

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 12, 2021



MASS INTENTIONS

- 5 p.m.: Martha & Frank Lombardi, Nancy Wood and Peter Pace
10 a.m.: Michael Faso, Richard Tolliver and Stanley Lewis

EXPOSITION OF SACRED RELICS

Approximately **150 relics** will be exposed for veneration at St. Mary's Church in Washingtonville this **Sunday, December 12.**

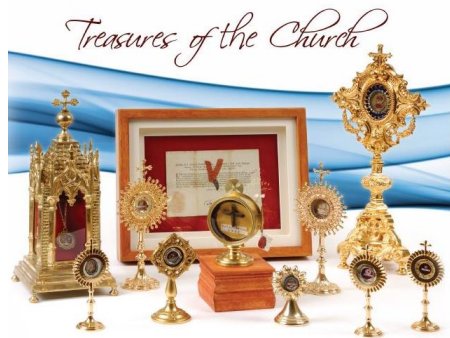
Father Carlos Martins, curator of this Vatican

collection, begins each "Treasurers of the Church" exposition with a presentation on relics, which will begin at 1:30 p.m.

Some of the relics that he will bring date back 2,000 years. Among them are those of St. Joseph, St. Maria Goretti, St. Therese of Lisieux (the "Little Flower"), St. Francis of Assisi, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Thomas Aquinas and St. Faustina Kowalska. There will also be a portion of the Veil of Our Lady and one of the largest remaining pieces of the True Cross in the world.

Throughout history, physical and spiritual healings have been worked in the presence of relics. Hundreds, if not thousands, have been reported back to this ministry. Articles of devotion, such as rosaries, and pictures of ill family members and friends may be brought to touch to the reliquaries as a means of intercession. There is no cost to attend.

Visit www.treasurersofthechurch.com for more information.



FINDING JOY



The period before Christmas has that remarkable quality of joy that seems to touch not only Christians but all who live in our society.

But Advent is not only a period of joy. It is also a time when those who are lonely feel lonelier than during other times of the year. Those who have hope feel much joy and desire to give. Those who have no hope feel more depressed than ever and are often thrown backward in despair.

When a person is surrounded by a loving, supportive community, Advent and Christmas seem pure joy. But let me not forget my lonely moments because it does not take much to make that loneliness reappear.

When Jesus was the loneliest, he gave the most. That realization should help to deepen my commitment to service and let my desire to give become independent of my actual experience of joy. Only a deepening of my life in Christ will make that possible.

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CONDOLENCES

We extend our deepest sympathies to Gail VanTassel who lost her brother, Stanley, at the end of November and now her brother, Larry, this week. Please keep her and the rest of the Lewis family in your prayers.

RECONCILIATION IN ADVENT

Reconciliation Monday: Reconciliation Monday will be at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church from 4-8 p.m. **Monday, December 20.** Several priests from the Carmelite Community will be available for Confession during these hours.

Reconciliation at St. Paul's: Fr. Sean will be available for Confession from 2-4:30 p.m. on two Saturdays this month, **December 11 and 18**, in the church confessional and, of course, by appointment.

TREASURER'S REPORT

November 28- December 5:

Totaled \$ 6,028.85

Envelopes: \$ 3,511.00 – Online: \$ 2,517.85

THANK YOU!

DECK THE HALLS ...

Our new Art & Environment Committee will be working its **decorating** magic at 11 a.m. **Monday, December 20.**

If you've got a few minutes to spare, an extra hand or two is always appreciated!



PAGEANT/CHOIR UPDATE



It's not too late to participate in our Children's Mass on Christmas Eve. Rehearsals are this **Sunday, December 12.**

Do you want to sing in the Children's Choir? Then meet Mrs. Garry in Deacon John Hall after Mass. New and returning singers welcome!

For those who would rather

have a role in the Pageant, meet with Mrs. Suchy in the church at 11:30 a.m.

There will also be pageant and choir rehearsals next Sunday right after Mass.

And parishioners are invited to join the choir for the holidays!

CELEBRATE WITH US!

Christmas Eve Mass/Children's Pageant
5 p.m. December 24

Christmas Eve Vigil Mass
8 p.m. December 24

Christmas Day Mass
10 a.m. December 25

No Vigil Mass for Sunday, December 26

Sunday, December 26: 10 a.m.

Saturday, January 1: 5 p.m. Vigil Mass (Solemnity of Mary is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year.)

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**St. Paul's
Youth
Christmas
Caroling**

12/12 REHEARSAL **12/18 CAROLING**

Youth Christmas Caroling Practice @ St. Paul's - 12 PM

4:45 PM - Arrival for those attending mass

5:45 PM - Arrival for those just coming to sing

6 - 8 PM - Christmas caroling in the parking lot

A CALL TO SOCIAL JUSTICE



Beverly Anne LoGrasso, a member of the Cleveland Ursuline Sisters since 1965 and a self-described "privileged white woman," has

served in education, administration and a prison ministry to women. But it was from behind the wheel of her car 20 years ago that her eyes were truly opened.

"The demands of freeway driving focused me on the road; in contrast, the drive through Cleveland's poorest neighborhoods focused me on striking income disparities," she says. "Travel as a spiritual act challenges me beyond hearing the Scripture readings from a safe and comfortable remove."

To read the full essay, visit:

https://www.globalsistersreport.org/news/ministry/column/travel-outside-our-comfort-zone-opens-our-eyes-we-might-see?utm_source=PANTHEON_STRIPPED&utm_campaign=PANTHEON_STRIPPED&utm_medium=PANTHEON_STRIPPED&utm_term=PANTHEON_STRIPPED

