

First Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2020

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, November 28th St. Andrew

8:30 am - St. John – Mass for the people
 9:00 am - 9:30 am – *Confessions at St. John*
 3:15 pm - 3:55 pm – *Confessions at St. John*
 4:00 pm - St. John – Steve Hahr by his brother Ed

Sunday, November 29th

7:30 am - 7:55 am – *Confessions at St. John*
 8:00 am - St. John – Millard & Ethel Belanger by Priscilla & Bob Messier
 11:30 am - Queen of Peace -Richard & Cathleen Roth by Joan and family
Confessions at QP before Mass (time permitting) or following Mass as needed

Monday, November 30th

8:30 am - St. Elizabeth – Edward Hahr by his son Ed

Tuesday, December 1st

8:30 am - St. John- Lorraine Perkins by her brother Maurice Hevey

Wednesday, December 2nd

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm – *Holy Hour of Adoration with Confessions at St. John*
 5:15pm - St. John – Deceased members of St. J. K. of C.

Thursday, December 3rd St. Francis Xavier

8:30 am - St. John- Randy Mackay by his wife Jacque

Friday, December 4th St. John Damascene

8:30am - St. Elizabeth – Living & Deceased members of the Fisher/Schoppe Families by M/M Scott Schoppe

Saturday, December 5th

8:30 am - St. John – Priest's Intention
 9:00 am - 9:30 am – *Confessions at St. John*
 3:15 pm - 3:55 pm – *Confessions at St. John*
 4:00 pm - St. John – Mass for the people

Second Sunday of Advent, December 6th

7:30 am - 7:55 am – *Confessions at St. John*
 8:00 am - St. John – Steve Hahr by his brother Chris
 9:35 am - St. Elizabeth Keith Mille by Deacon/Mrs Pete Gummere
 11:30 am - Queen of Peace – Mass for the People
Confessions at QP before Mass (time permitting) or following Mass as needed
Please keep our parishioners in mind who are ill & in need of your prayers, especially: George Thurston, Pam Austin, Charlene Chase, Connie Lapage, Martin Fortin, Charlie Weis, & Randy Thomas, Dick and Anita Bedor

Dec 5/6 2020	St. John	St. Elizabeth	Queen of Peace
LECTORS:	4pm K.Gilding 8:00am H.Robertson	9:35am J. Simard	11:30am D. Rooker

Good Shepherd Early Ed & Childcare Center

Good Shepherd Early Ed and Childcare Center is a year-round child care option offering a nurturing and faith-based program for children age 6 weeks to 5 years old. Openings are available. Call 751-8223

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1. Go to: nekcatholic.formed.org
2. Click on REGISTER to create a personal account

PARISH EVENTS

Dec. 1st 6:45am St. Vincent de Paul/Center
 Dec. 2nd 6:00 pm St. J. K. of C.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Fiscal Year: 7/1/20-6/30/21 Budgeted Regular Collection: \$243,650
 Reg. Collection Year-to-date: 61,095.49+
 On-Line: YTD \$30,961.55

Collections and Receipts: November 23, 2020

Regular Offertory: \$2619.75

Please consider using the Online Giving tool for your weekly offertory donations. Visit our website at: nekcatholic.com and click "Give Online" to sign up!

THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL, Corpus Christi Conference offers assistance in name of Jesus to the needy in our community. To contact us call: Patrick McWilliams: 274-3542 Ann Lovett: 751-8187; or the Rectory: 748-8129
 We will arrange a visit to see if we are able to serve you!

Christ Our Hope Capital Campaign

"Therefore, the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel." Isaiah 7:14

It's with great joy and excitement that we welcome Advent and the celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior. Jesus is God's greatest gift to mankind. He is the perfect present received every Christmas. John 3:16 – "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life"— serves as a reminder of God's love and the sacrifice made on our behalf. Along with celebrating God's wonderful gift, Advent is a time when we enjoy giving a little more. It is an opportunity to give a little more of our time, a little more of our love and a little more of the gifts we've received from God.

So we invite you, this Advent season, to join your brothers and sisters in Christ with a Christ Our Hope campaign commitment. Remember your gift will make a difference as we address our needs at Corpus Christi Parish. But don't forget it will also support the many needs of those most vulnerable among us, while enhancing our ability to educate others throughout the diocese. Please return your completed pledge form or go online to christourhopevt.org/donate to make your gift.

PARISH	PARISH GOAL	# of Parish Gifts	PLEGGED from Parish	% TO GOAL	COH CAMPAIGN TOTAL TO DATE
Corpus Christi	361,693	37	43,805	12.0	2,754,347

The Co-op Giving Tree



We have approximately 75 gift tags this year! Be sure to check out the tree near the entrance of the Church just past the Sacristy!! There are mainly elderly people in need of someone to help make their season bright! The younger participants have been given to other organization. Please take a tag or two off the tree at the entrance St John's Church. We have until December 10th to drop the items off **UNWRAPPED at MAYO'S FURNITURE on Railroad St.** Thanks for your help!

