

ST JOSEPH ~ HOLY TRINITY CHURCH
DECEMBER 20, 2020

SATURDAY, 12/19 VIGIL: FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

5:00 PM (HT) - THE NEEDS AND INTENTIONS OF OUR PARISHIONERS

SUNDAY, 12/20 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00 AM (SJ) - ALBERT AND SOPHIE FOGARTY

10:00 AM (HT) - L/D MEMBERS OF THE THEODORE WILLIAMS
AND JAKE SHANER FAMILIES

MONDAY, 12/21

7:00 PM (SJ) - GARY HAMMOND

TUESDAY, 12/22

8:00 AM (SJ) - BOB MILLER

WEDNESDAY, 12/23

8:00 AM (HT) - FRANCIS BUSHUE

4:00 PM (SJ) **HOLY HOUR**

THURSDAY, 12/24

8:00 AM (HT) - TOM PAXTON

VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS

4 PM AT HOLY TRINITY - GEORGE & NORMA FLAUTT

LECTOR - MIKE CLOUSE

EUCH. MINIST. - JILL SHONK, JULIE NASH, KELLY SAGAN

6:00PM AT ST. JOSEPH'S - FOR THE PEOPLE

LECTOR - TIM KIRBY

EUCH. MINIST. - JAN WILSON

CHRISTMAS DAY

9:00 AM (HT) - FAMILY OF O.H. ANDERSON

LECTOR - KIM PURKEY

EUCH. MINIST. - TINA BOYER, TIM CARPENTER

SATURDAY, 12/26 VIGIL: THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

5:00 PM (HT) - MARY LOU WAUGH

LECTOR - KIM CLOUSE

EUCH. MINIST. - Theresa Stevenson

SUNDAY, 12/27 THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

8 AM (SJ) - THE NEEDS AND INTENTIONS OF OUR PARISHIONERS

LECTOR - STEVE SHUMAKER

EUCH. MINIST. - WANDA MILLER

10 AM (HT) - CHASE HEATH

LECTOR - CURT SHONK

EUCH. MINIST. - CHRIS WATSON

DECEMBER 13TH COLLECTION

ST. JOSEPH

EXPENSES - \$1,900.00
REC'D - \$1,152.00

HOLY TRINITY

CHURCH / SCHOOL
EXPENSES - \$4,700.00
REC'D - \$5,745.00

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

HOLY TRINITY - \$441.00
ST. JOSEPH'S - \$278.00

2020 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL REPORT

HOLY TRINITY PARISH GOAL - \$30,810.22
PLEDGES/GIFTS FROM 31 PARISH FAMILIES - \$57,235.00
OVER PARISH GOAL BY \$26,424.78!

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH GOAL - \$12,482.27
PLEDGES/GIFTS FROM 24 PARISH FAMILIES - \$17,065.00
OVER PARISH GOAL BY - \$4,582.73!

THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO EVERYONE THAT RESPONDED TO THE 2020 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL. BOTH PARISHES WENT OVER THEIR PARISH GOAL!! WHATEVER AMOUNT EACH PARISH WENT OVER THEIR PARISH GOAL WILL BE RETURNED BACK TO EACH PARISH!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

DECORATING CHURCHES FOR CHRISTMAS

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH WILL BE DECORATED FOR CHRISTMAS THIS SUNDAY MORNING, DEC. 20TH FOLLOWING THE 10:00A.M. MASS.

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH WILL BE DECORATED THIS WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23RD, AROUND 1:00P.M.

WE WELCOME ANYONE THAT IS FREE TO LEND A HAND WITH THE DECORATING AT THE TWO CHURCHES. IT CERTAINLY MAKES THE TASK A LOT EASIER AND FASTER.

PLEASE NOTE OUR CHANGE IN THE CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE - 4:00P.M. AT HOLY TRINITY
6:00P.M. AT ST. JOSEPH'S
CHRISTMAS DAY - 9:00A.M. AT HOLY TRINITY

DIOCESAN CHARITIES COLLECTION

THERE WILL BE A SECOND COLLECTION AT ALL THE CHRISTMAS MASSES FOR THE DIOCESAN CATHOLIC CHARITIES. THIS COLLECTION ALLOWS THE DIOCESE TO MEET A VARIETY OF BASIC NEEDS DIRECTLY AND THROUGH DIOCESAN AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDING J.O.I.N. (JOINT ORGANIZATION FOR INNER-CITY NEEDS), ST. STEPHEN'S COMMUNITY HOUSE, CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES, ST. FRANCIS CENTER, ST. LAWRENCE HAVEN, ST. VINCENT FAMILY CENTER, AND ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY. YOU CAN HELP SHARE IN THIS IMPORTANT WORK BY GENEROUSLY SUPPORTING THE CATHOLIC CHARITIES COLLECTION THIS YEAR.

NOTE: THERE IS NO SPECIAL ENVELOPE FOR THIS COLLECTION.

