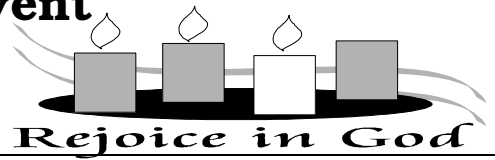


Third Sunday of Advent

December 14, 2008



MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY December 13

5:00 PM SUSAN YONAITIS KASTNER
r/o Mom & Dad

SUNDAY, December 14

8:00 AM GRAZIA TIRINO
r/o Castagna Family

10:30 AM WILLIAM & MICHALINA JULIANO
r/o Family

MONDAY, December 15

8:30 AM ANN PIROZZI
r/o Sofia Fernandez

TUESDAY, December 16

8:30 AM REV. MSGR. STEPHEN A. BIELEN
r/o Altar Rosary Society

WEDNESDAY, December 17

8:30 AM VERONICA HANSEN
r/o Jim & Eileen Mattison

THURSDAY, December 18

8:30 AM PAUL J. BOCCOLINI III
Mom, Dad, & Ejvind

FRIDAY, December 19

No Mass

SATURDAY December 20

5:00 PM ANTHONY S. SIRIANNI
r/o Patrick Flaherty

SUNDAY, December 21

8:00 AM CAROL ALEXANDER
r/o Rick & Elaine Hardy
10:30 AM ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY

Dear Parishioners,

HOW TO MAKE A GOOD CONFESSION

One of the effects of being sinners is that we are blind to our own sins. Satan wants us to believe that there is no evil in what we do. If we fall into this trap, our hearts may become hardened and insensitive to the demands of love. This is why **conversion of heart** is so important. In fact, it is so important that Jesus has made the symbol of His Sacred Heart, the greatest manifestation of His love for us and of the love we are to have. "Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says: 'If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts... Take heed brethren, lest perhaps there be if any of you with an evil heart of unbelief...'" (Heb. 3).

God is a loving Father who desires that we see our sins, so that He can give us the grace of repentance and forgiveness. He wants us to be free. Satan, however, does not want us to see our sins. When we begin to walk in the will of the Lord, Satan will try to accuse us with our own sins, so that we will become disheartened and return to our old ways. We must learn to discern the difference: God reveals our sins to free us and forgive us; the devil hides our sins and reveals them only to lead us to despair. We should vigorously reject these thoughts. **God ALWAYS forgives when there is repentance in our hearts.**

The Church teaches that in order for there to be a true confession three things are necessary:

1. That you recognize and truly feel sorry for what you have done that has offended God (and/or another person) and that you desire not commit it again.
2. That you verbally confess your sins to a priest in an individual, one to one manner (**you must confess any and all mortal sins**).
3. That you receive from the priest and complete an act of penance, which manifests your desire to make up for what you have done wrong and to no longer do it again.

Confession: When you enter the confessional say the following: **Bless me, Father, for I have sinned. It has been (number of days, weeks, months, or years) since my last confession. Tell all your sins distinctly and finish by saying: For these and all my sins of my whole life, especially ... I am heartily sorry and I humbly ask for penance and absolution. Then listen to the priest. After he has given the penance and while he is giving you absolution, say the Act of Contrition:**

Act of Contrition: Oh my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended You, and I detest all my sins, because I dread the loss of heaven and the pains of hell, but most of all because they offend You, my God, Who are all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of Your grace, to confess my sins, to do penance, and to amend my life. Amen.

In Christ

Fr Zenek, SDS

Tabernacle Candle

In Memory of Paul J. Boccolini III
By Mom, Dad and Ejvind



Please remember to bring your Flower offering envelopes in as soon as possible, so the order can be placed for our Christmas flowers.



CHOIR REHEARSALS

Senior Choir: Sunday 9 a.m. Dec. 21
Tuesdays 7 p.m. Dec. 16, 23

Junior Choir: Sunday 9 a.m. Dec. 14
Saturdays 4 p.m.; Dec. 13, 20



Message to the Decorating Committee

Please join Fr. Zenek on Monday, Dec. 22 at 4 p.m. to help prepare the church for Christmas.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Advent Confessions

Every Saturday 4:00 to 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 16, 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. (four priest will be available to hear confessions)

Christmas Eve Masses:

Wednesday, December 24th
4 p.m., 7 p.m. and 12 Midnight

Christmas Day Masses:

Thursday, December 25th
9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

New Year' Eve

7 p.m.

New Year's Day

9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

You Made the Tricky Tray a Resounding Success

You did it! Your generosity, hard work and resolve made this year's Tricky Tray an immense success. Our sincere thanks is expressed to you our wonderful parishioners, Committee Members, and Catechists for the effort you put forth making this year's event even more successful than last year's—and you did it in a shorter time frame! God bless you.

Fr. Zenek and Fran Ouellette

Thank You

Many thanks to our parishioners, Committee Members, Youth Group, 7th & 8th Grade Students, and Elementary School Students for giving of your time, talent and treasure to the *Giving Tree Project*. Many wishes will come true for the underprivileged this Christmas season because of you! May God bless you for your generosity.

Fr. Zenek and Theresa Saksa

Oplatek Christmas Wafers Available

Christmas wafers are available for you in the vestibule. Any donation is appreciated.

Our Weekly Offering

December 6 & 7, 2008 \$ 3,425.55

Last Year \$ 3,863.72

Above the operating cost of the church, we owe the Diocese over \$4,000 monthly for: Assessment--\$33,000, Property Liability Insurance--\$15,000, and Diocese High Schools Subsidy--\$3,000. Consequently, we are unable to meet these obligations with collections averaging \$3,200 weekly. As a result, I need to ask that you please be as generous as possible this Christmas season and throughout the year.

**Thank you,
Fr. Zenek**



**Religious Education Students: Print Name(s) on the line
December 13 & 14 , 2008**

School Children Needed

School children are needed to help clean the church for Christmas on Dec. 20 from 12 noon to 2 p.m. Service hours will be rewarded.

Altar Rosary Society Christmas Party

Monday, Dec. 15 at 7 p.m. in the Parish Center. A short meeting will be conducted before the covered-dish dinner. Members and their families are welcome.

MINISTERS

Altar Servers

Dec. 20 Evan & Ryan Moran
Dec. 21 Robert & Juliette Capaldo (8 am)
Kaitlyn Gagliano, Melody Haag, Melissa Cairo
(10:30 am)
Dec. 27 Sean Flaherty & Carlee Moran
Dec. 28 Mackenzie & Robert Mason (8 am)
Sarah Kochan, Justin Watt, Walter & William
Gonsiewski (10:30 am)

Lectors

Dec. 20 John Haines
Dec. 21 Mary Rupell (8 am)
Bob Gagliano (10:30 am)
Dec. 27 Christine DeLellis
Dec. 28 Theresa Lucas (8 am)
Phil Koskoff(10:30 am)

Eucharist Ministers

Dec. 20 Ginny Moran (C) Tim Moran (E)
Ray Vonderheide (C)
Dec. 21 Rose Strohmaier (E) Bill Supple (C)
Monica Merkel (C) (8 am)
Jane Labato (C), Helene Picht (C), Joy Haag (E) (10:30
am)
Dec. 27 Tim Flaherty (C), Denise Flaherty (E) Tim Moran (C)
Dec. 28 Emily Cirone (E) Monica Merkel (C)
Diane Keggan(C) (8 am)
Patricka Kollar (C) Mary Koskoff(C)
Tina Jackson (E) (10:30 am)