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Third SUNDAY of ADVENT

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*Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.
In all circumstances give thanks,
for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.*

1 Thessalonians 5:16–18



THE THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

The shocking murderous violence at an elementary school has shaken us all. Our very sense of security has been shaken. We ask questions about why this could happen, with a sense of outrage. We grieve and feel deep emotion, which touches all other sadness and emotion we are experiencing in our lives. We do not, and may not ever, know the details of what caused a person to shoot innocent people - especially little children and their teachers. However disturbed we may discover the person was, or whatever discussion may be begun about assault weapons in our midst, it is undeniable that we feel, individually and communally a sense of vulnerability - for ourselves and for our children.

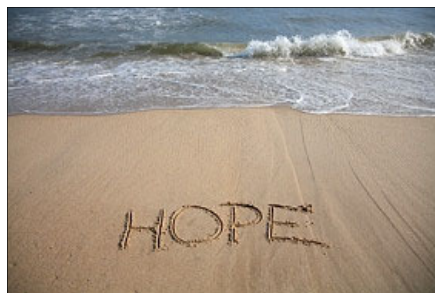
For now, our experience of the second part of Advent, and our preparations for Christmas are deeply disturbed. We hear of people or towns taking down their Christmas decorations, out of guilt for celebrations at this time, or simply a sense of not knowing what is the right thing to do before such a terrible reality which has visited us. What should we do? How should we respond? What does our faith offer us at this troubling time?

At the heart of our Christian faith is the wonderful mystery of a Creator God who enters into a relationship with all of us who are created as unique and irreplaceable children, with infinite value. We must re-center our vision on the absolute dignity of every human life -- from conception to natural death. That respect for life much confront a culture of death on so many levels. Every life much be regarded as precious and we must work hard, work together, work with renewed zeal to re-introduce respect, reverence and special care into our regard for every human person. We must let the Holy Spirit into our discussions and into our divisions.



We must pray for peace and healing in our own hearts and in our communities. The night before he died, Jesus prayed to his Father, "May they all be one." This must become our prayer and our mission. We must overcome our prejudices, or judgments, our bigotry. We must learn to deal with our hurts, our wounds, our anger in ways that respect one another and the absolute dignity of every person. We must learn to beat our "swords into plowshares" and our "spears into pruning hooks." [Isaiah 2]

We must develop a culture which cares for those who are wounded and on the margins of our society. We must find ways to develop our compassion and our solidarity with those who suffer - for whatever reason. We do not and can not live in isolation from those who experience great pain. When one part of the Body of Christ suffers, the whole body suffers. [1 Corinthians 12:26]



This is for us believers to rely on the promises of our God: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone." [Isaiah 9] It is a time to enter more deeply into the real meaning of preparations for Christmas. The good news is that we will find our salvation, in a messy place, in a barn, "lying in a manger." This is the time to go to that place of intersection with our God's coming and presence among us. He meets us where we are poor. He comes to us in our distress. We can experience the plight of the Holy Family as our story - a story which comforts us and helps us know again that we are not alone. This is our God, with us - with us where and when we need a loving, saving presence the most.

When we don't know what to do or where to go these days, we can go to the manger. We can imagine being there. We can imagine going there and experiencing the solidarity we will be given there. We can unburden our fears and troubled heart there. We can let the spirit of that first Christmas night bring us to a very special and renewing Christmas this year - not only on this year's Christmas night, but for as long as we need it this new year.

From that place, our renewal can begin. Our conversations in our families, among our friends, can be about solidarity and greater love and care for the dignity of every human life. We can check and renew our own patterns of dealing with hurt and anger badly. We can practice reconciliation and healing. And, the grace that came that Holy Night will come again in our hearts and bring Joy to the World again.

