

Third Sunday of Advent, Year B, December 17th, 2017



There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world (Jn 1:6-8, 19-28)

Last Week's Collection

Sunday Offering - \$ 1580.25  
'Host a Family..' \$ 60.00  
Repair & Renovations fund - \$ 81.00  
Christmas decorations: \$ 106.00  
*Bless you for your continued generous support.*

Upcoming Events - 2017

Host a Family Fund Raising Programs:

Friends, please join and support that we may help our 2nd Syrian family.

DON'T BE AFRAID  
TO GO TO THE  
SACRAMENT OF  
CONFESSION,  
WHERE YOU  
WILL MEET  
JESUS WHO  
FORGIVES YOU.

Pope Francis



Christmas decorations

A big **thank you** to all who donated money for Christmas flowers/decorations. And we are so grateful to the volunteers who came out to decorate our church. They include Barbara Nenadovich, Anita and Denis Bilodeau, Monique Shinton, Maria Fazzalari, Pat and Dugh Garant, Faisal and Nazira Kaba.

In Memoriam

Leslie Sumbler, a member of our parish community recently passed away. A Funeral Service was held for him in the funeral home on December 2nd, 2017. Our hearty condolences go out to his family Members and we pray that God may grant eternal rest to Leslie.



Mass Schedule & Intentions from December 16, 2017 to December 24, 2017

Saturday	5:00PM	† Frank & Maria Agostino by family St. Lucia by Franca Sdao & family Bruna Belcamino by Joe Belcamino & family Pasquale & John Silvestri by Annie Silvestri
Sunday	9:00AM	† Salvatore Giovinazzo by Wife, Children & grandchildren Anna Maria & Antonino Giovinazzo by children Tina, Nancy & Rosa Giovinazzo Michael & Annunziata Mammoliti by Grandchildren Tina, Nancy & Rosa Giovinazzo Agostino & Milvia Mammoliti by Nieces Tina, Nancy and Rosa Giovinazzo
	10:30AM	For us and for all our dearly deceased ones 11.30 Heavenly Melodies Concert till 1:00pm
Monday		No Mass
Tuesday	9:00AM	† Lina & Mario Pagliaccio by Sistyer & family
Wednesday	9:00AM	† Tommaso DiGioia by Wife & family
Thursday	9:00AM	† Dawn Ann MacDonald by the Matchett family
Friday	9:00AM	† Ralph Mannella by Mr. & Mrs. Vince Mannella
Saturday	5:00PM	† Giuseppina Nero by Husband Amore & family Aldo Ferrusi by Wife Maria Ferrusi Leslie Sumbler by Maria Fazzalari Ruggero & Caterina Sdao by Carmelo & Maria Mazzei
Sunday	10:00AM	† Beni Inneo by Wife Nardina & family <b>only</b> Domenico Locco by Wife and family Franco Sdao by Carmelo & Maria Mazzei Maria Eisenring-DeChellis by Rosanna D'Alessandro
	5.00PM	For all our children and young families



Thank you for supporting 'Host a Family Program'

Christmas Eve Mass



A D V E N T



Saint Andrew the Apostle, pray for us



Pope Francis - General Audience  
December 13, 2017

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Our continuing catechesis on the Eucharist today centres on the importance of Sunday Mass. As Christians, we celebrate the Eucharist in order to encounter the Lord, to hear his word, eat at his table and, by his grace to fulfil our mission in the world as members of his Mystical Body the Church. As the day of the resurrection and the pentecostal outpouring of the Holy Spirit, Sunday is the Christian holy day par excellence. How could we pass this day without encountering the Lord? Sadly, in many secularized societies, we have lost the sense of Sunday. The Second Vatican Council asked us to celebrate the Lord's Day as a day of joy and rest from servile work, precisely as a sign of our dignity as children of God. Each Sunday is meant to be a foretaste of the eternal bliss and repose to which we are called and which we share, even now, in Holy Communion. In the end, we go to Mass not to give something to God, but to receive from him the grace and strength to remain faithful to his word, to follow his commandments and, through his living presence within us, to be witnesses of his goodness and love before the world.

Third Week of Advent

Lord God, may we, your people, who look forward to the birthday of Christ experience the joy of salvation and celebrate that feast with love and thanksgiving. We ask this through Christ our Lord. ~AMEN.



St. Andrew's invites you to celebrate the Birth of Jesus Christ

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas & New Year Schedule

Dec. 24th Sunday - **one Mass only - 10AM**

Christmas Eve

Dec. 24th Sunday

Family Mass 5PM

Midnight Mass Dec. 25 - 12AM

(preceded by Carol singing from 11.30pm)

Christmas Day:

Monday Dec. 25th

Masses at 9 & 11 AM

Dec. 30 Saturday 5PM

Dec.31st Sunday - **one Mass only - 10AM**

Year-End Mass of Thanksgiving

Dec.31st, Sunday - 5pm

New Year's Mass:

2018 Jan.1 Monday - 10AM

The mystery of our reconciliation with God

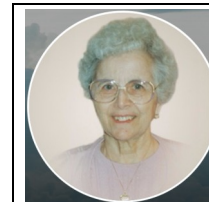
A letter of Pope St Leo the Great

To speak of our Lord, the son of the Blessed Virgin Mary, as true and perfect man is of no value to us if we do not believe that he is descended from the line of ancestors set out in the Gospel.

Matthew's gospel begins by setting out the genealogy of Jesus Christ, son of David, son of Abraham, and then traces his human descent by bringing his ancestral line down to his mother's husband, Joseph. On the other hand, Luke traces his parentage backward step by step to the actual father of mankind, to show that both the first and the last Adam share the same nature.

No doubt the Son of God in his omnipotence could have taught and sanctified men by appearing to them in a semblance of human form as he did to the patriarchs and prophets, when for instance he engaged in a wrestling contest or entered into conversation with them, or when he accepted their hospitality and even ate the food they set before him. But these appearances were only types, signs that mysteriously foretold the coming of one who would take a true human nature from the stock of the patriarchs who had gone before him. No mere figure, then, fulfilled the mystery of our reconciliation with God, ordained from all eternity. The Holy Spirit had not yet come upon the Virgin nor had the power of the Most High overshadowed her, so that within her spotless womb Wisdom might build itself a house and the Word become flesh. The divine nature and the nature of a servant were to be united in one person so that the Creator of time might be born in time, and he through whom all things were made might be brought forth in their midst.

For unless the new man, by being made in the likeness of sinful flesh, had taken on himself the nature of our first parents, unless he had stooped to be one in substance with his mother while sharing the Father's substance and, being alone free from sin, united our nature to his, the whole human race would still be held captive under the dominion of Satan. The Conqueror's victory would have profited us nothing if the battle had been fought outside our human condition. But through this wonderful blending the mystery of new birth shone upon us, so that through the same Spirit by whom Christ was conceived and brought forth we too might be born again in a spiritual birth; and in consequence the evangelist declares the faithful to have been born not of blood, nor of the desire of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.



In Memoriam

Pasqua Silvestri, a long time member of our parish community passed away on Sunday December 3rd. A private family service was held at Funeral Home.

Our condolences and prayers go out to her family members and we pray that God may grant eternal rest to Pasque.