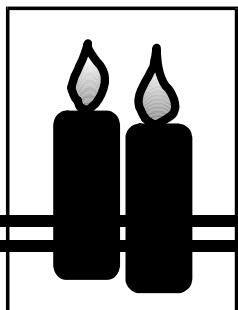


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# *Second Sunday of Advent*

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**Prepare the way  
of the Lord**



**December 10, 2017**

**Sat. December 9, 2017**

5:00 pm – Marie McClure, Nancy Wood,  
Madeline and Paula Pesce

**Sun. December 10, 2017**

9:00 am – Rose Giudice, Ann Marie Donegan,  
Bridget Brewer

9:00 & 11:00 am – CTW, 3, 4, 5 year olds

10:00 - Grade 1

11:00 am – Mary McCormack, Jon VanTassel

12:00 pm – **Children's Choir and Pageant Practice**

**Mon. December 11, 2017**

6:30 – 8:00 pm – Religious Education

**Tues. December 12, 2017**

6:30 – 8:00 pm – Religious Education

**Wed. December 13, 2017**

6:30 – 8:00 pm – Religious Education

**Thurs. December 14, 2017**

7:00 pm – AA

7:15 pm – Choir Rehearsal

**Fri. December 15, 2017**

7:00 pm – Christmas Story and Carols

**Sat. December 16, 2017**

5:00 pm – Nancy Wood, Ralph Vатели, Jean Harrison

6:15 pm - Ultreya

**Sun. December 17, 2017**

9:00 am – Tullio Pozzuoli, Margaret & John Gribbin,  
Bridget Brewer

9:00 & 11:00 am – CTW, 3, 4, 5 year olds

10:00 - Grade 1

11:00 am – Francisco DeAbreau, Guckian Fay Family

12:00 pm - **Children's Choir and Pageant Practice**

**WANT TO KEEP CHRIST  
IN CHRISTMAS?**

FEED THE HUNGRY, CLOTHE THE  
NAKED, FORGIVE THE GUILTY, WELCOME  
THE STRANGER AND THE UNWANTED  
CHILD, CARE FOR THE ILL, LOVE YOUR  
ENEMIES, AND GO TO MASS.



## **RECONCILIATION MONDAY**

Advent Reconciliation Monday this year will be **Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup>**. There will be a priest available for Confession here at St. Paul's from **4:00 pm until 8:00 pm** that evening.

## **PRAYER BLANKET MINISTRY**

We are searching for volunteers to donate homemade no-sew fleece, crocheted or knit prayer blankets, suitable for either men, women, children or with a unisex theme. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you as you choose your materials, and then while making your blanket, pray for whoever may be receiving this precious gift. When it is complete, please bring it to the church office. Father Sean will give the blanket a final blessing before it is distributed. If you have any questions, you can contact Anna at the church office.

## **CHRISTMAS MASSES**

**Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors and Altar Servers and Ushers, if you are available to serve at any of our Christmas Masses, please sign up on the bulletin board across from the office.**

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

**December 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> – \$8,180.54**  
**Collection \$5,879.62 - Online - \$2,300.92**  
**Thank you!**

## A WELCOME AND A FAREWELL

Father Sean and St. Paul's Welcomes all parishioners to bid Farewell to Anna Cesca, our Administrative Assistant, upon her retirement from 12 years serving St. Paul's Community. Anna and Ken will retire to their North Carolina lakefront home in the new year.

**Join us for a reception in DJH following the 5:00 PM Mass on December 16, 2017.** Come enjoy light refreshments, fond memories and tender adieu's with Anna, our ever-welcoming face of St. Paul's.

## TOYS FOR TOTS

Thank goodness so many of you took angels from our Giving Tree and will be providing Christmas gifts to families in need. Participation was so good that we ran out of Angels!

### **TOYS FOR TOTS**



**U. S. MARINE CORPS RESERVE**

For more information visit [www.toysfortots.org](http://www.toysfortots.org)

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We have a solution for those of you who would still like to do something for children in need. Through one of our parishioners, we have joined up with Toys for Tots, the annual campaign for toys sponsored by the United States Marine Corps Reserve. The mission of the Toys for Tots Program is to collect new, unwrapped toys and distribute these toys as Christmas gifts to less fortunate children in the

community in which the campaign is conducted. Through a new toy at Christmas, the Marines want to spread a message of hope to less fortunate youngsters that will assist them in becoming responsible, productive, patriotic citizens. There is a box for these new unwrapped toys in Deacon John Hall and you are all invited to participate. Just place the toy in the box.

## OPLATKI

A limited supply of this traditional Polish Christmas wafer (already blessed) will be available in the Sacristy and Church office for those who would like it. First come, first served!

## ATTENTION CHILDREN

Once again we invite **all children** of the parish to make their own personal ornament for our **Children's Christmas tree**, which will be displayed in the East Wing. There will be baskets at the church doors to collect these special ornaments over the next couple of weeks. This is a very important part of our holiday decorations. *Please* encourage your children to participate. Thank you!



## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

When you are filling out your Christmas Cards this year, take a card and send it to this address:

**A Recovering American Soldier  
C.O. Walter Reed Army Medical Center  
6900 Gerogia Avenue  
NW Washington, DC 20307-5001**

Think of how many cards these wonderful special people who have sacrificed so much would get. What a great way to let them know how much we appreciate all they have done.

## 2018 CHURCH ENVELOPES

If you haven't done so, ***PLEASE*** pick up your **2018 Church Envelopes** in **Deacon John Hall**.

## SCRIPTURE, CAROLING

**Friday, December 15, 2018 - 7:00 p.m.**

This Christmas we are once again offering the community of St. Paul's the opportunity to step away from the commercialism and hustle & bustle of the season.

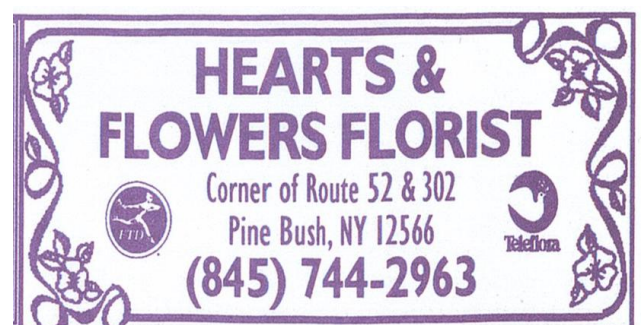
Start a new tradition in your family by joining your fellow parishioners **at 7:00 p.m.** in the church where we will hear scripture and sing traditional Christmas Carols followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction. What better way to get into the Christmas Spirit and prepare for the birth of our Lord!

## DECORATING THE CHURCH

*Calling all volunteers.* Come and help decorate the church for Christmas. We will meet on **Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 1pm.** The more the merrier!



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