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (14)**

8:30 — Health and Blessings for active members of the Holy Name Society and their families

For deceased members of the Holy Name Society

+Eva Voelker (Children)

++Salvatore and Maria DeSimone (Michael)

+Andrew Doppel (Parents)

+Albert Mazur (Smigiel Family)

+Dorothy (Balog) Turbide (Bill and Elaine)

10:30 — O bł. Boże dla Ojczyzny i wszystkich Polaków na całym świecie, święte owoce działalności Ligi Katolickiej oraz dusze w Czyśćcu cierpiące

O dary Ducha Św. i potrzebne łaski dla Emilii Tytro i jej rodziny

O radość w wieczności dla:

+Patricia Tytro (Rodzice)

+Dominik Kalinowski (Żona i dzieci)

++Katarzyna i Paweł Dziura (Tato z rodziną)

+Teresa Janowski (Mąż i dzieci)

++Victor i Adolf Burzynski (Hanna)

+Stanisław Kraus w 1-szą rocz. śmierci (Żona)

+Jan Skrzyniarz który zmarł w Polsce 2 grudnia

+Adela Skrzyniarz

+Stanisław Karbarz

12:15 — +Fr. Joseph Szabelski (Jim Miketta)

++Peggy, Margaret, and Bridget Leyden Death Ann. (Peter and Jim Leyden)

6:00 — O dary Ducha Św. i potrzebne łaski dla Emilii Tytro i jej rodziny

+Jadwiga Sulewska w 1-szą rocz. śmierci (Rodzina)

+Patricia Tytro (Rodzina)

MONDAY (15) Advent Weekday

8:00 — +Ruth Schweitzer (Friend)

+John Pytka 60th Death Anniversary (Daughters)

+Mary Sanders (Friend)

TUESDAY (16) Advent Weekday

8:00 — +Eugene Costabile (Wife)

+William Jenkins (Wife Maria)

+Pietro Massaniso 1st Death Anniversary (Family)

7:00 — **Penance Service and Confession**

WEDNESDAY (17) Late Advent Weekday

8:00 — +Ann Belluomini Birthday Remembrance (Joy)

8:30 — ++Michał i Stanisław Adamowski

++Danuta i Mieczysław Leśniak

++Marian i Henryk Maciąg

THURSDAY (18) Late Advent Weekday

8:00 — +Matilda Mack Birthday Remembrance (Daughter)

FRIDAY (19) Late Advent Weekday

8:00 — +Lorraine Busch (Dolores A. Lavalle)

SATURDAY (20) Late Advent Weekday

8:00 — All Souls in Purgatory #17 (*Za zmarłych polecanych w wypominkach*)

8:30 — +Stanisław Idzikowski z okazji urodzin (Rodzina)

+Genowefa Czechowicz w rocz. urodzin (Córka z rodz.)

4:00 — ++Ann and Ted Wolfe (Daughter Lorrie Kraft)

++Ferdinand and Katharina Weiterschan (Family)

+Edward DuPlantis (Lorraine)

+Jan Kapka (Robert Drzewiecki Family)

+Bernice Hujar (Hujar Family)

+John Czekaj Death Anniversary (Daughter)

+Shirley Migani (Sister Lorrie Kraft)

+Johnny Greco Birthday Remembrance (Mother)

7:00 — **Simbang Gabi**

Pray for ...

Pat Abella
William Balog
Joe Bargi
Lorraine Belokon
Evelyn Cademartrie
Maria Ceglarek
Jan Drożdż
Dorothy Heck
Jennifer Hebda
Marian Henaghan
Andrew Jennings
Carrie Kacen
Marie Kane
Janet Kaplan
Maureen Kearney
Chester Kmiec
Laverne Kmiec
Helen Kumiega
Helen Lapore
Maria Lech

Peter Leyden
Joseph LoPiccolo
Mary Lund
Mary Lynch
Michael Manczko
Barbara McDonald
Gwen Moncada
Mike Muka
Antoni Nierzejewski
Carol Niewinski
Anna Oracz
Henry Orry
Joseph Rath
Marge Reavis
Alice Reckmann
Augusto Sandoval
Norbert Schultz
Neil Steppan
Helen Sterling
Gina Swensen
Roger Vlasos
Jola Wolfe
Katie Young
Carla and Adam

If you would like to have a name added or removed from our Parish "Pray For..." sick list, please call the rectory at 773-545-8840 ext. 221. Thank you!

