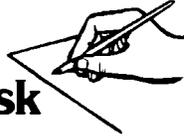


## From the Pastor's Desk



In this season of Advent I would like to share some recent words from Pope Francis with you:

"Woe to the complacent in Zion, to those who feel secure...lying upon beds of ivory!" (Am 6:1,4). They eat, they drink, they sing, they play and they care nothing about other people's troubles.

These are harsh words which the prophet Amos speaks, yet they warn us about a danger that all of us face. What is it that this messenger of God denounces: what does he want his contemporaries, and ourselves today, to realize? The danger of complacency, comfort, worldliness in our lifestyles and in our hearts, of making our well-being the most important thing in our lives.

This was the case of the rich man in the Gospel {cf. Lk 16:19-31}, who dressed in fine garments and daily indulged in sumptuous banquets; this was what was important for him. And the poor man at his doorstep who had nothing to relieve his hunger? That was none of his business, it didn't concern him.

Whenever material things, money, worldliness, become the center of our lives, they take hold of us, they possess us; we lose our very identity as human beings. Think of it: The rich man in the Gospel has no name, he is simply "a rich man". Material things, his possessions, are his face: he has nothing else.

Let's try to think: How does something like this happen? How do some people, perhaps ourselves included, end up becoming self-absorbed and finding security in material things which ultimately rob us of our face, our human face?

This is what happens when we become complacent, when we no longer remember God. "Woe to the complacent in Zion," says the prophet. If we don't think about God, everything ends up flat, everything ends up being about "me" and my own comfort.

Life, the world, other people, all of these become unreal, they no longer matter, everything boils down to one thing: having.

When we no longer remember God, we too become unreal, we too become empty; like the rich man in the Gospel, we no longer have a face!

Those who run after nothing become nothing—as another great prophet, Jeremiah, observed (cf. Jer 2:5). We are made in God's image and likeness, not the image and likeness of material objects, of idols!

# Advent



### Scripture Verse for the Week:

*"Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand."*

- Lk 21:27-28

### Readings for the week of December 2, 2018:

Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 [1b]/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

#### **TODAY'S MISSAL PAGE 16**

Monday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 [cf. 7]/Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Next Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6



### Saturday, December 8th -

**Vigil Mass Friday, Dec. 7th 7:00 pm**  
**Feast of the Immaculate Conception**  
**9:00AM**



Please Remember

- **Donald Anderson, Father of Kathy Nagel**

May he enjoy Eternal Peace and may his family be comforted by the Prince of Peace.



**Sunday December 9th  
Breakfast With Santa**

Knights of Columbus is having a breakfast with Santa after both Masses on Sunday, December 9th. Donations collected will benefit our Coats for Kids program. All parishioners are welcome to join us for pancakes, eggs, and sausage, and a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus-and yes, the "Balloon Lady" will be there.

**Target Donations for BACM:**

**DECEMBER  
SPAGHETTI SAUCE**



Thank you for your generosity.



**FROM  
THE  
PASTOR**

**BEQUESTS**

Each year we are blessed by parishioners who have remembered the parish in their will. These gifts strengthen the parish so we can better serve people's needs.

Last year's changes in the tax law kept in place several popular and attractive charitable gifting options. Gifting appreciated stock (held more than 1 year) to our parish may allow you to deduct the stock's full value and bypass capital gains tax. Also, if you are 70 1/2 or older, you may be able to reduce your taxable income t his year with a gift made directly from your IRA to our parish.

Talk to your advisor and IRA administrator for more information and to be sure that a gift is made directly from an IRA to a qualified charity such as our parish.

+Peace; Fr. Bob



**Christmas Wafer:** -- Oplatki is available in the church vestibule. In early centuries of church life, the custom of sharing non-liturgical wafers was begun in Europe. When the oplatki is shared so are messages of love, good health and happiness.

A donation of \$1.00 per packet is requested.



**Your  
Chance  
to Say  
Thanks**

**RETIREMENT FUND  
FOR RELIGIOUS**

Next weekend December 8th & 9th say "Thank You" to the retired Catholic sisters, brothers and priests. Use the envelope in your packet and make your tax-deductible check payable to: **Prince of Peace Parish** and write "**Retirement Fund for Religious**" on the memo line.



**Remember our Homebound Parishioners at Christmas**

In the Vestibule is a list of our Parishioners who are unable to attend Mass, due to age, illness or distance. Perhaps you would like to send a Christmas Card, so that they will know we still remember and pray for them. If you have younger children, they could draw a picture to send. Our Seniors love to receive pictures and cards.

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**2019 Mass Intentions**

The 2019 Mass Intention Book is open.

It is substantially the same as last year, **three intentions** per parish family.

**With "1" Weekend Mass (Sat. or Sun.) and 2 Week-Day Masses.**

So everyone has an opportunity to schedule important dates for their loved ones, after January 1st we'll honor weekends that are still available.

