

# SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 5, 2021



## MASS INTENTIONS

- 5 p.m.: Mary & George Olsen  
and Chris & Nic Pierce,
- 10 a.m.: Domingo & Rosalina Rodriguez,  
John Ribas and Asumpta Clara Vulaj

## HERE WE COME A-CAROLING

No one is quite sure when the first **Go Caroling Day** was observed or whose brainchild it was. However, in recent memory, December 20 has been declared the day to preserve this rich tradition – although some websites indicate December 19.

But at St. Paul's, it will be **December 18** on which our Youth Ministry members will share their jubilant voices in festive song. After the 5 p.m. Mass, they'll be positioned in front of the church. You can drive by or park and stay.

It is widely believed that caroling on Christmas started in 1223 at the church of St. Francis of Assisi, who thought it was merrier to sing songs full of joy during the holidays rather than solemn hymns. He is



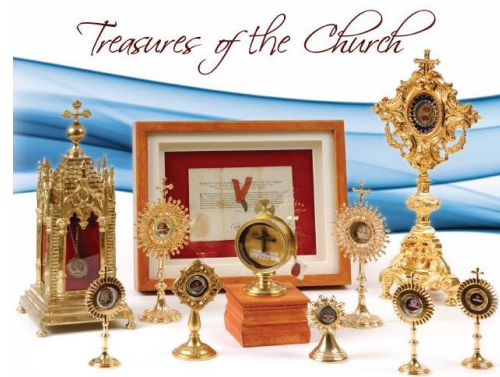
also credited with starting the live nativity scene; sorry, no barnyard animals will be present!

**All youth** are invited to practice

those carols – also called noels – at the rehearsal that will take place on **Sunday, December 12**, at a time to be determined. For information, please email [saintpaulsym@gmail.com](mailto:saintpaulsym@gmail.com) or call Chris at 248-3120.

## EXPOSITION OF SACRED RELICS

Approximately **150 relics** will be exposed for veneration at St. Mary's Church in Washingtonville next **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](http://www.treasurersofthechurch.com) for more information.

## SILENCE ISN'T ALWAYS GOLDEN



To know ourselves truly and acknowledge fully our own unique journey, we need to be known and acknowledged by others for who we are.

We cannot live a spiritual life in secrecy. We cannot find our way to true freedom in isolation.

Silence without speaking is as dangerous as solitude without community. They belong together.

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## TREASURER'S REPORT

**November 21-28: Totaled \$ 3,936.57**

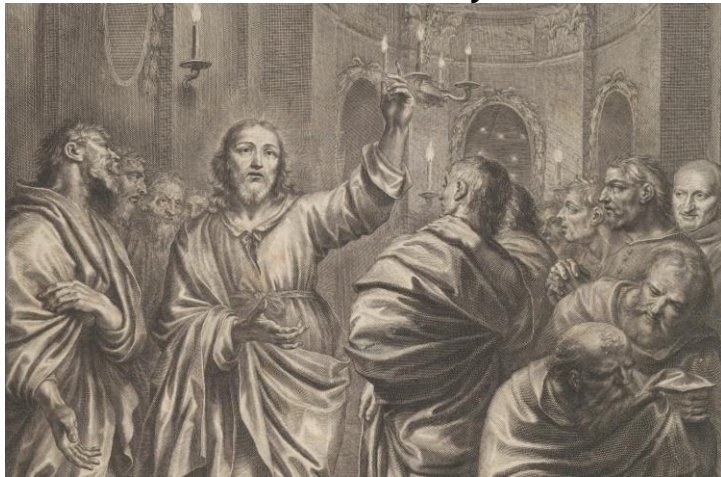
Envelopes: \$ 1,757.00 – Online: \$ 2,179.57

THANK YOU!

If we were really patient, we'd wait 'til Jesus' birthday to light his candles, right?



## CALL TO SOCIAL JUSTICE *Advent Anxiety*



**“The greatest temptation when I list my disappointments is to give up. Chronic anxiety has the potential to paralyze us. So much of what we have experienced and continue to experience can be disheartening, so Jesus’s exhortation to “stand erect and raise [our] heads” is an encouraging word in a time when the problems of the institutional Church and the nation may seem too big and beyond our grasp.”**

- Claudia Avila Cosnahan,

Commonweal Mission & Partnerships director

To read her complete essay about how Advent can help us find hope amid the year’s disappointments visit:  
<https://www.commonwealmagazine.org/advent-anxiety>

## PASS THE PARAPROSDOKIAN

Here’s this week’s paraprostdokian – a figure of speech with an unexpected twist – from stand-up comedian, actor, producer, screenwriter, musician and author Rodney “I don’t get no respect” Dangerfield:  
**“When I was a kid my parents moved a lot, but I always found them.”**

## 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.

## IN THE LOOP



Wednesday, December 8, is the **Feast of the Immaculate Conception** and a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be celebrated at St. Paul’s at 9 a.m. There will be no vigil Mass.



Thanks to you, none of the “angels” from St. Simon Stock will be disappointed as all the tags have been claimed. The wrapped gifts, with angel number affixed, must be returned by next **Sunday, December 12.**



Parishioners are invited to remember deceased loved ones with a donation toward Christmas flowers and the church decorations. Please submit the names by **December 15.** There are envelopes in the church vestibules, and the usual donation is \$10 per name. If you use WeShare, kindly submit the names separately to the office via email or note in the collection box so that they can appear in the booklet.



Here’s an early gift for envelope users (and the office!): You will never again read a bulletin blurb pleading with you to pick up your envelopes!! Your envelopes will now be mailed to you every two months directly from Our Sunday Visitor. Not only is this more convenient, but it’s actually more cost efficient



The American Heart Association received more than \$600 from Christmas wreath sales. Thank you!

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