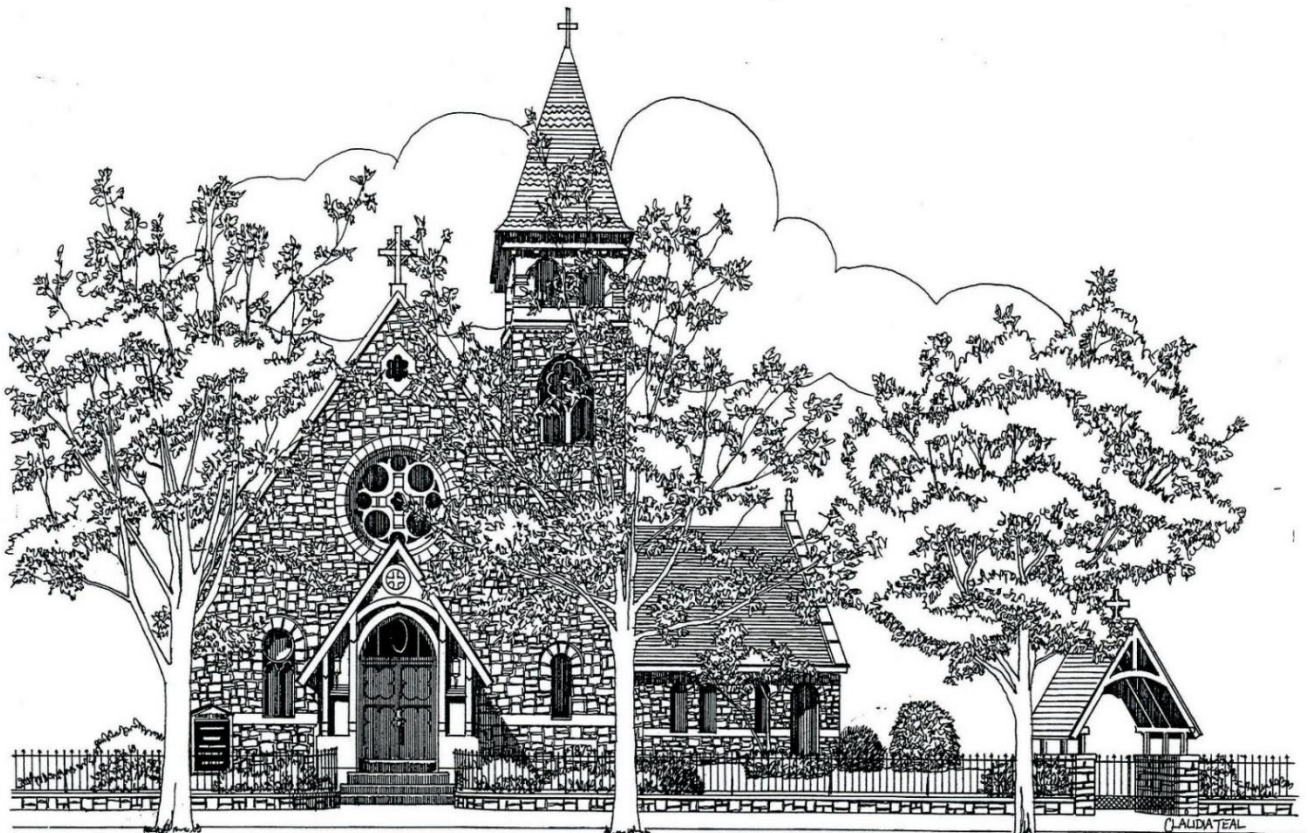


CHRIST CHURCH PARISH

BORDENTOWN, NJ



THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

GAUDETE SUNDAY

15 DECEMBER 2024

WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH

We extend a welcome to all visitors who are worshipping with us today. Christ Church is truly a beautiful edifice, erected and appointed to the Greater Glory of Almighty God. Herein you find all things in their proper place; everything focused toward the Altar, the center of our worship. The windows in the Nave depict some of the fathers of the early Church, both English and Latin. The Rood shows our Savior, robed as a Priest, with the right hand in Blessing. The Chapel forms a quiet restful spot where, before the Blessed Sacrament, one may kneel in supplication and reverence. We are proud of our worshipful Church and invite you to share its benefit. Come in, rest, pray apart from the world. Surely God is in His Holy Temple.

