

# ADVENT IS COMING!!!

## OUR ASCENSION 2018 ADVENTURE...

Advent offers us many opportunities to help us to welcome Christ everyday into our lives. As we welcome and care for one another in many small ways, we will find that Jesus truly becomes flesh in our daily lives.

These are just some of the ways that we can journey together on our **ADVENTURE** at Ascension:

- ✠ **ADVENT CALENDARS** will be distributed next weekend to our parishioners to help offer us opportunities to bring Jesus into our lives more deeply each day of Advent.
- ✠ Our ushers will be distributing **2019 Calendars** after all Masses on this First Sunday of Advent. The calendars have once again been donated by Michael of Boulevard Funeral Home. Thanks, Michael!
- ✠ Our **CHURCH VESTURE IN ADVENT** — the Advent altar cloths, banners, and priest's vestments, Advent Wreath candles, along with our Advent music — remind us that Advent is a time for waiting in joyful expectation for Christ's coming.
- ✠ Our **ADVENT GIVING TREE**, prepared by our parish Service Ministry, will provide us with great opportunities for us to bring the joy of Jesus to the less fortunate.
- ✠ On Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Patronal Feast Day of the United States of America. It is a holy day of obligation. Mass will be celebrated at 7:30pm on Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, and at 8:30am on December 8<sup>th</sup>.
- ✠ On Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> after the 5:30pm Vigil Mass we will bless and light the **CHRISTMAS decorations** outside our church to remind us that we await the coming of Jesus, the Light of the World. Also, the Christians of the Holy Land will be with us for the weekend offering their olive wood creations.
- ✠ On Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm at St. Mary's, Dumont, we will celebrate our Tri-Parish **ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE** with the sacrament of reconciliation. What better way to prepare our hearts for Christmas!
- ✠ On Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate our parish **EUCCHARISTIC DAY** beginning at the 8:30am Mass. We will have adoration all day concluding at 7:30pm with Solemn Evening Prayer and Benediction.
- ✠ On Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate **Simbang Gabi** with a joyful Mass at 5:30pm followed by a festive reception in the Fr. Benedict Center.
- ✠ On Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup> beginning at 6pm, we will put up the Christmas Trees in the church, and on Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> beginning at 1pm we will decorate our church for the Christmas season. We invite any parishioners who would like to help to join us for these special projects.



Please keep this **ADVENTURE** reminder handy during this season.

Together, may we let Jesus enter our lives!

