



BIRTHDAYS



Connie Candela	12/01	Mary Ellen White	12/05	John Pierick	12/22
Teresa Ragland	12/01	Billy Dombrowski	12/08	Phyllis Treece	12/23
Sr. Marcia Haggins	12/02	Lisa Benberry	12/08	Nikki Woodfork	12/24
Hermenia Romaine	12/02	Mariah Elmore	12/16	Anthony Sierengowski	12/25
Paula Dombrowski	12/03	Jeanne Purrenhage	12/20	Martell Stephens	12/26
Larry Shelton	12/03	Kathleen McDonald	12/20	Louis Randall	12/29
Robert Campernel	12/04	Mark Crawford	12/21	Dolores Kein	12/30
Terra Jones	12/04			Michael Mondalek	12/31

AND ANNIVERSARIES

Melvin & Theresa McCoy	12/03		Karl & Rosanne Schwartz	12/31
Michael & Wendy Kent	12/29			

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PASTOR'S PEN

Although it may have been a different Thanksgiving this year, I truly hope you all had a good holiday. Though this may not have been the Thanksgiving you planned, I hope you had time to thank God for all of the ways we have been blessed in the midst of a tough year. Please know as I had Mass for you on Thanksgiving, I thanked God for these two communities that have made my life so much richer! You are truly a blessing.

We begin the first Sunday of Advent and we hear the words: Be watchful and Stay Alert! We are reminded that this is a season of anticipation. We stay alert that we might not miss Christ coming into our lives in a new way this year. Yes, 2020 has been quite a year and we're not done yet. Between the COVID Pandemic, the wild politics, the struggles for Racial Justice, the raging fires in the west, hurricanes in the south, violent storms and earthquakes, we need a Savior! We need the compassion of Christ to comfort those who grieve for relatives who have died from COVID. We need the compassion of Christ to remind us that we are all God's children whether we are a person of color stopped by the police, a refugee at the border of our country, a member of the LGBTQ community, a panhandler at the exit ramp of the expressway, a mentally ill person wandering the streets talking to people we can't see, a returning citizen looking for a stable job, an addicted person living under the viaduct, and all of the broken ones calling out for a Savior. We need the strength and wisdom of Christ for our leaders who must realize the awesome responsibility they have in caring for all the people they were elected to serve.

Yes, our world is crippled, and we are crippled by the things we hear every night in the news and all of our own personal struggles with illnesses, unemployment, financial burdens, relationships, etc. The Church, as Pope Francis states, should be like a field hospital where all can experience healing. Yes, we need a Savior, and our Savior needs us. Christ needs us to be alert so that we might be his strength, his heart, his joy, his peace, his goodness, his mercy, his laughter, his forgiveness, his unconditional love. In order to bring healing to our troubled world, Christ will use us if we are open, alert, and willing. Come, Lord Jesus, and help us to be ready to do all you ask of us when you come!

We pray for God's healing for:

Mary Jane Accavitti, Brenda Banks, Judy Bartnik, Hedwig Buczek, Frank Candela, Brian Cavanaugh, Frank Candela's brother-in-law, Ed, Randy Clarke, Gabriel Crowe, Tom Davis, John Deisinger, Bill Dietz, Diane Ferschneider, Karen Foy, Douglas Frattini, Rosa Gracey, Neidra Halthon, Bart Houston, Art Hill, Patrick Jansen, Journee Jones, Mia Halthon-Jones, Alex Kelly, Genevieve and Rosy Krembel, Mickala Lewis, Clarence Lewis, Deborah Marshall, Kathy McDonald's Granddaughter, Ryan, Traver Meathe, Andrea Milligan, Jennifer Mondalek, Allan Patterson, Helen Randall, Yvonne Rottach, Phil Scamihorn, Geoff & Joyce Shahady, Larry Shelton, Rose & Tom Sheehy, Jim & Marie Singer, Sheila Starke, John Stuart, Marianne Szymanski, Phyllis Treece, Sr. Jolene, Pat Wimble, Nikki Zapinski, Carolyn Sutton's friend, Molly, Barbara Gabriel's sister Pearl, Joni Scott's mom, Annie, Rosanne Schwartz's grandson, Gavin, Joanne Pierick's sister, Suzanne, The Benigni and Chida Families

MASS INTENTIONS

1st Sunday of Advent

SUNDAY, November 29, 2020

9:45: Kirtis III & Rose Thomas (Family)

Judee Danielak (Friends)

Joseph & Mary White (Mary Ellen White)

Marty Carnaghi (Family)

2nd Sunday of Advent

SUNDAY, December 6, 2020

9:45 Fr. Jerome Singer (Nativity Family)

Bernice Ross (Family & Friends)

Mae Johnston (Family)

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