All who confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, have been baptized in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, are repentant of their sins and believe the Blessed Sacrament to be the true Body and Blood of Christ are invited to receive the Sacrament of the Altar. We hope that you will enter fully into worship by joining in the prayers, responses, and hymns. Because our worship may be unfamiliar to those not raised in the Episcopal Church, feel free to ask the assistance of those around you in following and participating in the liturgy. If you are in search of a church home, we invite you to join us in worship, fellowship, and service. Please sign the guest register at the church entrance so we may have a record of your visit.

Restrooms are located in the Parish House and are accessible through the double doors by the pulpit or by exiting through main doors and accessing the Parish House by way of the side office door. **A Baby Changing Station** is located in the accessible bathroom in the Parish Hall. **A restroom for small children** is located in the nursery at the far end of the Parish House.

Pastoral Emergencies such as sickness, hospitalization, or the death of a loved one should be directed to Fr. Matt at 732.859.5823. Father is happy to respond to your needs even if you are not a parishioner, so please do not hesitate to call.

The AED is located to the left of the door to the parish office.



The Five Traditional Precepts of the Church

1. Attendance at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.
2. Confession of serious sin at least once a year.
3. Reception of the Blessed Sacrament at least once a year.
4. Observance of the days of fasting and abstinence.
5. Providing for the needs of the Church.

At Christ Church

1. Share the joy and strength found in Christ with others.
2. Be present at the Mass unless prevented by travel, illness, or condition.
3. Support the Parish with time, talent, and treasure.
4. Find community in the mission and ministry of the Parish.
5. Show Christ in the world by being of service to others.

5:30 P.M. VIGIL MASS

The Vigil Mass follows the form found in the Chapel Booklet

8:00 A.M. LOW MASS

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INTENTIONS OF THE MASS

☩. Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord

℟. And let light perpetual shine upon them.

☩. ✠May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace.

℟. Amen.

OFFERTORY

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THE LAST GOSPEL

☩. The beginning of the Holy Gospel according to John.

℟. Glory be to thee, O Lord

☩. ...full of grace and truth.

℟. Thanks be to God.

10:00 A.M. SUNG MASS

*The page numbers refer to pages in the red 1979 Book of Common Prayer found in your pew.
Hymns can be found in the blue Hymnal 1940.*

ORGAN *Improvisation on 'Veni Emmanuel'*

INROIT

GAUDETE in Domino semper:
iterum dico, gaudete. Modestia
vestra notis sit omnibus hominibus:
Dominus enim prope est. Nihil solliciti sitis:
sed in omni oratione petitiones vestrae
innotescant apud Deum. Benedixisti,
Domine, terram tuam: avertisti captivitatem
Jacob. Gloria Patri...Gaudete...

REJOICE in the Lord always: and
again I say, rejoice. Let your
moderation be known unto all men:
for the Lord is at hand. Be careful for
nothing: but in all things by prayer let your
requests be made known unto God. Lord,
thou art become gracious unto thy land: thou
hast turned away the captivity of Jacob.
Glory be to the Father...Rejoice...

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KYRIE *Hymnal 747*

Sowerby

PROPER COLLECT

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The Congregation is seated for the Lesson and Psalm.

LESSON *Zephaniah 3:14-20*

PSALM 85:7-13



7 Show us thy mer·cy O LORD, * and grant · us thy salvation.

8 I will hearken what the LORD · God will say; * for he shall speak
peace unto his people and to his saints, that they turn not a·gain
unto foolishness.

