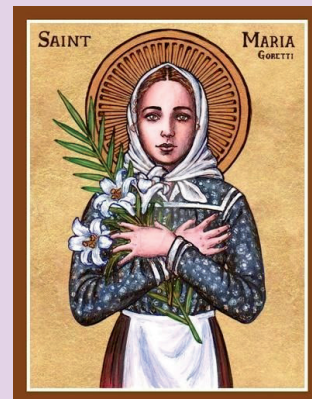




# HOLY VIRGIN MARTYRS

St. Beatrice and St. Maria Goretti Parish

December 10, 2023  
Second Sunday of Advent



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**Weekend Mass: Saturday—4:30pm, Sunday—9:30am, 11:30am**

**Weekday Mass: Monday—Thursday at 8:30am**

**Holy Day Masses: 8:30am, 12:00pm, 7:00pm**

**Confession (Reconciliation): Saturdays from 3:30-4:00pm**

**Baptisms: Celebrated once a month at 1:00pm**

**Contact the rectory to register as a new parishioner or to schedule a Baptism, Wedding, Funeral, or Anointing.**

# From the Pastor's Desk

Even though this is only the Second Sunday of Advent, we're already almost halfway through the Advent season. That is because this year we have the shortest possible Advent season – it will only last for three weeks and a few hours. That is because Christmas falls on a Monday this year. You see, there always needs to be four Sundays in Advent, but not necessarily four weeks. This year, the Fourth Sunday of Advent falls on Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>, which means that a few hours after we begin the Fourth Sunday, we then arrive at Christmas Eve and the start of the Christmas season.

Keep in mind that there will be two separate Mass obligations between Dec. 23-25: attending a Fourth Sunday of Advent Mass, and attending a Christmas Mass. This is what the Mass schedule will be for Dec. 23-25:

For the Fourth Sunday of Advent, we will have our normal weekend Mass schedule: 4:30pm on Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>, and 9:30am & 11:30am on Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>.

For Christmas, we will have two Christmas Eve Masses on Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>: 4:00pm and Midnight. On Christmas Day, Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>, we will have two Masses: 9:30am & 11:30am.

If you notice, this means that there will be four Masses on Sunday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>, but the two morning ones will be for the Fourth Sunday of Advent, and the afternoon and evening Masses will be for Christmas. So again, the obligation for Catholics is to attend one Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Advent (on either Dec. 23 or 24), and one Mass for Christmas (on either Dec. 24 or Dec. 25).

But going back to what I said earlier, this is a short Advent season, and Christmas is only two weeks away. The purpose of Advent is to help us prepare our hearts to welcome Christ at Christmas. And one of the best ways to do that is by celebrating the sacrament of Reconciliation. **Our annual Advent confessions will be offered this Tuesday, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> from 7-8pm in church.** There will not be a prayer service. Instead, you are welcome to come anytime between 7-8pm for individual confession, and several priests will be available.

I also want to invite everyone to another Advent event that is designed to help us get into the spirit of the Christmas season. Our annual Christmas Concert, called the Infancy Narrative, will take place on Wednesday, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in church. At this free concert, our parish choir will sing beloved Christmas carols, interspersed with readings of the Gospel stories of Jesus' birth. Take a break from the busyness of December and come listen to the stories and music that remind us of the reason for the season.

Finally, the 2024 HYPOD raffle tickets are now available (HYPOD stands for Help Your Parish Out of Debt). HYPOD tickets are \$10. You can purchase them at the rectory, and they will also be available in the pamphlet rack at the back of church (they are green tickets). And while HYPOD tickets can be purchased anytime throughout the year, the best time to get them is now! That is because every ticket that you buy is valid for every weekly drawing of the year (because even if your ticket wins, it goes back into the pot for the next week's drawing). The weekly prize is either \$100 or \$500. It is possible to win more than once with one ticket. The first drawings for 2024 will begin in January, so any 2024 ticket that you buy before then will be valid for all 52 drawings of the year.

Holy Virgin Martyrs, pray for us. May God bless you.

