

**OUR LADY OF BISTRICA PARISH BULLETIN**  
**(Week no. 49) - - - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - - - DECEMBER 9, 2018**  
**Rectory Office: 822-0818**

**MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF DECEMBER 9, 2018**

**Saturday, December 8: 5:00 P.M. = dec:**  
*(Vigil Mass for Sunday)*

Living and deceased members of Schenck and Hanslick families by grandson Gregory Schenck.  
Edward Perićak (Birth remembrance) by daughter Diane Pokojski.  
Bob Levulis (2nd death anniversary) by wife Helen, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.  
*(+ 2nd & 3rd Mass April 23 & May 8 at 7:30 a.m.)*

**Sunday, December 9: 9:00 a.m. = dec:**  
*(2nd Sunday of Advent)*

Manda Gajer by daughter Mary Ann and family.  
Gary Weigel by Christopher and Linda Duncan.  
Carmela Marsillo by husband John Marsillo.  
*(+2nd and 3rd Mass May 15 and May 21, 2019 at 7:30 a.m.)*

**10:15 a.m. = dec:**

Marija and Juro Mikić by Franjo and Danica Andrijević.

**Monday, December 10: 7:30 a.m. = :**  
*(Advent Weekday)*

For all our parishioners.

**Tuesday, December 11: 7:30 a.m = dec:**  
*(St. Damasus 1, Pope)*

In honor of Sacred Heart of Jesus by Elizabeth and Steve Miletić.  
Arlene Dycha by Marie Grgas.  
Elizabeth (Betty) Glasnovic by son Jerome and wife Toni.  
*(+3rd Mass December 18 at 7:30 a.m. )*

**Wednes.,December 12: 7:30 a.m. = dec:**  
*(Our Lady of Guadalupe)*

Emma Perićak by Dominic and Tina Salemi.

**Thursday, December 13: 7:30 a.m. = dec:**  
*(St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr)*

Tomo Konta by Vlado and Perka Krešić and family.  
Ante Višić by wife Jelka and children.  
Anđa Krešić by Cuturić family.

**Friday, December 14: 7:30 a.m. = dec:**  
*(St. John of the Cross, Priest & Dr. of the Church)*

Mary Kujawski by Phyllis Petre.

**Saturday, December 15: 7:30 a.m. = :**  
*(Advent Weekday)*

Special intention by Kujawski family.

*(Vigil Mass for Sunday)* **5:00 P.M. = dec:**

Catherine Manka (Death anniversary) by daughter Deanna Zak and family.  
Kim Rozwood Jackson by Christopher & Linda Duncan.  
*(+ 2nd Mass May 22, 7:30 a.m.)*

**Sunday, December 16: 9:00 a.m. = dec:**  
*(3rd Sunday of Advent)*

Spencer Carr by son Jim Carr and family.  
Joanna DiCesare by Ron and Nancy Gawronski.  
*(+ 2nd Mass May 28, 2019 at 7:30 a.m.)*

**10 :15 a.m. = dec:**

Lidija Želić by mother Rosa.  
Anica Petrinec by Mrs. Ljubica Sematović.  
*(+2nd Mass June 4, 2019 at 7:30 a.m.)*

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**ADVENT WREATH:** The first candle of our Advent wreath was lit last Sunday, the first Sunday of Advent. The four candles of the wreath helps us count the four Sundays in Advent as we wait for Christmas, the time we celebrate God's becoming one of us in Jesus Christ.

**TODAY:** Second collection is for the **Religious Retirement Appeal**. Your gift to today's collection for the Religious Retirement Appeal helps provide medication, nursing care, and more for thousands of Sisters, Brothers, and Religious Order Priests. It also ensures that younger members will continue the good works of their elders! *Please be generous.*

**TODAY:** Holy Name Society Sunday observed. Members are encouraged to go to Confession and receive Holy Communion.

**MONDAY:** CCD from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**THURSDAY, DEC. 13: St. Lucy's Feast Day.** According to tradition, if you plant wheat in a dish or container at home on St. Lucy's Feast Day, the wheat will sprout for Christmas. The meaning of wheat is Jesus, the Bread of Life. The word Bethlehem means the House of Bread. **Wheat is available in the vestibule. Start this tradition with your family and see the wheat sprout for Christmas.**

**SATURDAYS:** Confessions 3 to 4 p.m. and before weekend Masses.

**SATURDAY: No Singing practice**

**NEXT WEEKEND:** Second collection is for our utilities.

**FOR PARISHIONERS' INFORMATION:** Last week's collection (family and loose): **\$2,559.47**. Weekly target amount for basic expenses is **about \$2,200.00**. Thank you to the **73** families who attended Mass and used their envelopes.