9 For his salvation is nigh · them that fear him; * that glory ·
may dwell in our land.

10 Mercy and truth are · met together: * righteousness and peace
have · kissed each other.

11 Truth shall flourish out · of the earth, * and righteousness hath
look·ed down from heaven.

12 Yea the LORD shall show · loving-kindness; * and our land ·
shall give her increase.

13 Righteousness shall · go before him, * and shall direct · his
going in the way.

EPISTLE *Philippians 4:4-7*

The Congregation stands for Sequence Hymn and the Gospel.

HYMN 10 – On Jordan's Bank

Winchester New

THE HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 3:7-18*

SERMON

Fr. Tucker

NICENE CREED

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(Priest) *(Choir & Congregation)*

I be - lieve in one _____ God* the Fa-ther Al-migh-ty, Ma-ker of heav-en and earth,
And of all things vi - si-ble and in-vi - si ble: And in one Lord Je - sus Christ,
the on - ly - be-got-ten Son of God; Be-got-ten of his Fa-ther be - fore_ all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, Ver - y God of Ver - y God; Be - got-ten, not made;
Be - ing of one sub-stance with the Fa - ther; By whom all things were made:
Who for us men and for our sal - va - tion came down from heav - en,
And was in-car-nate by the Ho-ly Ghost of the Vir-gin Ma - ry, And was made man:
And was_ cru - ci - fi - ed al - so for_ us un - der Pon-tius Pi - late:
He suf - fer - ed and was bu - ri - ed: And the third day he rose a - gain
ac - cord - ing to the Scrip - tures: And as - cend - ed in - to heav - en,
And sit-teth on the right hand of the Fa - ther: And he shall come a - gain, with glo - ry,



to judge both the quick and the dead, Whose king-dom shall have_ no end.

And I be-lieve in the Ho-ly Ghost, the Lord, and Giv-er of Life,

Who pro-ceed-eth from the Fa-ther and_ the Son; Who with the Fa-ther and the Son

to-geth-er is wor-ship-ped and glo-ri-fi-ed; Who spake by the pro-phets:

And I be-lieve One Ho-ly Cath-o-lic and A pos-tol-ic Church: I ac-know-ledge one Bap-tism

for the re-mis-sion of sins: And I look for the Re-sur-rec-tion of the dead:

And the Life of the world_ to come. A - - - - - men.

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THE PEACE *The people may greet one another in the Name of the Lord with a bow or wave.*

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OFFERTORY – Rejoice in the Lord

Anon. 16th century

REJOICE in the Lord always, and again I say, rejoice! Let your softness be known unto all men, the Lord is e'en at hand. Be careful for nothing: but in all prayer and supplication, let your petitions be manifest unto God, with giving of thanks. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesu.

HYMN 9 – Hark! A Thrilling Voice

Merton

SURSUM CORDA *Hymnal 734*

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS *Hymnal 748/799*

Sowerby

The Congregation kneels for the Canon of the Mass.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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THE LORD'S PRAYER *Hymnal 722*

AGNUS DEI *Hymnal 749*

Sowerby

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

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COMMUNION

DICITE: Pusillanimes confortamini, et nolite timere: ecce Deus noster veniet, et salvabit nos.

SAY to them that are of a fearful heart: be strong, fear not: behold, our God will come and save us.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN 7 – Hark! The Glad Sound!

Bristol

The Congregation kneels through the Dismissal.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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DISMISSAL

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The Congregation stands for the Last Gospel.

THE LAST GOSPEL

V. The beginning of the Holy Gospel according to John.

R. **Glory be to thee, O Lord**

V. ...full of grace and truth.

R. **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 3 – Wake, Awake for Night is Flying

Wachet auf

ORGAN *Improvisation on 'Wachet auf'*



PRAYERS & DEDICATIONS

*The flowers that decorate the church this week are given in loving memory of
John F. & Jacqueline K. Carty, Anna May Carty, and Carl Fritz.*



