

**SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

Sunday, November 25, 2018

7:00AM Patricia Debany

8:30AM George J. McCarron (55th Anniversary)

10:00AM In Honor of Mr. & Mrs. Anthony

Pantepinto's 45th Wedding Anniversary

11:30AM Rocco DiTaranto

Monday, November 26, 2018

8:00AM Joseph Clapper

1:00PM ADORATION

Tuesday, November 27, 2018

8:00AM Frank Magee, Sr.

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

8:00AM Joseph Clapper

Thursday, November 29, 2018

8:00AM John M. Dick

Friday, November 30, 2018

8:00AM Deacon Art McGuire

Saturday, December 1, 2018

8:00AM Charles DiPietro (39th Anniversary)

4:00PM For the People of the Parish

Sunday, December 2, 2018

7:00AM Frank Magee, Sr.

8:30AM Joseph Conner

10:00AM Deacon Art McGuire

11:30AM Helen Grinnan

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE



This candle burns to remind us of the sacramental presence of Jesus Christ. (If you wish to have the Sanctuary Candle burn for a week in memory of a loved one, or for the Special Intention of a loved one, you can make arrangements by coming to the rectory. Offering of \$20 requested).



MEMORIAL FOR NOVEMBER 2018

BREAD~Leo A. Mullin, Jr & Theresa St. Leger

WINE~Ann & David Toner & William Stinger, Jr.

†REMEMBER ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED†

*Especially, Elizabeth Woods, Mary Kathleen Bonner,
William "Jack" Kline*

May they rest in God's peace and May their families be comforted.



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Debbie Peterson at sfscripsales@gmail.com call 484-432-1472

Sunday hours: CCR (building behind Church): 9-11:15AM.

ATTENTION: NO SALES THANKSGIVING WEEKEND

HOLIDAY BULLETIN DEADLINES:

The following dates are **DEADLINES** for the upcoming Holiday Bulletins. Thank you in advance for your cooperation! Send all bulletin requests to Joan Curtis at sfbulletin@hotmail.com.

Bulletin 12/23: Due 12/13 by 4PM

Bulletin 12/30: Due 12/19 by 4PM

Bulletin 1/6/19: Due 12/26 by 4PM

2018 DAY OF SANCTIFICATION FOR PRIESTS

The priests of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia assemble each year for a day of prayer and reflection on the Sacred Priesthood. This year our priests will gather with Archbishop Chaput at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary on Monday, December 3rd, for the 2018 Day of Sanctification for Priests. Please pray for all priests of the Archdiocese, especially this weekend and Monday, with the following prayer from the Roman Missal:

Lord our God, who in governing Your people, make use of the ministry of Priest, grant to these men a persevering obedience to Your will, so that by their ministry and life they may gain glory for You in Christ. Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK



Baby Michael Farley	7 y/o Lexi Cable	Baby Caroline Ferry
Shiloh Cronck		14 y/o Evan Farrington
Timothy Duke	Dominic Rosini	Gino Francisco
Meghan Rauchut	Diane Colgan	Marjorie Silli
Isabella Carullo	Emilee Serrano	Carrie Serrano
Mag Post	Robby Wonder	Bill Colgan
Pam Flood	Susan Marcantonio	James Fox
Rich Buckley	Doreen Grafstrom	Monique Carpenter
Peter Minnis	Marie Brown	Andrew Barna
Bridget McHugh	Anne McGlone	Jack Valvardi
Steven Little	John Harlow	Jackie McPeake
Anna Rokos	Richard Gildea	Bill Seavey
Daniel Fahey	John Conforti	Colleen Minnis
Bob Iatesta	Phyllis Dunn	Violet McGeever
Nicole Vela Small	Linda Marandola	Terri DeSantis
Diana Nardello	Ryan Montgomery	Christopher Biddle
Alan Lauer	Robert Busch	Barry Hill
Kathy Fritz	MaryLou Dellipriscoli	Jim McDonnell
Kenneth M. Siebert	Jeannette Siebert	Shealyn Mencil
Rev. Mark Kunigonis	Cynthia Fries	Rita Murphy
Rita O'Donnell	Judy Devine	Dr. Bill Hushion
Tony McGinley	Doris O'Hara	Joann Hoffman
Cass Johnston Lavan	Roseanne Dappollone	Beth McCarron
William Teste	John Peters	Jon Grady
Jean Gallagher	Shealyn Mencil	Stephen Marchini
Kathleen Mullin	Ralph Feindt	Marty Meenan
Stephen Spence	Henry Gray	Mary Benedetti
Thomas Nolan	Lauren McRae	

If you have someone you would like prayed for, OR have removed from prayer list, please email Joan Curtis at sfbulletin@hotmail.com or call the Rectory at 610-543-0848. Thank you for your prayers.

