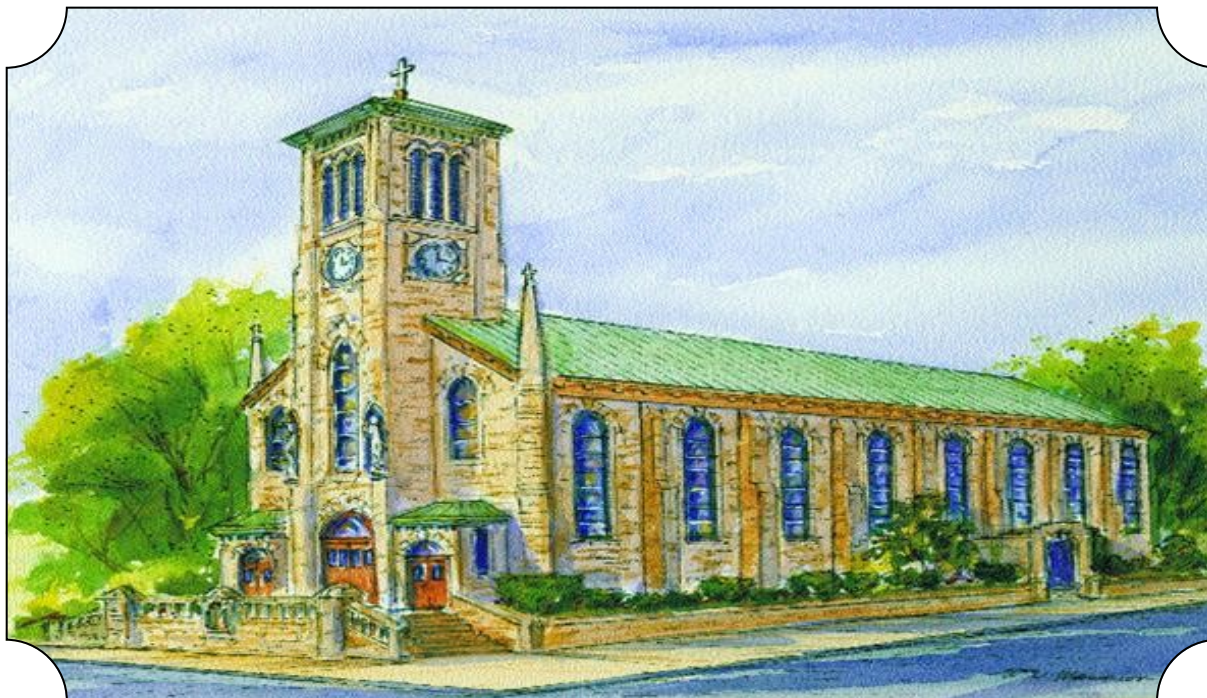


St. Vincent Church



Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2011

Rectory

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Bulletin Deadline:

12:00 Noon Monday in Writing

Masses: **Saturday Vigil:** 5:00 PM • **Sunday:** 7:00, 9:00 and 11:00 AM

Weekdays: 6:30 AM • **Saturday:** 6:30 AM

Holy Days: 6:30, 9:00 AM and 5:30 PM

Confessions: Saturday: 11:00 to 12:00 Noon and Thursday before First Friday; 3:30-4:30 PM

Eucharistic Holy Hour: Wednesday: 7:00 - 8:00 PM

Rosary: Saturday at 4:40 PM

Parish Registration: New Parishioners are most welcome and should register at the rectory as soon as possible. If moving out of the parish, please notify the rectory.

Baptisms: It is necessary that parents attend a Baptism Preparation Program before the Baptism of their first child. Baptism Preparation classes can be completed at either St. Hilary (Sr. Marlene, 330-867-1055) or at St. Sebastian (Marival Ciarlariello, 330-730-6652). Call either parish for times and registration details. Proof of attendance should be presented to St. Vincent Church prior to the baptism.

Marriages: Couples intending to marry should call at the rectory at least SIX MONTHS prior to the marriage. It is required to have copies of Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation records, if these Sacraments are not received at St. Vincent. Wedding times on Saturday are at 12:00 Noon or 2:00 PM.

Parish School of Religion (PSR) Pre-School - 8th: Classes are September through May. Classes are held in St. Vincent Grade School on Sundays from 10:15 AM to 11:15 AM.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (Convert Classes): Classes begin in September. For information, call 330-535-3135.

