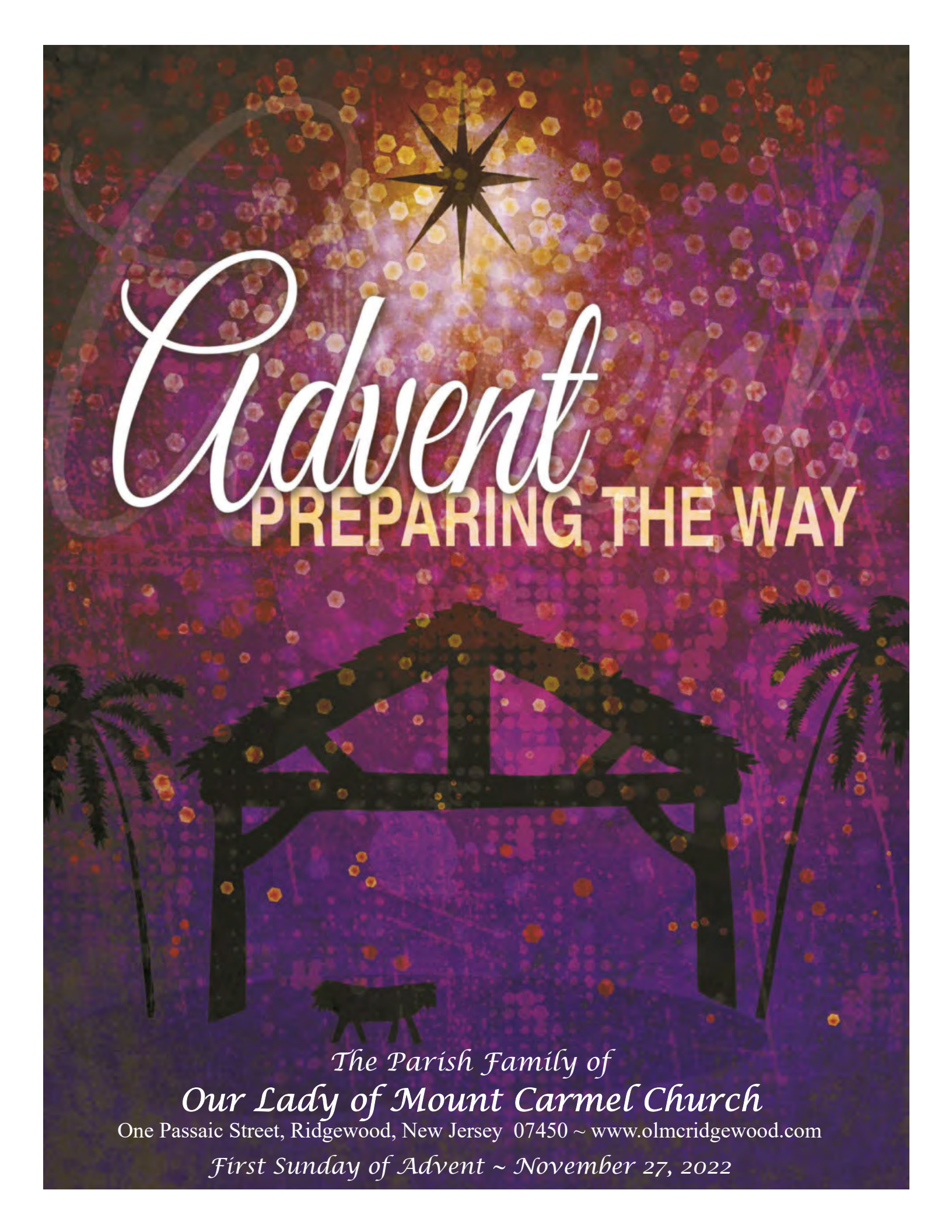


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Advent

PREPARING THE WAY

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First Sunday of Advent ~ November 27, 2022

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Dear Friends,

Over the last three months or so you have been hearing about the *House Gatherings* we've celebrated around the parish. As I have mentioned at the gatherings, the idea was that we would have these gatherings in the fall of 2020, right after the three month lockdown. The purpose was simply to get people together, in small numbers, to reintroduce themselves to one another. Then DELTA hit and we needed to cancel. We tried it again in the fall of 2021 but OMICRON hit and we had to cancel again. We decided to do them in the fall of 2022 even though most of us had been "out and about" for many months. I think they were a success. People came who didn't know each other and got to meet "new" (even if only to them) members of the congregation. I want to share with the parish the thoughts I shared at the "gatherings" I was able to attend.

