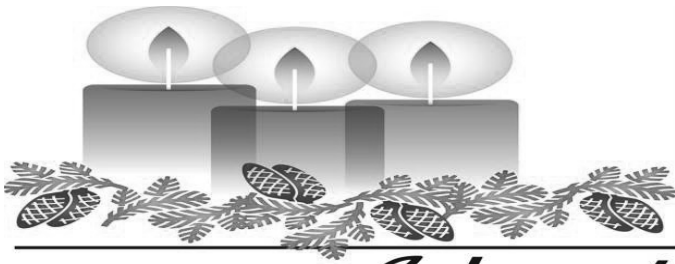




DECEMBER 12TH 2021



THIRD SUNDAY OF *Advent*



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11th - 4:00pm

Margaret Harris, requested by Mark and Marie Jennings

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12th - 9:00am
(live-streamed)

Our Parishioners

11:00am

Salvatore and Marie Mattocca, requested by Louisa and John Marcuso

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13th - 8:00am

Warren Mullen, requested by Harry and Eileen Mullen

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14th - 8:00am

Margaret O'Harra

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15th - 9:00am

David and Nicholas Myers, requested by Sylvia Myers

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16th - 9:00am

Rita Cerrato, requested by Maryann Cappola

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17th - 8:00am

Special Intention

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18th - 4:00pm

McNabb and Capella Families, requested by their family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19th - 9:00am
(live-streamed)

Genevieve Zane, requested by the Prechtel Family

11:00am

Our Parishioners



Please remember your Church Weekly Offering. You can either mail it in or do it by Electronic Giving@www.ParishGiving.org

The second collection this weekend will be for the Parish.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Sunday, December 5 th (59)	\$ 2,288.50
Christmas (1)	\$ 200.00
Christmas Flowers (5)	\$ 100.00
Religious Retirement (3)	\$ 25.00
All Saints (4)	\$ 17.00
Immaculate Conception (1)	\$ 10.00
St. Charles Seminary (1)	\$ 3.00

TOTAL \$ 2,643.50



In your prayers, you are asked to pray for all the sick of the parish and those who care for them especially, Anna Marie Barry, Theresa Barthold, Ashley Brown, Linda Brown, Christopher Browne, Margaret Davidson, Daniel Evans, Terry Flanagan, Jane Latta, Edward Lawnton, Candida Leodora, Lisa Long, Rocky Long, Erin McFarlane, Megan McHugh, Conchetta Miller, Robert Price, John Ray, Ronald Rigler, Daniel Seddon, Bill and Theresa Sherwin, Fred Smeltzer, Ava Snick, Frances Sprenkle, Joe Szewczak, Fran Thomas, and Roy (Toysie) Turvey, Jr..



LCPL. Shane Canavan, Sgt. Shane Carlson, SPEC Chase Dixon, PFC Tyler Manigly, RTC Dominic Remolde, Captain Zach Schwatka, Col. Scott Shore, and Cpl. Christopher Starrett



Please pray for the happy repose of all the faithful departed, especially, Carol Lauber Robert (Bobby) Leahy and especially during the pandemic.





Consider bringing Christmas to the elderly, children and needy of the parish. One way to do it is by taking one or more ornaments from our Giving Tree. You are asked to return the suggested gift (UNWRAPPED) ON OR BEFORE THE 11:00a.m on Sunday, December 19th. Volunteers are needed to deliver the gifts. Delivery takes about 20 minutes. Your generosity will help bring Christ to members of our parish most in need.



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18th at 6:00P.M.

We are excited to offer an evening organ recital presented by our parish organists, Reid Simmons and Joseph O'Brien. A wide variety of music will be performed on the historic instrument at our church. Please consider attending if you are available.

This event is free and open to the public. A free will offering will benefit our music ministry.



CHRISTMAS EVE CONCERT

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24th at 3:00 P.M.

Come celebrate Christmas with your friends and family by attending our Christmas Eve Concert prior to Mass. Carols will be sung and a variety of festive choral music will be presented. All are invited to attend.

This event is open to the public.



CONFESSIONS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2021

7:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2021

12:00 P.M. – 1:00 P.M.

CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL MASS

4:00 P.M.

CHRISTMAS DAY

10:00 A.M.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2021

(FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY)

9:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.

NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS

4:00 P.M.

(RAFFEL DRAWING AFTER THE MASS)

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS

10:00 A.M.

4:00 P.M. (VIGIL FOR EPIPHANY)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, 2022

9:00 A.M. – 11:00

****PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT THE DATE/DAY FOR CONFESSION FOR CHRISTMAS HAS BEEN CHANGED TO FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24TH FROM 12:00 P.M. TO 1:00 P.M. AND NOT THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23RD.**



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

REFLECTIONS *by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson*

I've often felt sympathy for anyone new to our country who has to learn English "from scratch." Just take the case of those homonyms: words that sound alike but have different spellings and meanings. Allow a clergyman's pet peeve here; the confusion of "alter" with "altar." The first describes the tailor's task changing the length of a pair of pants. The second refers to the sacred table used at worship. Sad to say, I have seen many publications over the years from respected Catholic sources who either skipped the proofreader or didn't realize their mistake and let an item get published with the error on bold display.

The issue of word meanings comes into play with the theme of this weekend's Scripture choices, namely "joy." It's not a matter of one word sounding like another as much as misunderstanding of the one word only. The First Reading, for example involves urging pilgrims returning from exile in Babylon to be joyful. That meant recognizing that Yahweh walks with them on their march homeward. Then comes St. Paul urging his Philippian community to rejoice in God's peace, which is a special joy.

The problem, even for people who are native English speakers, involves the frequent mixing of "joy" with "happiness." They are not the same. For our bible study and our spiritual lives, it is important to know the difference.

"Happiness" is rooted in the Middle English word "hap" or "luck." It is a matter of chance, not destined to last long. The happiness brought on by someone's good joke well told at a Christmas party. The happiness of Christmas morning with family. "Joy" however is different. It is lasting, truly permanent, arising from the deeper parts of our nature and God's design.

Living as I do now only a short car ride to the ocean makes a certain analogy come to the fore. You could say that happiness is a surface item, riding the waves where all the changing moods of the ocean happens, bringing unique sounds, temperature changes, smells and colors.

Joy is found way down deep near the seabed. It's not affected by storms or anything stirring the waves far above. It rarely changes. Particularly applicable comparison with the inevitable pain that comes like an unexpected wave in life, when trusting in the Lord is our only safeguard from despair.

At the bedside of a dying loved one, for example, there is scant happiness, but there can also be the comforting joy in believing our loved one is about to begin a new life in heaven with God.

It is joy that the Baptist brought into the world as Christ's precursor. A new time of salvation has finally come. God the Father's early promise made at Eden's gate has been kept. With it comes a deeply felt leap of the heart in a serene experience of joy.

As an annual "spelling lesson", I offer you this way of remembering joy: "J" is for "Jesus;" "Y" is for "you;" and the "O"? That's for "nothing in between."

God love you and give you His peace.

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