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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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3rd Sunday of Advent

John the Baptist, the forerunner of Christ, is shown here baptizing Jesus in the Jordan River. The scene is set in a desert landscape with palm trees and a bright sky.

3rd Sunday in Advent December 16, 2018

In Christianity, we hear often about the "Good News." We might often associate it with Jesus' compassion to the poor, his healings and miracles, and the salvation he won for us. In today's Gospel, we read of John the Baptist. "Exhorting them in many other ways, he preached good news to the people." Yet as we examine the rest of the reading, we see examples of John's preaching. If you have two cloaks, give one away. Don't cheat others out of their money, extort, or lie. And, of course, the warning that the Messiah is on the move and "his winnowing fan is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Merry Christmas?

Not only do John's listeners enjoy his message, but they seem to think he might be the awaited Messiah! To understand today's Gospel, it's important to understand the Jewish people. For most of their history, God's chosen people had been under someone else's heel. They were slaves in Egypt. Their kingdoms were ravaged first by the Assyrians, then the Babylonians. Now they were under the yoke of the Roman Empire. Familiar with being strangers in a strange land, welcoming the stranger, caring for the vulnerable, and enacting justice was incredibly important to them as a people. While John's words may seem odd or strong to our modern ears, this call to justice was welcome, even if it was directed at the hearer.

The truth is, no one is exempt from John's call to repentance. We all have further to go in the Christian life. We can all grow in virtue and love our neighbors more generously. The Church gives us the Advent season to examine our own hearts. Did any of John's warnings resonate with you? That could be a great thing to bring to Jesus this week!

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 15, - 23, 2018**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

MONDAY DEC 17St. A 10:00 a.m. Frank & Anna Niespodzianski, Kenneth Dutkiewicz & Mary Ann Macurak (*Robert & Dorothy*)**TUESDAY DEC 18**

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

WEDNESDAY DEC 19St. A 10:00 a.m. Elizabeth Rugiel (*Ted & Debbie*)**THURSDAY DEC 20**

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

FRIDAY DEC 21 St. Peter CanisiusSt. A 10:00 a.m. Eugene Rogozinski (*Wife & Family*)**SATURDAY DEC 22**St. A 4:00 p.m. Andrew Macurak (*Family*)
Prince of Peace Parishioners**SUNDAY DEC 23 Fourth Sunday of Advent**St. A 9:00 a.m. John & Mary Kozikowski (*Family*)St. P 11:00 a.m. Deceased members of the Wachulski & Stiller Families (*Babs & Mike*)**IN PRAYERFUL REMEMBRANCE**

This past week *Rosemarie Mondell* was called home to the Lord. Kindly remember her in your prayers.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Rich Prazer (Usher at St. Adalbert Church) is in UPMC Cranberry, 5 Cranberry Place, Room #115, St. Francis Way, Cranberry Township, PA 16066. *Jack Moore* (Usher at St. Adalbert Church) is in St. Barnabas, Gibsonia. Please keep them both 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 PROCEEDURES

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.

CHILDREN'S OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

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

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 next **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!

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.

CCD—MASS ATTENDANCE

CCD Students and their families are encouraged to participate in the 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Adalbert Church next Sunday, December 23, 2018. Families are asked to sit up front with their children, where there will be plenty of available seating. There is no CCD that day.

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.**

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.



“MISSION” ON THE MOVE!

Prince of Peace: A recent inspection of the bells at St. Adalbert and St. Peter’s Churches, and the bell tower at St. Peter’s Church, indicate both are in acute need of repair.

Given the parish’s current financial position, it was decided to continue to not operate the bells at St. Adalbert’s, and the mechanism to do so will be locked.

The bells at St. Peter’s Church are loose, and arrangements are being made to remove and store the bells. It has been determined that the tower is safe, but just for measures of precaution, the area immediately surrounding the tower will be marked accordingly.

Prince of Peace & St. Mary of the Mount:

Efforts are underway to consolidate the two parish bulletins into one. As the effort continues to move forward with consolidation (while at the same time increasing efficiency and eliminating duplication) a combined bulletin will foster better and more streamlined communication.

Flocknote: Currently over 250 people have signed up. A great response to date. If you have not done so, please sign up by either texting SMMPOP to 84576, or go to www.flocknote.com/smmPOP.



ON MISSION FOR THE CHURCH ALIVE!

Rejoice in the Lord Always – The Third Sunday of Advent is a bit different than the others.

While violet has been the color we are used to the past few weeks, this week the candle and the vestments are a rose color. These changes signify an increased joy in our hearts on this Sunday which we call *Gaudete*, which means “rejoice!” Our joy is increased because we know that our Savior is near, Emmanuel, God is with us. And, yet, a bit of anxiety may also creep in. We may be asking ourselves, “are we ready?” “What must we still do?” This is what those in today’s Gospel were asking John the Baptist. His response? Be generous. Be honest. Don’t cheat others. As Christmas draws ever nearer, there may be lots of things that distract us from what the Lord truly desires of us this time of year. God wants us to rejoice today, and all days, in freedom of heart so that we may share our gifts and proclaim the good news of God dwelling among us and in us. These lessons can also serve us well as we journey *On Mission for The Church Alive!* and recognize God at work in the hearts of sisters and brothers in faith. Rejoice! The Lord is near! Let the peace of God guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

CHRISTMAS BRASS

Christmas Brass will be held today 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.

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.

HOMEMADE PIEROGIES FOR SALE

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

CHRISTMAS WAFERS — OPLATKI

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

SUMMARY CONTRIBUTION REPORT

December 8, & 9, 2018

Numbers of envelope sets mailed in December: 890

Offertory	223	\$5,603.00
Immaculate Conception	101	1,047.50
Retirement Fund for Religious	6	474.00
Christmas Flowers	30	351.00
Debt Reduction	17	254.00
Capital Improvement	14	109.00
Cemetery	17	72.00
Parish Needy	6	49.00
Misc.	27	211.00
TOTAL		\$8,170.50

HOLIDAY BULLETIN DEADLINES

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.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve, Monday, December 24, 2018

- 4:00 p.m. St. Adalbert Church
- 4:00 p.m. St. Mary of the Mount (Interpreted)
- 6:30 p.m. St. Mary of the Mount (Interpreted)
- Midnight: St. Mary of the Mount

Christmas Day, Tuesday, December 25, 2018

- 8:00 a.m. St. Mary of the Mount
- 9:00 a.m. St. Adalbert Church
- 10:00 a.m. St. Mary of Mount (Signed Mass)
- 11:00 a.m. St. Peter Church

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