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Third Sunday of Advent
December 17, 2017

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Ms. Deborah Holly
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MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Masses

Mondays: 12:00 noon
Tuesdays Thursdays Fridays: 8:00 am
Wednesdays: 10:00 am

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:45 am

Holy Days

To Be Announced

Confessions

Before the Mass

Religious Education

Elementary & First Communion

Sundays: 9:15 am

High School & Confirmation

1st, 3rd, 5th Fridays: 7:00 pm

Bible Study

Mondays: 10:30 am & 7:00 pm

Rite of Christian Initiation

For Adults

Sundays: 12:30 pm

Baptism & Marriage Preparation

By Appointment



Go to www.josephites.org,
click Parishes and School tab,
select Maryland, then click the
parish name.

Readings for the Week of December 17, 2017

Sunday: Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11 / Luke 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 / John 1:6-8, 19-28
Monday: Jeremiah 23:5-8 / Matthew 1:18-25
Tuesday: Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a / Luke 1:5-25
Wednesday: Isaiah 7:10-14 / 1:26-38
Thursday: Song of Songs or Zephaniah 3:14-18a / Luke 1:39-45
Friday: 1 Samuel 1:24-28 / Luke 1:46-56
Saturday: Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24 / Luke 1:57-66
Sunday: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 / Romans 16:25-27 /
Luke 1:57-66

Word From The Pastor

The season of Advent is a parable of the life of the Church and of each believer, hoping in joy and humility for the hour of the great rendezvous with the Lord. It is the time when eyes are uplifted to the One who dispenses all gifts in unpredictable ways; the time of spiritual joy for those who do not obstruct the Spirit and misunderstand the prophets; the time when one looks ahead to the coming of God.

It is also the time for praying that God himself, by the coming of his Son, may initiate his reign and help us to reduce the distance that always exists between the little that we are, and all that God has in store for us and prepares for us.

It is the time when we awaken to God by opening our hearts and awakening the very center of ourselves that listens and gives thanks at all times, secure in his mercy like a child in the love of his parents.

So, we say with Mary, "My being proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit finds joy in God my savior."

(Days of the Lord, Vol. 1)



Mass Intentions

Saturday	4:00 pm	Bernadine Williams <i>rb: The Family</i>
Sunday	8:00 am	Danette Herbert <i>rb: Marjorie Herbert</i>
	10:45 am	Mary Chase <i>rb: The Family,</i>
Monday	12:00 pm	Marketta Hill <i>rb: The Family</i>
Tuesday	8:00 am	Alberta F. Johnson <i>rb: The Family</i>
Wednesday	10:00 am	Celebrant's Intention
Thursday	8:00 am	Daquan Freeman <i>rb: The Family</i>
Friday	8:00 am	Celebrant's Intention



Deceased Josephites

December	18	Rev. Patrick C. McCarthy, SSJ Rev. Thomas F. O'Connor, SSJ
December	19	Rev. Joseph F. Murphy, SSJ
December	21	Rev. Michael J. Neary, SSJ Rev. James F. Quinlan, SSJ Rev. Joseph L. Brown, SSJ Rev. Louis R. Saporito, SSJ

Scripture Insights



Today's readings continue the preparation theme, but now the focus shifts somewhat to the joy that awaits us in God's coming kingdom. This Sunday is Gaudete (rejoice) Sunday or, as Pope Francis calls it, the Sunday of Joy.

In today's First Reading, the prophet writes about the mission conferred upon him by God to bring glad tidings to the lowly and to heal the broken hearted and about the joy he experiences in God who clothes him in justice and salvation. Early Christians adopt this text to describe Jesus' mission. By virtue of our Baptism in Christ, this ought to be our mission as well. As the prophet suggests, there is no greater joy than doing God's work.

The Gospel presents John the Baptist as the one who testifies or gives witness to the Light who is coming into the world (John 1:8). We can rejoice because he is the Light that darkness cannot overcome! As the story unfolds, we see John testifying on Jesus' behalf before the priests and Levites of Jerusalem and declaring that Jesus is already among them, though they do not recognize him. John declares he is lower than the lowest house-hold servant by comparison to Jesus, the revealer of God.

On the theme of joy, the Church has wisely paired these two readings with one from Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians. Paul admonishes us to always live in joy, praying and giving thanks, because this is God's will for us. Everything we do and say should be inspired by this Spirit as we await the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Liturgical Training Publications



Although Advent Wreaths are popular, many are not aware of the rich meaning and symbolism. Christ is referred to as the "Light of the World" contrasted with the darkness of sin. As his Advent, or coming, draws nearer a candle is lit, with each candle dispelling the darkness a little more. The Advent wreath helps us to spiritually contemplate the great drama of salvation history that surrounds the birth of God Incarnate. Each candle represents 1,000 years; added together, they symbolize the 4,000 years that humanity waited for the world's Savior from Adam and Eve to Jesus.

Each of the four candles have a deeper meaning:

1st Sunday of Advent: Hope with the "Prophet's Candle" reminding us that Jesus is coming.

2nd Sunday of Advent: Faith with the "Bethlehem Candle" reminding us of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.

3rd Sunday of Advent: Joy with the "Shepherd's Candle" reminding us of the joy the world experienced at the coming birth of Jesus.

4th Sunday of Advent: Peace with the "Angel's Candle" reminding us of the message of the angels: "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."

Stewardship Report

As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another
as good stewards of God's varied grace.
1 Peter 4:10

Attendance 153

Collection \$ 4,672.00

MEETING THIS WEEK



Fun for Seniors

The Frolicking Shining Stars

meet this Wednesday at 10 am in the Rectory.

