



December 3, 2017
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Stewardship . . .
A Way of Life



IMPORTANT REGARDING DAILY MASS!

PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO DAILY MASS THROUGH THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7TH! MASSES WILL RESUME ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8TH.

FEASTDAY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

(A Holy Day of Obligation)
December 8, 2017



MASS SCHEDULE: **6:20 a.m.**
 9:00 a.m.
 12:00 Noon
 6:00 p.m.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

November 26, 2017

<u>OFFERTORY FUND</u>	\$ 19,225.35
<u>BUILDING FUND</u>	\$ 650.00
<u>POOR BOX</u>	\$ 457.06

Thank you for your generosity!

ANGEL TREE PROJECT 2017



ALL GIFTS FOR THE ANGELS THAT WERE ON OUR ANGEL TREES ARE DUE BACK TO THE PARISH HALL THIS WEEKEND!

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, Dec. 9th	5:00 p.m.	Fr. Kelly
Sunday, Dec. 10 th	7:00 a.m.	Fr. Kelly
	8:30 a.m.	Fr. Kelly
	11:00 a.m.	Fr. Kelly
	Spanish	12:45 p.m.
	5:00 p.m.	Fr. Kelly



THANK YOU! to our Knights of Columbus Council 7584 for providing the 2018 Church Calendars that are available this weekend in the foyer. Please take one per family!

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTERS
First Sunday of Advent



Dec. 2nd 5:00 p.m. Jimmy & Jeanette Waters

Dec. 3rd 7:00 a.m. Gary and Karen Fields
 8:30 a.m. The Daugherty Family
 11:00 a.m. The Florio Family
 5:00 p.m. The Yaeger Family

A **POOR BOX** has been placed in the church for acts of almsgiving – one of the Seven Corporal Works of Mercy. Please donate generously.

CHRIST IN THE MALL

If you ordered a “Keep Christ in Christmas” T-Shirt and have not received it, see the Knights of Columbus members in the narthex of the Church after the 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Masses on December 3rd. Please join fellow parishioners at the Galleria Mall to shop and walk through the mall silently reclaiming Christmas for Christ on **Saturday, December 9th** from 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. The plan is to meet on the lower level in front of the Von Maur store near the elevators at 10:30 p.m. We will then go our separate ways to shop until noon, then regroup for lunch at the same location to say grace before lunch. After lunch we are done. This event is not Street Evangelization as we will be on private property and are not allowed to hand out flyers or interfere with shoppers. However, we will be getting the message out to Keep Christ in Christmas.



Coming this Week!

Monday, December 4th

- 6:00 p.m. Children's Pageant Rehearsal – Church
- 6:00 p.m. K of C Meeting – Rm. 203
- 6:30 p.m. Hoover Basketball Practice – Gym
- 6:30 p.m. Our Lady of Guadalupe Mtg. – Rm. 202
- 7:00 p.m. Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena - Narthex

Tuesday, December 5th

- 6:45 a.m. Lectio Divina Prayer Group – HFR
- 8:00 a.m. Martha & Mary Scripture Grp – Library
- 9:30 a.m. Catholic Schoolhouse – FLC/PH A"/Church
- 10:15 a.m. Thomas Merton Prayer Group – Library
- 6:15 p.m. RCIA - HFR
- 6:30 p.m. Seekers Bible Study – Rm. 211
- 6:30 p.m. Hoover Basketball Practice – Gym
- 7:00 p.m. Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena - Narthex

Wednesday, December 6th

- 6:30 a.m. Village of Immaculata Group – HFR
- 6:00 p.m. Parish School of Religion – FLC/
- 6:30 p.m. Regnum Christi Group – Rm. 214
- 7:00 p.m. Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena - Narthex
- 7:00 p.m. Chamber Choir Rehearsal – Choir Rm.
- 7:00 p.m. Jr. High Youth Group – YR/Gym

Thursday, December 7th

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Cursillo Group – HFR
- 10:00 a.m. CDC Advent Prayer Service - Church
- 10:00 a.m. Moms' Bible Study – Rm. 211/212
- 10:30 a.m. CDC Advent Reception - HFR
- 6:00 p.m. V Encuentro – Rm. 214
- 6:30 p.m. Folk Choir Rehearsal – Choir Rm.
- 6:30 p.m. Fiber Guild - HFR
- 6:30 p.m. Hoover Basketball Practice – Gym
- 6:30 p.m. Metanoia Young Adults – YR
- 7:00 p.m. Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena - Narthex

