

December 1, - 9, 2018**SATURDAY DEC 1**

St. A 4:00 p.m. Charles Thornton (Anniv) (*Brother-in-law, Richard*)
 Prince of Peace Parishioners

SUNDAY DEC 2 First Sunday of Advent

St. A 9:00 a.m. Ann Kalupa (*Family*)
 St. P 11:00 a.m. Raymond G. Dusch Jr. (*Wife, Daughters & Family*)

MONDAY DEC 3 St. Francis Xavier

St. A 10:00 a.m. Mary Josephine Karalagas (*Heil Family*)

TUESDAY DEC 4 St. John Damascene

Morning Mass—10:00 a.m. at St. Mary of the Mount

WEDNESDAY DEC 5

St. A 10:00 a.m. Joseph Smerdell (*Sister, Carol*)

THURSDAY DEC 6 St. Nicholas

Morning Mass—10:00 a.m. at St. Mary of the Mount

FRIDAY DEC 7 St. Ambrose

St. A 10:00 a.m. Eddie (Moe) Murawski (*Family*)

SATURDAY DEC 8 The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

St. A 10:00 a.m. Intentions of the Prayer Ministry
 St. A 4:00 p.m. Anthony & Jean Bombich (*Jack & Carol*)

SUNDAY DEC 9 Second Sunday of Advent

St. A 9:00 a.m. Patricia Bovard (*A Friend*)
 Prince of Peace Parishioners
 St. P 11:00 a.m. Stella & Joseph Konieczka (*Granddaughters*)

IN PRAYERFUL REMEMBRANCE

This past week *Joseph Watton and Ignatius Turon* were called home to the Lord. Kindly remember them in your prayers.

HOLIDAY BULLETIN DEADLINES

All notices for the Sunday bulletin are due in the office by Tuesday at 12:00 Noon.

Notices for the **Sunday, December 23**, bulletin are due in the office by **Thursday, December 13**, at 12:00 Noon. Notices for the **Sunday, December 30**, bulletin are due in the office by **Thursday, December 20**, at 12:00 Noon. Notices for the **Sunday, January 6, 2019**, bulletin are due in the office by **Thursday, December 27**, at 12:00 Noon. Articles must be in writing. Nothing will be taken over the phone. Articles may be submitted by emailed to: princeofpeaceparish@verizon.net, placed in the collection basket, dropped off at the office, or dropped in the mail slot after office hours.

CCD NEWS

CCD sessions will resume this weekend.

HOLY HOUR AND BENEDICTION

On the first Sunday of every month at St. Peter's Church, there is a special hour of prayer, worship and silence before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Join us today, **Sunday, December 2, 2018, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.**

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Saturday, December 8, 2018, is the Feast of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. There will be a 10:00 a.m. Mass at both Prince of Peace Parish and St. Mary of the Mount Parish.

THE ANGEL TREE

If you took an angel from the tree, the DEADLINE for returning gifts is next weekend, **December 8, & 9, 2018.**

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU!

This Advent season, each parish in the Diocese of Pittsburgh will have their doors open and lights on **Tuesday, December 11, 2018**, to hear confessions. **Confession will be available on Tuesday, December 11, 2018, at both Prince of Peace Parish - St. Adalbert Church, and St. Mary of the Mount Parish from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.**

SUMMARY CONTRIBUTION REPORT**November 17, & 18, 2018**

Numbers of envelope sets mailed in November: 890

Offertory	210	\$4,841.00
Retirement Fund		
for Religious	87	1,545.10
Thanksgiving	18	266.00
Debt Reduction	14	232.00
CCD	22	214.00
Cemetery	8	127.00
Parish Needy	2	25.00
Misc.	11	167.00
TOTAL		\$7,417.10

November 24, & 25, 2018

Offertory	217	\$4,624.00
Thanksgiving	45	523.00
Parish Share	14	257.00
Retirement Fund		
for Religious	11	165.00
Cemetery	11	158.00
Parish Needy	61	643.00
Christmas Flowers	12	151.00
Misc.	23	241.00
TOTAL		\$6,762.00

HOMEMADE PIEROGIES FOR SALE

Pierogies are for sale at the parish office, at \$7.00 per dozen (frozen).

WELCOME

We would like to welcome the following parishioner who registered during the month of September:

Mr. Douglas Szewczyk



NEW MEANS OF PARISHIONER COMMUNICATION IS SOON TO BE INTRODUCED.

