

A Family Perspective - Today's gospel reports "there is one among you whom you do not recognize." It is hard to believe Christ is present in a family with crazy schedules, suppers that start too late and end too early, cars that don't start, misunderstandings, frustrations, piles of laundry, unmatched socks and stretched food budgets. The list is endless. The words spoken at Mass, "The Lord is with you," are not a hope, they are a fact.

Advent Carol Service tonight at 7:00 p.m. in church, presented by the combined Interfaith choirs and "Too Many Tubas" band. Come on in, you'll enjoy it. Refreshments in Finley Hall after program.

Pictorial Album - Sign up your whole family, college kids home for Christmas, Friday through Tuesday, December 26th - 30th. Call the Parish Office 724-348-7145 to make an appointment. Weekdays 2 p.m. - 9 p.m., Saturday & Sunday 9:00 a.m. - 3:40 p.m.

We need volunteers to help with portrait sign in. Call Kathy Pitzer 724-348-5361. Thank you for helping.

Discovering Christ - What is your answer when Christ asks, "Who do you say that I am?" Give yourself the opportunity to think about the many possible answers, then register for "Discovering Christ" and come upon the best answer of all. Sign up forms in back of church, or call Joanna 724-348-8056 or Teresa 724-348-9041.

Discovering Christ Facilitators/Helpers meeting Friday, December 19th at 7:00 p.m. in Finley Hall.

Enjoy Books are available at the Parish Office Monday - Friday 9-3 p.m. Proceeds to Youth Ministry. \$30.00. Makes a great Christmas gift that lasts all year, or a gift for someone who has everything!

Christmas Poinsettias - There are Flower Offering envelopes in the back of the church to order flowers for the Church for Christmas. Donation: \$7.00. The Poinsettias may be placed on the Altar "*In Memory of a Loved one*", "*In Thanksgiving*" or "*For a Special Intention.*" Return by **Monday, December 15th.**

Christmas Mass Schedule

Wednesday, December 24th - 4, 8 and 10 p.m.

Thursday, December 25th - 8 and 11 a.m.

Christmas Confessions:

Saturday, December 20th- 9 a.m., 12:30 p.m.

Monday, December 22nd - 9 and 11 a.m., 7 p.m.

Tuesday, December 23rd - 9 and 4 & 7 p.m.

Wednesday, December 24th 9 and 11 a.m.

By appointment, call Rectory 724-348-7145.

Baby Jesus Birthday Party, Saturday, December 20th at 10:00 a.m. in Finley Hall. Ages 1 - 101 welcome! Any questions, please call Carol at 724-348-6190.

Christmas Decorating next Sunday, December 21st after 11:00 mass. Stick around or come back and help. It won't take long if we have enough help!

Christmas Bingo - Join us Tuesday for Bingo in Finley Hall. The Jack-pot will be \$1,175.00 in 55 numbers. The Magic Number will be \$106.00 plus this week's take. The 'All Nighter' will be \$569.00 plus this week's take. Early Bird games begin at 7:15 p.m., regular games at 7:30. Gifts will be given to all players. Last Bingo for 2014. Merry Christmas!

Marriage Moments - A trip down Memory Lane: The Honeymoon. Not everyone takes a honeymoon after their wedding but whether you did or not, savor the early days of your marriage. What made them special? What did you learn about each other?

Parenting Pointers - The Christmas Vigil uses the genealogy of Jesus as the Gospel (Matthew 1:1-25). Do your children know their heritage back several generations? Talk with them about their relatives dead and alive and their ethnic roots. Perhaps go to a map and help them visualize the way they came to the place you now call home.

Christmas Discernment Retreat - December 19-21, led by Fr. Joe Freedy with Fathers Welding, Vaskov, and Bishop Zubik. For College and Post-College aged men who are interested in discerning God's will in regard to a Priestly Vocation. *Pghpriest.com* or *jfreedy@diopitt.org* for information and to register.

