

CATHOLIC CHAPEL OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY BULLETIN

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Zephaniah 3: 14-18a, Philippians 4: 4-7, Luke 3: 10-18

FOCUS: Rejoice in the Lord's way of selfless love

In earlier times, Advent was considered to be a penitential season with fasting and a strong call to reform. In the middle of this season, today was a special Sunday called Gaudete-rejoice. On this day (as can still be done) the purple of the Advent vestments would be combined with the white of Christmas to create a rose color to symbolize that soon the penance and rigors of the season would be ended with the rejoicing of Christmas.

Today the Church regards Advent as a season of preparation for Christmas when we remember Christ's first coming, and also a time to direct our minds and hearts to Christ's second coming. Today's first two readings give us a message of rejoicing. The prophet Zephaniah calls upon the people of Israel to rejoice because their restoration will soon be at hand. Paul tells the Philippians that they, too, should rejoice because the Lord is near and will bring them peace. The cause of their rejoicing is not self-centered but, rather, is centered on Christ who knows their hearts.

John the Baptist prepared the people for the Lord's coming. In today's Gospel, he tells the people to have no part in lives of selfishness, self-promotion, dishonesty or behavior which is harmful to others. John is clear that one mightier than he is to follow, and the teachings John has laid before the people will be expected of those baptized with "the Holy Spirit and fire." Jesus will beckon his disciples to a love which is selfless, one which will give itself up for the good of others-a self-emptying love. This selfless, one which will give itself up for the good of others-a self-emptying love. This selflessness is not to be a burden or the cause of praise from others, but the way to ultimate personal fulfillment and union with the Messiah in the kingdom.

SCRIPTURE FOR WEEK OF Dec 14, 2003

Mon – Numbers 24: 2-7, 15-17a, Matthew 21: 23-27
Tue – Zephaniah 3: 1-2, 9-13, Matthew 21: 28-32
Wed – Genesis 49: 2, 8-10, Matthew 1: 1-17
Thurs – Jeremiah 23: 5-8, Matthew 1: 18-25
Fri – Judges 13: 2-7, 24-25a, Luke 1: 5-25
Sat – Isaiah 7: 10-14, Luke 1: 26-38

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Sat 13 Dec 0900 John Donius
Sat 13 Dec 1715
Sun 14 Dec 0900 Parishioners of MHT
Sun 14 Dec 1100 William J. Lennox Sr.
Mon 15 Dec 1205 Mary Strunck (L)
Tue 16 Dec 1205
Wed 17 Dec 1205 Willaim Kirby
Thurs 18 Dec 1205 William Spencer
Fri 19 Dec 1205 Helen Kelleher Gross
Sat 20 Dec 0900

Attendance and Offering Last Weekend:

Attendance 160 Offering \$495.35

This weeks Designated Offering: Dec 13/14 will be for Sacred Heart.

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EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST FOR DEC 20-21

1715
0900
1100

USHERS FOR DEC 20-21

1715 Chad Bagley
0900 Brad Ninness
1100 Frank Walton

ALTAR SERVERS DEC 20-21

1715 Katelyn Leszczynski, Emily Leszczynski, Andrea Glen
0900 Jude Morris, James Strunck, Michael Strunck
1100 Andrew Nowak, Christina Nowak, Tom Lesinski

LECTORS FOR DEC 20-21

1715 William Suchan / Eric Verzola
0900 Tom Buning / Deb Dalton
1100 Blair Tiger / Joe Peterson

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I have a question. Whom do I call?

Pastoral Coordinator...Kate Hayden 938-8760
Chaplain's Assistant... SPC Alexander 938-3721

Director Rel-Ed... Kay Heppes... 938-8761
Faith Formation, Rel. Education of Children & Adults, RCIA.

Wedding Coordinator....Lorraine Finn...932-2784
Wedding information, scheduling, paperwork,
Pre-Cana/Engaged Encounter information.

Director of Music.... Meredith Baker...938-3544
Adult, Children's and Cadet Choir, Wedding Music, Liturgical Music.

