

Embracing our New Parish

Second Sunday of Advent December 7, 2014



- 5:00PM **Bill & Ellen Ott**
Req. by: Ed & Eleanor Clancy
Johanna M. Crosby
Req. by: James Foley, Jr.
- 7:30AM **Holy Souls in Purgatory**
Req. by: Parishioners & STA & SEAS
- 9:30AM **Phil Rothsching**
Req. by: Family
- 11:30AM **Francis & Dorothy Fishburn**
Req. by: Friends
Leroy Kronenbitter
Req. by: Friends



Monday December 8

- 8:30 AM Robert Anderson
Req. by: Fr. Mike
- 12 PM Mickey Sujansky 3rd Anniversary
Req. by: Grandmommy & Pop McKenna
- 7:00PM Arlene Davis
Req. by: Gert & Joseph Kaelin

Tuesday December 9

- 6:30 AM Olgierd Tadeusz
Req. by: Romanowicz Family
- 8:30 AM Baby Nicholas Pawlaski

Wednesday December 10

- 6:30 AM
- 8:30 AM Theresa Moreno
Req. by: Helen Durso

Thursday December 11

- 6:30 AM Jennie Rudzinski 13th Anniversary
Req. by: Carol Rodriguez & Family
- 8:30 AM Scott Thomas Batcho 3rd Birthday
Req. by: Grandmom & Grandpop Copechal

Friday December 12

- 6:30 AM Walter Reuzinski 28th Anniversary
Req. by: Carol Rodriguez & Family
- 8:30 AM John Consalvi
Req. by: McCabe Family
Ida Davis
Req. by: Tom

Saturday December 13

- 6:30 AM
- 8:30 AM Dale Elwell
Req. by: Lois & Tony Cinkutis

3rd Sunday Of Advent December 14, 2014



- 5:00 PM Johanna M. Crosby
Req. by: James Foley, Sr.
- 7:30 AM Members of the Buella & Dizon
Families
Req. by: Mr. & Mrs. Querbain Buella
- 9:30 AM Mass of Thanksgiving for Eldy &
Cherry Del Puerto Families
Req. by: Cherry Del Puerto
- 11:30 AM Jeanette T Allen
Req. by: Linda Shull



FYI...

On Sunday, December 14th, during the 11:30 AM Mass, Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Heffron will have their Marriage blessed and also, Gregory will be received into full Communion in the Catholic Church (Profession of Faith, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist).

Next Sunday!
December 14, 2014

Sunday Breakfast at St. Thomas
Aquinas Fr. Crehan Hall
Breakfast begins at
8:00AM through 11:00AM



Separated/Divorced Support Group

We meet every month and our meetings are advertised in the Parish bulletin. We hope to see you there!
Next month the meeting will be on December 17th at 7PM in Father Crehan Hall.

Open forum: Questions call Peg Duffy at (215) 788-1947.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception
No Vigil Mass Sunday Evening
December 8th, 2014

Lectors

8:30AM A. Ditzler
12:00PM E. Callery
7:00PM R. Fallon & C. Ryan

Extraordinary Ministers

8:30AM J. Kipp & B. Balot
12:00PM
7:00PM M. Bosco & T. Litz

Sunday Scriptures, December 13

Reading I: Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11
Reading II: Thessalonians 5:16-24
Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28

Lectors

Dec. 13 5:00PM M. Kelly & J. Brogan
Dec. 14 7:30AM K. Shafer & J. Jackson
Dec. 14 9:30AM J. Roth & D. DiTommaso
Dec. 14 11:30AM M. McGovern &
J. Kochuvelli

Extraordinary Minister

Dec. 13 5:00PM J. Berna & J. Wallover
Dec. 14 7:30AM B. Daubert & J. Shirley
Dec. 14 9:30AM K. Wiley & S. Wiley
Dec. 14 11:30AM A. Scheck & E. Marra

Collection by Mass

11/22 5:30PM \$2244.25
11/23 7:30AM \$1140.00
11/23 9:30AM \$1598.00
11/23 11:30AM \$2093.00
TOTAL for Weekend of **November 22/23**
\$7075.25

11/29 5:30PM \$2399.00
11/30 7:30AM \$1036.00
11/30 9:30AM \$1533.00
11/30 11:30AM \$2040.00
TOTAL for Weekend of **November 29/30**
\$7008.00

Parish Calendar



6/7. Sr. Kathleen, IHM will speak at all weekend Masses for the Retired Religious Fund. Sister is presently at St. Ephrem leading the Bereavement Seminars.