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

the sick: Mary Beth Carver Tallman, Vicky Barbos, Betty Slaper, Richard Mueller, Donna Preston, Michael Tunney, Suzanne Previti, Alannah Aldea, The Rev. Donald Muller, Wendy Goldstein, Suzette Mansell, Gail Petricek, Susan Preston, Angelo Cipriano, Ryan Wiese, Amelia Sciortino, Kimberlee McCafferty, Mark Goldstein, Roseann Walder, Dave Mohr, Fran Sutter, Christine Fritz, Theresa Abitz, Robert Abitz, Walt Fell, Ellen Murphy, James Tucker, Joseph Carson III, Bruce Kwietnieski-Casais, Reagon Condron, Russell Childs, Lisa Jones, Patty MacAllister, Scott O'Brien, John Miosz, Sava Nedic, Walter Easley, John Haney, Sharon Kedzierski, Kathy Buckland, Daryl Albury, Val Jackson, Alexander Ounjian, Michele Hartpence, and Renee Formica.

and those who have long term illnesses: Dennis Russell, Jeffrey McCafferty Richard Mueller, Christiana Carty, Dawn Applegate, Barbara Sury, Paul Sootkoos, Caroline Tucker, Donna Fritz, Stephen Vigh, Mark Casais, Christine Nicosia, Kevin Kintner, Anna Sury, Earl Reading, Dixon Leavers, Zachary Birnbaum, Shelly Eberhart, Gary Rutherford, Alice Ward Carriger, Ryan Murray, Justin McCafferty, Zachary McCafferty, Kelly Bergen, Hannah McNinch, Mackenzie Sutter, Daniel Applegate, Jennifer Vigh, Jonathan Okeson, Mary Dallmann, Bob Bernard, Pat Temple, Danielle Morgan, Jai Autar, Emma Burris, Gloria Jones, Kelley Gilger, Lori Forenson, Michael Chahanovich, Sister Angela, Dee Watkins, Marge Lee, Robert Fritz, Lynn Muller, Irene Fithian, Brianne Nicosia, Jennifer Millar, Kathy Gabel, Sean Higgins, and Kelly Zsenak.

and for those in military service: Ben Skarzynski, USMC; Chris Neal, USN; Jacob Foerter; USAFR; Nickolas George USMC, Kevin Preston USAR.

celebrating a birthday this week: Gia Lynn Fox, John Patrick Stibol, and Zachary Neal

Anyone may contact the office with names of those who are ill and/or hospitalized for inclusion in our prayers. Names will remain on the list for a maximum of four weeks unless we are notified that they should remain for a longer period.

If you would like to include loved ones in the Altar Flower or Sacramental Candle dedications, please contact the Church Office. The donation for flowers is \$50; the donation for the Sacramental candle is \$10.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT PAGEANT AND PIZZA PARTY: Join our Parish children on **Saturday, Dec. 21, at 5:30pm** for our annual Advent Pageant and Vigil Mass. All are invited to the Pizza and Bring a Dessert to Share Party following the pageant and Mass.

THE ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP PACKET AND FINANCIAL INTENTION CARD for our support of Christ Church in 2025 was distributed to all households on our mailing list. Please return the card as soon as possible, as the Vestry is charged with creating and approving an operating budget for 2025 in the next few weeks. Extra pledge cards are located on the table at the back entrance of the church.

ADDITIONAL CHRISTMAS AND MEMORIAL flower and greens envelopes and Christmas envelopes are available on the entrance table in the church. The flower envelope, listing Christian and last names, **must be returned to the parish office today** for publication.

CHRISTMAS LESSONS & CAROLS: Come trace the history of salvation in lessons and carols with Vox Fidelis on **Saturday, December 28, at 7pm.**

NOMINATIONS: In preparation for our 2025 Parish Annual Meeting, names are being submitted to the nominating committee. Terms will be ending for the Senior Warden, four Vestry posts including a one-year unexpired term, all Diocesan Convention delegates and alternates, as well as our Convocation representatives. Suggestions of names to be considered for the proposed slate may be directed to Father Matt or Mary Ellen Carty, 609-298-4337.