Hospital/Sick/Shut-in Visitation : Please notify the Rectory when a parishioner is hospitalized, shut-in or ill.

Funerals: Please notify a Priest as soon as possible regarding arrangements, either personally or through the funeral director.

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Masses for the Week

SATURDAY, December 3 * St. Francis Xavier Priest
5:00 PM Mareen Maloy Morris

SUNDAY, December 4 * Second Sunday of Advent
7:00 Albert "Al" Letta
9:00 Esther A. Smee
11:00 John & Rosella O'Brien Bisesi



MONDAY, December 5
6:30 Esther A. Smee—Birthday

TUESDAY, December 6 * St. Nicholas, bishop
6:30 The Living & Deceased Members of the Holy Name Society

WEDNESDAY, December 7 * St. Ambrose, bishop and doctor of the Church
6:30 Richard Farrell
7:00 PM Holy Hour in Church

THURSDAY, December 8 *The Immaculate Conception
6:30 Catherine J. Bedell
9:00 Kenneth Morris
5:30 Beatrice Laatsch

FRIDAY, December 9 * St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin
6:30 Jeff Bishop
4:30 **Wedding:** Akira James Miller and Mabelle L. Balana

SATURDAY, December 10
6:30 Katherine Paoletti
5:00 Deceased Members of the Fisher and Gannon Families

SUNDAY, December 11 * Third Sunday of Advent
7:00 Dr. John T. Schaeufele
9:00 Rose Ahern
11:00 Marie Daily—Anniversary



**COLLECTION FOR
SUNDAY, November 20, 2011 &
SUNDAY, November 27, 2011
Thanks for your Support!**

Weekly Budget.....	\$15,000.00
Collection of November 20	\$9,168.44
Children's Envelopes	\$55.86
Collection for Human Development.....	\$975.00
E-Give.....	\$4,092.00
Weekly Budget.....	\$15,000.00
Collection of November 27	\$8,684.10
Children's Envelopes.....	\$36.80
E-Give.....	\$1,228.00



KRAKER'S KORNER

ADVENT PRACTICES

Advent is a wonderful time of preparation for the celebration of Christmas, and it is an especially good time to include meaningful and prayerful time together as a family. I have listed below some ideas you may want to incorporate into your family Advent practice.

Advent wreath: The Advent wreath, which has German origins, is probably the most recognized Advent custom. It is a wreath made of evergreens that is bound to a circle of wire. It symbolizes the many years from Adam to Christ in which the world awaited its Redeemer; it also represents the years that we have awaited His second and final coming. The wreath holds four equally spaced candles, the three purple ones lit on the "penitential" Sundays and a pink one for Gaudete, the joyful third Sunday in Advent. There are many available prayers and hymns that can accompany your personal Advent wreath ceremony. *(Check Google for suggestions.)*

The empty manger: Each child may have his own individual manger, or there may be one manger for the whole family. The idea is that when acts of service, sacrifice, or kindness are done in honor of Baby Jesus as a birthday present, the child receives a piece of straw to put into the manger. Then, on Christmas morning, "Baby Jesus" is placed in the manger. Encourage your children to make Jesus' bed as "comfortable" as possible through their good deeds. In the process, explain Christ's incomparable self-gift at Christmas and Easter that enables us to be part of God's family.

The Christ candle: Any large white candle can be used for the Christ candle. The idea is to decorate it with symbols for Christ. Use old Christmas cards, sequins, holly, etc. The candle can be lit on Christmas Eve to show that the Light of the World has arrived. Then continue to light the Christ candle throughout the year at Sunday dinner to remind your family of our waiting for Christ, as well as celebrating His birth and Resurrection.

Blessing of the tree: More and more frequently families are blessing their Christmas trees. It is good to remind children that "the tree" relates to many aspects of our faith. For example, we are reminded that our first parents were not allowed to eat from one tree, and that Christ paid the great price for our redemption by hanging on a tree (cf. Acts 5:29-32).



III Akira James Miller and Mabelle L. Balana, St. Vincent

PLEASE PRAY FOR the repose of the soul of Ann McShaffrey. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in the peace and joy of the Lord.

CONGRATULATIONS to Frank and Joyce Pace who are celebrating their 20th anniversary and renewing their marriage vows at the 5:00 Mass on Saturday, December 3, 2011. *God bless you and your family!*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Friday: Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

