

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 22, 2019

They shall name him Emmanuel,
which means "God is with us."

— *Matthew 1:23*

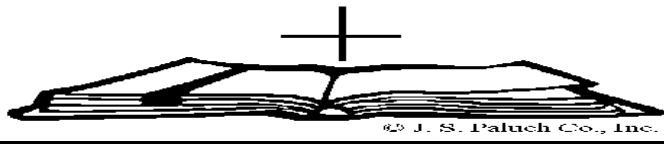
TRUST IN GOD

On this final Sunday of Advent our scriptures focus on the historical birth of Jesus, who is son of David and Son of God, child and king, Jesus and Emmanuel.

Isaiah the prophet begs Ahaz to ask for a sign, to allow God to offer him reassurance of the survival of the Davidic dynasty. The king refuses to "tempt the LORD" in that way (Isaiah 7:12), but the prophet foretells the birth of a son, an heir to the throne, who will prove the Lord's enduring protection of God's chosen lineage on the throne of David. The child will be called Emmanuel.

Matthew's reference to this history in his description of the birth of Jesus highlights the contrast between the faithless refusal of trust shown by Ahaz, and the complete trust in God shown by Mary and Joseph in bringing about the birth of Jesus Christ.

Mass Intentions



Sat. Dec. 21, 4:30 p.m. Henry McNamara, Dennis McCloskey, Huval Family, Barrilleaux Family, Hotard Family, Louis Perschall Sr., I. Perschall, Karge Family, Special Intention, Nick Sita, Ed Walker (L), Ken Bradley (L), Art and Liz Scott (L), Celeste and Jan, Max Jones, Paul Loubre

Sun., Dec. 22, 7:30 a.m. Parishioners

Sun., Dec. 22, 9:15 a.m. Carol Pieri

Sun., Dec. 22, 11:00 a.m. Joseph Legnon, Marie Duhon, Thomas A. Neubig, Henry Horstman, Jean Segura, Fr. Vincent Phan (L), Max Jones, Byron Lauland, Jaynell Martin

Mon., Dec. 23, 8:00 a.m. Sr. Gabriel Mule' DC

Tues., Dec. 24, 4:30 p.m., David Tucker, Gloria Fabre, Joyce Arcement, Giuseppe Dussor, Luigia and Ugo Pieri, Max Jones, Freddy and Rita Addotto, Athea Dussor, Carol Pieri, Nick Sita, Annie Dussor

Tues., Dec. 24, 9:00 p.m., Loretta Stansbury

Wed., Dec. 25, 9:00 a.m. Lullabelle Doucet

Thurs., Dec. 26, 8:00 a.m. Ivy Doucet

Fri., Dec. 27, 8:00 a.m. Sr. Josephine Cusimano DC

PRAYER LIST

James Michael Cole	Korey James Harris
Scott St. Romaine	Freddie Addotto
Fred Kopfler	Louise Cashmere
Florence Hoffman	Sylvia Callahan
Rich Richardson	Nancy Richardson
Randy Cooper	Richard Atkins
Roy M. Piazza	Ruthi Olson
Carol Easton	



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Loose	\$ 2,695.27
Bldg. and Pres. Fund	\$ 70.00

THE CANDLES BURN IN HONOR OF:

Sanctuary	Jeanette Marino
Blessed Mother	Dennis McCloskey
St. Joseph	Thomas Pitre
St. Ann	Irma Inness

If you would like to honor your intention by burning a 7 day candle please call 796-3806.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers on the Altar are in gratitude
of all Parishioners of St. John's.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve – Tuesday, Dec. 24

Vigil of Christmas

4:30 p.m. in Jonathan Hall

9:00 p.m. Mass in Church

Christmas Day – Wednesday, Dec. 25

Nativity of the Lord

9:00 a.m. in Church

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God, Jan. 1 Holy Day Of Obligation

Dec. 31, Vigil Mass, 4:30 p.m. in Church

Jan. 1st, - 9:00 a.m. in Church

CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY FAMILY
DECEMBER 28TH AND 29TH

Fr. Vincent will be away after 8 a.m. mass on Friday, January 3rd through Friday January 10th. The schedule is as follows. Fr. Peter Hammett will celebrate masses on First Saturday, Monday and Wednesday at 8:00 a.m. Deacon Jay Zimmer will have communion services on Thursday and Friday at 8a.m.

