

# MENTIONS, MEETINGS, EVENTS & REMINDERS

## *Our Condolences in Christ to:*

~Rudy & Bettie Jane Ball, for the passing of Rudy's brother, Thomas Nelson Ball

~Bill & Betty Sue Devine, for the passing of Bill's brother, Wally Devine

May the grace of God & prayers of those around you bring you comfort during this time of sorrow.

*St. Dominic wishes to welcome the newly baptized in Christ,* Jace Parker Pinkston, son of Jeremy & Mary Beth Pinkston, baptized Dec. 1, 2019. May your baptism be filled with blessings and love, and be a glimpse of the exciting journey that lies ahead of you.

*Collection for Retired Religious:* The collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious will be held THIS weekend. Envelopes for this collection can be found at the end of the pews & in your tithing packet. Your contribution is greatly appreciated. **Instead of a door collection, ushers will do the special collection immediately following the regular weekend collection.**

*Midnight Mass Intentions:* Please use the white envelopes found in the pews when submitting intentions for Midnight Mass. In order to get the names of those remembered printed in time for the bulletin, please drop envelopes in the collection plate or bring them to the church office by 12/18.

*Celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe:* Wed., Dec 11<sup>th</sup>, Prayers @ 8 p.m., Mass at 9:00 p.m., with festivities to follow in the gym. Everyone is invited to attend.

*Blessing of a Child in the Womb:* In the Catholic Church there is a Rite of Blessing for unborn children. This rite serves to publicly affirm the precious gift of human life and to embrace parents and families as they prepare to welcome the birth of a child. As we celebrate the birth of Christ this Christmas Season, we invite all expectant mothers & fathers to participate in this blessing. Fr. David will conduct the Rite for the Blessing of a Child in the Womb at all Masses the weekend of Dec. 14/15.

*Parish Reconciliation/Penance Service for Advent:* We will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation in a communal penance service here at St. Dominic on Mon., Dec. 16 at 6:30 p.m. in preparation for Christmas. Several priests will be available for the sacrament of Reconciliation.

*Kids 4 Jesus* will meet on Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>\* from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm. The first hour, we will make Christmas ornaments for residents of Sansbury and listen to the Christmas Story. At 7:00, we will carpool to Sansbury to deliver the ornaments to the residents and sing Christmas carols. Hot chocolate or milk will be provided; each family is asked to bring a dozen cookies or brownies. **\*This is a change in date due to scheduling conflict.**

*School News:* Special Friends Lunch for 4<sup>th</sup> grade is Tuesday at 11:15 AM. Christmas program dress rehearsal is at 12:45 on Thursday. Our Christmas program will be performed at 12:45 and 7:00 PM on Friday.

*Good News!* We are renovating our parish office. The first phase is refinishing the hardwood floors. We need help moving the heavier items (desks, filing cabinets, copier etc.) on Thursday, December 19 from 3 to 6 p.m. Please come out to help! - Fr David

*2019 Catholic Services Appeal:* Our Parish Target: \$37,400.00, Our Parish Participation Goal: 113+ households. St. D Contributions to date: \$43,130.00 (137 donors). CSA envelopes can be found in the back of church.

*Donations Graciously Appreciated:* As some of you may already know, the school cafeteria's oven has been out for the last month, while we are trying to get bids and contemplating the best way to go about replacing it, I am asking for your help. The cost of replacement is approximately \$6000 & with the cafeteria being self-supporting, I am seeking donations towards the purchase. I know Christmas can be financially challenging, so any and all donations will be appreciated. Your generosity will allow us to continue providing good and nutritious meals to the students. Feel free to contact me. Donations can be dropped off at school, lunch room, or at the parish office. I appreciate your support and thank you from the bottom of my heart. I really enjoy serving our students and I'm thankful for everyone's kindness. ~Sincerely, Lisa Taylor, Cafeteria Manager , 859-481-5572 or 859-336-7165

*The Word Among Us:* We have several copies of *The Word Among Us for Advent* available on the table in the back of the church. They are filled with scripture, prayer & meditations, a great read for the Advent season, grab a copy on your way out of church.

