

Second Sunday of Advent

December 8, 2013

Please pray for those in special need of prayer:

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

Please pray for the souls of Helen Weglarz and James D. Wood. May they rest in the peace of our Lord.

Immaculate Conception Vespers

In advance of the evening Mass at St. John the Baptist Church on Monday, December 9, on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, we will pray Vespers (or the Evening Prayer) beginning at 6:40 pm (handouts will be available).

The Vespers format will include the Introductory prayer, Hymn, reading of the Psalms, Canticle, New Testament reading, Responsory, etc. Total duration for Vespers should be approximately 20 minutes. Holy Mass will follow at 7:15 pm.

Advent '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.

Upcoming St. Peter Coffee Hour

A coffee hour is planned for Sunday, December 29 at St. Peter. Please stop by for delicious coffee and chit chat with your fellow parishioners.

Baby Bottle Fundraiser Continues

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.

We ask you to fill them with change, currency, or checks ~ boxes are in the rear of the church for easy return. Thank you for your continued faithful support of life.

✠ **OUR OFFERINGS** ✠

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| St. John: | \$1,645 | \$621 |
| Holy Family: | 307 | 20 |
| St. Peter | 1,510 | 707 |

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!*

Warm Welcome

During this Advent and Christmas season, there will be a number of visitors at our Churches. It would be wonderful if we offered a welcome and a smile. If you arrive early at Mass and there is no greeter, please post yourself at the door to offer a warm "Hello and welcome!"

Living Rosary at Sacred Heart

A Living Rosary is being held at Sacred Heart Church in Stamford on Wednesday, December 17, at 7 pm. All are welcome!

Abortion Reconciliation

Rachel's Vineyard is a retreat of healing and reconciliation for women and men whose lives have been touched by abortion. The retreat is on **January 17-19, 2014** (*snow date: Jan. 24-26*) at **Serenity on the Lake** in Queensbury. The weekend will combine discussions, spiritual exercises, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service, and a Mass of Entrustment. Participation is strictly confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness, and compassion. Cost: \$150 (room, meals, retreat materials). Some financial assistance will be available for those unable to pay the entire cost. For information or register please contact: Mrs. Pat Mousaw, 518.222.1160, or Mrs. Kathy Whimple, 518.469.0779, or email: rachelsvineyardalbany@yahoo.com.