SIMBANG GABI ST. PRISCILLA CHURCH DECEMBER 20, 2014



6:30 P.M. - Holy Rosary
7:00 P.M. - Simbang Gabi Mass
8:00 P.M. - McGowan Hall

**Volunteers are WELCOME for your time,
talent, and treasure!
Bring a favorite food to share!**

Our
Weekly Offering



November 30, 2014

Currency	\$ 3,261.00
Checks	\$ 3,815.00
Loose Coin	\$ 5.80
Total	\$ 7,081.80

Weekly Goal	\$ 7,500.00
Budget Year to Date	\$165,000.00
Collections Year to Date	\$133,749.23
Under Budget	\$ <31,250.77 >

Thank you for your generosity and support of our Parish.

Catholic Women's Club Christmas Party!



We would like to warmly thank the C.W.C. for this year's many successful events and we hope to see many more in the coming New Year! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Church Decorations



We would like to warmly thank our parishioners and volunteers who came out on Saturday, December 6 at 9:00 am, in freezing conditions, to decorate the grounds of our church. Without the help of our devoted parishioners we could not have decorated the church in such a beautiful fashion.

Once again, Thank You and may God Bless you! Please enjoy pictures of some of our volunteers. - Fr. Idzi Stacherczak, Pastor -



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
14. Third Sunday of Advent English Mass: 8:30am, 12:15pm Polish Mass: 10:30am, 6:00pm 	15. Advent Weekday English Mass: 8:00 am 6:00 P.M. Ushers Meeting	16. Advent Weekday English Mass: 8:00 am 7:00 P.M. Communal Penance Service & Confession (English)	17. Late Advent Weekday English Mass: 8:00 am Polish Mass: 8:30 am	18. Late Advent Weekday English Mass: 8:00 am	19. English Mass: 8:00 am 6:00 P.M. Indoor Church Decorations VOLUNTEERS WELCOME! 	20. English Masses: 8:00am, 4:00pm Polish Mass: 8:30 am 9:45 A.M. CCD Confession 3:00 - 4:00 P.M. Confession 7:00 P.M. Simbang Gabi
21. Fourth Sunday of Advent English Mass: 8:30am, 12:15pm Polish Mass: 10:30am, 6:00pm 4:00 - 7:00 P.M. Bilingual English & Polish Confession 	22. Late Advent Weekday English Mass: 8:00 am	23. Late Advent Weekday St. John of Kanty, Priest English Mass: 8:00 am	24. CHRISTMAS EVE 4:00 P.M. Family Mass (E) 9:30 P.M. (E) Christmas Carols 10:00 P.M. Midnight Mass (E) 11:30 P.M. Kolędy (P) 12:00 A.M. Polish Pasterka (P)	25. CHRISTMAS English Masses: 8:30 A.M. 12:15 P.M. Polish Masses: 10:30 A.M. 2:00 P.M.	26. St. Stephen, The First Martyr/ Św. Szczepan English Masses: 8:00 A.M. Polish Mass: 7:00 P.M.	27. St. John, Apostle and Evangelist English Masses: 8:00am, 4:00pm Polish Mass: 8:30 am
28. The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph English Mass: 8:30am, 12:15pm Polish Mass: 10:30am, 6:00pm 	29. Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord English Mass: 8:00 am	30. Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord English Mass: 8:00 am	31. English Mass: 8:00 am Polish Mass: 8:30 am 4:00 P.M. Bilingual Mass and Special Devotion (English/Polish) 	1. NEW YEAR'S DAY English Mass: 8:30 A.M. 12:15 P.M. Polish Mass: 10:30 A.M. 6:00 P.M.		

Retirement Fund for Religious

Please give to those who have given a lifetime.



Support religious communities. "Your generous contribution helps us to care for our retired sisters and enables our younger sisters to continue in active ministry," writes a religious sister. Your gift to today's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious provides vital support for the retirement needs of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. It also helps ensure that younger members can continue the good works of their elders!