ST. JOHN'S HOSPICE

Thank you for your generous donations to the breakfast collection for the homeless men. Our next collection will be **December 1st & 2nd**. Please leave your donations of breakfast cereals, coffee, tea and personal bath items at the doors of the Church. Let's feed our brothers with food and love! Thank you for being so thoughtful and generous!!



BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

First Sunday of Advent ~ December 2nd

Jeremiah 33:14-16

In this reading, Jeremiah prophesizes about the coming fulfillment of God's promise to Israel and Judah. The promise was to provide a secure and safe environment, run by a just king. Jeremiah's audience had no idea that Jesus would be that fulfillment! When have you been surprised by the workings of God in your life? In someone else's life?

1 Thessalonians 3:12—4:2

Do you know someone that needs your encouragement? How can you show God's love to them?

Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches his disciples to be ready when the Son of Man comes in glory. This day is described as a time of great tribulation. Imagine yourself being present during this teaching. Would you react with a content or anxious heart?



Dear friends in Christ,

As we review the history of the Catholic Church in the United States, we are aware of the example and contribution of outstanding men and women in consecrated religious life. Here in our own Archdiocese of Philadelphia, Saint John Neumann and Saint Katharine Drexel stand out prominently and we revere their memory. These two notable figures invite us to reflect upon the ministry and service of those unsung consecrated religious, so very many throughout the decades, that have built up our local Church.

These consecrated persons, men and women, have lived out their sacred calling in exemplary fashion. By their service in education, health ministry, caring for the most needy, and in contemplative life they have been visible instruments of God's grace. Living out daily their faithful commitment, they have enabled persons of every background to accept and rejoice in the Gospel.

With gratitude for their dedicated service and yet recognizing the situation confronting so many congregations with declining vocations and caring for their senior members, each year our Archdiocese participates in the national **Retirement Fund for Religious Collection**. This collection provides an opportunity for us to demonstrate gratitude and personal concern for how they have affected each of us.

As Archbishop and as a Religious, I ask prayers for our consecrated persons who strive to live out their special calling. Likewise, I encourage your generous support for this national collection scheduled for **December 1-2, 2018**. May the Lord reward your generosity and may His peace fill your hearts.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap.
Archbishop of Philadelphia

SFA CYO is the recipient of the United Way under the Honor Option Plan. Your donation supports our activities for youth of our parish. If you wish to support the CYO, please indicate:

CYO/ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI/SPRINGFIELD #7046 SFA CYO

Christmas Quiz #3



Where did the tradition of putting a Christmas crèche in our homes originate?

Discover the answer and listen with new ears to the sounds and symbols of Christmas at our Three Parish event:

Do You Hear What I Hear?

Sunday, November 25, 2:00-4:00PM

St. Kevin's Hall (beneath the church)

For Adults & children ages 7 & up

Babysitting for children 6 & under

Refreshments/Prizes/Making of an Advent Wreath

BABYSITTING DURING MASS

Babysitting is available during the 8:30-10:00 Mass. Please note there is a **new location**. Babysitting is now taking place in the **Pre-school room of St. Francis School**. Please enter by the gate to the little playground. Infants to age 4 years old are welcome. No registration is necessary.

WEEKLY MEN'S GROUP AT SFA

Weekly Men's Group meets here at St. Francis every **Saturday, 7-8AM** in "Conway Conference Room" (building behind Church). Experience the power of investing one hour a week with men who share a desire to be better husbands, fathers, grandfathers, leaders, followers, sons and friends. Free material is supplied. For more info, call Rob Longo 610.544.2103.