Contact Jenny Roth at the rectory, 330-825-9543 or email her at: [ppeacechurch@neo.rr.com](mailto:ppeacechurch@neo.rr.com).

It is common for a family to receive many Mass Cards after a funeral but Prince of Peace will only be able to retain ten intentions at the Parish. Families can distribute Mass Intentions to other parishes or Prince of Peace can distribute them to missionary priests via the Diocesan Propagation of the Faith.

# Mass Intentions

## Saturday, December 1st (1st Sunday of Advent)

**3:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation**

4:00 pm Charles & Janet Parsons  
50th Wedding Anniversary  
Int. of Family

## Sunday, December 2nd (1st Sunday of Advent)

8:00 am For the people of Prince of Peace Parish

10:30 am Sylvia Lecon Roberts & Susan Bartel  
Int. of Pat Caperones

## Monday, December 3rd

No Morning Mass

## Tuesday, December 4th

7:30 am Deceased of Ligas & Rammel Families  
Int. of Chuck & Linda Rammel

## Wednesday, December 5th

7:30 am Rose Cottonbrook  
Int. of Dave & Toni Knopp

## Thursday, December 6th

7:30 am Frank E. Kamenar  
Int. of Wife, Teresa & Family

## Friday, December 7th

7:30 am Jim Maser  
Int. of Frank & Marcie Obreza  
7:00 pm Hank Symanski  
Int. of Rich & MaryLou Symanski

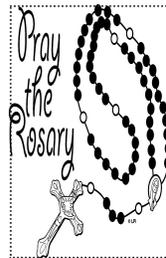
## Saturday, December 8th

**3:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation**

9:00 am Patricia Herold  
Int. of Family Jim & Cathy Herold  
4:00 pm Jim Tomer  
Int. of Kathy Tomer & Family

## Sunday, December 9th

8:00 am For the People of Prince of Peace Parish  
10:30 am Rita Winebrenner  
Int. of Mary Morales



## Rosary Group

Here at Prince of Peace we do have a Rosary Group and all are invited to come pray the rosary. We meet in the Church every Friday at 3PM. We recite the rosary, the chaplet of Divine Mercy, and the chaplet of the Holy Spirit.



## Prayer Shawl

If you need a prayer shawl please contact Francene Conrad at 330-825-8631.

# Advent

## Online Parish Directory

Any parishioner who would like to use the picture from our last directory, please contact the church office at 330-825-9543 with your request.

If you would like to upload your own picture to be included in the directory, send your request to [poponlinedirectory@gmail.com](mailto:poponlinedirectory@gmail.com).

## LADIES NIGHT OUT!

Attention all ladies of the parish! Our December Ladies Night out will be at the home of Sue Cianciola, 973 Mansion Dr. Barberton. 6:00pm. Dinner will be a covered dish. We will have a "White Elephant" gift exchange and if you would like to participate in a cookie exchange, please bring 2 dozen homemade cookies! If you have questions or want to RSVP, call Linda at 330-753-4733 or email her at [lindeelo007@hotmail.com](mailto:lindeelo007@hotmail.com) Hope to see you there!

St. Augustine Church will be hosting a FREE CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER from 1:00-3:00pm in the school gym. Anyone in need of food or fellowship is invited to attend.



11/18/18

Regular & Misc. Collection.....	\$	3,873.00
Energy & Maintenance.....	\$	532.00
SVDP.....	\$	622.00
Major Facility Repairs.....	\$	700.00
On Line Giving.....	\$	1,954.00

*Thank you for your continued generosity!*



11/25/18

Regular & Misc. Collection.....	\$	4,562.00
Energy & Maintenance.....	\$	803.00
SVDP.....	\$	887.00
Major Facility Repairs.....	\$	520.00
On Line Giving.....	\$	1,264.00

*Thank you for your continued generosity!*

### The Meaning of the Advent Wreath:

The circle of the wreath has no beginning or end, which symbolizes the eternity of God, the immortality of the soul and the everlasting life found in Christ. Evergreens symbolize growth and continuous life. Even the different evergreens used have a traditional meaning that can be adapted to our faith: Laurel signifies victory over persecution and suffering; pine and yew, immortality; and cedar, represents strength and healing. Holly also has a special Christian symbolism: the prickly leaves remind us of the crown of thorns, and the red holly berries are symbolic of the blood Christ shed for us on the cross. The pinecones, nuts or seedpods used in the wreath symbolize the fruit of life and the resurrection. All together, the wreath depicts the immortality of our soul and the new, everlasting life promised to us through Christ's life, death and resurrection.

### The Candles:

**First Week:** purple candle stands for **Hope**

**Second Week:** purple candle stands for **Love**

**Third Week:** pink candle represents **Joy**

**Fourth Week:** purple candle symbolizes **Peace**



### Hospitals

If any parishioner is admitted to the hospital, please have a family member contact the parish office at 330-825-9543 with the details as soon as possible. Father Jackson makes regular visits to area hospitals and wants to make sure he doesn't miss anyone. He will also have their names put on our parish prayer line.