*Are you missing your favorite dish or pan?* If so, we may have it! We have numerous unclaimed dishes left over from bereavement meals, Fr. Pepper's retirement & Fr. David's welcoming gatherings. Please stop by the enclosed side porch of the parish office to see if we have anything that belongs to you. **We will hold on to these items through Dec. 20th, at that point we will see that they get donated to a good cause.**

*High School Placement Test:* The annual placement test for all Catholic High Schools will be offered at Bethlehem High School from 9 AM until 12:30 PM on Saturday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>. The test is free, but students will need to bring two #2 pencils.



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School Website: [www.stdominicelementary.org](http://www.stdominicelementary.org)

Rev. David J. Farrell, Pastor

**Weekend Masses:** Saturday @ 4:30 p.m. & Sunday @ 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

**Weekday Masses:** See bulletin for this week's Mass schedule

**Spanish Masses:** Sunday @ 2:00 p.m.

**Confessions:** Saturday 3:30 – 4:00 p.m. or anytime by request

### Mission Statement of St. Dominic Church

*As members of St Dominic Church, we are called through our baptism to give witness to the presence of the Holy Trinity by accepting the Gospel message of Jesus Christ as part of our daily lives. Our mission is to proclaim the Gospel; to teach and share our faith; and to show the love of God to all through our daily lives.*

***December 8, 2019 ~ Second Sunday of Advent***

### **THE LONG-AWAITED ONE**

As the Sundays of Advent unfold the scriptures shift focus from the final coming of the Lord to his historical birth. Today's scriptures blend the two. Isaiah's disillusionment with the kings of his own day led him to envision an ideal king who would rule with divine approval and be led by divine wisdom. For centuries the Jewish people anticipated the arrival of that Messiah, who would usher in a blessed age when the whole world would finally dwell in justice and peace.

After centuries of such growing expectation, the preaching of John the Baptist about the imminent arrival of the Messiah could not help but provoke intense interest. The Baptist's message about preparation for "the one who is coming" (Matthew 3:11) makes clear that Jesus is, in fact, the long-awaited one who is ushering in the new age foretold by Isaiah and all the prophets. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

December 8, 2019

Second Sunday of Advent



Powerful things can happen when the people of God stand together in prayer. Most weeks in our bulletin is a prayer list, which is likely in need of some editing, so why not start anew? Prayers of many have been answered while others are still in need of prayer. Help us keep our prayer list current, contact the parish office at 336-3569/stdom@bellsouth.net if a person's name needs to be added.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Dec. 9-15, 2019

Monday: Immaculate Conception

8:30 a.m. Kenny & Barbara Corbett  
John B. Simms

Tuesday: Advent Weekday

5:30 p.m. NO MASS

Wednesday: Weekday

8:00 p.m. OLOG Prayer Service

9:00 p.m. Our Lady of Guadalupe Vigil

Thursday: Our Lady of Guadalupe

5:30 p.m. John Essex

Friday: St. Lucy

8:30 a.m. Foster Smith Family  
Jeanette Reed

Saturday: St. John of the Cross

8:30 a.m. Maurice Begley

4:30 p.m. Bob Noe Haydon

Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent

8:30 a.m. Skeets & Mary Elizabeth Kelly  
Roxie Hubbard

10:30 a.m. Fannie O'Nan

2:00 p.m. (Spanish Mass) For the Parish

\$\$ Weekly Collections \$\$

December 1, 2019

Sunday Collection: \$11,601.00

During the Week: \$4,404.25

Automatic Withdrawal: \$16,153.84

Total Received: \$32,159.09

Fiscal Year TITHING Contribution Summary

\*July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020\*

Tithing Contributions: \$382,535.92

Tithing Budget: \$327,912.00

Overage/ Shortage: \$+54,623.92

Annual Budget: \$775,068.00

\*\*These figures reflect only the Sunday collections as part of the Parish Budget. It does not indicate the budget or income of St. Dominic School or other parish organizations.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

From outer space, the United States must seem peculiarly aglow these nights: we have strung lights on every tree within reach. Sometimes, even tie tacks and earrings twinkle with "microlights." Clearly, something is afoot: there is a deep-down yearning for the world to change. Yet, John the Baptist would probably be unplugging most of these lights if he had the chance. In today's Gospel he turns people away from his baptism of repentance. "Give some evidence that you mean to reform!" he cries.