FLAME OF LOVE CENACLE at ST. FRANCIS

The parish Cenacle Group meets each **Monday at 1:30PM in the Church** for Adoration and the Rosary. Join us to pray for priests, the dying, the souls in purgatory and for our parish. All are welcome.

LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary presidium, called Our Lady Queen of Peace, meets every **Thursday evening at 7:00PM**, in Conference Room 'A' of the Rectory basement. We welcome those interested in becoming members and auxiliary members. Members do two hours a week of good work for the parish; auxiliary members pray for the universal Church and the intentions of the Blessed Mother. Come and see what you can do for Our Lady.

MOM'S FAITH SHARING GOSPEL

REFLECTION GROUP

ADVENT 2018

Are you looking for ways to connect your faith with Advent in a more meaningful way? Come out to the Mom's Faith Sharing Group to take time to reflect upon the weekly Gospel readings, Advent ideas and fellowship with other moms. We are also going to coordinate service opportunities as well! All our women are welcome!

Meeting Dates: 11/28 ~ Library 7PM

12/5 ~ Conway Hall 7PM

12/12 ~ Library 7PM

12/19 ~ Library 7PM

For more information, please contact Helen at hedowns@aol.com or Mary at mary.letourneau521@gmail.com.

Rite of Welcome? What's It All About?



This is a rite celebrated during the RCIA process, a process of faith development and catechetical instruction which culminates in full membership in the Roman Catholic Church.

After a period of Inquiry into the Catholic faith, inquirers make a decision to continue the process.

The Rite of Welcoming is celebrated with candidates, those who have been baptized in another faith tradition.

On November 25th, at the 10:00AM Mass, we celebrated The Rite of Welcome with Zachary Hilt.

Please welcome our candidate and keep him in prayer as he journeys towards full communion in the Catholic Church this upcoming Easter season!

ST. FRANCIS OVER 50



The next meeting is December 6th. We will be celebrating our 35th Anniversary! It will be a festive meeting for MEMBERS ONLY. All members are encouraged to attend this celebration. REMINDER: This is the last meeting to purchase Tickets for the Christmas Luncheon (Dec. 13) at Drexelbrook. Members may invite guests.

UPCOMING TRIPS:

Casino Trips: (12/10~Resorts) (1/21~Resorts) Cost: \$23 with a return of \$25 in slot play. Bus leaves at 10AM. Call Bob Hodgson at 610-449-2956.

Dec. 3: Hunterdon Hills for their Christmas show called "Christmas in the Air". There will be original songs, classic and traditional Christmas favorites, hilarious comedy sketches, spectacular dance numbers, and a great orchestra. Cost is \$95 (includes bus, show, full course meal, and dessert buffet). Bus leaves at 9 am. Call Dan Fahey at 610-544-4632 or 610-291-0565. (Payment is past due).

For Rosaries: call Claire Doyle at 610-604-0160

For Membership: call Betty Pote at 610-544-7570

The club is non-denominational and all are welcome!

God Bless All Who Serve Our Country



Davidson Cox ~ Skip Turner ~ Kevin Geiger ~ Jon Hylton
Connor Lyons ~ Michael McGarvey ~ Steven Ramoni
Mike Froeter ~ Daniel McLee ~ Bill McDermott ~ Dan Marchini
James McDonald ~ Timothy McCans ~ Patrick J. Ryan, Jr.
Sean Sweeney ~ Michael Jones ~ Peter Quinn ~ Joseph Spence
Mitch Devine ~ Rick Kern, Jr. ~ Cale Amador
Timothy Drabyak ~ Daniel McGonigal
James M. Ketler, Jr ~ Jonathan Butterfield
Jimmy Braconnier ~ Colin Butler ~ Liam Golden
Jake & John-Michael Bartivic ~ Nicholas & Stephen Peranteau
Anthony Del Vecchio ~ Shane Donnelly
Jesse and Chase Stewart ~ Shawn McConaghy

Let us pray for those who SERVE and PROTECT...

Dear Lord, bless our soldiers, protectors of our land. Servants called to battle when our country takes a stand.

Please give them the strength and courage and hearts that will forgive. With peace and understanding in a world for all to live. Our country's prayers are with them, no matter where they roam. Please listen when they are lonely and return them safely home. Amen.

