

Date	Observance	Mass Intention	Readings	Event
Mon Nov 28		5:30 pm Michael & Corrine Bralek by Michael Bralek, Jr.	Is 4:2-6; Mt 8:5-11	
Tues Nov 29			Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24	Free Store 4 - 7 pm SB
Wed Nov 30	Anointing of the Sick	5:30 pm Special Intention by Pauline Kovalchin	Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22	
Thur Dec 1			Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27	
Fri Dec 2		5:30 pm Ralph & Ina Keegan by the Kovalchin Family	Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31	
Sat Dec 3	Francis Xavier, Priest	5:30 pm People of the Parish	Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35 - 10:1, 5a, 6-8	Confessions 9 am CH Free Store 9 am - Noon SB
Sun Dec 4	Second Sunday of Advent	8:30 am Carcione Family by the Caruso Family 11 am Walter & Cliff Wyncki by Richard & Laurie Bandelow	Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12	

Sanctuary Lamp - Ron Donley

Holy Family Candle - Special Intention

COLLECTION REPORT

<i>Week Ending</i>	<i>Nov 13</i>	<i>Nov 20</i>
Sunday Offering -	\$3,510.00	
Total	\$3,510.00	
Weekly operating costs	\$3,200.00	See next
(Shortfall) Overage	\$310.00	week's report
YTD Over (short) -	\$6,079.50	
St. Vincent de Paul -	\$10.00	
Cap. Improvement -	\$174.00	
Debt Reduction -	\$500.00	
Other Gifts -	\$600.00	
Envs used of 240 sent	69	

Upcoming Holy Day of Obligation

Our Feast Day - Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.
Masses: Dec. 7 at 5:30 pm & Dec. 8th at 5:30 pm.
Wear something blue to honor our Blessed Mother.

Bambinelli Sunday: December 11th. On the 3rd Sunday of Advent, children & their families gather in St. Peter's Square for a special papal blessing of the Christ Child, "Bambinelli," figure from their Nativity scene. The blessing will be offered at all Masses so don't forget to bring your Christ Child figurine to Mass that weekend.

Operation Christmas Child - Thank you: Didn't quite make it to 100, but your generosity filled 31 shoe boxes which will delight 31 children in some of the poorest areas of the world.

The Anointing of the Sick will be offered at the 5:30 pm Mass this Wednesday, November 30.

100th Anniversary Events - Mark your Calendars!

- **#weGIVECATHOLIC is THIS TUESDAY Nov. 29th!!**
We're taking part in this one day, national fund-raising event and hope to receive some outside help in raising funds to remove & replace the retaining walls, add some nice, simple landscaping and steps in the area between the school and hall and **WE NEED YOUR HELP**. Tell family, friends, employers and those who may be looking for an end of the year charitable donation opportunity - heck, put it on your Facebook page!! There are **2 ways for you & others to donate:**
1. On Tuesday, go to www.wegivecatholic.org, search for our parish & make your donation **OR** **2.** Write a check to the parish with WGC on the memo line. Remember, this is nation-wide so people can donate from all over. Thank you for your help. I.C. Spirit - catch it!
- **100 Days of Prayer:** We'll have the opportunity to join in prayer as one family of faith beginning 100 days before our 100th anniversary, March 23rd. Prayers will be available the second weekend in December. More info to follow.
- **Christmas Cards for First Responders:** are at the back of the church. Sign multiple cards as there are many officers who patrol Kenmore. Put your signed cards in the basket on the table.
- Share your **favorite I.C. Memory** - 1/2 sheet forms may be found at all doors of the church. We have a great legacy so share a memory that stands out for you.
- **Bowling:** January - stay tuned.
- Mark your calendars & tell your friends - **Night at the Races:** Saturday, Feb. 18th to benefit Debt Reduction.

