

First Sunday Of Advent

December 1, 2013

"Keep awake, you must be ready."

– Matthew 24.37-44

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

Tuesday	December 3	12 noon
Thursday	December 5	12 noon
<u>Saturday</u>	December 7	5:30pm
<u>Sunday</u>	December 8	9:30am

MASS INTENTION

Susan Lanteigne
Gertrude McCann
For All Parishioners & Their Intentions
Joseph & Graham Lowney

Last Week's Offertory Collection

Parishioners Using Envelopes: **107** **Average Envelope Donation:** **\$39.91**

33	Regular Envelopes	\$1,317.00
	Loose Donation	\$40.85
4	Building Fund	\$32.00
3	Christmas Baskets	\$100.00
3	Memorial Tree	\$15.00
5	Flowers	\$25.00
15	Retired Priests	\$277.00
	<u>Last Weekend's Total</u>	\$1,806.85

Father Peter Thanks Everyone For their Generosity

2nd Annual Saint John North Ecumenical Advent Carol And Candlelight Service

Building upon last year's ecumenical initiative between area churches, all members of the Christian Churches in the North End of Saint John are invited to join together for an Ecumenical Advent Carol and Candlelight Service. In a spirit of love and unity, everyone is invited to join their brothers and sisters from other faith communities during this important time of preparation for Christmas on Friday, December 6th, 7pm, at Holy Trinity. A reception will follow in the parish center.

2014 Sunday Envelopes

Envelopes are available at the back of the church. If the spelling of your name or the address listed on your envelopes is incorrect, please contact the office, as that is the address where your 2013 tax receipts will be sent in January. If you would like Sunday Envelopes, please contact the office.

Christmas Party

The annual parish Christmas Party will be held on Sunday, December 15th, after the 9:30am Mass. Everyone is welcome and we plan on having hot dogs, cake, guessing games, treat bags, and possibly pictures with a special guest.

CWL

The CWL will hold their Christmas Pot Luck Dinner on Tuesday, December 10th. Mass will be celebrated at 5:30pm, followed by dinner in the Family Center. Members are asked to bring a gift for a child or young adult. Please do not wrap these gifts but include wrapping with your gift.

Christmas Ministry Schedule

There are sign-up sheets at the back of the church. Please check off which Masses you plan on attending so that Cindy can complete the Christmas Ministry Schedule. We ask that you please check off your name by today, Sunday, December 1st.

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 the outside of 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 15th.

Christmas Baskets

Requested food item for the weekend of December 7th/8th: **2L Pop, Assorted Flavours**
Sr. Nickerson also needs 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.

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 the outside of an envelope and drop it in the collection. Deadline for submission of names is Sunday, December 15th. 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.

Ministry Schedule

Cindy Doyle will soon be preparing the January - March Ministry Schedule. If you know that you will be unavailable at any point during those months, please contact her (633-5895 or doyle.wil59@yahoo.com) before Sunday December 15th.

Holy Trinity Ornament

The new Trinity Window ornament is now available. Like last year’s ornament, each ornament is \$20, and only a limited number will be available. High resolution color pictures are available on our website and at the entrance of the church. They are available mornings at Holy Trinity (653-6838); afternoons at St. Joachim’s office (653-6852), which is located at the main entrance of the church; or Tuesday - Saturday at the Catholic Bookstore on Waterloo Street (653-6820).



First Friday Holy Hour And Mass

The monthly First Friday Holy Hour will take place at St. Joachim's, this Friday, December 6th from 11am - 12:30pm. The Holy Hour begins at 11am and will consist of exposition, adoration, and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament; concluding with 12 noon Mass.

Solemnity Of The Immaculate Conception

You are invited to celebrate our patronal feast day at our diocesan Mother Church, the Cathedral, Waterloo Street, on Monday, December 9th, 6:30pm. A reception will follow.

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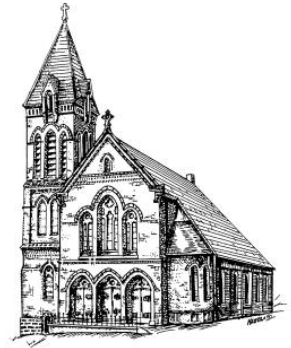
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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated on the first Sunday of the month at 1pm 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 contact the office.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE / RECONCILIATION

Confessions are celebrated by appointment only. To schedule a time, please speak 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 1pm 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.