WHITE ELEPHANT THRIFT SHOP



There are many ideas for Christmas gifts available at the shop. Come in and we know you will find that special gift. The shop also sells trees, lights, and a variety of indoor and outdoor decorations. The store is open on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 9:00 – 2:00PM. The store accepts donations on those days from 9:00 – 1:00PM. As a reminder – do not leave items outside the shop. Too many have been damaged by weather and have to be discarded. Thank you for your cooperation.

PRO-LIFE INFO...

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PRAYER PROGRAM

Second Month

Your spiritually adopted baby is growing very quickly. They are now 1 ¼ inches long and weigh 1/30 of an ounce. But if they were to keep growing all 9 months as fast as they grow during the second month, they would weigh 14 TONS at birth! Luckily, the growth rate slows down dramatically so that they will probably weigh somewhere between 7 and 8 pounds at birth. All internal organs, their heart, stomach, liver and kidneys, are present and beginning to work. Brain waves have been recorded at 40 days. Your baby's finger prints are formed and will never change except for size.

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PRAYER

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn child whom I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion.

MONTHLY JOINT PRO-LIFE MEETING

Please join us at our monthly Pro-life meeting on **Wednesday, December 5**, at 7 PM at Holy Cross Parish Center, located behind the school in the parking lot. Your prayers and suggestions are most welcome.

Jesus, protect and save the unborn.

"PRO-LIFE" LINES"

Crisis Pregnancy Resource hotline: 610-626-4006.

Rachel's Vineyard Post-Abortion healing: 877-HOPE-4-ME
www.rachelsvineyard.org.

A Baby's Breath 24-hour hotline: 484-580-6436,
www.ababysbreath.org.

Delaware County Pregnancy Center: www.dcpchester.org.

Mother's Home: 610-583-HOME, www.mothershome.org.

Pro-Life Union of Delaware County: 610-789-LIFE,

www.prolifedelco.org.

ST. FRANCIS FAMILY ROSARY GROUP

Father Patrick Peyton is known for saying, "The family that prays together stays together." The St. Francis Family Rosary Group meets to bring families together for the purpose of prayer – to pray for families and youth, the parish, our priests, bishops, our Holy Father Pope Francis, the Universal Church and peace in the world as requested by Our Lady of Fatima. If you have any questions, please contact Anita Galligan at anitagalligan1@verizon.net or Beth McCarthy at mccarthy9022@aol.com

Family Rosary group meets at 7pm in the church. Families and individual parishioners of all ages are all welcome to join us!



PARISH CATHOLIC BOOK CLUB

Coordinated by the Three Parish Adult Faith Formation Team

The Three Parish Book Club (AKA: The No Guilt Book Club) meets on the last **Wednesday of the month at 7pm** in the Parish Center of Holy Cross Church. At each meeting, we not only discuss the selected book(s) but also offer suggestions of books we personally enjoyed. You need not have read the month's selection to attend. We would love to have you join us for refreshments and conversation!

DECEMBER: The Witness of Early Christian Women by Mike Aquilina.

For more information, please call Joy Van Berg at 610- 328-2095.

HOPE IN CHRIST:

SPIRITUAL SUPPORT FOR ADDICTIONS

"I will heal my people and will let them enjoy abundant peace and security."

~Jeremiah 33:6

Seeking solace and spiritual support in the journey towards recovery? Many local parishes are offering ways to experience Christ's extended hand of love and mercy in your time of need. Find Catholic resources for addiction for you or your loved one at www.archphila.org/hope

what's happenin'!

ADVENT DIRECTED RETREAT EXTENDED

December 7 - 4:00pm to December 14 - 11:00am

Consider making a silent retreat this Advent, preparing yourself interiorly for the coming of Christ, for the continual coming of Christ...the coming of love, of hope, of truth.

