
St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Dec 4, 2011

Second Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 3, 2011

4:00 -- Richard Venesky – 4th Anniversary

Sunday, December 4, 2011

8:00 – Mass for the People

10:00 – Kathleen Climo – 1st Anniversary

Wednesday, December 7, 2011

9:00 – John McKenzie – 10th Anniversary

Friday, December 9, 2011

9:00 – Michelle Fournier – Memorial

Saturday, December 10, 2011

4:00 – Suzanne Shepard – 22nd Anniv.

Sunday, December 11, 2011

8:00 – Charles Matthews – 13th Anniv.

6:00 – Shawn Cannizzo – 4th Anniv.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of June Kjelgaard and Willard A. Morse Jr. whose funeral masses were celebrated this past week.

Important Dates

12/8 – Feast of the Immaculate Conception -

Holy Day of Obligation – Mass at 9:00 & 7:00

12/10 – Peer Ministry, Christmas Social – 4 PM.

12/14 – Fr. Skerry’s Program – 7 PM - Chapel

12/15 – PPC Meeting – 7 PM in the Chapel

12/17 – CHRISTMAS PAGEANT followed by

Decorating of Rectory Christmas Tree

12/18 – Parish Christmas Breakfast – 11 AM

12/21 – Fr. Skerry’s Program – 7 PM – Chapel

followed by Confession

12/22 – Confession (Reconciliation) 7 – 7:30 PM

12/24 – Christmas Eve Masses – check pg 2 for times

12/25 – CHRISTMAS DAY MASS – 10 AM



CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Saturday, December 17th the children of our Parish will present The Nativity Story. Members of Karen Connell and Kevin Smith’s 9th Gr. Confirmation class are directing the children in this wonderful presentation of the Christmas Story. In addition to the wonderful play, you are cordially invited to join Fr Wally in celebrating the Christmas season by joining in the decorating of the rectory Christmas Tree following the pageant from 1:45 – 3 pm. Bring an ornament that represents your family’s style or traditions and enjoy some Christmas cheer and goodies.

Our Shared Treasure

November 27, 2011: \$5,943

GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTION: \$11,557

Thank you for your continued generosity.



CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS DURING ADVENT

I have often thought that we celebrate Christmas best during Advent. That’s probably

because the preparation for Christmas takes much more time and effort than the celebration of Christmas Day (which seems to come and go so quickly).

Fr. Wally’s suggestion of four talks during Advent may test that theory. Looking at the Nativity Narratives and other related stories during Advent can help us find the spiritual center of Christmas as we go through the Advent season. We will take time each Wednesday evening at 7pm during Advent to look at the Scripture account of Jesus’ birth, some light theology, and hopefully some sharing can lead us to a more fruitful celebration of this amazing truth of our faith: “The Word became flesh.”

God Bless, Fr. Skerry

Please keep the following in your

prayers: Nelson Powers , Lana Thomas, Don Kitchell, Russell L. Clifford Jr. & Ruth Russell, Jack, Sheila, Joseph McElhiney, Mary Ellen Johnson, Robert Small, Madison Murray, Ian Hickey SPC, Nathan Gilbert BU3 and Rita LoCicero, Fedela Nuovo, Betty DePietro, Pam & Vince Adornato, Jane & Michael Sheehan, Patricia Polcaro, T. J. Herlihy.

****Due to the ever growing number of names in our prayer list, we will be removing names after one month’s time to make room for more people in need of our prayers. The complete list of names can be found on our website:***

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Grand Annual Collection

We are very grateful for the generosity shown by **70** of our families to our Grand Annual Collection. To date, these families have contributed **\$11,557**. If you have not yet had an opportunity to return your donation, please do so as soon as possible. The Parish Finance Council has recommended a donation in the amount of **\$250**. The council realizes that some families may not be able to afford that donation while many others may be able to give more. We count on your generosity to reach our goal of **\$46,000**. Every gift is welcomed and sincerely appreciated. Donations are tax deductible to the full extent of the law. Let's all do our part no matter how big or small our donation may be.



Dear Friends,

It is hard to believe that this is the Second Sunday of Advent! After this Sunday's celebration we will be half way through Advent, which as you know is the four weeks of preparation that lead to Christmas Day. Are you half way through your Christmas preparation? Well, to help you prepare for the rebirth of the Christ child in your heart, which is far more important than anything that happened on "Black Friday" or "Cyber Monday" or on any of the shopping days left until Christmas, Fr. Don Skerry is giving a series of talks on Wednesday evening at 7:00 to help each of us do just that-to prepare for Christmas so that we will have the true Christmas spirit. I hope that you will come and, if you do, I know that you will be better prepared to receive the graces of Christmas, as well as the gifts that you will be given by loved ones. To receive the gifts without the graces is to merely receive a gift. To receive the gift with the graces is to receive a "Christmas" gift.

The CYO ski trip is going to take place the weekend of Jan. 13-15. We have 35 paid students which is enough to go forward with the trip. The final payment of \$164 is due on or before Dec. 18. There are 5 spaces available. Any student in grades 8-12 is welcome to fill one of those spaces. Deacon Joe and Lorraine Hopgood and I would like to invite all of our Peer Ministers to come to the Shrine of Our Lady of LaSalette on Saturday Dec. 10. LaSalette has the largest display of Christmas light in the US. We will leave the parking lot at 4:00 pm for the 40 minute ride. Afterwards we will enjoy a dinner together-my treat. Students are asked to RSVP via Facebook.

God, Bless,
Fr. Wally

Well, the 3rd Craft Sale is over and was a BIG success. Everything gets a little better each year. The ads were great due to Jean Berrigan and Rose Penney and Ginny Connell handled the raffle. Jeanne MacDonald ran the Attic Treasures with a firm hand with all her helpers, you know who you are. All the ladies came through with baked goods and homemade items. Jennifer and Catie Boyle ran the kitchen while Sheila McLaughlin and Alicia Boucher collected all the money. A big thank you to the EBHS Key Club sending over help to clean up and hope you all noticed the large sign at Wolfe Motors on Rte 18. We had a large number of people on the waiting list, so Father, hope our new church gets under way soon. Large thanks to all the Catholic Women.

Sincerely, Mary Ann Boyle

IMPORTANT CHRISTMAS INFORMATION

PENANCE SERVICE

Confessions will be heard on Wednesday Dec. 14 following Fr. Don Skerry's talk. Confessions will also be heard on Thursday evening Dec. 22 from 7:00-7:30. Confessions will not be heard on Saturday Dec. 24.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

Saturday, 12/24, the 4:00 Mass in the Church will have our Teen Choir providing the music. The 4:00 Mass in the Parish Hall will have a Cantor with piano music. The 6:00 Mass in the Church will have music provided by our Children and Adult choirs.

Sunday, 12/25, the Mass will be at 10:00am with an organist, violin and cantor.

There will not be an 8:00 am or a 6:00 pm Mass on Christmas Day.

We will have our regular Mass schedule for New Year's weekend. Sat. at 4:00 – Sun. at 8, 10 & 6



St. John's Christmas Giving Tree

All the tags have been taken.

All gift cards should be returned no later than
Sunday, December 11th.

Please remember to write the amount of the
donation on the gift card.