*"Comfort ye, comfort ye My people;
 My salvation shall not tarry..."*

Pray the St. Andrew Novena for Advent

Advent always begins on the Sunday closest to November 30th, the feast day of St. Andrew the Apostle. Is this just a nice coincidence, or is there deeper significance? There is indeed a deeper significance. St. Andrew was the very first disciple called by Our Lord—that is why, in the Orthodox tradition, he is known by the name Πρωτόκλητος (Protoklitos) which means "First-Called." Andrew is the one who convinced his brother, Simon, to become Jesus' disciple. "*We have found the Messiah!*" Andrew said to him. Now we know Simon as Peter, the first pope.

In keeping with his role as "the first-called," the feast of St. Andrew is found at the beginning of our new liturgical year. There are many traditions associated with St. Andrew's feast day, but one of the most popular is the Christmas novena that begins on St. Andrew's feast day. It's called the *St. Andrew Christmas Novena*, or more simply, *The Christmas Novena*. It's a wonderful way to enter into the Advent season which is marked by a time of anticipation, penance, and prayer.

While the origins of this prayer are unknown, it is over 100 years old (at least) and may have come from Ireland. If the St. Andrew novena was prayed as a regular nine-day novena, it would end on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8th. However, this novena prayer is actually prayed much longer than nine days—it is prayed throughout all four weeks of Advent.

It is piously believed that whoever recites the St. Andrew Christmas Novena Prayer FIFTEEN times each day from the feast of St. Andrew (November 30th) until Christmas Eve will obtain the favor requested.

Prayer is an *essential* part of Advent. Reciting this special novena prayer each day is a simple yet beautiful way to celebrate the spiritual significance of the Advent season and to experience a deeper conversion to the heart of Jesus. And since Andrew helped his brother find the Messiah, he can do the same for us as our spiritual brother. He can lead us, in spirit, to the Christmas crib, saying: "We have found the Messiah ..."

Here is the beautiful prayer:

***Hail and blessed be the hour and moment
in which the Son of God was born
of the most pure Virgin Mary,
at midnight, in Bethlehem, in piercing cold.
In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee,
O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires
through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ,
and of His blessed Mother. Amen.***

Walking in the Other Guy's Shoes: An Advent Challenge

WE MUST not rely too much upon ourselves, for grace and understanding are often lacking in us. We have but little inborn light, and this we quickly lose through negligence. Often we are not aware that we are so blind in heart. Meanwhile we do wrong, and then do worse in excusing it. At times we are moved by passion, and we think it zeal. We take others to task for small mistakes, and overlook greater ones in ourselves. We are quick enough to feel and brood over the things we suffer from others, but we think nothing of how much others suffer from us. If a man would weigh his own deeds fully and rightly, he would find little cause to pass severe judgment on others. *Imitation of Christ*, II, 5

Saying YES to God

"From the beginning of the spiritual life, the fervent soul should desire to give itself to God without reserve, always saying yes to Him. But in practice, being still hampered by the bonds of passions and attachment to creatures, it often happens that the soul's gift is not a complete one. Frequently, in the concrete instances of life, when faced with the bitterness of renunciation and interior conflict, its ideal 'yes' is changed into a virtual 'no'. In the state of union, however, this is no longer true. Here the soul is so surrendered to the holy will of God that it does not take back anything of its gift; its yes is so definitive and efficacious that it offers and unites the soul to God as a bride to her Bridegroom; that is why the mystics call this state "spiritual espousals."

"It is important to realize, that, on the part of the soul, the intensity of its union with God depends on the perfection of its yes; it should be a consent that is perfect in breadth and in depth: in breadth, because it should extend not only to what God commands, but even to all that He desires, to all that would give Him greater pleasure. Love must keep the soul so vigilant and attentive that it can discern in various circumstances what pleases God most, and this same love should make the soul generous enough to accomplish all without the least hesitation. The yes must be equally perfect in depth, because the soul should adhere to the divine good pleasure, not with negligence, [stinginess], nor even with the slightest bad grace, but with all the ardor of its will, happy to be able to give itself to God, whatever sacrifice this might entail."

~ *Divine Intimacy, Father Gabriel of St Mary Magdalen, O.C.D.*

Reading for Advent Found on FORMED.ORG

Advent of the Heart: Seasonal Sermons and Prison Writings by

Alfred Delp

Fr. Alfred Delp, S.J., was a heroic German Jesuit priest who was imprisoned and martyred by the Nazis in a Nazi death camp in 1945. ... Accused of conspiring against the Nazi government, he was arrested in 1944, tortured, imprisoned, and executed on Feb 2, 1945. While in prison, Fr. Delp was able to write a few meditations found in this book, which also includes his powerful reflections from prison during the Advent season about the profound spiritual meaning and lessons of Advent, as well as his sermons he gave on the season of Advent at his parish in Munich. These meditations were smuggled out of Berlin and read by friends and parishioners of St. Georg in Munich.

"*In half an hour, I'll know more than you do.*" These were the last words of Alfred Delp. He whispered them jokingly, to the Prison Chaplain Rev. Peter Buchholz, who accompanied him to his execution.

Proposed Christmas Mass Schedule

December 24th – Christmas Eve

4pm St. John

7pm Queen of Peace

December 25th – Christmas

12am Midnight St. John

8am St. John

10am St. Elizabeth

For social distancing we need to have an idea of numbers attending each Mass; we'll add a Mass if needed. Please let us know the Mass you and your family are planning to attend. Sign-up for a Mass time at the back of the church, or send an email to stjchurch@charter.net Please include family NAME and NUMBER attending. Thank you!