It's a weekend of prayer and silence to listen more deeply to the voice of God within, and to share what is heard during this silence with an experienced spiritual guide. Cost: \$535 - \$605 (depending upon room choice). Registration: Please register online (www.straphaelcenter.org) or call St. Raphael Center at 610-642-5715 by **Monday, November 26.**

MALVERN RETREATS: December 3: An Evening of Reflection with Heather Makowicz, certified spiritual director. Allowing Jesus to Come Close is the theme for this new retreat evening for men and women. To register go to www.malvernretreat.com/calendar or call 610-644-0400

"MAIN LINE SINGLES DINNER CLUB" (AGES 52-66) Catholic men & women are cordially invited to join to share common interests & dine together twice a month. Scheduled events: **Sun., Dec 9, 5:30pm**, a Christmas Restaurant Event at The Choice Restaurant located at 845 W. Lancaster Ave., Bryn Mawr. **Mon., Dec. 31**, Our New Year's Eve Restaurant Event at 9pm, at Stephen's On State Restaurant, located at 105 W. State St., Media. More info call Barb (610) 896-6542.

CHRISTMAS TRAIN SHOWCASE AND SPECIAL

GUEST...SANTA Nov. 25th 12-4pm, Dec. 1st 2-6pm, Dec. 2nd 12-4pm. The Knoetgen-Donohue Funeral Home, 746 Kedron Ave., Morton, Pa. 19070. 610-544-0600. For more info, visit us on Facebook at The Donohue Funeral Home, www.kdfuneralhome.com. www.donohuefuneralhome.com.

SAINTS AND SAINTLY PEOPLE: OSCAR ROMERO

Thursday, November 29, 9-11:30AM. Presenter: Teena Weisler-Vega. Stipend: \$15. Our newly canonized saint, Oscar Romero, is the focus of this day. Romero epitomized the unity of faith and justice, and was an outspoken advocate for the poor of El Salvador during the country's civil war in the 1980's. To register, please call 610-581-0120 or email ihmconferencecenter@gmail.com.

IMMACULATA SYMPHONY PRESENTS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Immaculata Symphony will hold their annual Christmas Concert on **Sunday, December 2, 3pm** in Alumnae Hall on Immaculata University's campus. Members of the Immaculata University chorale, led by Dorina Morrow, will join the Immaculata Symphony, conducted by music director Joseph Gehring, for the concert. They will perform holiday favorites, traditional Christmas songs, as well as sing-alongs for the audience to enjoy.

The cost for the Christmas Concert is \$10 for general admission and free for children under the age of 12. More information and tickets are available online at www.eventbrite.com

CEMETERY BLANKETS The Holy Cross KOC #15482 will be holding their Annual Cemetery Blanket Sale. Price will be \$22.00 per blanket. As we did last year we are also going to be selling 22/24" Door Wreaths w/Bow as well. Wreaths are \$23.00 each. To place an order you can call, text or e-mail Andy Grajek @ 610-761-9020 or gfrandy@juno.com and leave your name, phone number & the amount of blankets/wreaths that you wish to order. Please leave your contact information. There will also be order forms on the tables in the vestibules of Holy Cross Church throughout the sale. If you contact me by e-mail, I can also send you a form electronically. Checks/orders can be sent by mail. Make checks payable to: Holy Cross K.O.C. #15482. Checks can be mailed to: Cemetery Blankets, c/o Andy Grajek, 492 Indian Rock Dr., Springfield PA 19064. Cemetery blankets will be available for pick up in the Holy Cross School Parking Lot on **Saturday, 12/08** from 8:30am until 11:00am.

WIGILIA ADVENT SOCIAL - St. Mary's Hall (at the corner of Elm and Oak Streets in Conshohocken) **Sunday December 16** at 12:30 pm (following the 11 am Mass).

This event is co-sponsored by St. Mary's Quasi-Parish and St. Mary Polish American Society and will feature some of the traditional foods enjoyed at a Polish Christmas Eve Wigilia. There will also be a basket raffle, blessed opłatki wafers available to take home, and pre-ordered babka and pierogi available for pick-up. Admission is \$15 and \$6 for children 18 or under. Family rate of \$45.00 for larger families (parents & children). Pre-ordered cinnamon and cheese babka are available for \$15 each and frozen potato pierogi are available for \$9 a dozen. To purchase tickets

for the Wigilia Advent Social and order babkas and pierogi, please email stmaryconshy@gmail.com or call Dorothy Swedkowski at 610-630-0861.