### **Remember Your Loved Ones! Christmas Decorations/Flowers**

Anyone wishing to make a donation for the Christmas Decorations/Flowers can use the envelope in their packet or just a plain envelope marked "Flowers" with their name and whom they want to remember.

The names will be listed in the December 24th bulletin.

Thank You.



Advent has a two-fold character: as a season to prepare for Christmas when Christ's first coming to us is remembered; as a season when that remembrance directs our mind and heart to await Christ's second coming at the end of time. Advent thus is a period of devout and joyful expectation.

### **Communal Penance Services**

Advent is a time to recall the cry of the early Christians: Maranatha! "Come, Lord Jesus!" A **penitential celebration** is one way of assisting the people of God in preparing for the solemnity of the Nativity.

In addition to our Saturday 3:00pm confessions, these services at which there will be a number of priests, are also available to help you prepare for Christmas.

**St. Augustine -Monday, Dec. 10th 7:00pm**

**Sacred Heart-Wednesday, Dec. 12th 7:00pm**



Our Faith Formation program is participating in the Acme Community Cash Back Program this year. Please help by saving your Acme cash register receipts **through December 29th.**

Look for the red box located in the main vestibule this year.

We are grateful for your participation.



**To Prince  
Of Peace  
Church**

If you would like to register at Prince of Peace or have any questions, please call the church office at 330-825-9543 or visit our website: [www.princeofpeaceparish.org](http://www.princeofpeaceparish.org)

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**Fax:** 330-706-1437

**Faith Formation:** 330-825-6445

**E-Mail:** [princeofpeaceff@yahoo.com](mailto:princeofpeaceff@yahoo.com)

**Hall Kitchen Phone:** 330-706-9392

**Ardmore NEW Gifts:**

Again this year, Prince of Peace Youth, will be sponsoring the clients from Ardmore, Inc. in Summit County for Christmas. These clients range from 18-70 years old and have autism and developmental disabilities. We are asking parishioners to donate any of the following items listed below so that these people will not be forgotten during the holiday season. Prince of Peace has always been so kind and generous to help these needy individuals during Christmas. Many of these people have no families and your donation is all they receive. Listed below are the items of greatest need: High school students will assemble the bags and deliver them to the clients. Any help you can give would be much appreciated! We will be collecting gifts through December 16th.

**NEW Items being collected not USED Items:**

**We have many more male clients than female.** Gloves, hats, mittens scarves, slipper socks, craft items, hand soap, lip balm, nail polish, men's cologne, small easy games (no puzzles please), sugar free candy, peanut butter/cheese cracker packages, snacks/goodies, individual packages of toothpaste and toothbrushes, soaps/lotion, mirrors, brushes, combs, fuzzy socks, squish balls, kitchen towels, potholders, dishcloths.

There will be collection bins at each entrance of the church. The collection will run the weekends of November 24th-December 16th. Thank you for your support!



**Prince of Peace Clothing & Memorial Bricks**

With the Holidays quickly approaching, place your order now for your Prince of Peace clothing, or memorial brick. The cost of the bricks are \$45. To see a catalog of clothing items available or to place your order, contact the Rectory at 330-825-9543.

**MEMORIAL BRICKS**

Each brick can contain 3 lines with 14 letters and or spaces per line. One of the lines may be used for a symbol such as a Cross. The cost per brick is \$45.

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) to Appear \_\_\_\_\_

On Brick: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_

\*Any questions, please call the Rectory: 330-825-9543



Sunday, December 2nd 9:00am-10:15 Assist Confirmation class with Prayer Walk!

Sunday, December 16th after 10:30 Mass at the Noe's: Putting together Ardmore bags 6-8th graders are welcome to join us for this event. RSVP to Kellie at 330-445-0682 if you are able to attend.

\*\*If you are not in our Remind group, text @pofpyouthg to 81010 to stay updated with the latest POPYG news!

Please email Kellie with your name and phone number at [kmgeorge630@gmail.com](mailto:kmgeorge630@gmail.com). Or call me at 330-445-0682

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**Protecting God's Children**

The Diocese of Cleveland's "Protecting God's Children" program is a continuing effort to instruct and inform everyone about the protection of children from sexual abuse. To report any past or present suspected inappropriate behavior toward children by priests, deacons, religious, lay ecclesial ministers or personnel associated with the Church, please contact the Diocesan Response Service Office at 216-334-2999 or via email at [response\\_services@dioceseofcleveland.org](mailto:response_services@dioceseofcleveland.org). You are also asked to immediately inform local authorities about inappropriate behavior.

**"Keep Christ in Christmas"**

The Knights of Columbus are selling "Keep Christ in Christmas" magnets for \$5.00 after all Masses in December.



Special needs students from Barberton West elementary school will enjoy lunch and a visit from Santa Thursday, December 6th in the PoP Hall