Third Sunday Of Advent

December 11, 2011

"Among you stand one whom you do not know."
- John 1.6-8, 19-28

When there is a funeral at "either" Holy Trinity or St. Joachim's, our regular 12 noon Mass will be cancelled and the Mass intention rescheduled for another day.

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MASS INTENTION

Tuesday	December 13	12 noon	Fr. Tom Daley
Thursday	December 15	12 noon	Justine Rickard

Saturday December 17 6:00pm For All Parishioners & Their Intentions

Sunday December 18 9:30am Charles Fitzpatrick, Jr.

Last Week's Offertory Collection

Parishioners Using Envelopes:	107	Last Week's Envelopes:	59	
		Average Envelope Donation:	\$20.42	

Regular Envelopes	\$1,205.00	
Loose Donation		\$86.56
Building Fund		\$141.00
Christmas Baskets		\$315.00
Memorial Tree		\$180.00
Retired Priests		\$20.00
Christmas Flowers		\$140.00
Pro Life		\$207.00
	Last Weekend's Total	\$2,294.56

Father Peter Thanks Everyone For their Generosity

Our annual Christmas Party will be held in the Family Center today, Sunday, December 11th after Mass. We hope that everyone will be able to attend as there will be hot dogs, pop, ice cream, cake, guessing games, pictures with a possible special guest and lots of fun for everyone.



Christmas Masses

Our Christmas Mass times for this year are as follows:

Saturday, December 24th 6:30pm Sunday, December 25th 10:30am Saturday, December 31st 6:00pm Sunday, January 1st 9:30am

New Year's Day Levee Invitation

Parishioners from Holy Trinity and St. Joachim's are invited to join Father Peter once again this year for a New Year's Day Levee on Sunday, January 1st from 1pm - 3pm at our parish house at 21 Canon Street. As we begin a new year, it is a wonderful opportunity for us to get together as parishioners, and meet some of our brothers and sisters from our twinned parish. Home-made clam chowder, hors d'oeuvres, other delicious treats and light refreshments will be served. I look forward to seeing you at our Rectory.

<u>CWL</u>

The CWL Annual Christmas Pot Luck Dinner will be held on Tuesday, December 13th. Mass will be celebrated at 5:30pm, followed by dinner in the Family Center. Members are asked to bring a gift for a child. Please bring a gift bag or wrapping for the gift, but do not wrap the gift. Annual membership fee of \$20 can be paid at the Christmas Dinner.

Memorial Tree

Each year, as Christmas approaches, people think of family members and friends who have died. Many have found our Memorial Tree to be a helpful way of remembering and dealing with feelings of loss during an otherwise happy time. If this is helpful for you, you are invited to print the names(s) of deceased relatives and friends on an envelope and mark it "Memorial Tree". These names will be placed on ornaments prepared and decorated by the children in our Religious Education Program and the ornaments will be placed on the Tree. While you may also use the same envelope to make a voluntary donation to our Building Fund, a donation is not required. Deadline for submission of names is next Sunday, December 18th.

Last Weekend, Generous Donations Were Made To Our Building Fund In Memory Of:

Joe Arsenault

Please Remember Him In Your Prayers

Parish Council

Next meeting is on Wednesday, December 14th at 5:30pm.

Christmas Ministry Schedule

The schedule for Christmas is now available at the back of the church and online.

Christmas Baskets

Requested food items for the weekend of December 17th/18th: Stove Top Stuffing/Gravy/ Cranberry Sauce. We also need cash donations which can be placed in the collection at any time.

Turkey Foster Families Required

We will be receiving a donation of frozen turkeys for our Christmas Baskets from the Uptown Food Bank. Unfortunately, we aren't able to store all of them in the church. If you have a little extra space in your freezer and can give a frozen turkey a loving home (they are quiet and they don't eat much) between now and December 21st, please call Sr. Nickerson (696-1500). She also requires help picking up the turkeys from the food bank.

Help Needed

Sr. Nickerson is in need of volunteers to help with Christmas Baskets on Wednesday, December 21st from 8:30am - 2pm. She needs help packing the baskets in the morning and delivery drivers in the afternoon.

Christmas Flower Memorial

We encourage you to make a donation towards our Christmas flowers in memory of a loved one. Simply write the name(s) of those you would like to remember on an envelope and drop it in the collection. Please also indicate that the envelope is for "Flowers", and include your envelope number. The names of all those being honored will be included in our Christmas bulletin.

Christmas Concert

Come celebrate Christmas with Saint Mary's Band today, Sunday, December 11th, 7pm at Saint Joachim's, Loch Lomond Road. Enjoy a variety of Christmas music. Admission is free will offering.

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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated on the first Sunday of each month at 3:00 pm for family members of Holy Trinity Parish and those who are living within the geographical boundaries of our parish. To make arrangements for a baptism please call the office at 653-6838.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE / RECONCILIATION

Confessions are celebrated in the church every Saturday from 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm, or at other times if you would like to make an appointment by speaking with Father Peter.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

To reserve our church for a wedding, couples must first make an appointment with our pastor to discuss their plans and complete the pre-nuptial investigation forms. At least a six month notice and taking a marriage preparation course is a requirement. Because of our pastor's schedule for two parishes, weddings cannot be celebrated any later than 11 am on Saturday.

SACRAMENT AND MINISTRY TO THE SICK

If there is a family member or relative in the hospital who would like to receive a visit from the pastor, please inform Father Peter. Also, please let Father Peter know if there is someone sick or confined to their home who would like to receive a visit, receive Holy Communion, or be anointed with the Sacrament of the Sick.