Fr. Rob



**Sunday—December 10th**

9:30—Joseph & Theresa Marczak, req. Family  
 Franklin & Helen Losacco, req. Fran Losacco  
 Gene Danhoffer, req. Alice Danhoffer  
 Roger Alva, req. Family  
 Thomas Griffin, req. Family  
 John & Helen Myszka, req. Dennis & Nancy Myszka  
 Robert & Frances Rodgers, req. Dennis & Nancy Myszka  
 The Bejarano Family, req. The Loesacco Family  
 Ray & Lena Gennetti, req. Family  
 Matthew O'Brien, req. Family  
 James Skuarla, req. Mickey & Stacey Bacha  
 Blanca Selsky, req. Steve Selsky  
 Carlo Mele, req. Mother  
 Felix Soto, req. Family  
 Felipa Gonzales, req. Family  
 Bienvenida Caceres, req. Family  
 Enrique & Paula Gonzalez, req. Family

11:30—Matthew & Ida Hendle, req. Family  
 Michael T. Corbett, req. Joe & Kristen Bacha  
 Bernice Galey, req. Family  
 Deceased Memebbers Piotrowski & Pultorak Families, req. Robert & Christine Maszka

**Monday—December 11th**

8:30—Poor Souls In Purgatory, req. Family  
 Auntie E. Heidorn, req. Family  
 Joseph & Mary Traxler, req. Family

**Tuesday—December 12th**

8:30—Marilynne T. Carlson, req. Ministry of Consolation

**Wednesday—December 13th**

8:30—Poor Soul In Purgatory, req. Thomas Family

**Thursday—December 14th**

8:30—Joe Cunningham, req. Family  
 James Cunningham, req. Family  
 Kevin P. O'Neill, req. Family

**Saturday—December 16th**

4:30—Biaggio Trombatore, req. Trombatore Family  
 Joseph Ferrara, req. Family  
 Roy Butler, req. Linda Butler  
 Bronislawa Adamczyk, req. Daughter  
 Zbigniew Markiewicz, req. Family  
 Joseph Castellenti, req. Family  
 Samantha Viso, req. Viso Family

**Sunday—December 17th**

9:30—Joseph & Theresa Marczak, req. Family  
 Franklin & Helen Losacco, req. Fran Losacco  
 Roger Alva, req. Family  
 Thomas Griffin, req. Family  
 Ray & Lena Gennetti, req. Family  
 Ken Grove, req. Chraca Family  
 Don Jackson, req. Chraca Family  
 Matthew O'Brien, req. Family  
 Blanca Selsky, req. Steve Selsky  
 Joan Handler, req. Bonnie & Ron Anderson  
 Joseph Stendebach, req. Firk

11:30—Matthew & Ida Hendle, req. Family  
 Michael T. Corbett, req. Joe & Kristen Bacha  
 Jean Golinski, req. Nancy Davoli  
 Zachary Perry, req. Nancy Davoli  
 Domenico Missanelli, req. Wife

December 16th & 17th	4:30pm	9:30am	11:30am
Presider	Fr. Rob	Fr. Rob	Fr. Rob
Lector	Joan Golembiewski	Roy McCambell	Moses Diaz
Communion Ministers	N. Davoli C. Schreiner S. Shreiner	D. Kasper M. Morgan J. Traxler	B. Kirchen Z. Kirchen A. Caccavari
Altar Servers	C. Widuch M. Widuch	C. Fiore	O. Kucharczyk P. Kitlas



# Religious Education News

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## Upcoming Events

### Saturday, December 16th

Religious Ed. Class—9:00-11:30am  
*Communion Date Selection Sheet Due*

### Tuesday, December 19th

Religious Ed. Class—6:00-8:00pm  
*Communion Date Selection Sheet Due*

### Sunday, January 7th

Family Mass—11:30am  
The Grade will be reading  
and bringing up the gifts.

