

*Christ the King Parish
December 11, 2011
Third Sunday of Advent*



"I bring you good tidings of great joy. Unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior who is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:10-11

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Saturday: 4 p.m.

Masses:
Saturdays: 5 p.m.
Sundays: 8, 9:15,
11:35 a.m., 8 p.m.

PONDERING

I'm confused.

Our spiritual leader is all upset about the Governor calling the tree in the State House a Holiday Tree rather than a Christmas Tree. He has gone on the radio and the television to express his concern. Today (Tuesday) he is going to be at St. Patrick's parish across from the State House to take part in an alternative Christmas tree lighting to express his concern about this attack on our religious traditions and customs.

I wonder who else is upset that in so doing he is publicly violating the holy season of Advent. If we don't respect our own traditions, how can we expect others to respect them?

Meanwhile today we celebrate the Third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday. We are called through the liturgy to rejoice that our preparation is about to be rewarded. The only problem is that if we have avoided all preparation, what is it we will celebrate?

Advent is such a beautiful season. The daily readings are the best ever. They are full of symbolism and poetic expressions that are guaranteed to lift our spirits, strengthen our faith and make sure we remember the importance of the upcoming feast of Christmas. I just wish more people would be open to discovering the power of Advent.

I had an email last week while I was away on retreat. (Advent is the perfect time to make a retreat!) The email was from a relative. She was informing me that a member of our parish was keeping the Advent season and that there were no Christmas decorations visible at their home. My relative went on to inform me that I had had absolutely no impact on her family's Advent. She, like so many others, just ignores Advent and is proud of it.

I know that she will never have an impact on my love for Advent and my love for Christmas. I just like to have things in their proper place. I hope and pray that my relative and many others will finally hear the voice crying out in the desert, "Prepare, Ye the way of the Lord."

Remember Christmas cannot be Christmas unless Advent is allowed to be Advent.



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 10

5 p.m.

Ernest and Evelyn Laurendeau
Rolande Meny

Sunday, December 11

8 a.m.

Anthony and Anna DelPozzo
Donald Guilfoyle

9:15 a.m.

Gina Marie Dalton
Chad O'Brien
Brigid Kelly

11:35 a.m.

Dennis Nabb
Jameson Dennis White
Anthony Grello

Monday, December 12

12 p.m.

George St. Germain
Paul DiMeglio

Saturday, December 17

5 p.m.

Manuel and Agnes Alvernaz

Sunday, December 18

8 a.m.

John Addington
Lester Thomas, Sr.

9:15 a.m.

Matthew Siravo
Ali Dunn Packer
Kimberly Barbera

11:35 a.m.

Katie DeCubellis
Liz Nayman
Andrea Rizzo

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

All of the people in today's readings – the prophet Isaiah, the Virgin Mary, St. Paul, St. John the Baptist – seemed to understand clearly and rejoice in what God was calling them to be and to do. Do I?

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES

*Tuesday, December 13 at Noon
St. Thomas Church*

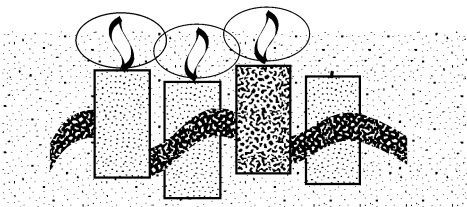
*Wednesday, December 14 at 7 p.m.
Christ the King Parish*

*Monday, December 19 at 7 p.m.
St. Mary Star of the Sea*

*Wednesday, December 21 at 7 p.m.
St. Francis Church*

MAILERS NEEDED!

We need mailers on **Thursday, December 15 at 9 a.m.** in the parish hall to mail the 2012 calendar. Please share your stewardship during this Advent season.



RELIGIOUS FORMATION

Classes as scheduled **Sunday, December 11** for grades Pre-K – 8.



Advent Collections

Thank you for your continued support of our weekly Advent food and Homeless Kit collections. Please remember that all food donations go directly to the church.

Confirmation Notes

Retreat for all Phase II students is **Saturday, January 28** from **11 a.m. – 5 p.m.**

STEPHEN MINISTRY MESSAGE

“We all have the capability of being many different people, and we pick and choose carefully which parts of us to expose to the world and which parts to keep deeply hidden” (Politics and Pasta). It can be difficult to keep up with which part of us we show to whom. For example, when you are experiencing personal problems, it is a great struggle to keep an outward appearance of being happy and carefree. Those pressures can cause you to be like an old-fashioned pressure cooker and one day you will explode. A Stephen Minister can help you to release the pressure. Contact the office at **783-7459** or call **Larry Bartley** at **976-7276** (email LBJJR@cox.net), **Carol Hartley** at **783-4036** (email carolhartley@cox.net).