We learned many things during the lockdown and the months that followed. One of those was how much "community" meant to us and the fact that we really belong to many communities. The first community is obviously our immediate family, the people we live with. Especially during the months of the lockdown we came to a new, or should I say a "renewed" awareness of their importance in our lives. With all the hustle and bustle, the running here and there before the pandemic now gone, we had an opportunity to rediscover the real "presence" of the people who live with us under the same roof. In most cases, what a joy that was.

Beyond our immediate family, the next community we experience is our extended families, parents (if they are still living), siblings, cousins, all the people we gather with at those special holidays throughout the year, and on vacations and visits across the country, such as the Thanksgiving we just celebrated. And not being able to celebrate with them in those first days after the lockdown we came to realize how important they were. With them we remembered the "old" and "good" times, reminisced about loved ones now gone to the other side of life, joy and sorrows we shared as a family, support given and received and, yes, even the family feuds and, hopefully, the reconciliations. Being denied these moments, even if only for a time, helped us realize how important these "relatives" were in our lives.

There was also the community we formed with others as part of the "workplace." We may never have thought of it as a community, but being "locked out" from them, maybe even still, if we thought about it, we may have realized that even in that "office" environment, we established relationships that meant something to us, thoughts about life shared in the most informal of places, support given and received when a co-worker was going through a traumatic time, the joys of pre-holiday celebrations; e.g., the "office Christmas party." We may have realized that our "workplace" was really a second home.

Another community we belonged to was the community we

call “friends,” especially those people we “hung with” by free choice. Often they are people we may confide in about what’s really going on in our lives, even before family members. And during those first phases of the pandemic, being cut off from them helped us realize how important they were to us and, I’m going to bet, we re-established those connections as soon as possible on the road to returning to normal.

Many of these interactions, whether family or friends or co-workers were informal, unstructured, the normal give and take of life, the ordinary way we move in and out of situations, without even thinking about the place they actually hold in our daily experiences.

The faith community is that kind of community. We come together to worship, to pray and praise, to be strengthened by the Bread of Life and to share in community. It’s not just that we are 2, 3, 4 or 5 hundred individuals in a big room at the same time. We share a common faith together, a belief in a God who journeys with us to support and strengthen us, to unite us in Him, to inspire us by his Word so that we might inspire the world by our actions. And we talk about these things with one another. Often this sharing is informal, before and after Mass, outside or inside. Maybe even with a stop at the Daily Treat, or the Ridgewood Coffee Company or Raymond’s. Sometimes it may be more formal, such as gatherings of parents who are preparing their children for the reception of a sacrament. My point is we are, or at least should be, the same kind of communities you already belong to and we need to recognize that and keep in our minds that our presence can build up that community. Your presence can build that community, whether formally or informally. So, come to Mass to worship, praise and be strengthened by the Lord **and to take your part in building this community of faith. Let Advent be the start of your commitment to build that kind of community if you haven’t been doing it already.**

God bless and Happy Advent,
Fr. Ron

P.S. If you are reading this bulletin online and have not yet attended Mass this weekend, I invite you to come to the 11:00AM Mass which will be celebrated by Bishop Michael Saporito, the Regional Bishop of Bergen County, and neighbor who lives in Ho Ho Kus. It is always an honor to have the Bishop celebrate with us and to hear what are always his inspiring words, especially as we begin this wonderful season of Advent. Please join us.

ADVENT MORNING PRAYER—ALL ARE WELCOME
Join us for Morning Prayer, Monday-Friday, 6AM,
beginning tomorrow, Monday, November 28.
Lower Level of the School Bldg.- Enter Through Rear Door



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STEWARDSHIP

“For you do not know on which day your Lord will come... So too, you also must be prepared, for, at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.” Black Friday has come and gone and we are all caught up in the “gift-giving” atmosphere. But what do we give to God? Why is it we tell God we want to give Him more of our **Time, Talent and Treasure**, but not yet, putting it off for another, more convenient hour? But today’s Gospel reminds us that none of us knows when God will come and ask for an accounting of how we have used the gifts entrusted to our care. Are we sure we will be ready? The start of Advent reminds us not to put off our **Stewardship**. The Lord is coming!

Because this bulletin had to be submitted before the collection figure was known, the parish Stewardship of Treasure in the in-pew collection for Sunday, Nov. 27th will appear in next Sunday’s bulletin. God bless all who are generous in their support of the Gospel.