PASTOR'S NOTE

PARISHIONERS, THIS ADVENT HAS GONE BY MUCH FASTER THAN ANY OTHER ADVENT THAT I CAN REMEMBER, ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NOT HELD OUR TRADITIONAL FAMILY PARTIES. IT JUST SEEMS SURREAL ESPECIALLY SINCE THE PANDEMIC BEGAN. WITH SO MANY CHANGES TO THE WAY WE DO THINGS, I WOULD HAVE THOUGHT TIME WOULD SEEM TO HAVE GONE BY SLOWLY. EVERYTHING SEEMS TO BE OFF KILTER—STRANGE AND UNUSUAL. WE MORE THAN EVER NEED OUR USUAL LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS TO HELP US GET ORIENTED AND GIVE US A SENSE OF NORMALCY. AS WE PREPARE NOW TO CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS, WE HAVE AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO PAUSE FROM THIS MADNESS AND REFLECT ON WHAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING TO US AND WHERE WE ARE GOING. AS WE GAZE AT THE CHRIST CHILD IN THE MANGER AND MARY AND JOSEPH AROUND HIM, WE ARE REMINDED OF THE MESSAGE JESUS BRINGS US; THE MESSAGE OF PEACE; THE PEACE THAT THE ANGELS ANNOUNCED TO THE SHEPHERDS, "PEACE ON EARTH." THIS IS A PEACE WHICH NO HUMANS CAN GIVE. THIS PEACE IS FOUND ONLY IN THE SOUL AT REST IN CHRIST. HERE WE FIND THE TRUTH AND LIFE. ONLY WHEN WE BOW BEFORE THE CHRIST CHILD IN THE MANGER AND HUMBLY ACKNOWLEDGE OUR NEED FOR HIM AND OUR WILLINGNESS TO OBEY HIM WILL WE FIND THIS PEACE IN OURSELVES AND GIVE THIS PEACE TO OTHERS AND THE WORLD.

MY DEAR FRIENDS,

I HAVE EVERY EXPECTATION THAT WE WILL HAVE CHRISTMAS MASSES CELEBRATED IN PUBLIC WITH ORGANIZATIONS AND WITH ALL THE HEALTH RELATED PRECAUTIONS WE HAVE BECOME ACCUSTOMED TO NOW FOR SEVERAL MONTHS. HOWEVER, THE NUMBER OF POSITIVE CASES AND CRITICAL PATIENT ADMISSIONS TO HOSPITALS DUE TO COVID-19 IS GROWING AT A CONCERNING RATE. WE KNOW MUCH MORE ABOUT THIS VIRUS THAN WE DID IN MARCH. THE CHURCHES HAVE BEEN SAFE PLACES BECAUSE YOU HAVE SACRIFICED AND TAKEN THIS VERY SERIOUSLY; FOR THAT, I AM EXTREMELY GRATEFUL. AT THIS POINT, I MUST IMPORE YOU IN THE STRONGEST POSSIBLE TERMS TO USE FACE COVERINGS WHEN INDOORS, TO OBSERVE ALL THE GUIDELINES WE HAVE ABOUT SAFE SOCIAL DISTANCING, AND TO MAKE FREQUENT USE OF HAND SANITIZER. THIS IS IMPERATIVE FOR US AND OUR ABILITY TO CONTINUE PUBLIC WORSHIP IN A SAFE WAY DURING THIS PANDEMIC.

KNOW OF MY PRAYERS FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES DURING THIS PANDEMIC AND THIS SEASON OF ADVENT.

SINCERELY YOURS IN CHRIST,
BISHOP BRENNAN

2021 CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES

THE 2021 CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR ST. JOSEPH PARISHIONERS ARE LATE GETTING DELIVERED. WE HOPE TO HAVE THEM DELIVERED THIS WEEK SO THAT PARISHIONERS CAN PICK THEM UP THE WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 26 & 27. AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS THE BOXED SETS OF ENVELOPES FOR HOLY TRINITY PARISHIONERS WITH LAST NAMES A-J WILL BE ARRANGED ALPHABETICALLY ON A TABLE NEAR THE BALCONY STAIRS AND NAMES K-Z ON A TABLE NEAR THE RAMP SIDE OF THE CHURCH. ENVELOPES FOR ST. JOSEPH PARISHIONERS WILL BE LOCATED ON THE TABLE NEAR THE BAPTISMAL FONT.

CHURCH CLEANING AT ST. JOSEPH'S

WEEK OF DEC. 27 & JAN. 3 – MARCIE WOLFE, MAUREEN
SNIDER, & ANN SWEENEY

THE MONTHLY SCHOOL SUPPORT COLLECTION, WHICH HELPS OUR PARISHES TO CONTINUE THEIR SUPPORT FOR HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL, WILL BE TAKEN UP AT ALL THE MASSES NEXT WEEKEND, DEC. 26 & 27.

BEACON ON THE HILL CAMPAIGN PRAYER: GOD, OUR FATHER, WE REACH UP TO YOU IN PRAYER GRATEFUL FOR THE ABUNDANT BLESSINGS YOU HAVE SHOWERED UPON HOLY TRINITY PARISH. PRESENTLY AS YOU CALL US TO PREPARE FOR OUR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN WE SEEK YOUR BLESSING IN THIS IMPORTANT CONSEQUENTIAL ENDEAVOR!
ENDOW US WITH YOUR GRACE THAT WE MAY HAVE HEARTS THAT ARE BOTH GENEROUS AND OPEN TO YOUR WILL! GUIDE US SO THAT GENERATIONS TO FOLLOW MAY CONTINUE TO GROW TOGETHER WITH CHRIST IN THIS HOLY DWELLING. AMEN

MOVIE – A COPY OF THE MOVIE, *UNPLANNED* WHICH IS BASED ON A TRUE STORY ABOUT THE EVIL OF PLANNED PARENTHOOD IS AVAILABLE TO ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO WATCH THE MOVIE. CALL THE PARISH OFFICE AT 743-1317.

HORSE SENSE, NOT NONSENSE

BIBLICAL PUN – Q. WHAT EXCUSE DID ADAM GIVE TO HIS CHILDREN AS TO WHY HE NO LONGER LIVED IN EDEN.

A. YOUR MOTHER ATE US OUT OF HOUSE AND HOME.