

Mass Intentions  **for the week**

**EPHESIANS IV — PRAYER & PRAISE
ON MONDAYS AT 7:30 PM IN CHURCH
EVERYONE IS INVITED AND WELCOME**

SUNDAY - DEC. 9 - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

6:00p (SAT) - Catherine Betty Bost (Tom/Patty Klocko)
8:00 - - Grace Stinner (M/M Terry Muir)
11:00 - - Amy Zlokas (A Friend)

MONDAY - DECEMBER 10 - ADVENT WEEKDAY

(8:00 - - Mass at Holy Trinity)

TUESDAY - DECEMBER 11 - ST. DAMASCUS I

6:45 - - Lawrence Pokrywka (Mary Sabo)

WED. -DEC. 12 - OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

(8:00 - - Mass at Holy Trinity)

THURSDAY - DECEMBER 13 - ST. LUCY

6:45 - - Donnalee Day (M/M Anthony Vukelja)

FRI. - DECEMBER 14 - ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

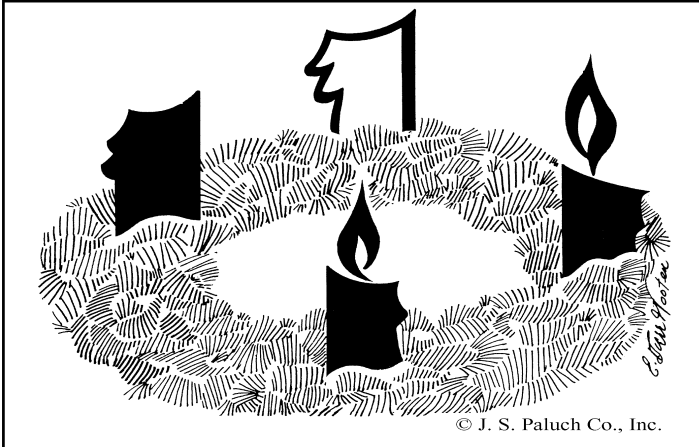
8:15 - - Clare Richards (The Plichta Family)

SAT. - DECEMBER 15 - ADVENT WEEKDAY

(8:00 - - Mass at Holy Trinity)

SUNDAY - DEC. 16 - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

6:00p (SAT) - Cathy Stinner Wright (Knowlson Family)
8:00 - - Sam Salvucci (Wife, Audrey)
11:00 - - Albert V. Lesutis - 1st Anniv (Ed/Emma Sudo)



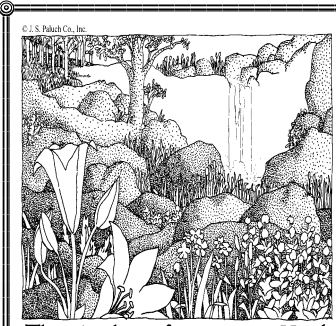
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OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS
December 2, 2007

\$ 4,128.00	-- Regular Sunday Envelopes
\$ 989.00	-- Regular Monthly Envelopes
\$ 457.00	-- Parish Share Program Contribution
PSP Assessment-2007.....	\$ 23,391.00
Amount Paid.....	\$ 25,227.00
Weekly Budget Expenses.....	\$ 4,390.00
Monthly School Subsidy.....	\$ 6,167.00

YOUR STEWARDSHIP IS PRAYERFULLY APPRECIATED.
REMEMBER ST. AGNES CHURCH IN YOUR WILL.

OPLATKE (CHRISTMAS WAFERS) ON SALE AFTER MASSES — \$2 PER 1/2 DOZ, \$4 PER DOZ. CALL PARISH CENTER.



The Kingdom of Heaven Is at Hand.

Second Sunday of Advent

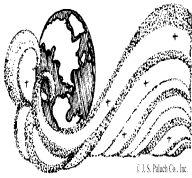
The word of God proclaimed today is like the shoot that sprouts from the stump of Jesse—that wonderful image described in the first reading. God’s living word blossoms in this place and shows us the ways of justice and peace. **John the Baptist announces the coming of the Word-made-flesh, summoning us to prepare the way of the Lord.** *Each of us is called to work toward the day of the Lord, when there will be no more war, no more violence. It will be a day when peace blossoms in our hearts and around the world. Let today’s scriptures reach deeply into our hearts and shape us as true peace builders.* Come, Emmanuel!

