

# Pulpit Announcements

## First Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2023

- Our charitable tithe this weekend will go to the Saint Clare Home, which is a maternity home for unwed mothers right here in our own diocese. We're very happy to support this important outreach!
- There are no flowers in the sanctuary due to the penitential nature of Advent.
- With the season of Advent, we now switch to a new cycle of readings for our Sunday Masses. We've finished Matthew's Gospel and now turn to Mark's Gospel for the coming liturgical year.
- Please note that there are links to many Advent hymns, customs, and traditions in the Pastor's Column of our electronic bulletin. All parishioners are encouraged to implement some of them into their family observance of this season of preparation.
- Of the many ways to observe Advent, I particularly want to recommend and emphasize the praying of the Liturgy of the Hours. Nothing can compare with a devout participation in the prayers of the Church.
- 11:00 AM ONLY: All are welcome to join us in the Parish Hall after Mass. There's candy and donut holes for everyone!
- Our landscape architect was hoping to start the work on our Front Hill and columbarium in November. There is a slight delay, compliments of Lancaster County, but things are moving forward now. It's our hope to see the work begin this month.
- With the end of the month of November, I've taken the All Souls envelopes to my altar in the rectory. Thank you to those who submitted an envelope with the names of your beloved dead. I assure you of my private Masses and prayers throughout the coming liturgical year for the repose of their souls.
- The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is on Friday, December 8. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Immaculate Conception is the patronal feast of the United States, as well as the patronal feast of our parish. Our Mass times are: Thursday, December 7, at 4:00 PM, 5:30 PM, and 7:00 PM. Friday, December 8, at 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM. Confessions are available after all the Masses except the 7:00 PM Mass. The 7:00 PM Mass on December 7 is our parish's Anniversary Mass. The Mass will be followed by a beautiful candlelight procession and crowning of Our Lady. *All parishioners are highly encouraged to come to the evening Mass!*