**SPAGHETTI DINNER REPORT (Sept. 11th):** Income: \$905.00. Expenses: \$100.00. Net income: \$805.00. We thank everyone who worked hard to make this another successful affair.

**NOVEMBER BINGO REPORT:** Receipts: \$16,539.00. Prizes: \$14,955.90. Expenses: \$432.75. Donated to church: \$2,833.10. Thanks to everyone who works at our Bingo every Saturday night. \_

**DONATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:** We want our church to look extra special for the birth of Jesus. We ask for donations of plants or a monetary donation to decorate our Sanctuary.

**DONATION FOR FLOWERS:** \$25.00 from Tony and Gloria DiPronio, in memory of deceased members of DiPronio and Passmore families. Thank you for your donation.

**TODAY: 2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT:** In today's Gospel, St. Luke gives information about the times and region of the Gospels. This dispels the notion that the Gospels are myth or legend. He mentions seven historical figures uniting the secular and sacramental. St. Luke describes the complicated situation existing when John the Baptist began his preaching. Tiberius Caesar had succeeded Augustus as Emperor. The Gospel mentions: *In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar...which places the events in 27 or 28 AD.* Pontius Pilate was the Prefect of Judea in 26-36 AD. There were four tetrarchs of the territory of Israel; two of them were sons of Herod the Great. Herod Antipas, the tetrarch of Galilee, cut off the head of John the Baptist. His half-brother, Phillip was the tetrarch of Iturea and Trachonitis. Lysanias was tetrarch of Abilene. Annas was the deposed but influential political and religious High Priest who ruled in the years 6-15 AD. His son-in-law, Caiaphas rules as High Priest in years 18-36 AD at the time of these events. Herod Antipas and Pontius Pilate were enemies. They carried out the ordinances of Rome. They were hated by the Israelites. It was the time for the Messiah to come to lead His people. The Lord called John, son of Zechariah from the desert to gather His people, and prepare them for the coming of the Savior. He preached the Baptism of Conversion. He wanted them to turn from every evil. The person rejecting sin opens the way for the God who is coming. We have to **"prepare the way of the Lord . . . make straight His paths. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low."**

**DANAS: 2. NEDJELJA DOSASCA:** Luka svojim evanđeljem želi odrediti vrijeme i prostor s kojima je povezana objavljena Riječ Božja. Navodi sedam imena uvaženih ličnosti, s kojima je izgleda Luka htio spojiti profanu povijest s poviješću spasenja. Nije toliko važno, dali se spomenuti podaci u tančine slažu s rezultatima do kojih su došli poznatiji prilika onoga vremena. Luka više želi opisati zamišljenu i zapletenu situaciju onog vremena. Čak Tiberije i njegov vojni komesar u Palestini predstavnici su rimskog imperija, koji je tada praktično vladao svijetom. Na području su Izraela vladala četiri tetarha - knezovi, od kojih su dvojica bila sinovi Heroda velikoga. Budući da su potjecali iz poganske obitelji, bili su omraženi Izraelcima. Upravo Luka spominje da su Herod Antipa i Pilat bili veliki neprijatelji. Svatko je od njih strogo branio prava koja je dobio od rimskog cara. Luka spominje dvojicu velikih svećenika Anu, koji je davno bio svrgnut sa službe, ali je vršio veliki upliv na politički i vjerski život u Izraelu te Kaifu, koji je bio zakoniti veliki svećenik u ono vrijeme. Uz toliko vođa teško je bilo znati koga slušati i kome se pokoravati. Bilo je posljednje vrijeme da dođe Mesija, koji će se staviti na čelo svoga naroda. U to je vrijeme Gospodin pozvao Ivana, Sina Zaharijina iz pustinje da okupi oko sebe narod, koji je još vjerovao, i pripravi ga na dolazak Spasitelja. On je propovijedao "obraćeničko krštenje" kojim je želio ljude potaknuti na skrušenost i promjenu života. Vjerom u Spasitelja, koji ima doći, postizavali su oproštenje grijeha. Grijeh je izvor svakog zla. Tko se grijeha kloni i izbjegava ga, širom otvara put, kojim se Bog približava. Gospodinu dakle treba pripravit put i njemu poravnati staze. Samo će na taj način "svako tijelo vidjeti spasenje Božje."

<b>LECTORS THIS WEEKEND:</b>	<b>LECTORS DEC. 15 &amp; 16:</b>
5:00 p.m.: Richard Moretti	5:00 p.m. David Petrus
9:00 a.m.: Jim Carr	9:00 a.m. Jim Carr
10:15 a.m.: Zdenka Juric	10:15 a.m. Zdenka Juric