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR BLESSING BOX: Donations such as toothpaste, deodorant, baby powder, razors, shaving cream, soap, hand sanitizer, shampoo, socks and the like are always needed and can be placed in the basket in the back of the church. Please contact Donna Kirk at the Parish office 298-2348 or email office@ccbtown.com with any questions or monetary donations.

SOLES4SOULS: Our shoe drive continues to bring in a wonderful amount of shoes for those in need. Keep this in mind during your winter cleaning of unwanted/unused shoes you may want to donate. Thank you!

Saturday, Dec. 21, 5:30pm.: Advent Pageant & Vigil Mass

CHRISTMAS EVE

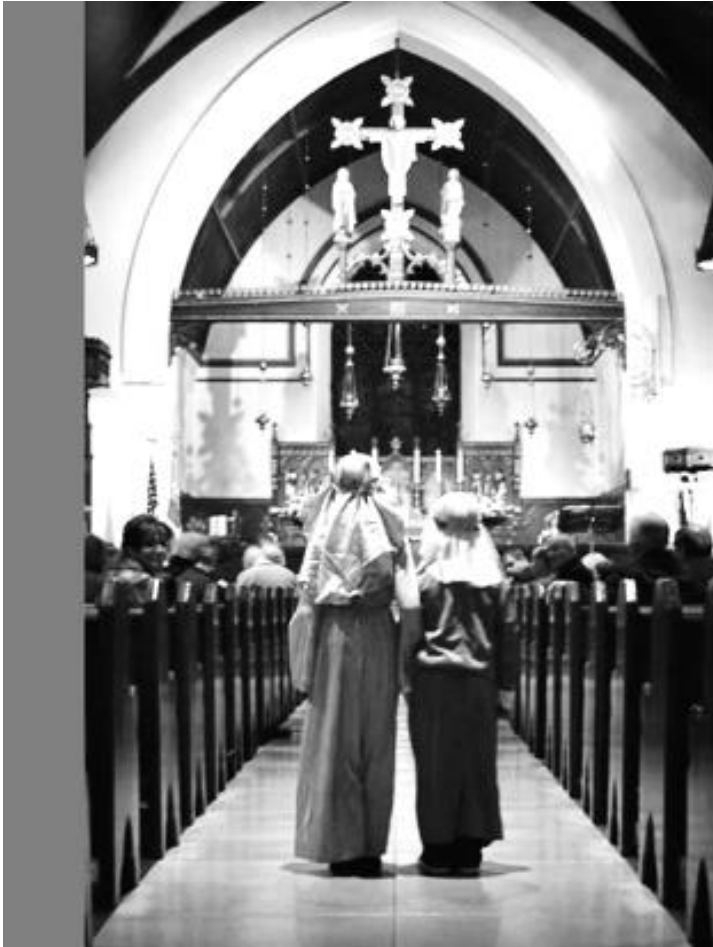
6 p.m. Family Mass

11 p.m. Sung Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY

10 a.m. Said Mass w. Carols

*If you or someone you know cannot make it to Mass due to frailty or illness,
please let Fr. Matt know so that he can offer the Blessed Sacrament this Christmas.*



Advent Pageant

Saturday Dec. 21st

5:30 pm

Join our parish children as they trace the history of salvation, the story of the Nativity, in word and song.

The pageant will be presented during the Vigil Mass at 5:30 pm, Dec. 21, 2024.