What meaning do our holiday lights convey for you? In the deep and dark countryside, a single candle glowing in a window can be seen for miles. It signals welcome and readiness; it is a beacon guiding strangers to the door, a token of a warm hearth, a loving embrace, a sign that those who have placed the candle are awake and waiting. This year, set the timers aside, and each night as you light the candles in your windows, pray: "May Christ find an eager welcome here. May this household be filled with the light of his word." One candle at a time, our faith community can reclaim the meaning of the lights of Advent hope. —James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## Weekday Liturgical Roles

### Lectors

Mon. Mary Ann Hale  
Tues. NO MASS  
Wed. OLOG-Prayer 8 p.m., Mass 9 p.m.  
Thurs. Perry Carrico  
Fri. School  
Sat. Wassie Parrott

### Eucharistic Ministers

Mon. Belle Sutton, Betty Carol Barber  
Tues. NO MASS  
Wed. OLOG-Prayer 8 p.m., Mass 9 p.m.  
Thurs. Julee Jones  
Fri. School  
Sat. Shirley Barber, Fabian Cambron

## Liturgical Role for

## Next Weekend

### Gift Bearers

4:30 p.m. Ben & Landon Thompson  
8:30 a.m. Martin & Debbie Murphy  
10:30 a.m. Ames O’Nan, Chris Brady

### Lectors

4:30 p.m. John & Sam Ceconi  
8:30 a.m. Dodie George  
Jerimy Fletcher  
10:30 a.m. Shirley Barber, Jana Jones

### Servers

4:30 p.m. Nick Smith  
Kaylee McElroy  
Celeste Graves  
Thomas Mudd  
8:30 a.m. Alex Whitney  
Adelle Hood  
Hayden Adams  
Mary Beth Matherly  
10:30 a.m. Farrah Smith  
Laura B. Redmon  
Alexis & Jordan Frye

## Monthly Liturgical Roles

### Purificator Washing Committee Member – DEC.

Teresa Lynn

### Altar Caretakers – DECEMBER

(wk. 1) Ann Grigsby  
(wk. 2) Rita Clements  
(wk. 3) Colette Hill  
(wk. 4) Mary Lou Robertson

### Euch. Min. to the Sick & Homebound – DEC.

(Group A) Phyllis Bastin  
(Group B) Tammy Osbourne  
(Group C) Sr. Mary Louis Yurik

### Weekend Eucharistic Ministers – DEC.

4:30 p.m. Phyllis & Bobby Bastin  
Angela Young, Mary Ann Hale  
8:30 a.m. Teresa Lynn, Cheryl Mattingly  
Katie Simms, Lucinda Effner  
10:30 a.m. Wassie Parrott, Lynn Foster  
Mary Lou Robertson  
Sara Buckman

### Weekend Ushers - DECEMBER

4:30 p.m. David Hudson, Charlie Hahn  
Brian Borders, Stephen Hale  
8:30 a.m. John Parrott, Frank Wilkerson  
Rick Greenwell, Keith Nash  
10:30 a.m. Josh Walker, Chris Welch  
Tony Smith, Hammy Robertson

### Weekend Greeters - DECEMBER

#### (Breezeway entrance & Bell tower)

4:30 p.m. Michael & Linda Smith  
8:30 a.m. Claire, Patrick & Will McCain  
10:30 a.m. Paul & Wendy Brady

**What liturgical roles have you &/or your family been asked to fulfill next week/weekend, or for the month? Have you been asked to be a Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Gift Bearer, Server, Altar Caretaker, Homebound Minister, Usher, Greeter, Etc.?**