# **First Sunday Of Advent**

November 30, 2014

"Keep alert, for you do not know when the master of the house will come."

- Mark 13.33-37

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.

Tuesday December 2 12 noon Evelyn Kelly
Thursday December 4 12 noon Sr. Margaret Ann Dohaney

Saturday December 6 5:30pm For All Parishioners & Their Intentions

Sunday December 7 9:30am Marjorie Hickey

# **Last Week's Offertory Collection**

31	Regular Envelopes	\$877.00
	Loose Donations	\$63.35
3	Building Fund	\$70.00
15	Retired Priests	\$335.00
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\$1,345.35 Last Week's Total

**MASS INTENTION** 

Amount needed to pay only "our regular weekly bills": \$2,500.00 per week
Amount needed to "also include" repairs and maintenance: \$3,500.00 per week

# **Breakfast/Bazaar**

Holy Trinity will be holding a Breakfast & Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, from 9am - 12 noon in the Holy Trinity Family Centre. Cost: Breakfast \$6; Bazaar admission is free. The Parish Renewal Committee is also looking for donations for the Christmas Bazaar. Donations of baked goods, crafts and/or gently used items (excluding clothing) would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to donate items please contact Beth Fry (696-1516) or Claudette Miller (657-4533).

#### Adult Religious Education - Thursday 7 - 8:30pm

The session scheduled for Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, has been cancelled due to prior commitments. Sessions resume the following Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, with "Divine Revelation: Sacred Scripture".

#### **Monthly First Friday Holy Hour And Mass For Vocations**

The monthly First Friday Holy Hour For Vocations will take place at St. Joachim's on Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 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. Please note that at the request of Bishop Harris, the monthly Holy Hour is now for Vocations as a way of helping the recruitment of the next generation of priests.

# **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". 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 14<sup>th</sup>.

# Tax Receipts

We would like to thank everyone who agreed to receive their tax receipts via email last year. All those who signed up last year, will have their tax receipts emailed to them again this year. We would like to encourage additional parishioners to sign up for our new electronic receipt system. Those interested are asked to send an email to the parish (office@holytrinitysi.com).

#### **CWL**

The Holy Trinity CWL Christmas Potluck Dinner will be held on Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. Mass will be celebrated at 5pm, with dinner to follow. Members are asked to bring a gift for a child. Please do not wrap the gift. Membership dues (\$20) can be paid at that time. Members will be contacted by the phone committee.

#### **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 14<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Ministry Schedule**

We 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 the office (653-6838 or office@holytrinitysj.com) before Sunday December 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **Christmas Ministry Schedule**

There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church, please check off which Masses you plan on attending so that we can complete the Christmas Ministry Schedule. We ask that you please check off your name by Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>.

# **Parish Renewal Committee Meeting**

The next Holy Trinity Parish Renewal Committee meeting will be on Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7pm, in the parish Family Center.

#### **Christmas Baskets**

# Total donations for Christmas Baskets to date: \$3,925.00

This year we will be handing out gift cards to those in need at Christmas. So, instead of bringing in food, we are asking you to donate money towards this cause. Envelopes are available at the entrance of the church.

# **Card Party**

Holy Trinity hosts an Auction 45s Card Party every Monday beginning at 1pm in the Family Center. Light refreshments will be served. Admission is \$3.

# **Solemnity Of The Immaculate Conception**

Bishop Robert Harris invites everyone to celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, and gather on Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30pm at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

# Bingo

St. Pius X, Somerset Street, will be holding their annual Christmas Cash Bingo on Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. Early Bird Games begin at 6pm, Regular Games start at 7pm. Tickets are \$20 at the door. Please note the change in date.

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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 on Saturdays after the 5:30pm Mass or by appointment. 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.