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Weekly Eucharists

Saturday 5 pm

Sunday, 9 am, 11 am, 7 pm

Monday – Saturday: 8:15 am

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30 pm or by appt.

Holy Days

8:15 am, 12:10 pm, 7 pm

Parish Office Hours

Mon. - Wed, 9:30–2 pm

*Other times & days,
call to see if office
is open.*

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What's Happening This Week?

Today

Rel. Ed.

Diocesan Christmas Concert, 4 pm.

St. Peter's, Parsippany

This Week

Wed. – Women's Luncheon

Thurs. – Thom's Supper Club, 5 pm

Thurs. – Feast of Immaculate Conc.

Thurs. – Pastoral Council, 7:30 pm

Next Sunday

Rel. Ed.

Giving Basket Gifts Due

Every Sunday

Pound A Week

Holiday Luncheon for Women

A luncheon at Serenade Restaurant in Chatham on Wed., 12:30. \$40. Call Pat Briscoe, 973-267-8276 or Bridie Murphy, 973-539-5008 by Mon. An afternoon for all women.

Thom's Supper Club

Join Thom's Supper Club. Thurs., 5 pm, Charlie Brown's, Chatham. Call Joan Cummings, 973-377-6708, so she can make reservations. Dinner should be by separate checks. Way better than eating alone, watching TV. Make new friends, celebrate the season with old ones.

Gala Pictures

We have many pictures from the Gala and are trying to get more on the website and in also on screen in the vestibule. Pictures are available online at www.kramerimages.com and can be purchased there. Click order online, corporate events and portraits and look for STM Gala.



Stewardship of Treasure STEWARDSHIP

Last week: \$6377 - Oct. Electronic: \$1345

Question for the Week

For Adults:

What do you need to change so that others can learn from watching you that Christ walks among us?

For Children:

What could you do so that others will see in you what it means to follow Jesus?



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As a faith community, we keep in mind who have asked us to pray for them, that they may experience the healing power of our gracious God.



Special requests for prayers at liturgy and donations made in honor of loved ones. These intentions and names of our sick are noted on the Gifts Table in the Remembrance Book and on the Weekly Sheet.

Christmas Giving

We have the opportunity to share our Christmas generosity and joy with those who have less than us. We are proud to have been part of this tradition each year. Catholic Charities has suggestions for gifts in the giving basket. Gifts should be returned by Dec. 11, unwrapped in gift bags with the identification tag attached.

Sr. Magdalena is seeking help for Sisters, students, orphans and a few others in Tanzania for those looking to give a special gift to very needy people. There is a help list in the vestibule in the same area as the giving basket. If you are interested, contact Sr. Magdalena at nkeregochubwa@yahoo.com or 920-538-2123. She is looking for PCs, probably laptops for students and other gifts. Sr. will be going home for Christmas next weekend and can take some of them with her.

Advent Resources in Big Print

Both *Six Minutes a Day for Advent* blue booklets and *At Home with the Word* contains scriptures for each Sunday, with reflections for daily living. Please use the accompanying payment envelopes and placed in the collection baskets. Large print is ordered and will be available soon.

Two Too Many Envelopes

Discard the Sunday envelopes for Dec. 25 and Jan. 1. There will be one collection each of those days. We appeal to your responsible and generous commitment to the parish. We also appreciate your extra contributions that many make at Christmas. At the same time, we feel that "nickel and dime-ing" parishioners is both ineffective and undermining to the notion of responsible giving.

Again, we ask that each household consider their responsibility to the parish each year considering our needs and expenses as outlined in the annual finance report, as well as your own financial situation. We thank the many very generous parishioners who help us pay our bills and help us in our parish ministry.

Parish on a Journey

December Birthdays

- 1 Lisa Jordan
- 1 Angela Schmidt
- 1 Al Wickens
- 2 Joe Montgomery
- 4 Mark Bubniak
- 4 Leila Fitzpatrick
- 4 Kira Syvertsen
- 5 Joseph Sauchelli
- 5 Matt Walker
- 7 Christopher Davis
- 8 Gregg Michael Marella
- 13 John Naudts
- 17 Paul Gamerdinger
- 19 Alex Arenas
- 20 Arlene Calabrese
- 20 Frank Nolan
- 22 Christopher Pearson
- 22 Tony Raiola
- 23 Deyn DeRose
- 24 Julie Romano
- 28 Donny Chang
- 28 Fernando Limbo
- 29 Mari Dolan



Wish These Friends a
"Happy Birthday!"

*Celebrating an
Anniversary*



And Anniveraries

- 7 Kathy & Al Stock (59)
- 27 Alma & Bill McAllister (69)
- 28 Kay & Jim Cavanaugh (48)

Take Five for Faith



Daily renewal for busy Catholics

These daily scripture reflections are on the website under "Faith Formation." A few 'hard' copies are in the vestibule as well. Download an app for daily reflections at: <http://www.takefiveforfaith.com/mobile-app>

Retired Religious Collection

We welcome Sr. Jane Culligan, a Sister of Charity who will speak to us about today's collection for retired sisters, brothers and order priests.

These senior ministers of the Church have offered their lives in service to others — educating the young, comforting the sick, seeking justice for the oppressed. Today, many are frail, elderly, and in need of assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to furnish medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Thank you for your generosity to today's second collection.



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**What's on our
Website this
Week?**



'Events,' 'News' and other columns are constantly changing. More up to date than our bulletin.

- Where do Catholics stand on the Generosity Scale?
- Has the world forgotten World AIDS Day?
- Forgiveness for the sin of abortion in confession to priests

Don't forget to check out the website.



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Today's Readings

Isaiah 11:1-10; Romans 15. 4-9; Matthew 3:1-12

Salvation offered on a Cross

- Isaiah lived 750 years before Christ. Despite the political unrest, he looked forward to a kingdom that even nature is at peace. This perfect world would be ruled by a descendent of King David. ("Jesse" is the name of David's father.)
- In the early Church in Rome, some Jewish converts who continued to practice Jewish traditions sometimes found it hard to get along with Gentile converts. Paul encourages them to live in harmony by drawing upon the Scriptures they had in common.
- We meet John the Baptist in the desert, preparing large crowds for the coming of the Messiah. His message is a call to repentance. The "repentance." John calls for does not concern attention externals of religion, but a total change of mind and heart.