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS - Tuesday, December 11th, 7:00 p.m., in church. *Please join us!*

Christmas Flower Fund

Each year at Christmas, St. Agnes Church is *beautifully decorated for the Birth of Jesus* with Christmas Flowers. This tradition is made possible through the *generous donations of our parishioners*. An altar made radiant with flowers is a *beautiful way to honor or remember our loved ones*. We invite you to make a donation to the CHRISTMAS FLOWER FUND **“In Memory of”** a *deceased* loved one or **“In Honor of”** a *living* one. Please **write the names of friends and relatives on the back of the envelope** and put in the collection basket or return to Parish Center by Monday, December 17th. *These names will be remembered in the Special Masses of Christmas and will be listed on a Christmas Flower Memorial bulletin insert.*





Spirituality of Advent and Christmas

John the Baptizer at the Jordan River proclaimed the **joyful news of Christmas: GOD IS WITH US**. In our **individual advents** of poverty and despair, **GOD IS WITH US**; in the humility and the humiliations we endure, in the messes we make of our lives, in the messes others make of their lives that we have to clean up, **GOD IS WITH US**. **Advent faith** calls us to an awareness that **despite the sufferings and difficulties of life, there is always healing**: that **despite our forgetting and abandoning God, God neither forgets or abandons us**; that **despite the cross, there is the eternal hope of resurrection to be ever embraced in the divine ecstasy in the eternal love of the Father**.

Winners of 300+ Club December Drawing were Carol Andres and John DeMarino!

ST. AGNES SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS — COME AND ENJOY!!

KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE 3 - will perform Saturday, December 14th, 7:00 p.m.

Their program is entitled, ***“Little Angel”***.

GRADES 4 THROUGH 8 - Sunday, December 16th, “Christmas Special Delivery” at 7:00 p.m.



ADVENT PRAYER (BEFORE MAILING YOUR CHRISTMAS CARDS)

Blest are you, Lord, our God and Father! You have graced our lives with friends and relatives near and far.

May these Christmas Cards arrive at their destinations as signs of affection, as tokens of peace.

Send your Son to reign in glory among us. He will lead your people to a glad reunion in your holy city, Where we will sing your praise, for ever and ever. Amen

RECONCILIATION AND HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE — ST. AGNES

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Every Saturday — half-hour before the evening 6:00 p.m. Mass.

PENANCE SERVICE: **Vespers Service** (Evening Prayers) and **Parish Reconciliation Service** on **Wednesday, December 19th at 7:00 p.m.** at **St. Agnes Church**. A number of priests will be available for confession. Excellent opportunity of preparing for the Lord’s birth by receiving this beautiful Sacrament of being reconciled with the Lord and with our neighbors. You may wish just to come to the Vesper Service at 7:00 p.m.

—HOLY DAY MASSES —

CHRISTMAS EVE: *Monday, December 24th, 2007* **CHRISTMAS DAY**: *Tuesday, December 25th, 2007*

6:00 p.m. Children’s Mass

8:00 a.m. Mass

12:00 a.m. Midnight Mass

11:00 a.m. Mass

OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS: THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD:

Tuesday, January 1st, 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

CHRISTMAS AND YEAR-END GIVING

As this most special Season of Christmas as we look back on the past year, it is most appropriate to pause and consider the many blessings God has bestowed upon us, our loved ones and families. The Birth of the Lord Jesus Christ is celebrated at Christmas and remarkably and traditionally, it establishes Christmas as a season of gift giving. Tradition holds the three Wise Men brought gifts to the newborn Savior. Please consider a generous gift to **the Christmas collection that will not only support our educational, spiritual and parish ministries but also, positively effect your taxes and other financial considerations for the year of 2007**. We are given just limited years in our lives to **BUILD UP THE KINGDOM**. Sharing your blessings through your generous gifts at Christmas will make the world just a little better because you made a difference while you were here. **Remember, God is never outdone in His generosity to those who give!!**

May the Lord richly bless your stewardship not only now, but throughout this past year!!