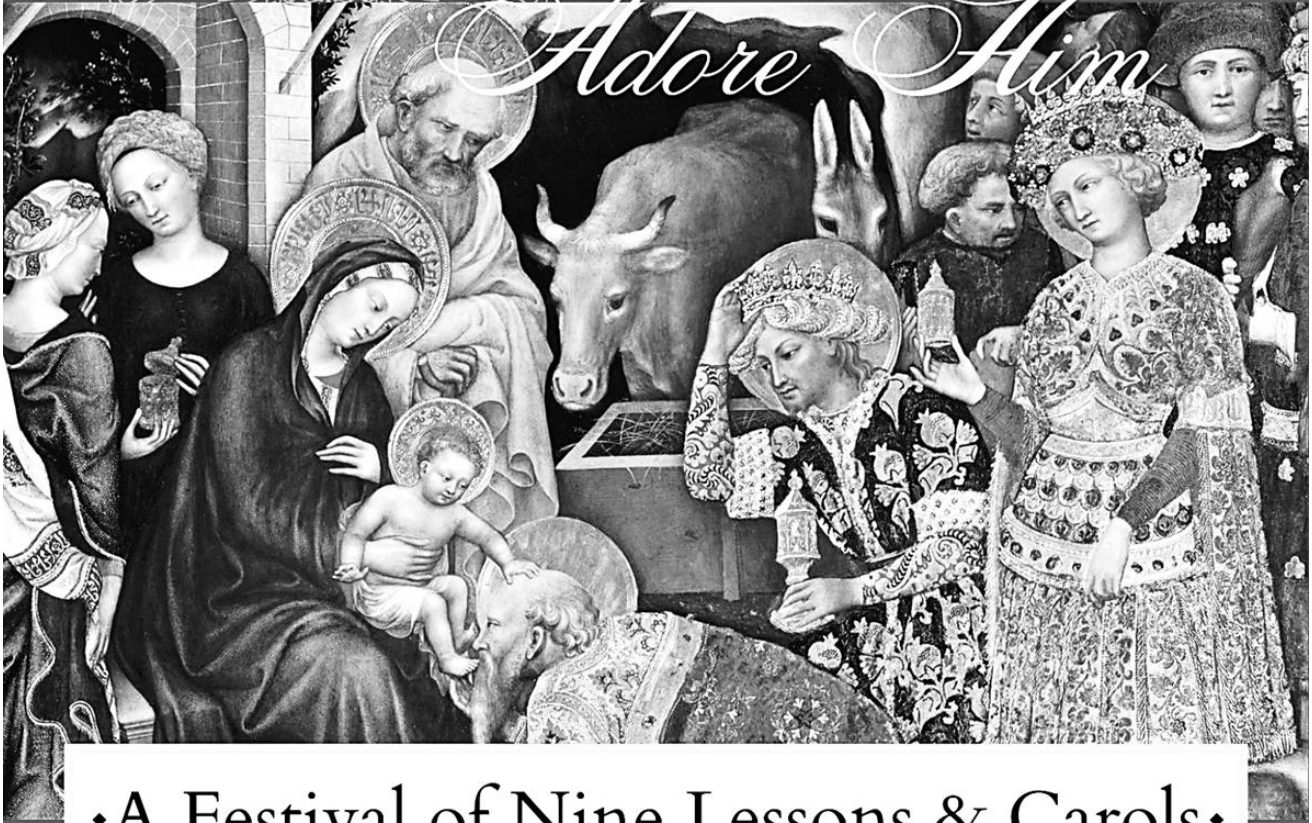
A pizza party will be held in the Parish Hall afterwards. Bring a dessert to share!



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*O Come, Let Us
Adore Him*



•A Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols•

Saturday, December 28
7.00 pm



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A Parish of the Episcopal Church



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Schedule for the Week following 15 December

Sunday, 15 December

The Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. Low Mass

8:45 a.m. Homefront Meal Prep

8:45 a.m. Church School

10:00 a.m. Sung Mass

11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour

7:00 p.m. A.A. Meeting

Thursday, 19 December

Advent Feria

10:00 a.m. Low Mass w. Anointing

Friday, 20 December

Advent Feria

12:10 p.m. Low Mass

Saturday, 21 December

Saint Thomas the Apostle

5:30 p.m. Advent Pageant, Vigil Mass,
and Pizza Party

Tuesday, 17 December

Advent Feria

12:10 p.m. Low Mass

6:00 p.m. Girl Scout Meeting

Sunday, 22 December

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. Low Mass

10:00 a.m. Sung Mass

11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour

7:00 p.m. A.A. Meeting

Wednesday, 18 December

Advent Feria

6:00 p.m. A.A. Meeting

6:30 p.m. Rosary & Low Mass