ADVENT FOOD COLLECTION

During Advent, the Social Action Committee is once again coordinating a food drive for the people who used our Emergency Food Pantry this year. The Advent Food Drive is the weekend of **Saturday/Sunday, December 17/18**. Marked collection boxes will be in the parish hall. We invite all parishioners to help sort and deliver the food baskets on **Monday, December 19** at **9 a.m.** in the parish hall. Thank you for your generosity.

THE JONNYCAKE CENTER

We need people to deliver Holiday food baskets to our seniors in Narragansett and South Kingstown. The Holiday Baskets are delivered **Friday, December 16** from **9 a.m. – 1 p.m.** Please call the office at **789-1559 x17** for more information. Thank you again for all you do to eliminate hunger in our community.

LITURGY CORNER

On **Saturday, December 10** at the **5 p.m.** Liturgy we will celebrate the Rite of Acceptance for our RCIA members. This ceremony begins the public and formal preparation for our catechumens and candidates for reception of the sacraments of initiation at Easter. As a community of faith we are invited to keep these men and women in our prayers as they continue on their journey of faith to be one with us and share fully in our way of life as Catholics.

Thank you to all parishioners who attended our 23rd Concert to Celebrate the Feast of Christ the King Parish. Our sister parish, The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, received a check in the amount of **\$6042.84**, which represents the amount after concert expenses. This enables them to continue their good works for their local needy families.

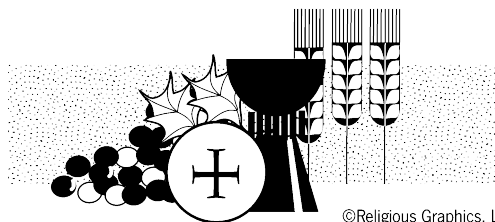
ST. NICHOLAS COLLECTION THANK YOU!

Many thanks to all who donated items to our Annual St. Nicholas Collection. The boxes were filled with pajamas, scarfs, mittens, gloves and a few children’s jackets. Some of the items were knit with love for our needy sisters and brothers. Giving in anonymity certainly reflects the history of St. Nicholas. Monday morning was a bustle of activity as **Barbara Berard, Louise Hynes, Michael Mariano** and **Arlene Reynolds** sorted, packed and delivered bags to RICAN, South County Community Action, Domestic Violence Center of South County, Welcome House, Sr. Angela at Assumption Parish in Providence, and Flowing River Mercy Place. We appreciate and thank all who helped for sharing their stewardship gift of time to make many people happy and warm in the weeks ahead.

The Liturgy Committee

ADVENT MUSIC

Tom Kendzia will be selling his CDs after all the Liturgies during Advent in the parish hall.



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CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 10 – 26

Saturday, December 10

5 p.m.

Rite of Acceptance

Sunday, December 11

11:35 a.m.

Baptism

Monday, December 12

6:30 p.m.

Family Life/Library

7 p.m.

Parish Council/Library

Tuesday, December 13

12 p.m.

Advent Reconciliation

7 p.m.

Stewardship Committee/Library

7 p.m.

Social Action Committee/Hall

7:30 p.m.

Choir

Wednesday, December 14

7 p.m.

Advent Reconciliation

Service/Christ the King

Thursday, December 15

9 a.m.

Calendar Mailing

Saturday/Sunday, December 17/18

Advent Food Collection/Hall

Saturday, December 17

4 p.m.

Confession

Sunday, December 18

Last 8 p.m. Liturgy until January 29, 2012

Monday, December 19

9 a.m.

Food Sort/Delivery

6 p.m.

RCIC/Library

7 p.m.

Liturgy Committee/Hall

7 p.m.

Advent Reconciliation

Service/St. Mary Star of the Sea

Tuesday, December 20

7:30 p.m.

Choir

Wednesday, December 21

8:30 a.m.

Staff Meeting/Library

10:30 a.m.

SK Nursing Home

7 p.m.

Hospitality/Hall

7 p.m.

Advent Reconciliation

Service/St. Francis

7:30 p.m.

Peace & Justice/Hall

Saturday, December 24

Christmas Eve Liturgies/8 & 10 p.m.

Sunday, December 25

Christmas Day Liturgies/8 & 10 a.m.



Monday, December 26

Offices Closed

The Christ the King Parish Family Christmas Party

Friday, December 30 at 6:30 p.m.

All are invited for caroling and light refreshments in the parish hall.



*Please return RSVP by Monday, December 19 in the
collection basket or email info@ctkri.org*

Family Name _____

Adults _____ *Children* _____