### Tuesday, January 9th

Religious Ed. Class—6:00-8:00pm

### Saturday, January 13th

Religious Ed. Class—9:00-11:30am

### Saturday, January 20th

Special Sacraments Class—9-11am

### Tuesday, January 23rd

Religious Ed. Class—6:00-8:00pm  
*Confirmation Biography Sheet Due*

### Saturday, January 27th

Religious Ed. Class—9:00-11:30am  
*Confirmation Biography Sheet Due*

### Wednesday, January 31st

First Reconciliation—7:00pm

### Saturday, February 3rd

Adult Confirmation Class  
9:30-11:00am

## What We're Learning

### Advent

We learned about the liturgical season of Advent. We learned that it is the period of time before Christmas that we use to prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming. We learned that Advent helps us to focus on the three comings of Jesus - in history by his birth in Bethlehem, in mystery by the ways we encounter Jesus in our daily lives especially in the sacraments, and in majesty when Jesus will return at the end of time to reign over God's kingdom. We learned that the liturgical color for Advent is purple. During Advent in church, we have a large Advent wreath, the wreath has four candles. Each week we light a candle. Three candles are purple - which represent the sacrifices we are making. One candle is pink, which is lit on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent. It represents our joy that we are half way to Christmas. To help us prepare for Jesus' coming our 3-5 grade students will celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation with Fr. Rob during our classes on December 16<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>.





# Pray For:

## Those Who Are Sick:

Betty Bajzek, Char Banyai, Laura Biagini, Terrie Boie, Sonia Bonacci, Frank Bosco, Pat Brandolino, Gus Campeotto, Benedetta Cortese, Bernie Cwan, Phyllis DiBenedetto, Joseph & Beatrice Giannone, Dora Gibellina, Rose & Pat Glasso, Judy Golab, Karla Gosinski, Ruth Gosinski, Howard & Carol Heidorn, Mary Hinterlong, Laura Gardeck & Jeff Hinz, Michael & Vivian Jennings, David Johnson, Brian Kelly, Joyce Knauss, Leonard Kuffer, Marguerite Kramer, Joan Lester, Reina Lopez, Vicky Majewski (nee Julitz), Ann Macey, Carole McCreery, Bryan McIntyre, David Medo, Peter Meyer, Barbara Miller, Pat Morgan, Lois Neilsen, Julie Parkinson, Charlotte Penczek, Nancy Piatek, Deacon Ron Pilarski, Leroy Plier, Joseph Powyszynski, Barbara Rodgers, Sandy Rogalski, Kathy Sassolino, Cathy & Steve Schreiner, Kim Schulz-Malkowski, Sue Schuyler, Susan Siekierski, Pat Sullivan, Sarah Tripoli, Joan & Bill Weichbrodt, Karen Weichbrodt, Jean Wesolowski, Nancy Wright

## Those in the Military

Sergeant Michael Bavone,  
Private Christopher Bavone,  
US Army Staff Sergeant  
John J. Schreiner,  
U.S.A.F. Sergeant Michael Keaty,  
HN Nathan Wrobbel US Navy,  
U.S.M.C. Gunnery Sergeant Osvaldo Rodriguez,  
U.S.M.C. Kyle E. Ruth,  
Omar Vee, Jr.,  
First Lieutenant Justin Hunt,  
US Army Michael Gutierrez.



## Hypod Winner

December 4, 2023

\$100 Winner—Chris Klug

Tickets are still available in the pamphlet rack in the back of church or from the Rectory during the week!



Week 12

\$20 Winner

Bill Olin—Ticket #1787



## Parish Support

Week of November 25th & 26th

Weekly	\$4,694.00
Maintenance	\$1,174.35
Fuel & Heat	\$51.00
Christmas Flowers	\$269.00
Thanksgiving	\$497.00
Immaculate Conception	\$1.00
Human Development	\$31.00

**MANY THANKS!**

### Second Collections:

The second collection on December 17th is for Fuel & Heat.

Please be as generous as you can.

If you would ever like to bring up the Gifts during Mass, please simply let the ushers know before Mass. Anyone is welcome to be a gift bearer.

## Receive The Blessed Sacrament of Holy Communion

HVM Ministers of Care can bring Holy Communion to our parishioners who are Homebound or Sick. If you or someone you know would like to receive Holy Communion, or would like to know more about this rewarding ministry, then please contact Nancy Ryan (parish nurse) either by leaving a message at the rectory or email at: [anne.ryan@ascension.org](mailto:anne.ryan@ascension.org).



