



First Sunday of Advent December 2, 2018

Dear Members and Friends of St. Mary's/
St. Patrick's, and St. Peter's Cathedral:

This beautiful season of Advent is upon us once again – with reminders of tribulation and judgment like those we heard in November. In the Gospel for both forms of the Mass (Latin and English) the Gospel is from Luke 21, often called the “little apocalypse” for its words about the signs of the times and the coming distress.

But we must remember that Jesus is speaking of the distress that will accompany the ultimate victory of God – his second coming. Not fear but readiness is the proper response; not discouragement but faith. Note Jesus' own words: “And 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.”

Your redemption is at hand. The Lord is ever near. He came in the flesh, he comes in Word and Sacrament, and he will come in glory. Advent reminds us of all these fundamentals of our faith. Advent readies us for Christmas by reminding us that the one for whose Nativity celebration we prepare is with us now and forever.

This is an incomparable blessing. All the blessings of this life are affirmed when the Word becomes flesh, and all of the evils and sins of human history are overwhelmed by Jesus Christ, the Dawn from on

high. Therefore, we are capable of the love St. Paul urges on us and of casting off the works of darkness, as he urges us in today's Latin Epistle.

This is a season of great beauty and hope – not because of the coming Yuletide, pleasant though it is, but because of the coming Lord.

There were no new health updates from me in the past two bulletins because the letters were written early to accommodate the holiday printing schedule and because I didn't have much news.

I have news now. Apart from the fact that my energy and mobility are improving considerably, I learned on the Monday after Thanksgiving that my leukemia is in remission. The mid-November, X-ray guided bone marrow biopsy showed no leukemia cells in my bone marrow. This is not a cure. With my wife and family and the Lord I need to decide in coming weeks whether to maintain the status quo with continued chemotherapy or to move ahead with a bone marrow transplant that holds forth a reasonable but not risk-free prospect of a cure.

I thank you for all your prayers and I ask you to continue them and to ask God's guidance on the decision I must make in the next few weeks.

Amen, come, Lord Jesus,

Fr. Klein
Rector

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Saturday, December 8 is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be celebrated at St. Mary's at 10 AM and 12:10 PM in the Cathedral Church. A Vigil Mass will be celebrated at St. Patrick's on Friday, December 7 at 5:30 PM and 7 PM (Latin Mass).

Festival of Lessons and Carols Sunday, December 9 at 2:00 PM

Join the Cathedral community for an hour of peace in the midst of a busy season: Advent Scriptures and music, time for meditation, seasonal songs and hymns. No admission fee; free-will donations will benefit *The Cathedral of St. Peter School*.

Masses/Services for the Week

Saturday, Dec. 1	4:00 PM	Judith Coombs-Convery
Sunday, Dec. 2	8:00 AM	(First Sunday of Advent) Parishioners
	11:00 AM	Dorothy Mahoney
Monday, Dec. 3	12:10 PM	(M, Saint Francis Xavier, Priest) Sr. Mary George Barlow, D.C.
Tuesday, Dec. 4	12:10 PM	(m, Saint John Damascene, Priest, Doctor of the Church) Paul and Elizabeth Hahn
Wednesday, Dec. 5	12:10 PM	Sonya Brake (L)
Thursday, Dec. 6	12:10 PM	(m, Saint Nicholas, Bishop) Sr. Mary George Barlow, D.C.
Friday, Dec. 7	12:10 PM	(M, Saint Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor of the Church) Joan Hannas
Saturday, Dec. 8	12:10 PM	(The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary) Girone Family
	4:00 PM	Judith Coombs-Convery
Sunday, Dec. 9	8:00 AM	(Second Sunday of Advent) Parishioners
	11:00 AM	Genevieve Moran

Pray for the Sick

Darlene Bargelski, Facenda Burton, Michael Dineen, Helen Dugan, Cal Fuhrmann, Jaxon Gardner, Valencia Giannantonio, Ann Hagan, David Kidd, Kathy Kingsley, Fr. Leonard Klein, Rita Lynam, Bill Marshall, Barbara Mondzelewski, Francesca Olivere, Alice Goetz O'Neill, Teresa Rodriguez, Earlene Roles, John Sarnecky, Howard Scott, Cheryl Smith and Olga Yapó.

Birthday Wishes

Prayers and warm wishes for the following parishioners who have birthdays this week: **December 2:** Michael Rodriguez; **December 5:** Sonya Brake; **December 7:** Catherine Coin, Sr. Joanne Goecke, D.C.

Retirement Fund for Religious

Next weekend the second collection will be for Retired Religious. Almost 94 percent of donations directly aid senior religious. We thank you in advance for your generous support to this collection.

Book of Sacred Liturgy

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Readings/Responsorial Psalm Pg. 468

Savior of the Nations Come #775

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence #904

O Come, O Come Emmanuel #768 Ver. 1

Word of Life

"Every life is a good and perfect gift. Many know this on an intellectual level, but those who love someone with a disability see it in their loved one's face in a particular way. Our love for our children has nothing to do with their abilities. We love them simply because of who they *are*, and understanding this teaches us how to truly love everyone."

—USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "A Perfect Gift," www.usccb.org/perfect-gift

St. Peter's School Fundraiser

Save the date! St. Peter's Cathedral School Christmas Fundraising event will take place on Saturday, December 8 from 11 AM to 3 PM in the school auditorium. Come and take chances on our elegant baskets and a variety of raffles. Refreshments will be available. All are invited!

Help Needed to Prepare the Cathedral

Do you have time to assist in preparing the Church for the Christmas Season? Please come help on Sunday, December 23 after the 11:00 AM Mass.

Special Christmas Schedule

Cathedral of St. Peter

Monday, December 24

Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord
(*Bishop Malooly, Celebrant*)

4:00 PM

Tuesday, December 25

The Nativity of the Lord
10:00 AM

St. Patrick

Monday, December 24

Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord
4:00 PM

7:00 PM (Latin Mass)

Tuesday, December 25

The Nativity of the Lord
9:00 AM

10:30 AM (Latin Mass)

St. Mary

Monday, December 24

Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord
10:00 PM

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