How many times have you said to yourself “*I just wish I knew about something earlier,*” or “*why wasn’t I included in important information*”? What if you were able to know that a road was closed due to inclement weather, or for some other reason Mass had to be canceled? Better yet, if there was important information that you needed to receive from the Parish, but did not receive it?

Well Prince of Peace and St. Mary of the Mount Parishes will soon be introducing a communication technology called **FLOCKNOTE** (www.flocknote.com). It is a communications platform that allows real time information to be delivered to you via text or email. Given all that is occurring with the On Mission initiative, as well as our Parish Grouping, having the ability to keep you readily informed is very important.

Why are Prince of Peace and St. Mary of the Mount Parishes doing this?: The parish cares about you. It wants to communicate more easily and effectively with you, while at the same time being able to receive your feedback. Using **FLOCKNOTE** allows the parish to easily send you information that will be important to you. This will be done either thru text or email. This will enable you to provide immediate feedback.

Am I “in for good” if I sign up?: No, you may opt out at any time. The service is **FREE** to you, and you can decide to no longer participate at any time. To discontinue, you simply go to www.flocknote.com and enter **SMMPOP**, from there you scroll to the icon for “*unsubscribe*” and this will do it.

Is my information secure?: **YES**, all information is transmitted across an **encrypted internet connection**. All the information is stored in a secure database. **The information is never ever shared.** For more information in regard to this, go to www.flocknote.com/privacy.

What if I don’t have the capability to text?:

You can still sign up provided you have an email address.

How do I sign up?: There are two ways you can do that. In the next few weeks the church will host several **FLOCKNOTE Sundays**. **At all masses the weekends of December 8, & 9, and 15, & 16, 2018**, you will be able to sign up right from your mobile device. You will send the Church “Key” **SMMPOP to 84576**. For those of you who would like to do it now, and not wait for the Sunday sign up events, simply text **SMMPOP to 84576**, and voila you will be signed up. Your information will be immediately entered into the parish database.

The Sign up Process.: You text the key **SMMPOP to the number 84576**. You will receive a message indicating thank you for connecting with St. Mary of the Mount. Click to complete sign up, and you will see a blue colored URL that you click on. You can also sign up by entering you email address. Pending the way you signed in, you will get a verification code either sent to your phone or email. You will then be prompted to verify your email address or mobile number. Complete the profile by choos-

ing a group. It is suggested you choose the group for administrative updates as this group is the most functional at the present time. Others will be functional over time, and you will be so notified. You are then finished!

Who is using FLOCKNOTE?: There are over 1000 parishes using this innovative communications technology. Here in Western, PA there are over 30 parishes using it. Speaking with folks from several of the parish’s administrations, as well as their parishioners, there was an overwhelming positive response on how much timely and responsive communication has become.

So, stay tuned for the upcoming **FLOCKNOTE Sundays**, or feel free to go ahead and sign up now by **texting SMMPOP to 84576 and follow the prompts as noted above.**



ON MISSION FOR THE CHURCH ALIVE!

Be Vigilant at All Times – As the Advent season begins we look forward to the coming of Christ. This anticipation has two meanings as we await our Savior. First, as we set up our manger scenes we are keenly aware that the celebration of the birth

of Christ will soon be upon us. The coming of Christ as one like us in all things but sin is a source of great hope as we recognize how our fallen humanity was raised to a new dignity as Jesus took on flesh. At the same time, we anticipate his coming again in glory so that we might share fully in the salvation he won for us. Jesus promises to return and call us back to himself that we might live with him for ever. While we are attentive to all that the birth of Christ means for us as his followers, we are called to be vigilant in regards to his coming again so that we might not be caught off guard. We may try to convince ourselves that we can be attentive later, but in reality, there is no better time than the present to turn our eyes, ears and hearts to the things of God so that we might hear his voice and see his works inviting us now to be one with him. This relationship with the Lord also allows us to know his will and his ways and it inspires us to follow the path he has set for us. How is the Lord inviting us in our parishes and parish groupings to be vigilant to the presence of Christ in our midst and the needs of others so that many of us can be prepared for his coming again? Visit onmissionchurchalive.org to learn more and to stay informed.

CCD-ADVENT PROJECT

The annual Advent Project has begun. The CCD families are asked to donate: **paper products, personal hygiene items and cleaning products**, which will be distributed through the parish Food Bank. There is a perennial need for such items. Anyone else who would like to contribute can drop off these items in the back of each Church, or bring them to the Parish Center. **Thank You!**

CHRISTMAS WAFERS — OPLATKI

The traditional Christmas wafers — Oplatki are available at the Parish Center. The cost is 4 pieces for \$3.00.

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