

# First Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2013

## *Please pray for those in special need of prayer:*

Walter W., Patricia Profeta, Maryann Falcone, Nes Blauvelt, Frank Parente, Carmen, Theresa & Louis Aliperti, Connie, Bill D, Ronnie Hunter, Barbara Pratti, Ruthe Scalzo, Jim, and Robert Bivens.

## Anointing Masses

Anointing Masses are this Wednesday the fourth: 8 am at St. Peter ~ 9:30 am and 7 pm at St. John.

## No December Reconciliation

There will be **no** Reconciliation on Saturday, December 7. (Reconciliation was on November 30.)

## Called by Name II Cards Due

Please return your completed cards. Thank you.

## Adoration at St. John

Adoration will resume Wednesday the 4<sup>th</sup> at 7 am.

## Upcoming Coffee Hours

Coffee hours are being held after Mass on Sunday, December 1, at St. John and December 29 at St. Peter. Please stop for some warm fellowship.

## Baby Bottle Fundraiser

The Our Lady of the Valley Council of Knights of Columbus invites you to affirm your support of the unborn by participating in our Baby Bottle Fundraiser with proceeds dedicated to the Council's pro-life activities.

Bottles will be available after Masses during Advent starting on November 30 and December 1. We ask you to fill them with change, currency, or checks and return the bottles starting the following week. Boxes are in the rear of the church for easy return. Thank you for your continued faithful support of life.

*As days shorten, our ancestors feared the sun might never return. We, too, rejoice when Jesus promises tender leaves, signs of Spring. We await One so good, so full of compassion, that we stand tall, heads high, eager to see Him enfleshed.*

## ✠ OUR OFFERINGS ✠

	Offeratory	Human Development
St. John:	\$1,873	\$346
Holy Family:	334	30
St. Peter	1,155	238

## 'The Word Among Us'

Please pick up your copy of the December Advent Mass book at the back of Church. It is offered by The Word Among Us and will aid you in making this Advent season more meaningful and spiritual with its daily devotions and articles.

## Dr. Freeman's Installation

The Office for Formation of the Diaconate cordially invites you to the celebration of evening prayer and the Rite of Installation into the Ministry of Acolyte for Dr. Michael Freeman, Timothy Kosto, Ryan McNutly, and Larry Steiger. It will be celebrated on Saturday, December 14, at 3 pm at St. Ambrose Church in Latham. *Congratulations!*

## Troop 33 Annual Wreath Sale

Delhi Boy Scout Troop 33 is having their annual wreath sale. The wreaths are hand decorated by the boys in the troop. Proceeds from the wreath sale helps to defray costs for the troop's activities and the boys' summer camp.

Wreaths are \$15 and can be pre-ordered, we will even have the boys deliver the wreaths to your door! If you don't want to pre-order a wreath, you can stop by the sale on November 30 at Burn Ayr Farms on Route 28. For more information contact John Padovani at [jpad415@gmail.com](mailto:jpad415@gmail.com) or 746.9743. Thank you in advance for your support.

## Women's Lunch & Devotions

On the second Tuesday of each month women of our parish communities are invited to meet at the Downsville Diner for lunch and a time of fellowship and devotions. We meet at 11:30 am in the back room. All women from Roscoe, East Branch, Walton, and Colchester are invited to join us. You need not be a member of any of our churches so come and please bring a friend. Hope to see you.