Second Sunday Of Advent

December 4, 2011
"Make straight the paths of the Lord."
- Mark 1.1-8

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.

MASS SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

MASS INTENTION

Tuesday December 6 12 noon Madeline & William Ricketts
Thursday December 8 12 noon John Murphy

Saturday December 10 6:00pm For All Parishioners & Their Intentions

Sunday December 11 9:30am Connie Creamer (Anniversary)

Last Week's Offertory Collection

Parishioners Using Envelopes:	107	Last Week's Envelopes:	49
		Average Envelope Donation:	\$22.47

Regular Envelopes	\$1,101.00
Loose Donation	\$102.01
Building Fund	\$20.00
Christmas Baskets	\$210.00
Retired Priests & Seminarians	\$50.00
Christmas Flowers	\$95.00
Last Weekend's Total	\$1,578.01

Father Peter Thanks Everyone For their Generosity

Sunday Envelopes

Our 2012 Sunday Envelopes are now available. As always, we ask that you please take a look to make sure that your address is correct on the label, as that is the same address we will be using to mail out your tax receipts in January. We have made changes to a small number of the envelope numbers (mostly higher ones), meaning some parishioners will not have the same envelope number in 2012 as they do this year. These changes will not take effect until January, so please continue to use your current envelopes and envelope number until the end of the year.

Christmas Party

Our annual Christmas Party will be held in the Family Center on 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.

CWL

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.

CWL Dues

Annual membership fee of \$20 can be paid at the Christmas Dinner.

Christmas Baskets

Requested food items for the weekend of December 10th/11th: Kraft Dinner. We also need cash donations; and these can be placed in the collection at any time. Please mark the envelope "Christmas Baskets". The entire list of food items is available on the bulletin boards and at HolyTrinitySJ.com/ChristmasBaskets.

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 Concert

The Saint John High School Concert Choir will hold a Christmas Concert and silent auction at Portland United Church on Sunday, December 4th at 2pm. Tickets are \$10. Proceeds will support the choir's spring Performance Tour in Boston.

Christmas Flower Memorial

Again this year we are asking for your assistance as we decorate Holy Trinity for Christmas. 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.

2012 Ministry Schedule

Cindy is about to begin working on the Ministry Schedule for January, February & March. If you know that you will be unavailable at any time during those months, please contact Cindy (633-5895 or doylewil@rogers.com) before December 10th.

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 Sunday, December 18th.

Diocesan Feast Day

On the occasion of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Bishop Harris would like to invite all of the faithful of the diocese to gather for a con-celebrated Eucharist at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Saint John, on Thursday, December 8th, at 7 pm.



Christmas Basket Zumba

On Wednesday, December 7th, 7pm, at St. Joachim's all proceeds from Zumba will be going towards St. Joachim's Christmas Basket program. If you haven't tried Zumba yet, this is your chance! Admission is only \$5. Come out for a night of fun and support a great cause!

Christmas Concert

Come celebrate Christmas with Saint Mary's Band on December 11th, 7pm at Saint Joachim's, Loch Lomond Road. Enjoy a variety of Christmas music with Saint John's oldest concert band. You will be treated to some old favorites, some new festive carols, and a sing-a-long or two. Admission is free will offering. Come support your community band!

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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.