**Universal Prayer**

**Advent 2 A**

**December 7 – December 8, 2019**

**Priest: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.**

**With Advent longing and Gospel hope, we pray:**

**Reader: That the season of Advent will be an occasion for all people to experience the mercy of God, who never tires of forgiving.**

**Let us pray to the Lord:**

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer!

**Reader: That love and respect within families will deepen and grow.**

**Let us pray to the Lord:**

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer!

**Reader: That this Advent time of waiting will be filled with opportunities to ask forgiveness from those we have hurt and to forgive all those who have hurt us.**

**Let us pray to the Lord:**

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer!

**Reader: That our compassion and mercy will reach out to the poor, the sick, the homeless, the unemployed, the addicted, and all those trapped in sin**.

**Let us pray to the Lord:**

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer!

**Reader: For the intentions on our Prayer Line and those written in the Prayer Intention Book; for the protection of those serving in the military and the healing of all veterans; for an increase of vocations to the priesthood, religious life, and consecrated life; and for peace in all hearts, we pray together to Mary, the Mother of God:**

THE PRIEST BEGINS: HAIL MARY...

**Reader: That our departed loved ones will rest in peace, especially …**

**4:00 PM Kimberly Baxter**

**8:00 AM John D. Noonan**

**9:30 AM Viola Ronci**

**11:30 AM Thomas & Leonilda Petronio**

**6:00 PM Dylan Laurenzo**

**for whom, this Mass is offered, and for those who have died recently: Donald Deshaies, Emma Antonucci &**

**John Cunningham**

**Let us pray to the Lord:**

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer!

**Priest: Ever-Generous Father, we await new heavens and a new earth. Receiving the gifts of your Holy Spirit, keep us faithful to you and generous in serving others. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

All: Amen.

**In Ken’s absence from any Mass, the PRIEST announces this:**

**The Second Collection today is Retirement Fund for Religious**