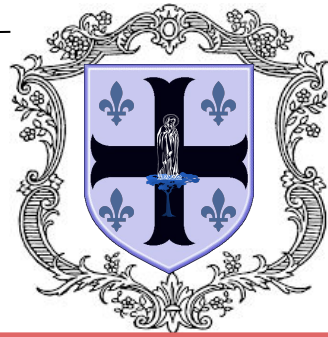


**WELCOME TO THE SHRINE
of OUR LADY**

We welcome all our Parishioners and esteemed Guests as you come to experience the beauty of the Ancient Liturgy and Devotions here at this special Parish and also Diocesan Shrine to Our Lady of Fatima. We hope you will become a regular member of our Catholic Parish, where, always Tradition is in season!
God bless you!



O, Jesus, Eternal Shepherd, who appointed Pope Saint Zephyrinus Shepherd of the whole Church, let the prayers of this Martyr and Supreme Pontiff move Thee to look with favor upon Thy flock and to keep it under Thy continual protection. Through Our Lord, Jesus Christ, Thy Son Who livest and reignest with Thee and the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. Amen. . .

MASS INTENTIONS, SAINTS and ASSIGNMENTS

Sat. 12 - 14 (P)	4:00 PM	Int. Kevin & Sofie Rerko	St. John of the Cross
Sun. 12 - 15 (P)	7:30 AM	Pro Populo	St. Pompey of Pavia, B.
(G)	10:30 AM	Int. Dr. Ruben M. Timmons	St. Christiana, V.
Mon. 12 -16 (P)	8:00 AM	Int. Mary Lou LaCour	St. Albina, V. & M.
Tues. 12 -17(G)	8:00 AM	Int. Joseph & Linda Jones	St. John of Matha, P. & F.
Wed. 12-18 (P)	8:00 AM	Margaret Peggy Vignolo	The Prophet St. Malachi
Thurs.12 -19	8:00 AM	NO MASS	Bd. Urban V, Pp.
(G)	6:00 PM	Int. Deborah Foushee	St. Anastasius I, Pp.
Fri. 12 - 20 (P)	8:00 AM	Dr. Yolanda Robles de Pérez	St. Zephyrinus, Pp.
Sat. 12 - 21 (G)	8:00 AM	Int. Very Rev. Canon Héctor R.G. Pérez y Robles, STD, CSLJ	St. Thomas, Ap.
(P)	4:00 PM	Giuseppe Trepiccione	St. Peter Canisius, P. & D.
Sun. 12 - 22 (P)	7:30 AM	Int. Gary Burkhart	The Prophet St. Micah
(G)	10:30 AM	Pro Populo	St. Frances Xavier Cabrini
			St. Hungerus, B.

Lectors

4:00 PM Rose Castro
7:30 AM Donna Bloomer
10:30 AM Ellen Miheve

Altar Duty

Emily Rerko

Lawn Maintenance

Professionals

GAUDETE SUNDAY - DECEMBER 15, 2019 - GAUDETE SUNDAY

COLLECTION - We thank those Parishioners who support our Parish with their treasure, talent and time. PLEASE BE GENEROUS! Pray for our Benefactors!

PLENARY INDULGENCE - Do not forget to come and get your Plenary Indulgence on the First Saturday of each month as well as the 13th, Fatima Day, of every month. Also January 1st.
CSA - HAVE YOU MADE YOUR PLEDGE ? you have till Dec. 31st of this year!

2020 OBERAMMERGAU - 2020 is at hand! Hopefully you can join us for the Passion Play at Oberammergau in Bavaria in July. It is a remarkable experience. We will also be going to many wonderful places and Shrines ! Hope you can join us ! There is still time to join in but the time is at hand to sign up!

VEILS - Did you get your beautiful veil by our own Nellie yet ? They also make wonderful gifts for your family and friends. All the proceeds are donated by Nellie to our Ladies' Sodality.

VOLUNTEERS - Many thanks to all who have worked so hard to decorate our Shrine, Hall and Parish grounds. Of special mention are Dr. Richard Hyland; Steve Vignolo; Marita Page, Josie McBride and all, the others who helped with the Open House. Of course, we thank Canon Pérez for the many, many hours spent planning and actually decorating everything himself. Many graces and blessings to all!