Pastor.... Fr. Joseph Deponai...938-3721
Reconciliation, Baptism, Anointing of the Sick, Pastoral and Sacramental Concerns.

Cadet Issues....Fr. Edson Wood....938-2784

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RECONCILIATION, ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND BENEDICTION:

*Wednesday 1820 –1930 at
MHT Chapel*

**HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:
GOD'S TYM (Total Youth Ministries)
POC: Michelle Kelley @ 424-3609**

December 14 - God's TYM - 7-9pm-"The Meaning of the Manger" A personal response to Christ's Birth worship service. *Reminder:* Bring an unwanted gift or "dollar store" treasure for a hilarious gift exchange.

December 21 - Come join us for a night of "Christmas Caroling" for Senior Citizens in the area. Hot cider and Christ mas cookies will be served following the caroling

Dates to Remember

Religious Education Highlights:

Annual Christmas Pageant 24 December 1715 Rehearsal Dates:

***16 Dec 4:15-515
22 Dec 4:15-515— Dress Rehearsal***

Join the Celebration! All Children of the Parish are invited . POC: "Ms. Kay" Heppes @ 938-8761, yc3921@usma.edu

Religious Education Christmas Service Project -For the Newburgh Ministry

The Children's needs are the following:

Diapers, formula, infant and children's toilet articles, Children's hats, scarves, gloves, mittens and socks. Pre-K—Grade 4, contribute to children's needs.

Adult needs are the following:

Shampoo, toilet paper, toothbrushes, toothpaste, lotion, deodorant, combs, hairbrushes, razors, shaving cream, hats, gloves, socks. Grade 5—Teen, contribute to adult needs

Please drop donations off at the Chapel Cloister Rm. NLT: 18 Dec. POC: Ms Kay Heppes, 938-8761

Knights of Columbus
Giving Tree Project

The Giving Tree sponsored by the KofC is an annual Christmas project for helping disadvantaged children in local communities. The Giving Tree will be located in the rear of the Chapel. Please take a star from the tree, which has the child's name and age. Please bring the wrapped gift and place it under the tree NLT the 15th of December. KofC will need to deliver these gifts in a timely fashion. Your generosity will bring smiles to the children's faces. What a Christmas blessing--because it is by giving that one receives!!!

Poinsettias in Memory of your Loved Ones

Would you like to purchase a beautiful poinsettia plant in memory of a loved one and donate it to beautify the MHT Chapel for Christmas. Main Street Floral is ready to accept phone orders for these special plants and deliver them directly to the Chapel for you. Please specify that you are purchasing the poinsettia for MHT and Main St. Floral will include a card with your name and the name of the person you wish to remember. Prices begin at \$10 for a 6in - \$24.00 for an 8in. And \$30 for a 10in.. Call Main St Floral at 446-4749. Please feel free to take your poinsettia home to enjoy after Christmas. Thank You

Musings from the Pastor's Corner

Let us resolve to Pray the Rosary daily for those deployed and their families.

15 December 2003—Reconciliation Services will be held at the Sacred Heart Parish in Highland Falls—
@ 7:00 PM

Most Holy Trinity - Holiday Schedule

24 December	5:15 PM	Children's Liturgy
24 December	10:00 PM	Vigil Mass
25 December	10:00 AM	Christmas Day Mass
31 December	7:00 PM	Vigil Mass
1 January 04	12:05 PM	New Year's Mass
	7:00 PM	New Year's Mass

“COME TO ME, YOU WHO ARE HEAVILY BURDENED, AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST.” (WORDS OF JESUS)

Please know and plan accordingly:

The **Christmas Vigil Masses** on the **24th of December** will be **5:15 PM (1715) Children's Pageant and 10:00PM (2200) (Vigil Mass)**.

The **Christmas Day Mass** will be at **10:00AM (1000)**.

Quiet Time with Jesus! Wednesday, 1820-1925 @ MHT. Eucharistic Exposition, Adoration, and Benediction. Confessions are available!

Come join us for daily Mass every Saturday at 0900 at MHT.

With Gratitude and prayer,

Fr. Jerry