgiving baskets. God Bless!!

Outreach Christmas

Christmas will be here before you know it, and Outreach is again asking all our parishioners to help stuff stockings and provide a good holiday dinner for those in our community. PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE PERISHABLE ITEMS IN OUTREACH FOOD BASKET AT THE CHURCH. We would greatly appreciate donations of food, **new** clothing, **new** toys, and supermarket and department store gift cards. Please take a star from our "Giving Tree" in the Church vestibule, and return your gift not wrapped (you may include wrapping paper separately) by Tuesday, December 13th, as we will be distributing December 16th.

Christmas Tree Lighting

We will have our 'Annual Christmas Tree Lighting' sponsored by the 'J.V. Kavanaugh Council of the Knights of Columbus' on Tuesday, December 6th at 6PM in front of the parish center. All parishioners and our friends in the community are invited to attend. Thank you the 'Mastic Beach Fire Department' in helping to decorate the tree with lights and keeping Christ in Christmas. All are welcome to come back to the 'Knights of Columbus' hall at Pawnee & Madison in Mastic for a light refreshment.

Blood Drive

'J.V. Kavanaugh Knights' and 'Columbiettes' 'Annual Blood Drive' and 'Free Pasta Dinner'. Next Friday, December 9th at 176 Madison Street in Mastic from 3-8:45PM. (The Pasta Dinner is for DONORS ONLY.) Please call Patti at 631-772-8081 for your preferred appointment time.

Christmas Concert

We are proud to present 'G.F. Handel's Messiah', in concert, performed by the 'Choral Society of the Moriches' on Friday, December 9th at 7:30PM in the Church. The suggested donation is \$15 for adults and \$10 for students, to at least cover the cost of the orchestra and production. Mark your calendars now and make this wonderful concert part of your annual Christmas celebration. It can be a lovely gift to ourselves in the true Advent spirit. We are looking for families, businesses, clubs, ministries, or other organizations too, who may be willing to sponsor this event. If you, or someone you know, may be interested in sponsoring please contact the rectory at 281-5743.

Candle Lighting Ceremony

Please come and join us next Sunday, December 11th at 6:30PM for the world wide commemoration which honors children, siblings, and grandchildren of all ages who have died from any cause. We do this to honor them so "...their light may always shine." 'Good Shepherd R.C. Church', 1370 Grundy Ave., Holbrook. For information call 631-444-3690.

A Christmas Carol

The story of Ebenezer Scrooge and his journey to find the true meaning of Christmas. The Charles Dickens classic, "A Christmas Carol" is being performed at 'Theatre Three' 412 Main Street in Port Jefferson until December 27th. Please call 631-928-9100 for more information.

Christmas Flowers

Anyone wishing to donate for Christmas flowers to decorate the church may use the envelope provided in your envelope packet. If you did not receive envelopes, there are envelopes available in the church narthex. Please PRINT the name of the person you wish to have remembered clearly, so that it may be included in the bulletin after Christmas. The envelopes may be placed in any of the collections. A minimum suggested offering is \$20. This will help to pay for the Christmas flowers purchased. Thank you.

Remembrance Envelopes

The 'Christmas Remembrance Envelope' for the 'Christmas Novena Masses' is included in your mailed envelope packet. Extra envelopes are available in the back of the Church. The Novena of Masses begins December 24th. Please remember to get your intention envelopes in early to have your loved ones remembered.

By Jesus christ, with Jesus Christ, in Jesus Christ,
we can do all things. —Saint Louis de Montfort

Advent is a time of vigilance, prayer and conversion. —Blessed John Paul II

Building Stronger Catholic Elementary Schools

An ongoing series on the 'Strategic Plan for Catholic Elementary Schools' *Vision for the Future*. 'The Diocese of Rockville Centre' released a 'Strategic Plan for Catholic Elementary Education' on September 22nd, outlining the goals and actions that will provide a future for Catholic elementary schools on Long Island that is fiscally secure, academically excellent and fully engaged in promoting the Catholic faith and values. This plan may be accessed through the diocesan website, www.drvc.org.

COLLABORATIVE LEADERSHIP: Effective leadership is essential to any successful organization, and not just at the top. The strongest organizations have effective leaders at every level that work together to achieve mutual goals. The 'Strategic Plan' recognizes the importance of collaborative leadership at the Diocesan, parish, and school levels. Those leaders come from many different areas: pastors and principals, the leaders of the 'Education Department' and the 'Diocesan Elementary Education Commission', and the members of the 'Tomorrow's Hope Foundation' and the 'Bishop's Advisory Committee on Catholic Education'. The support and energy of volunteers like those who at 'Tomorrow's Hope' and the 'Bishop's Advisory Committee' are invaluable in their service and an inspiration to the Diocese.

Our leaders—religious, professional and volunteer—are responding to the appeal of the 'U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' to "reaffirm our commitment to Catholic" schools. "We believe that now is the appropriate time to renew our challenge to the entire Catholic community to join us in this critical endeavor," the bishops said in renewing their pledge to support Catholic elementary and secondary schools in the third millennium. "We are convinced that Catholic schools continue to be the most effective means available to the church for the education of children and young people who are the future of the church."

Under the 'Strategic Plan', pastors and principals have special responsibilities as leaders. As leaders of the spiritual community, pastors will work with principals to insure the Catholic identity of the school. Principals and other school leaders will demonstrate a commitment to excellence and create an environment in which continuous improvement, focused on student success, is the norm.