Ministry Schedule – December 20/21

6:00 p.m. Saturday

Ministers: Kovscek, Foster, Brucker, Stanchak,
Hoover, Checque, Thropp
Lector: S. McCormick
Servers: K., C., & T. Berdar

8:00 a.m. Sunday

Ministers: H. & M. A. Lassige, Banahasky, Fox,
F. Funtal, Jurofcik, Dishong
Lector: E, Garry
Servers: J., J., & P. Pisarcik

11:00 a.m. Sunday

Ministers: Gallo, S. & A. Parker, Trypus, Pitzer,
J. Wardle, Broglie
Lector: V. Lombardi
Servers: V. Lombardi, K. Lewis, A. Parker

Oplatki - Christmas Wafers are available after all masses or at the Parish Office during the week. Make this part of your Christmas traditions.

More Than Disciples - Each of today's four scriptural roles—disciple, prophet, apostle, herald—forms a facet of our life in Christ as we live it day by day. Isaiah tells us that a prophet is anointed, as we were anointed at our baptism in water and the Spirit, to bring glad tidings and to promote God's reign of healing, justice, and peace. An apostle, like Paul, is one who is "sent." Each of us, in his or her own way, is sent by Christ to be a voice of rejoicing, to encourage prophetic voices in the world, and to make sure that the work of the Spirit thrives. John the Baptist shows us the job of the herald, making the Lord's way straight, announcing the coming of the Light of the world.

Today we also hear from Mary, model disciple. Her song, the Magnificat, shows us the world we must believe in and work for: one in which God is praised, where God's favor is bestowed on the humble, where the hungry are filled and the rich are sent away empty, a world that continues to know and rejoice in the mercy of God that lasts for all ages.

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Think about it!

- ◊ I've learned that the greater a person's sense of guilt, the greater his or her need to cast blame on others.
- ◊ I've learned that you can tell a lot about a man by the way he handles these three things: a rainy day, lost luggage, and tangled Christmas tree lights.



Today, December 14, Third Sunday of Advent

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn :6-8, 19-28

6:00 p.m. (Sat.) Helen Ely - Leonard Checque
8:00 a.m. For the People of the Parish
11:00 a.m. In Thanksgiving for Stevie Roper - Mom, Dad & Family

Monday, December 15, Advent Weekday

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27

8:30 a.m. Bob LaFrankie - Laughlin Family

Tuesday, December 16, Advent Weekday

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19, 23; Mt 21:28-32

8:30 a.m. Mary D. Hudock - Family

Wednesday, December 17, Late Advent Weekday

Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

8:30 a.m. Mark Schirra - Wife, Kathy

Thursday, December 18, Late Advent Weekday

Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

8:30 a.m. Vera Cutler - Barb, Ed, Tracy & Rose

Friday, December 19, Late Advent Weekday

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

8:30 a.m. Lois LeJeune - Peck Family

Saturday, December 20, Late Advent Weekday

Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

8:30 a.m. Mary Costello - Steve & Mary Parish & Family

Confessions after 8:30 a.m. Mass daily

Sunday, December 21, Fourth Sunday of Advent

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

6:00 p.m. (Sat.) John & Michael Maimone - Family
8:00 a.m. For the People of the Parish
11:00 a.m. Agnes Young - Patti Rzomp

Home With Christ - Please pray for the souls of *Marie F. Harriett*, sister of Charles Zukauckas, and for *Helen Matisekova*, aunt of Dorothy Smida. *May they rest in peace.*

TO THE GLORY OF GOD

The Flowers on our Altar today are presented



"In Memory of Mark Schirra"
requested by Wife, Kathy



"In Memory of the Hoover & Schettler Families"
requested by John & Sue Hoover.

Financial Overview	
Needed/week.....	\$9,355.71
Last week.....	\$7,582.80
Deficit/Surplus.....	(\$1,772.91)