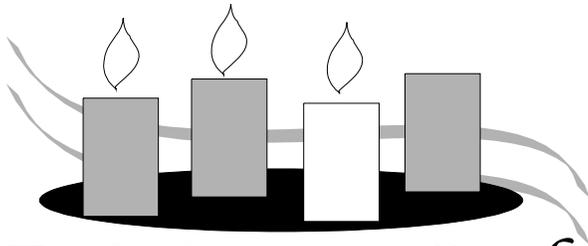

Third Sunday of Advent



Rejoice in God

December 17, 2017

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 DeAbreu, Guckian-Fay Family
12:00 pm - **Children's Choir and Pageant Practice**
1:00 pm - **Decorate the Church for Christmas**

Mon. December 18, 2017

4:00 - 8:00 pm – **Reconciliation Monday**
6:30 – 8:00 pm – Religious Education

Tues. December 19, 2017

6:30 – 8:00 pm – Religious Education

Wed. December 20, 2017

6:30 – 8:00 pm – Religious Education

Thurs. December 21, 2017

7:00 pm – AA
7:15 pm – **Choir Rehearsal**

Sat. December 23, 2017

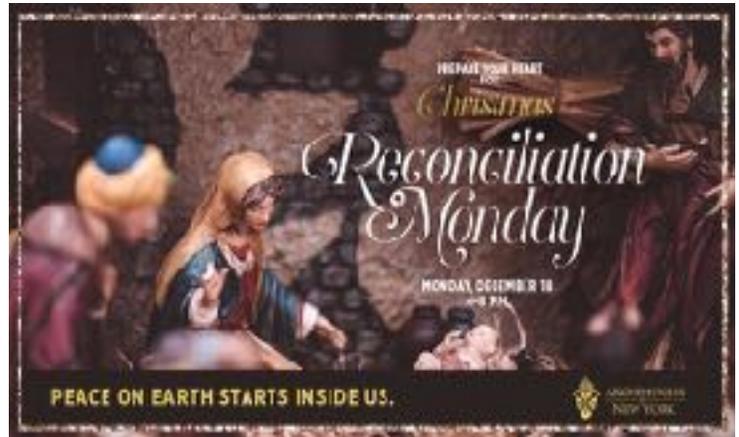
5:00 pm – Carmela LaTuso, Juan Martinez,
Jose & Ramona Martinez

Sun. December 24, 2017

9:00 am – Harry J. Curley, Sr. Edwina Dunne
11:00 am – Amado 'Ding' V. Gonzales,
John Boyle

Christmas Eve Masses

6:00 pm – Parishioners of St. Paul's
9:00 pm - Parishioners of St. Paul's



RECONCILIATION MONDAY

Advent Reconciliation Monday this year will be **Monday, December 18th**. 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 thank all of you who have donated handmade blankets to our Prayer Blanket Ministry. While we are still accepting knitted, crocheted and no-sew blankets, they will be held until February, when they will be blessed by Fr. Sean at Mass along with the no-sew fleece blankets crafted by our Confirmation candidates. If there is an urgent need for a Prayer Blanket before then, please contact the church office.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

6:00 pm Christmas Eve

Children's Mass

9:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass

11:00 am Christmas Day

CHRISTMAS MASSES

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

LECTORS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

There will be a meeting for our **Eucharistic Ministers** with Fr. Sean on **Saturday, January 13th in Deacon John Hall** from **10:00 am-3:00pm**.

There will be a meeting for our **Lectors** with Fr. Sean on **Saturday, January 20th in Deacon John Hall** from **10:00 am- 3:00pm**.

TREASURER'S REPORT

December 9th & 10th – \$7,568.70
Collection \$5,204.73 - Online - \$2,363.97
Thank you!

DECORATING THE CHURCH

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

2018 CHURCH ENVELOPES

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

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!

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.

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.

HIS WORD TODAY

By Rev. William J. Reilly

Third Sunday of Advent

“The spirit of the Lord is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me. He has sent me to bring glad tidings to the lowly, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to captives, and release to prisoners. To announce a year of favor from the Lord and a day of vindication by our God.”

Remember when Jesus read this passage in His synagogue in Nazareth? St. Luke tells us He said ‘Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearings.’ We often associate this passage at the time of ordination or confirmation. Today it is directed to me and tells me what to expect when the longed for Savior comes. He was ‘anointed’, the name Christ means the anointed one. He had a mission, He was sent. He had a message ‘good news.’ He looked for the lowly, the hurting, those bound by addictions and desperation. He came to free and form missionary disciples.

The mission of Jesus is our mission, the mission of the entire church. We are comfortable, but consider fellow Christians throughout the world suffering from poverty, political oppression. Consider missionaries serving the most pitiable people, like Doctors with Borders, the Catholic Near East Welfare Society Workers, Medical Mission Sisters bringing Isaiah’s prompting to fulfillment.

Yes, the spirit of the Lord is upon all of us as we begin week three of Advent. Jesus has gifted us with His mission.

‘Come Lord Jesus.’

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