New members are always welcome to join the group
for fun and fellowship.

PREPARING ADVENT



Lighting the Candle on the Advent
wreath and placing an ornament on the
Jesse Tree this weekend Masses are:
4:00 pm: The Haughton's & Gardner's
8:00 am: Mary Griffin & Family
10:45 am: Helena & Jamie Johnson

BIBLE STUDY



All are welcome to explore the Word,
especially during Advent, on Mondays
in the Rectory. Stop by the Rectory at
a time convenient for you: Monday
Group at 10:45 am, Evening Group at
7:00 pm. Stop by any Monday and bring a friend.

EXPLORING THE FAITH

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults ó RCIA
meets on Sundays at 12 noon in the
Rectory for adults inquiring about the
Catholic faith. If you or someone you
know have questions, stop by on
Sunday afternoon or contact Deacon
Will Witherspoon at 410-599-8327.



FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

Especially at this time of the year, our St. Vincent de
Paul and Ladies of Charity need your donations to
our Food Basket at Mass. In addition to your regular
donations of canned goods, which serve the needy
each week, we also need donations of sauerkraut,
canned cranberry sauce, boxed stuffing and hot
chocolate. Thank you for your continued
support and generosity.

IT'S AN "A" FOR CIRCLE WINNERS!

Congratulations to our December Winners

President	030	\$500	Mary Carr
1st Vice President	011	\$ 50	Joyce Winegan
2nd Vice President	004	\$ 50	Unsold
Secretary	003	\$ 50	Fr. Ray
Treasurer	061	\$ 50	Doris Kearns

Join us for Bingo and Circle Drawing this Monday,
January 8th at 7:00 pm in Fr. Henry Harper Hall.
Don't forget to pick-up your new circle books from
Catherine Case.

BLANKET & SHOE BOX DRIVE

Our Saints In Progress ask for
your continued support of their
projects for the homeless. In
addition to donations of regular
size soap, shaving cream, lotion,
tooth paste and brushes, socks,
gloves and knit hats, please ask
family members, neighbors and co-workers for
unused blankets for the homeless. Please continue to
drop off your donations of toiletries into the bins at
the back of the church. Thank you for your continued
support and generosity.

SAINTS IN PROGRESS
Saint Peter Claver and Saint Pius V



PARISH REGISTRY UP-DATE

It's time to update our parishioner
mailing and contact list for the coming
new year. If you, or a family member
has a new address, phone number or
resides in a nursing home or facility,
please send your new information to rectory, or call
the parish office receptionist on Monday thru Friday,
between the hours of 9:00 am and 3:30 pm during
the week. Help keep our parish records up-to-date.



Invite the
Family to
Christmas
Mass...





CHECK JOSEPHITE NEWS AND THE LATEST PARISH LIFE PAGE



Logon to our Josephite webpage connection for our Parish Life Page, featuring ðMaryø Parish Visitö. Also visit the Josephite site for their latest news. Logon to www.josephite.org, then continue to our site by clicking ðParishes and Schoolsö, select ðMarylandö, then click our parish name.

SERVING THE NEEDY



Support our **St. Vincent de Paul Society Food Program** by offering these items at Mass: Canned Tuna, Mac & Cheese, Pasta and Sauce, Canned Pork & Beans, Vegetables and Beef Stew, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Powdered Milk, Oatmeal, Cereal, Jello.

Cook for **Our Daily Bread Casserole Program** by picking up a pan and recipe on the Second Sunday of the month and return your casserole on the Third Sunday for Monday delivery. The next date to pick up casserole pans is the weekend of January 13 /14 with frozen casserole returns the following weekend of January 20 / 21 .



COMMUNITY RESOURCES

FOOD SERVICE TRAINING

The St. Vincent de Paul offers the free ðNext Courseö Food Service Programö that provides applicants with food service skills, and the opportunity to obtain the ServSafe Food Handlers Certificate and ServSafe Managerø Certification. This program is a part of the St. Vincentø KidzTable, located at 1901 62nd St., Suite 3906, Baltimore 21237. For more information contact the Next Food Service Program at 410-982-0855.

ST. EDWARDø WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Located at 2848 W. Lafayette Avenue, 3rd floor, the Center provides job preparation and supportive services that include basic education and GED preparation, Auto technician training and certification, computer literacy, child support enforcement and mediation, substance abuse referrals and more. Call 443-885-0990 or fax 443-885-0991.

EMPLOYMENT TRAINING AND JOB PLACEMENT

The Center for Urban Families (2201 N. Monroe St.) provides tax preparation, job training and placement assistance upon completing the four week training program. Services include GED classes, Fatherhood/Parenting classes and occupational skills. No experience is needed nor a High school diploma is required. Call 410-367-5691 or online at www.CFUF.org

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The American Health Career Institute, located at 2520 Pennsylvania Avenue, 2nd floor, offers training in a variety of health careers, among them: EKG Technician, Nurse Support Technician, Pharmacy Technician, First Aid and CPR and GED classes. Morning and evening classes are available with flexible payment plans. Logon to www.americanhealthcareer.com. Contact the Institute: Phone: 443-438-4546, Fax: 443-869-3712.

FREE GED CLASSES

Bon Secours Community Works sponsors free classes, for those wishing to complete their high school education, on Mondays through Thursdays from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm at Bon Secours Family Support Center, (26 N. Fulton Ave.) Free child care for children up to 4 years is available. Contact Ms. Brenda K. Jones at 410-362-3695.

PLEASE SUBMIT ALL ANNOUNCEMENTS & BULLETIN ITEMS BY WEDNESDAY MORNING!