We received a letter from Trinity High School, informing us of students from our Parish who have achieved Honor Roll for the first block, earning a GPA of 3.3 or higher in the 2014-15 school year. We are all very proud of these young women for working hard and we encourage further successes.

First Honors (3.75 GPA or above)

Ashley Bock, '17, A & Sydney Bock, '18, A & Lauren McGuire, '15, A

Second Honors (3.3-3.749)

Annie Lee, '15, B

CAPITAL RENOVATION COLLECTION

Without all of your help throughout the past few years that we have had this special collection, there are many projects that would not be possible at our parish. Your support is the energy that keeps St. Priscilla vibrant! Thank you so much for your generous donations!

*The donations reported in today's bulletin are from **November's** Capital Improvement Collection.*

- \$200**— Casey Czochara
- \$160**— Edward Lowery
- \$100**— Anonymous, Kenneth Chrusciel, Zbigniew Kwasnik
- \$75**— Antoni Mipka-Chudzik, Richard Zyszczyński
- \$50**— Wladyslaw Bielen, Roman Harmata, Eunhi Kim, Adam Kokot, Janina Kwasnik, Sophie and Anna Oracz, Melvin Spejcher, Teresito Villegas, Marion Ward
- \$40**— Evelyn Cademartrie, Emily Sloan, Kazimierz Tokarski
- \$30**— Anonymous, Philomena Phyllis Greco, Richard Hujar, Olivia Pamatmat, Manuel Reyes,
- \$25**— Anonymous, Anonymous, Wieslaw Adamowski, Betty Cullen, Nadine Czekaj, Edward Czerwinski, Robert Drzewiecki, William Duffy Jr., Stephen Jaskolka, Richard Koziar, Tadeusz Madon, Julian Malkiewicz, Mary Angela Manczak, Mary Rose Manczak, John Masters, James Miketta, James Moncada Sr., Salvatore Morreale, Peter O'Grady, Duane and Zofia Wendolowski, Concetta Serio, James Warrender, Chester Wijas, Michael Wozniak
- \$20**— Nicholas Alleva, William Balog, Richard Bargi, Edward Connolly Sr., Kazimierz Czarnota, Michael Depasquale, Kaspar Doppel, Denise Duplantis, Karen Engel, Frank Firlotte, Bart Freihaut, Andrzej Gorski, Jolanta Grocholski, Patrick Haugh, Dany Helwink, Wacław Hryniewicz, Elsie Hum, Lech Izbiński, Mieczysław Jasek, Jan Kawa, Bennet Klauba, Bogusław Krol, Edward Lach, Jozef Lata, Joseph Lopiccolo, Krzysztof Pilecki, Marian Rzesutek, Halina, Samolyk, Antoinette Sanders, Donald Schultz, Edwin Schultz, Margaret Senne, Krzysztof Soltyszewski, Jacek Starmach, Zbigniew Stepek, Krystyna Swiderski, Zbigniew Sycz, Barbara Taschler, Geraldine Timmreck, Gene Urban, Edward Wojewoda, Mieczysław Ziobro
- \$15**— Anna Bartolon, Michael Busse Jr., Antoinette Kapusta, Zygmunt Kosobudzki, Maria Lasko, Frank Mizera, Dorothy Piecha, Krzysztof Plaza, James West, Leonard Wronke