FOOD FOR THE POOR

Please join us the weekend of January 4, 2020 to hear Fr. Thomas R. Bouterie speak at all masses about a ministry providing direct relief to the poor throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. Fr. Bouterie will share personal witness about Food For The Poor's mission to care for the destitute as a means of living out the Gospel mandate to love one another.

PIVOTAL PLAYER DVD

Pivotal players continue on Sunday, December 22nd at 6:00 p.m. in the Jonathan Hall library with part 2 of our study of the life and teachings of Venerable Fulton Sheen. The study will view the actual footage from Sheen's "Life Is Worth Living." Sheen's innovative radio and television programs beamed out to believers and skeptics alike, reached upwards of 30 million people per week. Sheen had a gift for spreading the faith clearly and persuasively, and he paved the path for today's media evangelists.

The office will close at noon on Mon., Dec. 23th through Wed., Dec. 25th. We will reopen on Thurs., Dec. 26th.

WEEKLY ENVELOPES

The 2020 collection envelopes will be in church this weekend only. These are in alphabetical order from left to right as you enter Church. If you do not use envelopes, but would like to begin contributing with envelopes, please call the office at 796-3806.

On behalf of everyone, thank you to the Knights of Columbus for a delicious Breakfast with Santa. Also, thank you for everything you do through the year for St. John's Church.

We welcome all newcomers to St. John's Church and invite you to register as members of our parish family. Please complete a "Parishioner Form" located in back of church and drop it in the collection basket. A member of St. John's Church will contact you to assist you with registration.

As part of their new Faith in Action program, the Knights of Columbus Council 10176 are inviting all parishioners, particularly our families with young children, to participate in the Consecration to the Holy Family prayer which will take place following the vigil mass on December 28th and the morning masses on Sunday, December 29th. The prayer will be a simple one, consisting of a community prayer petitioning for the intercession of the Holy Family on behalf of all families to follow their example of faith and devotion to the Father. The literature that will be made available to all parishioners will further explain the meaning of the prayer, and includes suggestions for other activities that may benefit you in your efforts to seek God's grace, as did Jesus, Mary and Joseph, on behalf of our families. You can pick up a flyer and a prayer card in the back of the church. Knights of Columbus members will also be passing out the flyers and cards before and after mass on the Sunday before the event.

SAVE THE DATE:

Fr. Vincent has scheduled an Appreciation Dinner on Saturday, January 18th for any and all volunteers from St. John's. Please be on the lookout for more information.

REMINDERS!

The next Knights of Columbus monthly meeting is on Thursday, Jan. 9th at 7:30 p.m. in Odilo Hall.

First Saturday mass at 8:00 a.m. every month

Monday Bible Study, 7:30 p.m. in the Library

Men's group, Thurs., 7:00 p.m. in Library, except second Thurs.

PSR classes grades K – 8th, Wednesdays, 6:15 – 7:30 p.m. in J H.

9th and 10th grade PSR classes, Sun., noon – 1:30 p.m. in Library

James Adult Bible Study, Thursdays or Fridays at 9:00 a.m. in the Library in Jonathan Hall

100th Anniversary Committee Meeting, January 13, 6:00 p.m. in office

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent
Monday: St. John of Kanty; Hanukkah begins
Tuesday: Vigil of Christmas
Wednesday: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
Thursday: St. Stephen; Kwanzaa begins
Friday: St. John
Saturday: The Holy Innocents