

ST. VALENTINE'S

SUNDAY DECEMBER 3rd 1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT, (BLUE)

BLESSING & LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

9:30AM Mass for the soul of the departed Richard Taylor; From All Souls List.

MONDAY DECEMBER 4th ST. BARBARA ,VIRGIN & MARTYR, (RED)

8AM Mass for the health of the sick.

TUESDAY DECEMBER 5th OF THE 1st WEEK OF ADVENT, (BLUE)

8AM Mass for the intentions of our Parish Family

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 6th ST. NICHOLAS OF MYRA, ABBOT, (WHITE)

8AM Mass for an Increase of vocations.

10AM Fr. Carmen will attend a meeting of the Christian Communities gathering in Wilke-Barre.

THURSDAY DECEMBER 7th ST. AMBROSE OF MILAN, BISHOP & MARTYR (RED)

8AM Mass for the soul of the departed Pauline Bolock, from he All Souls Day list.

FRIDAY DECEMBER 8th THE CONCEPTION OF MARY BY ST. ANNE, (WHITE)

8AM Mass for the soul of the departed p. Casimir Grotnik; 8th Anni of death.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 10th 2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT, (BLUE)

LESSON: Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11 **LESSON:** 2nd Peter 3:8-14 **GOSPEL:** St. Mark 1:1-8

9:30AM Mass for the soul of the departed Irene Adams; from all Souls Day List.

MARK YOUR CALANDERS: DECEMBER 25th Christmas Day

Y.M.S. of R CLOTHING: Will hold their annual Clothing Drive again this year. The drive is to aid people in need. The Y has done this over a decade. The top parishes will receive a cash prize. \$200.00 for first place; \$159.00 for second; and \$100.00 for third. Clothing will be

collected until January 6th. The clothing can be turned over to local charities. In the past my parishes have won first and second prize. If you are donating clothing please call the rectory before bringing the clothing. Please note the clothing is to be in good shape and wearable.

WHY BLUE FOR ADVENT?: For many years Advent used the color Purple. But in the past number of years we have changed to blue, Why? because we do not do the same things in Advent that we do in Lent. Although we think about our sins which Jesus came to earth to take away, we do not deny ourselves of things in our life. We do focus on the people we meet during this time. Such as Our Blessed Mother, John the Baptizer, Isaiah the Prophet. They turn our thoughts to the coming of Jesus in our world. We will also use Rose on the 3rd Sunday of Advent. When we will see John the Baptizer. We use this time to not only prepare our homes, but to prepare our souls as fitting managers to receive Jesus.

A TIME OF WAITING: We have come to the great time of anticipation Advent. The world is filled with anticipation. Children are waiting to see Santa Clause to give him their list of wishes for Christmas, adults have anticipation of parties, and what gifts to buy. Mothers and Grandmothers are planning what cookies they will bake. The Prophet Isaiah tells us about waiting, waiting for the one who was promised, the one who would come to save us. We will be told many things during this short but meaningful season. John the Baptizer will tell us about the "one who will come after him." The waiting will take time. Until the one we are waiting for appears. We all need to have the anticipation of children. Preparing ourselves for the coming of Jesus at Christmas.

CHANUKAH: This Thursday Evening December 7th our friends of the Jewish faith will begin the observance of Chanukah. Chanukah marks the time when the Jews reclaimed the temple from the Greeks. When they went to light the eternal lamp there was only enough oil for one night. By a miracle it burned for eight nights. The time will be marked with eating fried foods, and the children will receive one gift each night.

IN NEED OF PRAYER: If there is someone you know who is in need of prayer, please tell Fr. Carmen and they will be added to our prayer list.