



This Week in our Parish

Sunday, December 3 – First Sunday of Advent

Festival of Light 4pm – in the church

Monday, December 4 – Opus Dei Men's evening of recollection 6pm in the church.

Tuesday, December 5

Wednesday, December 6 - RCIA 7pm

Thursday, December 7

Friday, December 8

Saturday, December 9 - Toy Drive this weekend

Mass 5:30

Server: S. Lucas

Lector: E. Blumenfeld and E. Marks

EMoHC: S. Lucas, B. Pierce, M. Clay

Sunday, December 10 – Second Sunday of Advent
8:30 am Mass

Server: T. Turner and L. Slater

Lector: E. Cronan and D. Dooher

EMoHC: M. Granger, D. Poole-Marks, S. Powell, T. Turner, K. Clay, K. Elsasser

10:30 am Mass –

Server: S. Williams and M. Mirchandani

Lector: J. von Kanel and S. Koons

EMoHC: S. Williams, L. Weidner, M. Kelsey, K. Johnston, S. Ojikutu and C. Dorman

Coffee Hour: Peranich

Noon Mass: Server: F. D'Antuono

Lector: C. Jozwiak and K. Pereira

EMoHC: F. D'Antuono, D. Hogan and J. Blassingame

The schedule can always be found on
our website: www.st-josephs.org

Advent and Christmas Schedule

Dec 3rd – **Festival of Light** – Carols and Readings 4pm

Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Friday, Dec. 8th
Masses are at 8am, 12:10pm and 5:30pm

December 9th & 10th – **Toy Drive**

Please bring an unwrapped new toy to any Mass

An Advent Retreat with Fr. John Love Dec 11th – 13th
Finding Happiness and Peace During Difficult Times
Come to the Parish Center at 8:30am or 7pm

Christmas Eve Masses are at 4:30pm (Children's Mass)
and at 9:30pm (Midnight Mass)

Christmas Day Mass is at 10:30am

Opportunities for Service: McKenna's Wagon:
Contact Dn. Gary Bockweg at (202) 544-3767 with inquiries or to sign up for a Sunday afternoon shift.

Project Rachel: Are you or someone you love suffering from a past abortion? Call Project Rachel for confidential help at (202) 269-HOPE ProjectRachel@adw.org

Knights of Columbus: For information please contact Patrick Abbott, patrick.abbott@gmail.com 202-355-3979

Vocations - CHECK IT OUT: For you or a friend! For everyone! Become a promoter! Answer the call! Visit www.dcpriest.org, call (202) 636-9020, or email jp2seminary@adw.org

Parish Announcements

The **Christmas pageant** will be on the 24th of December at 4:15pm. Every child in our parish is welcome to participate. Please contact hanlon@st-josephs.org if you would like to be in this wonderful tradition.

Important Dates

Fr. Love Mission at all Masses December 9th & 10th – and weekday talks Dec 11th -13th

Toy Drive next weekend December 9 & 10 – please bring an unwrapped toy to any Mass for the needy children of our parish.

Bible Study with Fr. Begg is now in recess until the middle of January 2018. When we resume we will be studying Second Thessalonians. Please consult future bulletins for an announcement about when exactly we will start in January.

News from St. Peter School - Admissions Season is open at St. Peter School, the Key to Educational Excellence since 1868! St. Peter School is a 2013 Blue Ribbon School and a family of learners serving the Capitol Hill parishes and community. We provide our children with an education that is founded on love of God and service to others,



characterized by Catholic values and academic excellence, and is dedicated to addressing each child's unique talents and abilities. Applications, completed through TADS electronic enrollment, are now open via the school website (www.stpeterschooldc.org, under the Admissions tab). All applications are due by January 19, 2018. Questions may be directed to Mrs. Debbie Duff: dduff@stpeterschooldc.org or [202-544-1618](tel:202-544-1618).