History of Popes

#257 – **Benedict XV** - Pope from Sept. 3, 1914 – death, Jan. 22, 1922. Giacomo della Chiesa was born Nov. 21, 1854 in a suburb of Genoa, Though he felt a call to the priesthood early on, his father insisted he study law instead. After graduating in 1875, Giacomo was permitted to pursue the priesthood and was ordained in Rome in 1878. His skill & piety was noticed by Cardinal Rampolla whom he accompanied in several diplomatic appointments. Pope St. Pius X consecrated Giacomo a bishop in 1907 & even donated his own crozier & episcopal ring to the new prelate. Giacomo, as Archbishop of Bologna, was made a cardinal in 1914, just months before his election to pope. He was elected for his skill in diplomacy and his desire to unite Europe as it entered into World War I, a conflict Benedict called “the suicide of Europe.” Benedict promulgated the new Code of Canon Law in 1917 & worked hard to repair relations with France. His canonization of St. Joan of Arc, though warranted on its own merit, was a helpful step. Benedict established the Congregation for Eastern Rites and the Oriental Institute in Rome. He is remembered for being the “Unknown Pope” due to his own meekness and so is often forgotten in the annals of 20th Century pontiffs. It was due, however, to Benedict that Pius XI & Pius XII were able to find so much success as it was Benedict who moved Monsignor Achille Ratti out of the Vatican Library and into diplomatic work in Poland, just four years before he became Pius XI. Similarly, Benedict put Cardinal Eugenio Pacelli in charge of work with prisoners of war, and also made him nuncio to Munich, in order to prepare the future Pius XII for his monumental battle against Hitler and Nazism. Benedict’s quest for peace during the war was recognized even by the non-Christian Turks in Istanbul. A statue of him was erected outside St. Esprit Cathedral there, with the inscription, “The great Pope of the world tragedy ... the benefactor of all people, irrespective of nationality or religion.” Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI echoed the same thing toward the man he partially named himself after following his own 2005 election, saying, “In his footsteps I place my ministry, in the service of reconciliation and harmony between peoples.” What else was going on in the world at the time? On May 13, 1917, Pope Benedict XV consecrated Eugenio Pacelli (later Pius XII) a bishop, the very same day the Blessed Mother appeared to three shepherd children at Fatima, Portugal.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Happy New Year of Grace! In this first Sunday of Advent, in this time of preparation for the coming of the Christ Child, we are reminded that Jesus will come again at the end of time to judge. The Gospel tells us that the day & time is unknown and that we must be prepared. When should we begin preparing? Our entire lives should be spent preparing for Jesus. In this time of Advent, let us reflect on our relationship with Jesus, our prayer life, our charitable activities, our service to others, our willingness to surrender to the will of God. Tomorrow may be too late. St. Paul urges us to wake from our sleep for salvation is near & challenges us to “throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.” As we wait for Jesus, what things in our lives can we throw off that keep us from being Children of the Light? What things can we strive for that will draw us closer to God? What can we do to be better stewards of the great gift of faith we've been given?

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

A parish family is very much like a personal family. There are jobs and chores that need doing & if they don't get done, things are out of sorts and don't run smoothly. Here is a list of “chores/jobs” that need to be addressed here at the parish – everybody can do something!

Liturgical Ministry – We're in dire need of *Lectors, Altar Servers and Contemporary Choir members*. Training provided. Please help. Please call the rectory.

CareCards – Let our shut-ins know they are not forgotten & are important to us. Buy or create cards of encouragement, add a short note & sign your name. Put the cards into the envelope (do not seal) & place into the basket. Please, no cards from charitable or religious organizations.

Free Store Help – Have a heart for those in need & like to work with friendly, faith-filled people? Stop by Tuesdays, 4-7 pm or Saturdays, 9 am-12, check it out & join the team!

The **Free Store** distributes over 125 sack lunches each week as the number of homeless & hungry is growing. **Needed:** peanut butter, jelly, apples, individually wrapped cookies & crackers (Lance, Nekot, Keebler), small individual bags of chips, pretzels. Please place them in the basket by the offertory table in back of the church. Thank you.

Bingo – We are in real need of Bingo help. Do you have even one Wednesday to give to call Bingo, sell Instant Bingo, learn the office from our amazing Bingo Manager, Lorie. We need more people to serve our clientele & to rotate workers. Bingo income is **critical** to our parish finances so come help, be part of a team, meet new people & help your parish.

Weather permitting, the **parking lot will be closed for repairs on Mon., Nov. 28th & Tues., Nov. 29th. Please use street parking and plan accordingly.

ADVENT: The season of Advent has begun. Be sure to pick up a copy of Journey through Advent, found at all doors of the church, and mark the important dates on your calendars. You will also find copies of The Word Among Us to use for your Advent reflections.

Masses – To schedule a Mass, please call the rectory; the stipend is \$10. Available dates: Weekdays, 5:30 pm: Dec. 5, 7 (Holy Day Vigil), 19, 23. Weekends – January.

Fr. Sam is seeking a **volunteer** for 2-3 hours every other week to do laundry & light housekeeping. Please call the rectory for information or to share your stewardship.

Other Events

•**Prayer Service:** Every Wednesday at 6 pm, Holy Ghost Ukrainian Catholic Church, Brown St., holds a prayer service for Ukraine. The service is about 30 minutes long and is in English. All are welcome.