

## OUR SAVIOR

### **SUNDAY DECEMBER 3rd 1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT, (BLUE)**

#### **BLESSING & LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

**NOON** For the departed Joseph F. & Joseph E. Seliga:Req. by Pat Seliga

### **TUESDAY DECEMBER 6th**

**10AM** Fr. Carmen will attend a meeting of the Christian Communities gathering in Wilke-Barre.

### **SUNDAY DECEMBER 10th 2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT, (BLUE)**

**3rd LESSON:** Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 **LESSON:** 1st Peter 1:8-14 **GOSPEL:** ST. Mark 1:1-8

**NOON:** For all the souls of the departed Elizabeth Hanucik; From All Souls Day List.

### **MARK YOUR CALANDERS: DECEMBER 25th** Christmas Day

**Y.M.S. of R CLOTHING:** Will hold their annual Clothing Drive again this year. The drive is

to aid people in need. The Y has done this over a decade. The top parishes will receive a cash prize. **\$200.00** for first place; **\$150.00** for second; and **\$100.00** for third. Clothing will be collected until January 6th. The clothing can be turned over to local charities. In the past my parishes have won first and second prize. If you are donating clothing please bring them to the Church on Sundays, and put them in the parish hall. Please note the clothing is to be in good shape and wearable.

**WHY BLUE FOR ADVENT?:** For many years Advent used the color Purple. But in the past number of years we have changed to blue, Why? because we do not do the same things in Advent that we do in Lent. Although we think about our sins which Jesus came to earth to take away, we do not deny ourselves of things in our life. We do focus on the people we meet during this time. Such as Our Blessed Mother, John the Baptizer, Isaiah the Prophet. They turn our thoughts to the coming of Jesus in our world. We will also use Rose on the 3rd Sunday of Advent. When we will see John the Baptizer. We use this time to not only prepare our homes, but to prepare our souls as fitting managers to receive Jesus.

**SACRED VOCATIONS:** Please pray for an increase of vocations to the Priesthood and Diaconate.

**A TIME OF WAITING:** We have come to the great time of anticipation Advent. The world is filled with anticipation. Children are waiting to see Santa Clause to give him their list of wishes for Christmas, adults have anticipation of parties, and what gifts to buy. Mothers and Grandmothers are planning what cookies they will bake. The Prophet Isaiah tells us about waiting, waiting for the one who was promised, the one who would come to save us. We will be told many things during this short but meaningful season. John the Baptizer will tell us about the "one who will come after him." The waiting will take time. Until the one we are waiting for appears. We all need to have the anticipation of children. Preparing ourselves for the coming of

Jesus at Christmas.

**CHANUKAH:** This Thursday Evening December 7th our friends of the Jewish faith will begin the observance of Chanukah. Chanukah marks the time when the Jews reclaimed the temple from the Greeks. When they went to light the eternal lamp there was only enough oil for one night. By a miracle it burned for eight nights. The time will be marked with eating fried foods, and the children will receive one gift each night.

**IN NEED OF PRAYER:** Kelly Seliga,