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OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL
RIDGEWOOD, NJ

First Sunday of Advent

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
WHEN FAMILIES GATHER
LAST NOVEMBER SESSION



Jesse Tree Session with Dinner—Tuesday Nov. 29th
5:30PM - 7:00PM

ACADEMY OF OUR LADY

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEEDED

Academy of Our Lady is in need of substitute teachers. Background check and attendance at Protecting God's Children workshop are required. If interested, contact Katie Branagh, 201.445.0622



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SATURDAY, DEC. 3RD
9AM to 12Noon

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Questions? Contact Glen McCall
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Don't forget your FROZEN TRAY CASSEROLE
can be dropped off at this Food Drive.



At the Mass on Sunday, September 11, it was announced that the candles which burned on the altar will burn in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel for our deceased brothers and sister.

The Sanctuary Lamp this week is commemorating the memory of Bruce Simmons



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Feeney Funeral Home **29th Annual Tree of Memories Ceremony** **Monday, December 5th | 7:30PM**

Please bring an ornament that symbolizes the life of your loved one to be placed on the tree after a brief commemorative service. RSVP requested: 201.444.7650
(The tree is now indoors so weather is not a concern.)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE ILL MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH

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Parishioners may call the Rectory with the name of a family member who is sick to have them included in our prayers.

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FR. ENGLISH PANTRY—FROZEN TRAY MINISTRY
PAN PICK UP: THIS WEEKEND—NOV. 26 & 27
DROP OFF: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3RD
School Bldg. Driveway—9AM-12NN

Please help us provide frozen casseroles to the Fr. English Food Pantry. Foil pans and recipe options will be available after all masses. Please drop off **FROZEN** casseroles, during our monthly drive thru food drive on Saturday, December 3, 9AM-12NN. Your generous response will make it possible for a family to sit around the dinner table and enjoy a prepared meal.

Questions? Call 201.615.9624

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SUNDAY—DECEMBER 18TH

1:30PM-4:00PM | PARISH CENTER

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The Ridgewood Knights of Columbus will host the annual Senior Citizen Christmas Party, including lunch, music and entertainment, as well as a visit and gifts from Santa! If you have any questions, contact Mike Megnin, 201.689.0562 or Mark Stappenbeck, 201.444.3346.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun. Nov 27	12:00NN CYO Basketball (Gym) 1:30PM Bell Choir (PCB) 1:30PM RCIA (MR) 4:00PM MOMs Advent Wreath Making
Mon. Nov 28	1:00PM WCST Bible Study (REC2) 5:00PM CYO Basketball (Gym) 7:30PM Parish Finance Council (SMR)
Tues. Nov. 29	3:45PM Jr. High 7A (PC) 5:00PM Children's Choir (Church) 7:30PM WFG Jesse Tree Session (PC) 6:00PM CYO Basketball 7:00PM Adult Choir (Church) 7:00PM WCST Retreat 22 Gathering (MR) 7:30PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)
Wed. Nov. 30	3:45PM Jr. High 7B (PC) 4:00PM First Penance Prep (Church) 6:00PM CYO Basketball (Gym) 7:00PM First Penance Prep (Church) 7:30PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)
Thurs. Dec. 1	5:00PM CYO Basketball (Gym)
Fri. Dec. 2	5:00PM CYO Basketball (Gym) 7:30PM Inspire Young Adult (Church)
Sat. Dec.. 3	10:30AM Empowering God's Children (PC, MR, Gym) 4:30PM CYO Basketball

Sharing Tree 2022



Gift Cards Only Please

As in the past, we are supporting organizations providing services to homeless women and children, nursing homes, survivors of human trafficking, an inner city parish as well as families and individuals within our own community.

The needs continue to be great so whatever help you can provide is greatly appreciated. Gift Cards, in any amount, for VISA, Target, Shop Rite, Acme, Walmart and Amazon are needed.

Some organizations have requested gift cards be in \$25 increments. This provides greater flexibility in distributing to those in need. Whatever generosity you can offer is greatly appreciated.

If you need assistance, or you know of someone in need, please contact Anne Denyeau. All requests are held in the strictest confidence.

Please place Gift Card(s) in an envelope labeled "Sharing Tree" and drop-off at the Rectory office no later than Monday, December 12th. The mail slot may be used after hours.