Friday, December 8th – IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

- 6:20 & 9:00 a.m., 12 Noon and 6:00 p.m. Mass
- 6:50 a.m. Fishers of Men – Library
- 7:00 a.m. Men of St. Joseph – HFR
- 9:30 a.m. Women's Cursillo Group – Library
- 6:30 p.m. Cristo Rey Prayer Group – Rm. 202
- 7:00 p.m. Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena – Narthex
- 7:00 p.m. Elementary Youth Group – YR/Gym

Saturday, December 9th

- 12:00 Noon Erben Memorial Service - Church
- 5:00 p.m. Mass – Church
- 6:00 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal – Choir Rm.
- 7:00 p.m. Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena – Narthex

Sunday, December 10th – SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 7:00, 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Mass – Church
- 8:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Christmas Bazaar - PH
- 9:30 a.m. Adult Education Session – HFR
- 9:30 a.m. Parish School of Religion – FLC/211-214
- 12:45 p.m. Spanish Mass – Church
- 3:00 p.m. LifeTeen Band – Church
- 5:00 p.m. Mass – Church
- 7:00 p.m. Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena - Narthex

ATTENTION PARENTS! Do you need some free time to do some Christmas shopping? The Life Teen Youth Group will be offering a night out for parents on **Friday, December 15th** from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. for elementary aged children. Please sign up at www.signupgenius.com/805084aa4a-parents1.



KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS YARD SIGNS

Be the first on your block to have a "Keep Christ in Christmas" Yard Sign and help support the many charities who benefit from the work of the Knights of Columbus. Signs go on sale after the Masses the weekend of December 2nd/3rd and December 8th/9th as well as at the Christmas Bazaar on December 10th. The signs are 18" x 24", double sided in red ink, with a wire stake stand. The price is \$15.00. Come see us after Mass and ask one of the Knights to reserve one for you!

SAVE THIS DATE! Friday, January 26th, for *Corde e Vini* – "Strings & Wine" A formal night of art and entertainment featuring a Harp Concert by Father Thomas Kelly, Silent Auction and Reception of Italian wines and hors d'oeuvres. Tickets are on sale at the parish office or online at www.cordeevini.com. General Admission tickets are \$40; VIP tickets are \$75 and include reserved parking space, upfront seating and a bottle of wine to take home. This formal event will benefit the Life Teen Pilgrimage to Italy in 2018! Tickets are limited so get yours while they last!



IMPORTANT REMINDER! There are **NO MEETINGS or EVENTS** scheduled on the church calendar from December 22nd through January 2nd.



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Joyce Bates	Roger Long
Alexander Blais	Mary K. Manning
Karen Bolger	Lynn Montgomery
Olga Coburn	Lynn Monzella
Steve D'Amico	Gerald Nanos
Susan Golden	Isioma Obiobanya
Lane Jones	Mary Rowley
Eric Kaemmerer	Rosemary Savage
Sonya LaRussa	Sam Savage
Linda Long	Venita Vetrano

Names will remain on our Sick List for six weeks. If you would like to place a family member on the list, please contact the parish office.



Please remember in your prayers all of our men and women serving in the armed forces at home and abroad.

IN MEMORIAM

Sympathy to . . .



Mr. & Mrs. Phillip Asencio on the death of their beloved son, **PHILLIP ASECIO, JR.**

May he rest in peace . . .

PLEASE NOTE: The Memorial Service for **Jackie Erben** has been rescheduled for December 9th at 12 Noon in the Church.



RESPECT LIFE

“Authentic justice and lasting peace can only be achieved when they are guaranteed for all.” Pope Francis, Yangon, Burma, November 29, 2017 (EWTN/CNA)

Please join us in praying we become a people of God that protects all life from conception to natural death.

Respect Life Committee

MEMORIALS to our Building and Maintenance Fund have been received from:



Mrs. Sharon Brock
Kevin Dunman
Lynn Horton
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Jasper
Lisa Le
Mr. & Mrs. James Marriner
Catryna McCord
Mrs. Mary F. Romano
Michele Webber
Anita West

In memory of **WAYNE RUSSELL**

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Jasper

In memory of **TOM REED**

In memory of **HELEN SMITH**

BULLETIN ADVERTISEMENTS

Space is currently available on the back of our Sunday bulletin for advertisements. The cost of an ad space is \$200 for a six month period. If you would be interested in advertising your business, please call the parish office at 822-4480.

BAPTISM PREP



A Baptismal Preparation Session for new or expectant parents will be held on **Friday, December 8th** at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Office Conference Room. This meeting lasts approximately 45 minutes during which time we will discuss the sacrament and guide you through the paperwork and arrangements for scheduling your child's baptism. Please call the Parish Office at 822-4480 if you plan to attend.

