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OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Friday: 8:00 a.m.— 3:30 p.m.

Saturday: 10:00 a.m.—12:00 Noon

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening:

4:00 p.m.—St. Adalbert, 160 S. 15th St.

5:00 p.m.—*St. Mary of the Mount

Sunday:

9:00 a.m.—St. Adalbert—160 S. 15th St.

9:30 a.m.—*St. Mary of the Mount

11:00 a.m.—St. Peter—S. 28th St. & Sarah St.

11:30 a.m.—*St. Mary of the Mount (Signed Mass)

*403 Grandview Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15211

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, Wednesday & Friday:

10:00 a.m.—St. Adalbert, 160 S. 15th St.

Tuesday & Thursday

10:00 a.m.—St. Mary of the Mount

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday:

*3:00 p.m.—3:45 p.m. at St. Adalbert.

Wednesday:

*6:00 p.m.—6:45 p.m. at St. Mary of the Mount

*Also upon request.

SACRAMENTS

Baptism:

First Sunday of each month at 1:00 p.m. at St.

Adalbert. Parents must attend a Baptism

Preparation Program.

Matrimony:

The diocese requires weddings to be scheduled 6

months in advance. A pre-marriage course is also

required.

SPONSORS

Sponsor certificates are available to **registered parishioners** who are confirmed, practicing their faith and at least 16 years old.

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2nd Sunday of Advent

Prophet Isaiah said:
The people who walk in darkness
shall see a great light.
The people who sit in the shadow of death
shall see a great light.

2nd Sunday in Advent December 9, 2018

"In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar...and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee...and Lysanias was tetrarch of..." Did you need to pinch yourself awake during the first few lines of this Sunday's Gospel? John the Baptist received quite a prelude today as Luke described the religious and political leadership of the time period. Scripture is divinely inspired, and we believe that everything that made it into the Bible is there for a reason. These lines remind us of an important truth. The Christmas story isn't a fairy tale or nursery rhyme. It's not a parable we say to give meaning to the holiday. At Christmas, God's presence is made tangible in a precise moment in time. The birth of Christ is a historical event. As precursor to Jesus' preaching, the ministry of John the Baptist is also a historical event.

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." John's call to repentance and the forgiveness of sins happened in a particular time and place. But that does not mean it is limited to first century Palestine! God continues to move in our daily lives. What we hear in today's Gospel - and what we anticipate at Christmas - occurs in our daily lives. God works in concrete ways in time and space. He did that 2,000 years ago, and He continues to do so today!

This Sunday, examine your own Christmas preparations. Is there anything you need to repent of before the Christmas season? Are there low points in your life, valleys to "be filled" by the love of God? Are their mountainous obstacles in your spiritual life? How can they be "made low"? Are you making decisions that have moved you away from God? This Advent season is the time for them to "be made straight and made smooth." Prepare the way in your heart for Christ today!

We welcome you to join Prince of Peace Parish

If you would like to be a member of our parish, please fill out this form. Place it in the offertory basket or mail to the Parish Office.

Name _____ Phone (____) _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Please circle one:

___ New Registration

___ New Address

___ Moving out of Parish

___ Want Envelopes

December 8, - 16, 2018**SATURDAY DEC 8 The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**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*)**MONDAY DEC 10**St. A 10:00 a.m. George Milko & Edward Joseph (*Family*)**TUESDAY DEC 11 St. Damasus I**

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

WEDNESDAY DEC 12 Our Lady of GuadalupeSt. A 10:00 a.m. Adam Filip (*Deb & Mike Borowski*)**THURSDAY DEC 13 St. Lucy**

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

FRIDAY DEC 14 St. John of the CrossSt. A 10:00 a.m. Mary & Jake Macurak (*Janie*)**SATURDAY DEC 15**St. A 4:00 p.m. John Novak (*Valet Family*)**SUNDAY DEC 16 Third Sunday of Advent**St. A 9:00 a.m. Judy Bryner (*Theresa Cygrymus*)St. P 11:00 a.m. Thomas Blain (*Wife & Family*)
Prince of Peace Parishioners**IN PRAYERFUL REMEMBRANCE**

This past week *Thomas Greiner and Francis J. Meade* were called home to the Lord. Kindly remember them in your prayers.

PLEASE NOTE

If you requested an intention for one of the weekend Masses and would like to carry the offertory gifts to the altar, please see one of the ushers prior to the start of Mass.

VOTIVE LIGHT PROCEDURES

If you would like to light a votive candle at either church, please see the ushers. The cost of the 7 day votive candle is \$3.00 each.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP DECORATE THE CHURCHES FOR CHRISTMAS

Volunteers are needed to help decorate St. Adalbert & St. Peter's Churches for Christmas. Decorating will take place on **Sunday, December 23, 2018**, at St. Adalbert Church after the 9:00 a.m. Mass, and at St. Peter's Church after the 11:00 a.m. Mass.

If you are able to offer some time to help, please call the parish office at 412-481-8380. Thank you!

THE ANGEL TREE

If you took an angel from the tree, the deadline for returning gifts is this 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.**

BAPTISM SEMINAR

The next Baptism Seminar will be held on **Tuesday, December 18, 2018, 7:00 p.m.** in the Parish Center Conference Room, for parents who are planning a Baptism at Prince of Peace Parish. To register call 412-481-8380.

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 **Sunday, January 6, 2019, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.**



SUMMARY CONTRIBUTION REPORT**December 1, & 2, 2018****Numbers of envelope sets mailed in December: 890**

Offertory	205	\$4,017.00
Christmas Flowers	53	684.00
Retirement Fund		
for Religious	7	422.00
Cemetery	28	177.00
Parish Needy	5	48.00
Misc.	26	<u>207.00</u>
TOTAL		\$5,555.00

CCD-ADVENT PROJECT

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.

NUT ROLLS FOR SALE

Nut Rolls, homemade by members of our Cultural Diversity Committee, are for sale at the Parish Center at a cost of \$10.00 each.

CHILDREN'S OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

The children's 2019 offertory envelopes are available at the parish office.

HOMEMADE PIEROGIES FOR SALE

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

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**Christmas Eve, Monday, December 24, 2018**

4:00 p.m. St. Adalbert Church

Christmas Day, Tuesday, December 25, 2018

9:00 a.m. St. Adalbert Church

11:00 a.m. St. Peter Church

**ON MISSION FOR THE CHURCH ALIVE!****Prepare the Way of the Lord –**

This Second Sunday of Advent we hear the call in the Gospel to “Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low.” This is a vivid reminder that, as God desires to be with us, so must we work to prepare our hearts and our lives to be places where he desires to dwell and that are fitting for his coming. While this preparation can take on many forms, Saint Luke reminds us of one important way, “repentance for the forgiveness of sins.” As Catholics, we repent of our sins and are forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and Advent, the season of preparation, is a perfect time to celebrate this beautiful sacrament and ready our hearts for the coming of the Lord. This Tuesday, December 11th, *The Light Is On For You!* at parishes across the Diocese of Pittsburgh from 6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m. and priests will be available to hear Confessions. No matter how long it has been since you last went, consider taking this opportunity to prepare your heart this Advent.

CHRISTMAS BRASS

Mark your calendars for *Christmas Brass*, which will be held on Sunday, December 16, 2018, 3:00 p.m. at St. Mary of the Mount Church (403 Grandview Avenue). *Christmas Brass* is an annual tradition at St. Mary of the Mount Parish, and features musicians from Duquesne University's Mary Pappert School of Music.

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.

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