The parish choir welcomes new members. We are in need of male voices (particularly basses and baritones). If interested, please contact the Director of Music, Dr. Mickey Terry.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

RCIA - Because you are willed... Because you are loved... Because you are necessary... You are called to a deeper understanding of Catholic teachings. Join us for discussions of the Catholic faith on Wednesday evenings from 7-8:15pm. To register or for more information, Please contact us at 202.547.1223 pastor@st-josephs.org

Please pray for the sick in our parish, especially: Howard Brown, Msgr. Paul Langsfeld and Donna Wilkes.

Pastor's Corner

Dear Parishioners

It has come to my attention that we need some new volunteers here at the church. Specifically we need some **Altar Servers (both youth and adults), Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors**. Many of us have not done this in the past because it just didn't seem to be our thing. Maybe you enjoy the quiet gift of being in the pews and having the free time to spend with God. That is terrific and I want to encourage you to continue to soak in the experience of worship.

But you might be surprised that serving in other ways on occasion benefits you and those you are serving. In fact, I don't think I have ever met someone who took on one of these roles and wasn't really glad they did. There may be minor inconveniences, but it really is a matter of service.

In the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus said to Peter, James and John, "Could you not keep watch with me, even for an hour?" (Mt. 26:40) Our Lord invites all of us to give just a little bit to make our parish a whole lot better.

Thanks for considering this.

Sincerely in Christ, Fr. Gurnee

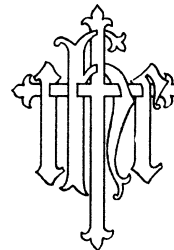
Archdiocese Announcements

Donate to the DC Ultrasound Initiative - The local Knights of Columbus are raising funds for the first ultrasound for a pro-life pregnancy center in Washington, DC. Less than \$10,000 more are needed to purchase a machine for Capitol Hill Pregnancy Center. Tax-deductible donations can be made by credit card at <http://charities.dcknights.org/ultrasound/>.

Give the Gift of Service - Catholic Charities DC encourages you to give back this holiday season by taking advantage of a variety of volunteer opportunities available in Washington, DC and southern Maryland. For more information on volunteering with Catholic Charities, or to register to volunteer, visit catholiccharitiesdc.org/volunteer.

Share the Journey: Supporting Refugees and Migrants - Earlier this fall, His Holiness Pope Francis kicked off a two-year "Share the Journey" campaign to encourage Catholics to support refugees and migrants through prayer and action. To announce the campaign, Pope Francis extended his arms in a 'Reach Out' gesture to symbolize meeting migrants, listening to their stories, and sharing their journeys. To show your solidarity with refugees and migrants, snap a photo of you, your friends or your colleagues reaching out and post on social media using

#ShareJourney. For more ways to get involved, visit sharejourney.org.



Mass Intentions

Monday, December 4

Advent Weekday

St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Is 2: 1-5 Mt 8: 5- 11

- 8:00 For the Intentions of the Lee Family
12:10 For the Intentions of Nicholas Chandler and his Family

Tuesday, December 5

Advent Weekday

Is 11: 1-10 Lk 10: 21-24

- 8:00 † Josephine Griffin
12:10 For the Intentions of the Lee Family

Wednesday, December 6

Advent Weekday

St. Nicholas, Bishop

Is 25: 6-10a Mt 15: 29-37

- 8:00 † Inez Rand
12:10 For the Intentions of the Hollis Family

Thursday, December 7

St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Is 26: 1-6 Mt 7: 21, 24-27

- 8:00 For the Intentions of Anna Fenzel and her Family † Eleanor Summers
12:10 † Tom Caplis

Friday, December 8

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Gn 3: 9-15, 20 Eph 1: 3-6, 11-12 Lk 1: 26-38

- 8:00 † Robert Proskey
12: 10 † Rosemary H. Gallegos
5:30 † Diane Tasker

Saturday, December 9

Advent Weekday

St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

Is 30: 19-21, 23-26 Mt 9: 35 – 10:1, 5a, 6-8

- 5:30 † Bella Caplis

Sunday, December 10

Second Sunday of Advent

Is 40: 1-5, 9-10 2Pt 3: 8-14 Mk 1:1-8

- 8:30 † Maureen Regina Hanlon
10:30 † Coulter Nakamura
12:00 Pro Populo