By working together, pastors and principals can establish and sustain successful schools that engage and encourage teachers, parents, and students. Successful implementation of the plan depends on thoughtful, committed, and effective leadership at every level of the Diocese. In the coming weeks, we will provide more information about the Strategic Plan and our vision for the future of Catholic elementary schools in our Diocese. By working together—religious and laity, principals and teachers, parents and students—we can achieve our shared goal of creating a secure future for our schools.

22nd National Night of Prayer for Life

"And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us"—*John 1:14* As soon as the Holy Spirit overshadowed the womb of the Virgin Mother, God immediately became one of the human family. In like manner when a child is conceived in his mother's womb, he becomes one of us. This little human being now dwells among us. So that the world may understand this truth, COME PRAY WITH US!!!! Thursday, December 8th from 8:30–9:30PM after the 7:30PM Mass in the church. For 'UNITY OF PRAYER' as we pray together, with our fellow Christians, in our cathedrals, churches, and chapels around the world for an end to abortion.

Mass Attendance

	SATURDAY		SUNDAY				
	5pm	7:30	8am	9:30	11:30	5pm	Total
Oct. 30	253	116	199	285	605	210	1668
Nov. 6	354	150	246	380	515	200	1845
Nov. 13	351	144	218	345	510	182	1750
Nov. 20	357	121	263	366	550	147	1804
Nov. 27	359	135	246	363	470	225	1798

Weekly Collections

November 20th	\$9,736.72
Campaign for Human Dev.	\$1,017.00
Thanksgiving; St. Vincent de Paul	\$2,008.00
November 27th	\$9,840.38

Catholic Ministries Appeal

2011 Goal	\$50,174.00
Total pledges a/o 11/29/11	\$59,414.08
# of Donors	200
Payments a/o 11/29/11	\$55,834.08

Thank you to all who have pledged.

Scripture Readings

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2011

Advent Weekday

IS 35:1–10/LK 5:17–26

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2011

Advent Weekday

IS 40:1–11/MT 18:12–14

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2011

Saint Ambrose, bishop and doctor of the Church

IS 40:25–31/MT 11:28–30

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2011

Immaculate Conception

GN 3:9–15, 20/EPH 1:3–6, 11–12/LK 1:26–38

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2011

Advent Weekday

IS 48:17–19/MT 11:16–19

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2011

Advent Weekday

SIR 48:1–4, 9–11/MT 17:9A, 10–13

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2011

Third Sunday of Advent

IS 61:1–2A, 10–11/1 THES 5:16–24/JN 1:6–8, 19–28

Altar Bread and Wine

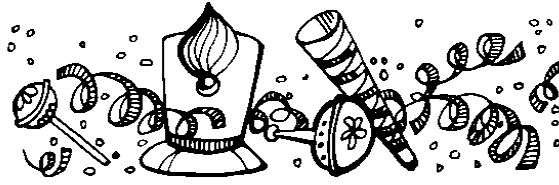
The altar bread and wine for the week of December 5th has been donated:

By the Breakfast Club

Baptisms

Summer Taylor Ann Rocco,
Amorosa Raegen Rodriguez,
Jason John Miller

May God bless them and their families!



NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY!

Saturday, December 31st at 7:30pm

Join the 'Parish of St. Jude' in our newly renovated hall.

Tickets: \$50 per person

Come enjoy delicious food catered by Mama Lisa, feel the music by DJ—
Bob Vecchio, and take a chance on a raffle ticket!

**Ticket price includes food, DJ, wine, beer, soda, noisemakers and a
midnight champagne toast!**

Tickets are can be purchased at 'Roma Funeral Home', and
'St. Jude Rectory', and on our website; www.stjudemb.org

'New Year's Eve Party' and raffle tickets will be on sale after Masses the
weekends of: December 10th & 11th, and 17th & 18th

Raffle tickets are 3 for \$10

1st Prize: \$1,000 Cash;

2nd Prize: \$500 Cash; 3rd Prize: Lottery Tree \$250 Value; 4th Prize:
Basket of Cheer \$200 Value; 5th Prize: Trader Joe's Basket \$50 Value

Thank you to the following donors:

1st Prize: donated by Roma Funeral Home;

2nd Prize: donated by J.V. Kavanaugh Council; 3rd Prize: donated by Empire National Bank;

4th Prize donated by J.V. Kavanaugh Council; 5th Prize Donated by Anonymous

Tables have been generously donated by the Kane Family

The Advent Wreath At Home

Each day at home, the candles are lit, perhaps before the evening meal—one candle the first week, and then another each succeeding week until December 25th. The rose candle is usually lit on the third Sunday of Advent. As the candles are lit, a prayer may be said. Daily prayers for lighting the Advent Wreath

Second Week: O Emmanuel, Jesus Christ,

desire of every nation, Savior of all peoples, come and dwell among us. Amen.

What do Advent wreath candles signify? Most Advent wreaths have three purple candles and one rose to echo the liturgical colors of the Church's Advent celebrations. Whether the wreath is being used at home or in a church, the lighting of the candles should follow the pattern established by the

Sundays of Advent.

Some churches and families have begun to add a fifth candle to their Advent practices, placing a white candle in the center of their wreath. They light this at Christmas, again echoing the Church's liturgical color for the season and rejoicing in Christ our Lord, whose birth brings light and our life to our world. We Wait For Jesus Christ our Lord!