

Peace



Advent



We invite you to join us in worship

Tuesday

6:30 p.m. Bible Study

Wednesday

9:00 a.m. Mass @ Resurrection Alger

Thursday

9:00 a.m. Mass

7:00 p.m. Advent Reconciliation

Friday

9:00 a.m. Mass

1:00 p.m. Rosary

Saturday

4:30 p.m. Mass

Sunday

8:30 a.m. Mass @ Resurrection Alger

10:30 a.m. Mass

Stewardship Reflection

"And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value..." Philippians 1:9-10

In the days and weeks leading up to Christmas, we are inundated with colorful and convincing ads. The commercialism can cause us to lose sight of our stewardship values. In this season of shopping and buying, it is important to remember that we have a need to give back to God – and to support those who are in need.

Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday	Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday	Saint Damasus I Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13; Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday	Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
Thursday	Memorial of Saint Lucy Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
Friday	Memorial of Saint John of the Cross Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday	Third Sunday of Advent Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

• ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

Our Advent Penance Service will be celebrated on Dec. 13 at 7 p.m.

• ALREADY – NOT YET

These words describe the hope to which the Advent Season points.

The "already" refers to the fact that God has acted decisively in human history through the Incarnation of His Son; his life, miracles and teaching; concluding with Jesus' death and resurrection. We live this reality each day and especially when we gather for the Eucharist and celebrate Christ living presence in Word and Sacrament.

The "not yet" refers to the fact that Jesus has not yet come again in glory. In the meantime, it is our fervent hope and prayer that God's kingdom might come in its fullness "Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done..."

We believe that Jesus will reappear in glory "to judge the living and the dead" and inaugurate the final other-worldly phase of the kingdom. What a joyful day that will be!

• DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

We are fortunate to have such an active Daughters of Isabella council in our parish. These women do many charitable and good works for the parish and community. They are a great support to each in prayer, faith and living the Christian life. Any women of the parish are welcome to join.

• POINT TO PONDER

"Worrying is paying interest on a debt you might not even owe." Mark Twain

Fr. Dave



Join Us When We Recite the Rosary

Fridays at 1:00 p.m. in the Chapel. Remember, where two or more of us are found—he is in our midst.

Our Gifts For Last Weekend:

Envelopes	(215)	\$6,567.00
Loose		\$ 383.00
Total		\$6,950.00

Retirement Fund for Religious

Aging religious need your help. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests ministered for years for little to no pay. Their sacrifices now leave their religious communities without adequate retirement savings. Your gift to today's second collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousand of elderly religious. Please be generous.

Choir Rehearsals

Choir Rehearsals for Christmas will be as follows:

WEDNESDAY, December 12

WEDNESDAY, December 19

All rehearsals will be from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

Parents of Religious Ed Students

We have been practicing some songs during religious ed that the children will be singing for Christmas. We will be singing before the 4 p.m. mass on Christmas Eve. If your child would like to join us in the singing and has not yet picked up a CD to practice with, please call (989)710-0739 so we can get one to them.

Taizé Prayer

Taizé Prayer is a meditative candle-lit service that centers around music, prayer, and silence, to quiet the mind, open the heart and feed the soul. It is a time of quiet and solitude in the presence of God. We hope you will join us during this holy season of Advent, to experience the calm and peace that comes from this prayer service at Holy Trinity Parish in Pinconning this Wednesday, December 12th at 7 p.m. Contact Deacon Gary at 879-2141.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

Jesus was and is the world's most perfect gift. Experience that gift anew in your marriage and grow close than ever before on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend. Upcoming weekends will be held Jan. 25-27 at Holiday Inn-Troy and March 15-17 at St. Francis Retreat Center-DeWitt. Apply online at wwme.org or contact Chris & Darla Vinton at 734-531-9191.

Daughters of Isabella News

Next meeting will be Tuesday, December 11. Rosary @ 5:30 p.m., dinner @ 6 p.m., followed by our meeting @ 7 p.m. This will be our Christmas Party and is an OPEN meeting, anyone wanting to know more about the D of I is invited to come. In lieu of selling raffle tickets this year, we have decided to have a "Bakeless Bake Sale" where we donate our costs of baking items. Any donations will be appreciated as we continue helping many organizations.

Parish Office Hours

Monday—Friday 8:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

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Religious Formation Center Hours

Tuesday 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Wednesday—12 noon—6:00 p.m.

Thursday—9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

E-Mail: rotlway@yahoo.com

After Hours Emergency Number: 989-846-6162.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...

Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?

Has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized?

Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting. For information, please contact Gary Taylor at 846-9565.

V.F.W. Monthly Breakfast

Sunday, December 9th from 9 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. at their hall in Standish.

Beginning in January (January 13th) the monthly breakfast will be held at the American Legion Hall on old M-76.

Mobile Food Pantry

Bethlehem Lutheran Church December 13 from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. (or until the food supply runs out). Doors will open at 12:55 p.m. No early admission. Bring your own boxes/bags if possible.

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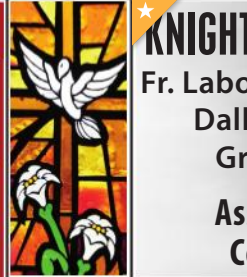
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