## Christmas Concert

*Holy Virgin Martyrs’  
Annual Christmas Concert  
“The Infancy Narrative of the Lord”  
Will take place on  
Wednesday, December 20th  
at 7:00pm in Church.*

*This one—hour concert will feature  
the reading of the birth of our Savior and  
our choir singing Christmas Carols.*

*There is no admission fee,  
but a free will offering is appreciated.*



## Christmas Schedule

### 4th Sunday of Advent:

Saturday, December 23rd  
4:30pm

Sunday, December 24th  
9:30am and 11:30am

### Christmas Schedule:

Christmas Eve  
Sunday, December 24th  
4:00pm and Midnight

Christmas Day:  
Monday, December 25th  
9:30am and 11:30am



#### **CHRISTMAS WAFERS**

Christmas Wafers are  
available in the  
Bridal/Reconciliation Room  
in the back of church.  
Christmas Wafers are  
\$2.00 per package.

## Advent Confessions

We will have Advent Confessions  
on Tuesday, December 12th  
from 7:00-8:00pm.

There will be no prayer service,  
but we will have individual confessions  
and we will have four priests  
available to hear your confessions.



## Caroling

*Please join us for our annual  
Christmas Eve carol sing-along  
at 11:30pm on December 24th.*



## Music Notes

O Come Emmanuel, Messiah,  
Christ the King .



# Women's Club Update

The Holy Virgin Martyrs Harvest Bake Sale and Raffle was a big success. A heartfelt thanks to those who donated baked goods, raffle prizes, and their time working before and after all the Masses the weekend of the bake sale. Of course, the event wouldn't have been a success without the generosity of those who purchased raffle tickets and all of the wonderful baked goods available. Over \$1,900 was raised and all proceeds from the bake sale and raffle go directly to benefit the parish.

A big thank you also to the parish staff for having the raffle tickets printed in the bulletin and for making sure the gathering room and main entrance of the church were set up with the requested tables and chairs. Your assistance is truly appreciated.

Wishing all a blessed Advent and Christmas season.

The officers and members of the Holy Virgin Martyrs Women's Club

## Notes From The Parish Nurse...

November was Diabetes Awareness Month. With that in mind, I wanted to take this opportunity to provide some information to you about Diabetes Mellitus, more commonly known as Diabetes.

Diabetes is a chronic health disorder when the body does not make enough insulin or does not utilize it well enough, therefore permitting glucose (from the food we eat) into the bloodstream for sustained periods of time.

You may be familiar with the three main types of Diabetes: Type 1 where you need to take insulin daily, Type 2 where you may need medication or insulin to manage it, and Gestational Diabetes which may develop in pregnant women, and medications are sometimes used to help control blood sugar levels to help keep mom and baby healthy. There is also a Prediabetes category where blood sugar levels are higher than normal but not high enough for the diagnosis of diabetes.

As a result of elevated blood glucose levels over time, other diabetic health related issues can potentially develop including heart, kidney, or vision diseases.

Regardless of which category a person may find themselves in, it is essential to collaborate with your health care provider with the ultimate goals of controlling your blood sugar and following a healthy lifestyle. Staying active is very important, eating a healthy diet, and learning your healthy weight. Your health care provider can help provide resources to help with those goals.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, over 37 million people have diabetes with over 28 million diagnosed, and over 8 million undiagnosed and unaware of their diagnosis. According to the American Diabetes Association, 1.4 million people will be diagnosed with diabetes this year.

Some Diabetes symptoms to be aware of are:

Frequent urination, excessive thirst or hunger, loss of weight without trying, extreme fatigue, sores that heal slowly. If you have any of these symptoms or any other concerns, it is important to contact your health care provider and discuss getting your blood sugar tested. Hope this information proves to be helpful.

Resources used for this article: CDC.gov and diabetes.org (American Diabetes Association)

Blessings and Health to you,

Anne (Nancy) Ryan, RN  
Faith Community Nurse



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