ATTENTION LADIES: Do you or any ladies you know need hair care at your home? I offer all services. Color, cut, perm or just a weekly blowout. I have been in the business over 25 years. I have all supplies for all your needs. I have been a lifetime Springfield resident. Don't hesitate to reach out! Call Stacey Godsey at 610-246-9441.

THE CALIX SOCIETY: Enhancing our 12-step program with Christ and His Church. The Calix Society is an international association of Catholic alcoholics who have and are maintaining their sobriety through affiliation with, and participation in a 12-Step recovery program. On the 2nd Monday of each month, we meet at Nativity B.V.M. Parish, located at Monroe and Franklin Streets, Media, PA. If interested or for more information, please contact Amy at 610-405-7747 or Dan at 484-432-9796. All are welcome!

CALLING ALL FASHIONISTAS!!!

Cardinal O'Hara High School 2019 Fashion Show is **February 17, 2019** @ Drexelbrook for more info contact: cohshfashionshow2019@gmail.com. Celebrating 55 years of Pride, Excellence and Tradition!

ADVENT DAY OF PRAYER AT RAPHAEL CENTER

Dec 5, 2018: 8:30am-3:30pm. The prophet Isaiah looked forward to the "anointed one" who would come to bring good news to the poor, to heal the broken-hearted, to release captives, and to set prisoners free. As we make our journey through Advent we continue the work of the Prince of Peace by announcing the Good News that God has not forgotten his people. So, we seek healing and forgiveness for the wounds within us and in our world. Highlights of the day: Presentations by Fr. McIsaac, SJ; Personal time for prayer and reflection; Communal sharing; Sacrament of reconciliation; Celebration of the Eucharist with African purification ritual. Cost: \$45. Registration: Please register online (www.straphaelcenter.org) or call St. Raphael Center at 610-642-5715.

COME AND SEE WEEKENDS A Come and See Weekend is a perfect opportunity for men who are considering a vocation to come to St. Charles Borromeo Seminary to see what seminary life is like and explore the possibility of their own call to the priesthood. This is an ideal retreat for someone who is actively pursuing a call to the priesthood. It is also a great opportunity for a man who has been evangelized to explore the possibility of a call to the priesthood! The weekend includes reflections on the priesthood, vocation stories from seminarians, Liturgy of the Hours, Mass and Eucharistic Adoration. Come and See Weekends are scheduled for high school men and post-high school men on separate weekends. To learn more, or to register for a particular weekend, visit www.heedthecall.org/comeandsee.com or contact the Vocation office at 610-667-5778.

HIGH SCHOOL MEN POST-HIGH SCHOOL MEN

Dec. 8-9, 2018
Jan. 26-27, 2019
Feb. 16-17, 2019

Jan. 18-20, 2019
Feb. 22-24, 2019
Mar. 29-31, 2019

Mr. Jeffrey P. Braconnier: Regional Youth Minister for the parishes of St. Francis of Assisi, Holy Cross and St. Kevin. Mr. Braconnier's contact information: Phone- 610-544-8777-jbraconnier@stkevin.com

The High School "LIFE" Youth Group meets Sunday evenings:6:30-8PM.

The Middle School "EDGE" Youth Group (6th ~ 8th Grades) meets Wednesday evenings: 6:30- 8PM.

Both groups meet at St. Kevin's

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SAINT ANDREW CHRISTMAS NOVENA

 The Saint Andrew Christmas Novena is often called simply the "Christmas Novena" or the "Christmas Anticipation Prayer," because it is prayed 15 times every day from the Feast of Saint Andrew the Apostle (November 30) until Christmas. The First Sunday of Advent is the Sunday closest to the Feast of Saint Andrew.

The Novena is not actually addressed to Saint Andrew but to God Himself, asking Him to grant our request in the honor of the birth of His Son at Christmas. You can say the prayer all 15 times, all at once; or divide up the recitation as necessary (perhaps five times at each meal).

Prayed as a family, the Saint Andrew Christmas Novena is a very good way to help focus the attention of your children on the Advent season.

SAINT ANDREW CHRISTMAS NOVENA

Hail and blessed be the hour and the moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in piercing cold. In that hour, vouchsafe, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires, through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ, and of His Blessed Mother. Amen