**DO NOT LEAVE GIFT CARDS IN THE CHURCH
DO NOT WRAP THE GIFT CARD**

Questions? Contact Anne Denyeau
annerafterydenyeau@gmail.com or 201.970.1798

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



TODAY'S READINGS

Monday, Nov. 28

- + 6:30AM **Robert Errico**
req The Given Family
- + 8:30AM **Barbara & Eileen Wells**
req Their Family
- +12:00NN **Irineo & Irene DeCastro**
req The DeCastro Family

Tuesday, Nov. 29

- + 6:30AM **Frankie Gabriel**
req Antoinette Tobia
- + 8:30AM **Dino Tarabokia**
req Mary Jane & Daniel Scrivanich
- +12:00NN **Terry Carroll**
req His Wife, Ellin

Wednesday, Nov. 30 *Saint Andrew, Apostle*

- + 6:30AM **Pure Briones & Tommasina Lanski**
req Adora Chao
- + 8:30AM **Brian Judge**
req Dcn. Bob & Tessie Liwanag
- +12:00NN **Deceased Members
of Manhattan College Alumni**
req Anne & George Skau

Thursday, Dec. 1

- + 6:30AM **Ingrid Hoffman**
req The Smilon Family
- + 8:30AM **Michael Dougherty**
req Anne & George Skau
- +12:00NN **Joseph DeFalco**
req Melissa & Steve Heuss

Friday, Dec. 2

- + 6:30AM **Matt Eisele**
req The Pesce Family
- + 8:30AM **Andrea Bernstein**
req Her Family
- +12:00NN **Dinka Marin**
req Marija & Michael Picinic-Lizzi & Family

Saturday, Dec. 3 *Saint Francis Xavier, Priest*

- + 8:30AM **Maureen & Brendan Malley**
req Peter O'Malley
- 5:30PM **For the People of the Parish**

Sunday, Dec. 4 *Second Sunday of Advent*

- + 8:00AM **Elizabeth O'Connor**
req The Calvetti Family
- + 9:30AM **John Ruddy**
req The McNamara Family
- +11:00AM **Lillian Lucchesi**
req Bob & Joanne Delaney
- +12:30PM **Salvatore Pallone**
req His Daughter
- + 3:00PM **Patricia Engel**
req The Barsa Family
- + 6:30PM **Steven Carey Hamilton**
req Joan & Arnold Criscitiello

1. Isaiah 2:1-5

Living in a world of constant conflict, shifting political alliances, fear and weariness, the prophet speaks a word of hope. As the oracle begins, Isaiah's words constitute a vision of better times, when the nations would recognize that God's ways and God's instructions were the true path to life and fulfillment. The nations, making their way to Jerusalem, the highest mountain where God's instruction is to be found, will discard the weapons of war and destruction, turning them into implements that build rather than destroy. For all this to happen, all must submit to God and His wisdom.

2. Romans 13:11-14

It is not enough to hope for better times. Though the disciple is saved only by the grace of God that comes in Jesus Christ (the first chapters of Romans), he/she must actively put that grace into practice. The believer is empowered by the Spirit to live by faith, already sharing in the blessings of justification, peace, reconciliation, redemption and salvation. The anticipated future salvation already provides a model for their identity and behavior right now. (Advent may be a time of waiting for the coming Christ, but not of waiting to face the challenges of living as Christ).

3. Matthew 24:37-44

As we begin our year of readings from the Gospel of Matthew, the reflections begin with reference to the end—the 2nd Coming of Jesus Christ. And what is the message—the need for vigilance. Whether the example of Noah (business as usual for most), the men in the field, or women at the mill (in each case, one ready, one not), or the thief in the night, the message is the same, being prepared is a full-time way of life. No signs, no strange happenings, no wild speculation. Only daily living, faithfully, fully committed, witnessing to the Good News in word and deed.

REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK

1. As the first line from Isaiah says, "living in a world of constant conflict, shifting political alliances, fear and weariness," do you have hope? Where do you find it? Think of as many places as possible? Is God in there?
2. In this Advent season of "waiting," what are you really waiting for (in terms of Jesus Christ)?
3. In what ways do you concretely long for the reign of God?

NEXT WEEKEND'S PRESIDERS

(always subject to change)

Sat.	12/3	5:30PM	Fr. Frank
Sun.	12/4	8:00AM	Fr. Ron
		9:30AM	Fr. Anthony
		11:00AM	Msgr. Sheeran
		12:30PM	Fr. Frank
		3:00PM	Fr. Diaz
		6:30PM	Fr. Anthony

Late changes appear on the website after 12:00NN on the Saturday of that weekend.

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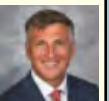
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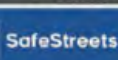


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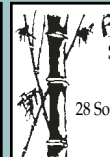
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