NO Vigil Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception

8. **Holy Day of Obligation** Masses are at 8:30AM and 12 Noon and 7:00PM. All Masses are at St. Thomas Aquinas Church. **No Confessions tonight. There is No Adoration or Benediction because of the Holy Day .**

Next Saturday Evening at the 5:00PM Mass

Father David A. Fernandes

will be installed as the

Pastor of St Thomas Aquinas Parish

By Bishop Michael Fitzgerald.

There will be a reception in the Fr. Crehan Hall after this Mass. Soft drinks will be available, however you are free to bring a beverage of your choice.

Come, worship, and officially welcome Fr. David.

14. Sunday Breakfast in the Fr. Crehan Hall Everyone is invited to attend. 8AM to 11AM

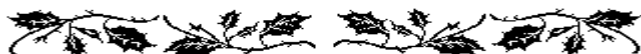
15. Eucharistic Adoration 9AM through 7PM Benediction follows.

Confessions are at 7PM through 7:30PM

16. Pre-Jordan Class in the CARES Room at St. Thomas Aquinas Office 7PM



Anyone wishing to bake a special goodie for Fr. David's Installation Reception is asked to bring it to the Crehan Hall before the 5PM Mass on Saturday Evening December 13th.



Thank You!

A "Thank You" to all of you who made our 1st Annual Community and Unity Dinner a wonderful success!

We would especially like to send shout outs to

Croydon Fire House

Ancient Order of Hibernians Division 5

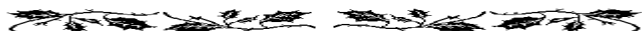
The Knights of Columbus Council# 4765

for their culinary skills and the wonderful and outstanding service.

The Ladies of the Knights for their help and baking skills.

Advocacy for the Homeless for their generous help. And last but not least our sincere 'Thanks' to Gene "Chef du Jour" Everything was terrific!

And to all of the special people who shared this holiday meal, THANK YOU ALL!!



The Giving Tree 2014

The "Giving Tree" will be available for all parishioners to take an ornament, (or Two) of their choosing on November 8th. Please help us make another family's Christmas brighter! Especially the children of our Parish,

YOU do make a difference!

THANK YOU for that. If

you know of a family or someone who is in need of some help this holiday, please put their name and telephone number in a sealed envelope, Label it "Christmas Confidential"

and place into the collection basket.

Our parishioner families are our first consideration.

We love working with you, YOU are the best!

Blessings,

*Janice Fratantaro,
Donna Pierce-Bongart
and Father David*

December 2014:

Chapter 2: The Mission of Love

Chapter 1 of the World Meeting of Families preparatory catechism taught that "Love is Our Mission"

because love is our origin and destiny. God created us in his own image, which means that loving God and neighbor is the reason for our existence.

Chapter 2 explains that the Bible bursts with images

describing God's love – a father welcoming a prodigal son, a shepherd searching for lost sheep, a

mother comforting her children, and many more (see paragraph #24 for details). But marriage is the

dominant Biblical metaphor for God's covenant with Israel and the Church. The Bible is a love story

between God and his people, and this love has all the dimensions of a good marriage: it is erotic and heart-felt, but it is also tough and sacrificial, weathering chal-

lenges and even betrayal. Jesus loves the Church like a groom loves his bride – even when we disap-

point him, even when we hurt him. In this way, Christianity reveals hope for us all, including married

couples and families. God commands forgiveness and service because he loves us; forgiveness and

mutual service can transform any marriage into a parable of God's love. God is love, but there

is nothing sentimental about this love.