- \$10**— Anonymous, Angelo Alongi, Henryk Badzioch, Martin Barrett, Rosalie Battaglia, Piergeorgio Bertacchi, Geraldine Bobula, Marek Ciechaniewicz, Zbigniew Cison, Stanley Cmiel, Yolanda Colletti, Ryszard Czarnik, Mario Dayag, Carol Dombek, Anthony Felau, Linda Felau, Jack Ferina, Russell Ford, Malgorzata Gajda, Anna Galas, Evelyn Gale, Krzysztof Glowinski, John Griffin, Anna Grossmayer, Arkadiusz Gwozdz, Jan Hapunik, Krzysztof Harbaszewski, Artur Hryniewicki, Grazyna Jajko, Marian Janowski, Tadeusz Jaworecki, Krzysztof Kadzielawa, Antoni Kapustka, Virginia Knight, Leroy Knowles, Jan Kocon, John Koziara, Stephanie Koziara, Stanley and Genowefa Koziol, Grzegorz Kraus, Joyce Kucharski, Antoni Kus, Roy Lacour, Maria Lasko, Grzegorz Magdanski, Teresa Mendys, John Mescall, Wladyslaw Mikina, Jozef Mikos, Lillian Miller, Wladyslaw Molek, Frances Muka, Adam Niewiadomski, Patricia Novey, Kazimiera Nowak, Andrzej Ostojski, Wladyslaw Pater, Florence Pytko, Edward Radziszewski, Michael Rife, Laverne Sajnaj, Joseph Santelli, John Santoro, Chester Schafer, Gina Severino, Piotr Skobelski, Victoria Slowiak, Ryszard Snopko, Kazimiera Sopek, Rogelio Tiongco, Richard Tomal, Helen Toporek, Bernice Tuszyński, Stanisław Tytro, Richard Vana, Antoinette Viola, Gregory Wasniowski, Una White, Lucjana Wilczewska, Jan Zbroja, Adam Zegarski and Annemarie Castello
- \$7**— Niewiarowski/Prokopiuk
- \$6**— Angela Hernandez
- \$5**— Janice Arnet, Daniel Barsella, Joy Belluomini, Javier Benitez, Anne Biggins, Marian Brokos, Krzysztof Bryk, Maria Burek, Janina Bury, Adolf Burzynski, Barbara Bykowski, Zbigniew Wojcik, Elena Carravetta, Salvatore Cavallaro, Tadeusz Chwala, Franciszek Cudzich, Anthony Czerwinski, Joseph Day Jr., Michael De Simone, Eugenia Denisiuk, Rodolfo Digal, William Donohue, Stefania Drzymala, Angela Fenn, Daniela Fita, Thomas Gilleran, Zofia Godlewska, Mary Gorny, Maria Greco, Cathy Ann Grossmayer, Alina Grzegorzczak, Gerardo Gutierrez, Joseph Harenberg, Alejandro Hilado, Carol Hoffman, John Howe, Ewa Jamrog, Mieczysław Kalisz, Jay Klasek, Tadeusz Kochanski, Michele Kolak, Marianna Koleda, Kopacz and Mroczek, Zofia Kornacki, Marek Kowalczyk, Jesse Kulaga, Dolores Lavalley, Zdzisław Lech, Joann Maass, Henry Majcher, Roewen Masacupan, Jose Mejia, Lucyna Misiasek, Piotr Modla, Helena Moscinski, Helen Mueller, Giles Nabor, John Nardi, Radosław Nowak, Renato Nucup, Wiesław Olszewski, Charlene Poran, Theresa and Josephine Priami, Czesław Prorok, Antoinette Pusateri, Lorraine Rakoczy, Melecio Rodriguez, Carl Ruge, Christine Sherrod, Stanisław Slonina, Stephen Sodergren, Jarosław Stankiewicz, Antoni Stanula, Marcin Stepek, Herman Stuckmann, Tadeusz Sutowski, Stanisław Tolwinski, Henryka Turczynska, Witold Wasilewski, Jan Wawioroko, Helena Wincenciuk, Theresa Yuza, Janusz Zaborowski
- \$3**— Guillermo Bermudez, Mark Nowakowski, Steve Sobieraj
- \$2**— John Bendyk, Joseph Catanzaro, Mary Kossowski, Mary Jean Ribaud, Anna Sobieraj, Kevin Waltz, Christine Zarek
- \$1**— Maria Allegratti, Olga Angerman, Angela Arnet, Radosław Lapinski, Stanley Pilch, Mario Pontarelli, Rose Sardena-Soto

The total was **4,645.00**. I thank you all again!

- Fr. Idzi Stacherczak, Pastor -