PROMPT SUCCOR - Rev. Canon will celebrate a High Mass at the National shrine in New Orleans on January 15th at 2 PM. All are invited who can make it. We will also celebrate it here on January 8th and will pray her Novena here each day from Dec. 30 - Jan. 8th.

CHRISTMAS NOVENA - The annual Traditional Novena for Christmas begins THIS Tuesday December 17th until the 24th. We will be saying it here at daily and Sunday Masses.

SCHEDULES - Mass schedules for Christmas and the Christmas Season can be found in the Church and Hall. Please take and check!

BLESSING OF MANGERS - As is the Roman custom, Rev. Canon will bless the manglers of those who bring them (the Christ Child statue usually) TODAY, Gaudete Sunday. Please don't forget to get your Manglers blessed!

CONFESSION BOOK - Rev. Canon's new book on Confession is available in the back of the Church already. It will be of great help in the examination of your conscience. A donation of \$8 is asked.

LEGION OF MARY - The Praesidium of Our Lady of Victory will meet on each Monday, Dec. 23rd and 30th, respectively, because of the celebration of Christmas and New Year's Day.

LADIES' RAFFLE - Ladies' Sodality Raffle will be held after the High Mass on the Sunday before Christmas, December 22nd. This year they will raffle a beautiful antique framed picture of the Holy Family and a very special Mass Kit Set for little boys to practice saying Mass on. Very exceptional. Tickets will be \$3. Help our ladies who do so much for us!

HOLY NAME SOCIETY - The Men will have their monthly meeting NEXT Sunday, Dec. 22nd at 9 AM in the Canon Pérez Hall.

SAVE THE DATES - Annual Vigil Mass on Tues., December 31, at 4 PM, followed by Benediction and the chanting of the end of the year Te Deum in thanksgiving for 2019 and petition for 2020. A Low Mass on St. Stephen's Day, Thurs., Dec. 26th at 8 AM, followed by Benediction and Novena to the Infant of Prague. Mass on Fri., Dec. 27th will be at 7 PM.

GAUDETE SUNDAY

by Dom Prosper Guéranger



"Today, again, the Church is full of joy, and the joy is greater than it was. It is true that her Lord has not come; but she feels that He is nearer than before, and therefore she thinks it just to lessen some what the austerity of this penitential season by the innocent cheerfulness of her sacred rites. And first, this Sunday has had the name of *Gaudete* given to it, from the first word of the Introit; it also is honoured with those impressive exceptions which belong to the fourth Sunday of Lent, called *Laetare*. The organ is played at the Mass; the vestments are rose-colour; the deacon resumes the dalmatic, and the subdeacon the tunic; and in cathedral churches the bishop assists with the precious mitre. How touching are all these usages, and how admirable this condescension of the Church, wherewith she so beautifully blends together the unalterable strictness of the dogmas of faith and the graceful poetry of the formulae of her liturgy. Let us enter into her spirit, and be glad on this third Sunday of her Advent, because our Lord is now so near unto us. To-morrow we will resume our attitude of servants mourning for the absence of their Lord and waiting for Him; for every delay, however short, is painful and makes love sad....The Station is kept in the basilica of St. Peter, at the Vatican. This august temple, which contains the tomb of the prince of the apostles, is the home and refuge of all the faithful of the world; it is but natural that it should be chosen to witness both the joy and the sadness of the Church. Thy path through all the ages of this world's duration, will be right as that of the just man; thou wilt ever be the same unchanging Church, as thou hast been during the eighteen hundred years past, whilst everything else under the sun has been but change. Whence this thy stability, but from Him who is very truth and justice? Glory be to Him in thee! Each year, He visits thee; each year, He brings thee new gifts, wherewith thou mayst go happily through thy pilgrimage; and to the end of time, He will visit thee, and renew thee, not only with the power of that look wherewith Peter was renewed, but by filling thee with Himself, as He did the ever glorious Virgin, who is the object of thy most tender love, after that which thou bearest to Jesus Himself. We pray with thee, O Church, our mother, and here is our prayer: 'Come, Lord Jesus! Thy name and Thy remembrance are the desire of our souls: they have desired Thee in the night, yea, and early in the morning have they watched for Thee.'