God is love – and when we love like he loves, it will cost us, but it is the only way to live authentically

and avoid counterfeit loves. Contemplating Christ on the cross, we gaze on the miracle that created

and sustains us. Next month, in chapter 3, we'll talk about God's love, the human body, and sex.

~ Dr. Christopher C. Roberts, editor, *Love is Our Mission* Preparatory Catechism

Did you know? Registration for the World Meeting of Families is now open! Philadelphia looks

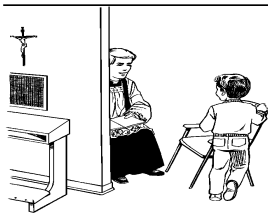
forward to welcoming internationally-renowned Catholic speakers in addition to speakers from other

religious faiths. In a genuinely international spirit, 30% of the speakers come from outside North America. It is truly an event for everyone!

Learn more at WorldMeeting2015.org.

St. Hubert Catholic High School for Girls

Breakfast with Santa This delicious breakfast includes French toast, eggs, ham, home fries, toast, pastries, coffee, tea, juice and milk. Craft corner, Coloring Station, Letters to Santa and a Bake Sale that benefits the Scholarship fund. Ornament decorating and cookie decorating. There will be live singing and Story Time with Mrs. Santa. Christmas Bingo, Games and Face Painting Saturday, December 13, 2014 in St. Hubert's Cafeteria 10:00AM-12:00PM Cost Adults \$15 Children \$10 Children under 2 free



The Season of Advent is a time for preparing the Way of the Lord. One of our preparations should be the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We offer you an examination of conscience and a ‘Guide to Confession’ to help ‘prepare’ for the coming of the Lord.

GUIDE TO CONFESSION

PREPARATION:

Before going to confession, the penitent examines his or her conscience and asks the Lord to reveal the sins which are in need of being confessed.

Bad Example * Blasphemy * Cheating at Work * Cheating at School * Cursing * Destroying Another’s Property * Drunkenness * Dealing Drugs * Taking Drugs * Envy * Going to Fortune Tellers * Excessive Gambling * Gossiping * Greed * Grudges * Inappropriate Anger * Lying * Lying in Confession * Missing Mass * Lying under Oath * Not Praying * Physically Violent * Pride * Resentment * Selfishness * Abortion * Adultery * Advising Someone to have an Abortion * Pornography * Receiving Communion without having Confessed Serious Sin * Stealing * Stubbornness * Swearing * Using Ouija Board * Any Sexual Activity Outside of Marriage * Physical or Sexual or Verbal Abuse *

GOING TO CONFESSION:

After the priest welcomes you, both of you make the sign of the cross. Then you indicate to the priest how long it has been since our last confession. *“Bless me Father for I have sinned. It has been (state how long) since my last confession.”*

CONFESSION OF SINS AND THE ACT OF PENANCE:

Tell your sins simply and honestly to the priest. You might even want to discuss the circumstances and the root causes of your sins and ask the priest for advice or direction. The priest might offer suitable advice and then he will give you an act of penance, which may include prayer, self-denial, or works of mercy.

Confession times:

Monday, December 15th and December 22nd

Confessions will be at 7:00PM until 7:30PM.

Regular Saturday Confessions: 4:00PM until 4:30PM

PRAYER OF THE PENITENT:

Pray a prayer expressing sorrow for our sins and resolving not to sin again.

ACT OF CONTRITION

O 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 I have offended You my God, who art 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.

OR

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Amen.

ABSOLUTION:

The priest extends his hands over your head and pronounces the formula of absolution (*God the Father of mercies, through the death and resurrection of his Son, has reconciled the world to Himself and sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins; through the ministry of the Church may God give you pardon and peace, and I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*) making the sign of the cross over your head during the final words. You answer, *“Amen.”*

DISMISSAL:

The priest dismisses you with the words: *“The Lord has freed you from your sins. Go in peace.”*

