SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 7, 2025

COFFEE HOUR

Please join us and share your baking talents at our next coffee hour on December 20th at St. John's, after the 11:15 am Mass. All are welcome; we look forward to seeing you there.

FAITH FORMATION

The faith formation program will present a short Christmas pageant on Sunday, Dec 14th after the 11:15 Mass at St John's. All are invited to attend. Coffee and cookies will be served.

USCCB WORD OF LIFE

"Perhaps one of your friends has become pregnant unexpectedly. As someone who has been there, I encourage you to support your friend in her new journey of being a mother." Learn how at respectlife.org/support-her. *USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "10 Ways to Support Her When She's Unexpectedly Expecting"*

ROSARY CORNER

The Fifth Joyful Mystery is the Finding of Jesus in the Temple. *Distressed* - Mary continues, "Behold: your father and I have been searching for you anxiously."

POPE'S INTENTION FOR DECEMBER

Lord Jesus Christ, let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope.

ROSARY FOR LIFE

Please join us at St. Peter's in praying a Rosary for Life on First Fridays following Mass.

MONEY MATTERS

The general collection amounts for November 29th and 30th - Holy Family $330.00, St. John's 2,239.00, St. Peter's $1,925.00. Parish utilities – Holy Family $146.00, St. John's $396.00, St. Peter's $381.00. Thank you for your support.

OFFICES CLOSED

St. Peter's parish office will be closed Tuesday, Dec. 9th and St. John the Baptist's parish office will be closed on Wednesday, December 10th.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS SCHEDULE

Monday December 8 – is a Holy Day of Obligation
St. Peter's – 8:00 am
St. John the Baptist – 9:30 am
Holy Family – 12:00 pm
There will be NO Mass on Tuesday, Dec 9th.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

St. Peter's - Dec 9 at 7:00 pm, communal
Dec 10 at 7:00pm, individual
St. John's – Dec 15 at 7:00 pm, communal
Dec 16 at 7:00 pm, individual

PLEASE JOIN US

AS WE SOLEMNLY CELEBRATE THE BIRTH OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST AT CHRISTMAS MASS

THE CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL
4:00 PM AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH
6:00 PM AT ST. PETER'S CHURCH

CHRISTMAS MORNING
9:30 AM AT ST. PETER'S
11:15 AM AT ST. JOHN'S

And for the feast of the

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD MASS SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, DEC 31ST, 6:00 PM AT ST. PETER'S
THURSDAY, JAN 1ST, 9:30 AM AT ST. JOHN'S
THURSDAY, JAN 1ST, 12:00 NOON AT HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

ST. PETER'S DECORATIONS

If you are interested in helping to decorate the church (either with moving/placing decorations or with artistic talent) please contact Katherine at the parish office.

THIS WEEK'S DAILY SCRIPTURES

Monday: Gen 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tuesday: Is 40: 1-11; Mt 18:12-14
St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30
Our Lady of Loretto
Thursday: Is 41:13-30; Mt 11:11-15
St. Damasus I, Pope
Friday: Zec 2:14-17; Lk 1:26-38
Our Lady of Guadalupe
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
St. Lucy, Virgin
Sunday: Is 35:1-6, 10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

ST. DAMASUS I

Damasus was appointed deacon by his predecessor Liberius, but his election as Bishop of Rome was contested and subsequently marred by violence because he had served the antipope Felix II while Pope Liberius was still alive but in exile. Damasus promoted the organization of the cult of the martyrs, restoring and decorating their tombs, with his own marble inscriptions. He secured from the emperor Gratian the right of Western bishops to appeal directly to the pope, customarily designated Rome the "Apostolic See", and rebutted the claims of the see of Constantinople, relegating it to a rank second to Rome and applying Matt 16:18 to Roman primacy. In 383 he appointed St. Jerome his secretary and commissioned him to revise the Latin Bible, thus inaugurating the translation later known as the Vulgate. His feast day is December 11th.

PRAY FOR THESE SOULS ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR PASSING

Dec 7 - John Gleason, Betty McGorry, Lev Obolensky
Dec 8 - John Hart, Sylvester Gilsinan, Renee Covey, Ethel Baxter, Charles Proskine
Dec 9 –Margaret Kern, Frances Murphy, William Teehan, Josephine Noonan
Dec 10 – Edith Stalter, James T. Schultz, Lorraine Norton, Wilbur Oles
Dec 11 – Terence O'Leary, Frank Garti, Silvano Lanzoni
Dec 12 - Ellen Barthe, Guido Liberati, Jennie Atkinson, Robert Gilbertsen
Dec 13- Teresa Marie Favret, Joseph Tubridy, Nicholas DeGraw

PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

O Mother of Christ, to the Messiah-Priest you gave a body of flesh through the anointing of the Holy Spirit for the salvation of the poor and the contrite of heart; guard priests in your heart and in the Church, O Mother of the Savior". *Pope St. John Paul II*
Dec 7 – Bishop Mark O'Connell
Dec 8 – All Priests
Dec 9 – Rev. Jack Orzechowski, OFM & Rev. Gregory Geffia, OFM
Dec 10 –Rev. Ignatius Smith, OFM & Rev. John Close
Dec 11 –Rev. Kevin Mullen, OFM & Rev George Fleming
Dec 12 –Rev. Michael Flannery Rev. John O'Grady
Dec 13 -Rev. Jay Atherton Rev. Joseph Arockiasamy

We thank you Father, for those who have responded to Your call to priestly ministry. Fill Your priests with the knowledge of Your love.

PARISH SICK LIST

Dale Hart, Barbara Cocks, John Meinke, Mia Morris, Brian Conway, Jeff Fritz, Derek, Linda Barr, Kristen Alderman, Peggy Haywood, Jim Romaglia, Peter Michael Sehen, Pauline Ralston, Ritchie Sackett, Ken Pyle, Jerry Hanley, Kathy Smith, Tony Contello, Chris Tarbell, Robert Strain, Marty Dewey, Steve Bower, Father Joe Manerowski, Roberta Lacey, Michael Curran, Moirah & unborn child, Zion, Liz Bowie, Patrick Damone, Kelly, Caleb, Barbara (Tomao) Robison, Jeanne Pennington, Judy Mills,

KNOWING YOUR FAITH

Who belongs to the Communion of Saints?

To the Communion of Saints belong

a) The people on earth who believe in Christ (The Church Militant),
b) The souls in purgatory (The Church Suffering),
c) And the Saints in heaven (The Church Victorious).

Belief in the Communion of Saints goes far back to the very beginnings of the Church. The "Saints" in question are not only the canonized ones. The Bible generally uses the word for all who are united with God through sanctifying grace and belong to the people of God. This is the sense of "the Communion of Saints.". *Knowing Your Faith, Rev. Raymond B. Fulham, SJ*