THANK YOU! to the parishioners of St. Peter's for your generosity to the Thanksgiving Food Drive held on November 18th & 19th. We were able to donate **410** bags of groceries to the Catholic Center of Concern, Greater Birmingham Ministries, Mary's House, Pathways, First Light and the Hispanic Community of St. Peter's. As always, your giving spirit in helping feed the hungry is greatly appreciated.

St. Peter's Human Concerns Committee

ANNUAL SIMBANG GABI NOVENA

The 3rd Annual Simbang Gabi Novena 2017 will be held at the Cathedral of St. Paul, 2120 3rd Avenue North in Birmingham, on December 15th – 23rd at 7:00 p.m. except on Saturdays, December 16th & 23rd at 10:00 a.m. For inquiries please email Gabriel Sapalaran at gsapalaran88@gmail.com or call (205) 612-5938.

YOUTH MINISTRY

JR. HIGH YOUTH GROUP

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Wed., Dec. 6th: “Jr. High Advent Service Project” Join us for our annual Advent Service Project donating gifts to Children’s Hospital. **Please bring a new unwrapped gift or gift card with you!** We will be making Christmas Cards, wrapping our gifts, and preparing our gifts for delivery! Questions? Don’t know what to bring?? Please contact Ms. Teresa at 822-4480 ext. 28 or email her at terain@stpeterapostle.com.

Wed., Dec. 13th: “Christmas Caroling” Join us for a fun-filled evening as we stroll through Father Kelly’s neighborhood singing Christmas Carols! (No singing talent is required!!) Upon returning to the Youth Room there will be plenty of Hot Chocolate and Christmas Cookies to enjoy!

LIFE TEEN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sun., Dec. 3rd: “St. Nicholas Day Party” at Life Teen – 6:15 p.m. in the Youth Room.

Mon., Dec. 4th: NO MASS & BREAKFAST!

Sun., Dec. 10th: NO LIFETEEN! Come support our Christmas Bazaar!!

TEENS: The final balance for “March for Life” is due by this Sunday, December 3rd!

FYI: On the Second Friday of each month, the **Vecchia Restaurant** in the Preserve will donate 10% of all sales to our Life Teen Pilgrimage to Italy in 2018.

Italian American Heritage Society NEW YEAR’S EVE DANCE

Make your plans now to attend the New Year’s Eve Dance sponsored by the Italian American Heritage Society at Prince of Peace Catholic Church/Deasy Hall. Live music by Ross Gagliano and Spellbound. Snacks and food provided. Doors open at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$35.00 per person and may be obtained now by calling Paul Lorino (205) 960-6150.



Please support our ongoing food collection to help feed the hungry in the Birmingham area. Grocery carts are available in the upper and lower foyers for donations of non-perishable food items. Thank you!

Elementary Youth Group
K5 Kindergarten – 5th Grades
“ADVENT SERVICE PROJECT”
Friday, December 8th
7:00 – 8:30 p.m.



PLEASE NOTE THE TIME CHANGE!! (Mass for this Holy Day of Obligation will be at 6:00 p.m.)

Join us in the Youth Room as we begin our evening with our Advent Prayer Service followed by a delicious dinner! We will be donating gifts to Children’s Hospital. **Please bring a new unwrapped gift with you!** We will be making Christmas Cards and preparing our gifts for delivery! Please R.S.V.P. to Ms. Teresa by **Wednesday, December 6th!!**

CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Our annual “Children’s Christmas Pageant” will be part of the Family Liturgy at 4:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve in the Parish Hall.



If you would like your child (Grades 5K-5th) to participate in the pageant, please contact Ms. Teresa at 822-4480 ext. 28 or email terain@stpeterapostle.com.

Monday, Dec. 4th 6:00-7:00 p.m. Church
(Assignment of Parts and Practice)

Monday, Dec. 11th 6:00-7:00 p.m. Church
(Practice)

Monday, Dec. 18th 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Rm. 211/PH
(Dress Rehearsal)

Sunday, Dec. 24th 3:15 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Rm. 211/PH
(Christmas Eve Family Liturgy)

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Catholic? Like eating (pizza)? Digesting Theology? We do! Join fellow Birmingham young adults for spiritual down time! This month after the talk we will have our 2nd Annual Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest with monetary prizes for the worst. Local Catholic stand-up Mike McCall will be this year’s judge.

Speaker: Bishop Baker
Date: Monday, December 11th at 6:30 p.m.
Location: Bird’s Bar & Pizza, 2839 Avenue South

For more information, email Matt Gubenski at mjbenski@yahoo.com. Find our group on Facebook at fb.com/groups/totbirmingham/