

December 17, 2017

Third Sunday of Advent

Parish Calendar

Sunday 12/17

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION BAKE SALE-After 9, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Masses

SSPP LIFE TEEN -7:00 p.m., Madonna Hall

Monday 12/18

ST VINCENT DE PAUL- 6:30 p.m., Madonna Hall

Tuesday 12/19

HUNGERING FOR CHRIST SERVICE - 7:00 p.m., Church

Wednesday 12/20

EARLY SCHOOL DISMISSAL-12:30 p.m.

SIXTH GRADE CHRISTMAS PLAY-6:00 p.m., Gramer Hall

HIGH SCHOOL CONFIRMATION CLASS-7:00 p.m., Parish Office

LIFE TEEN BAND PRACTICE-6:00-8:00 p.m., Church
A JOURNEY THROUGH THE BIBLE-7:00 p.m., Madonna Hall

Thursday 12/21

RCIA -7:00-8:30 p.m., Church

Saturday 12/23

NO CCD

Sunday 12/24

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 17, 2017

SAT. THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

12/16 5:30pm †Carolyn Murray

SUN. 7:00am †Bill DuPont

12/17 9:00am †Stephen J. Eisenman

11:00am †James Burkland

1:00pm SSPP Parishioners

6:00pm †Lynn Zunno

MON. 6:30am Special Intention

12/18 8:30am †Loreto Valencia

TUES. 6:30am Belen Ramirez

12/19 8:30am †Luningning De Luna

WED. 6:30am †Frances Stoll

12/20 8:30am Santiago Jr., Javier, &

Santiago Sr. Rangel

THUR. Saint Peter Canisius

12/21 6:30am Herman Torres

8:30am †Lucy & John Pellerito Sr.

FRI. 6:30am Diocesan Priesthood vocations

12/22 8:30am †Camiel Albrecht

SAT. Saint John of Kanty

12/23 8:30am †Angela Mendez

READINGS FOR THE WEEK



Monday: Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25
Tuesday: Jgs 13:2-7,24-25a/Lk 1:5-25
Wednesday: Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38
Thursday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Lk 1:39-45
Friday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56
Saturday: Mal 3:1-4,23-24/Lk 1:57-66
Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5,8b-12,,14a,16/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

LIFE TEEN GIVING TREE!



This Christmas Season our Life Teen continues their annual tradition of knocking at the door of your generous hearts. Life Teen has put up the "Giving Tree" which you can find next to the Sacred Heart shrine. For those who would like to participate, please take an ornament from the tree, purchase the item written on it, and drop your unwrapped donation in the box next to the tree. All items will be donated to two local charity organizations that help young mothers and their babies. Thank you so much in advance!

Communal Penance Services



During this time of Advent we want to prepare ourselves for the coming of Christ. A good way of doing this is seeking Gods forgiveness. If you have missed our penance service, the following parishes will be hearing confessions on these dates:

Most Holy Trinity-1300 N. Greasewood Rd.
Tuesday, Dec. 19th, 7:00 p.m.

St. Cyril-4725 E. Pima St.
Tuesday, Dec. 19th, 7:00 p.m.



**Third Sunday of Advent
Reasons to Rejoice**

Saint Paul seems to be throwing out a handful of sayings that may sound overly optimistic, but are actually very practical. "Rejoice always"? If we pray constantly and thank God for all that happens to us, we have reason to rejoice. Even the things we don't like can be turned to good by God. God allows sin because it leads to forgiveness, an experience of God's love for us. And God allows even death, because God can bring us to eternal life.

When Paul tells us not to quench the Spirit he means we should be open to what the Holy Spirit moves us to do. "Prophetic utterances" refer to things that other people were inspired to proclaim. If we pray constantly (1 Thessalonians 5:17), the distractions of this world will not keep us from hearing the Spirit within us. We won't be so critical of others that we miss what the Spirit is telling us through them. How do we know if something really is from the Spirit? Saint Paul says, test everything. Retain what is good (1 Thessalonians 5:21). Use the scriptures, the teachings of the Church, and your conscience to decide whether the Spirit is moving you, or if advice you hear is worthwhile. Trust God to make us holy if we only allow it. Then we will be ready for the coming of the Lord, whether through the sacraments, the celebration of Christmas, or God's final coming in glory. I'd say that's a reason to rejoice.

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CONTINUE THE TRADITION

Saints Peter and Paul School will be holding an Open House Sunday, January 28, 2018, from 10 am - 1 pm. Come see the tradition of Saints Peter and Paul and find out more information on how you can enroll your children at our school. If you know someone with children of school age invite them to come to this event to see what Saints Peter and Paul School has to offer. The school is now accepting enrollment for the 2018-2019 school year for grades K-6. For any questions regarding this event or information on enrolling your children, feel free to contact Kimberly Triphan, Admissions Coordinator, at 325-2431 ext. 102.



Sanctity of Life Pavers

The Knights of Columbus are again selling engraved pavers for the Sanctity of Life Garden. Each Paver costs \$50 and proceeds go to support the Reach-Out Crisis Pregnancy Center. Order forms are available in the Parish Office. Last day to order pavers this year is Sunday January 7, 2018.



Italian Catholic Federation Bake Sale

The ICF will be having a bake sale today after the 9am, 11am and 1pm masses. Please stop by for some wonderful baked treats and help support our local branch.



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

The next SS Peter and Paul Parish Blood Drive with the Red Cross is Sunday, December 31, 2017. Please consider donating blood because the need is constant and the gratification is instant. Every donation helps. To schedule your appointment or for more information, contact the Parish Office at 520-327-6015 or American Red Cross at 1-800-733-2767 or log on to red-crossblood.org and enter sponsor code: sssp. Thank you for your support.

Finance Corner

Fiscal Year July 1, 2017- Present



Year-To-Date Budget:	\$ 237,552
Year-To-Date Income:	\$ 221,007
Parish Plate 12/9-12/10:	\$ 9,125
Online Plate Giving 12/9-12/10:	\$ 562
Diocesan Seminarian collection:	\$ 1,500
Amount YTD Deficit:	\$ (16,545)

Thank you for your generosity and continued support of Saints Peter and Paul.



**OPPORTUNITY TO SPONSOR
CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS**

Parishioners who would like to assist with the Christmas poinsettias and decorations in the Church for the Christmas season are urged to personalize their sponsorship by making a dedication either "In Honor Of" or "In Memory Of" loved ones. The sponsorships will be published in the parish bulletin at Christmas, **SO PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.**

IN HONOR OF _____

IN MEMORY OF _____

SPONSORED BY _____

Phone No. _____

Please return this form and your donation in an envelope marked "Christmas Dedications". Drop it in the Sunday collection or deliver it to the Parish Office. Please make your requests by **Monday, December 18th.**