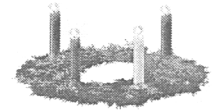

Sunday, December 1, 2013

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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IN PRAISE OF EMPTINESS

Many of us fill our lives up completely with the tasks of looking after our immediate needs, some of which are real and some of which are imaginary. Then we try to pour in a little bit of spirituality on top of it. But it doesn't work. We are already too full to receive anything else.

In our Gospel today, we read, "...in those days before the Flood, people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away." They suspected nothing. Their lives were too full. There was no room for anything else to get in.

We need to savour life, not drink it down in one big gulp, without really tasting it. Have you ever seen someone really enjoying a glass of wine? They want to taste the wonderful flavour with every little sip in their glass. Living life shouldn't be like going through a fast food restaurant, getting as much as we can eat and feeling full, but not getting the nutrition that our bodies really need.

Today is the First Sunday of Advent, the first day of a new Church year, it is a time to ask the Lord to bring a sense of freshness and fullness to our lives. Our lives were not meant to be filled just of business no matter how much business we have to take care of. We need enough room and enough empty space in our lives to allow ourselves for reflection and the quiet we need to be responsive to God's Presence in our lives. If our cup is too full already, then there's a chance that nothing else will be able to get in.

MASS INTENTIONS

St. John

Sunday, December 1 at 9:00 a.m.
Deceased Members of the
McEvoy and Shields families, by
Dennis and Frances McEvoy

Thurs., December 5 at 7:00 p.m.
Parishioners of St. John & St. Brigid

Friday, December 6 at 9:00 a.m.
Soul of Helen Daley, by Virginia
Daley

Sunday, December 8 at 9:00 a.m.
Soul of Joe McEwen, by Lillian
O'Rourke

St. Brigid

Saturday, Nov. 30 at 5:00 p.m.
Souls in purgatory, by The Scharf
family

Sunday, December 1 at 10:30 a.m.
Soul of Dolores Martin, by Mike
and Marion Kelly and family

Saturday, December 7 at 5:00 p.m.
Soul of Ron Beehler, by Gen
Beehler and family

Sunday, December 8 at 10:30 a.m.
Mass in Thanksgiving, by John and
Toni Berkers

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession):

- Saturday at **St. Brigid** from
4:30 to 4:45 p.m.
- Sundays at **St. John** from
8:30 to 8:45 a.m.

Parish News and Community Life

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

A *Penitential Service* will be held at St. John's church, **Thursday, Dec. 12 at 7:30 p.m.** following the 7 p.m. mass.

REMINDER.... 2014 Sunday Missals and church offertory envelopes are available at the entrance of the church. Missals sell for \$5.00.

Please note: Inside your offertory box of envelopes is a form for the 2014 census, please fill in the information and return with your first envelope of 2014. Census forms are available in the pews or at the entrance of the church. Please put your form in the collection basket. *Thank you*

CHRISTMAS FRUITCAKES

The Fruitcakes made by the Cistercian Monks are available for sale. The loaf cake is \$15.00 and the round cake in a decorative tin, is \$25.00.

ST. BRIGID'S AUXILIARY

A short meeting after mass on **Sunday, Dec. 1** at the back of the church.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

St. Brigid's children's liturgy is looking for a volunteer to help with there liturgy. If you are interested, please see Bridget after the 10:30 a.m. mass.

ST. JOHN'S CLOTHING DEPOT

The Clothing Depot will be closed from **Dec. 15, 2013 to Jan. 3, 2014** to allow for the preparation of Christmas Food Baskets. Please note that donations can not be accepted at the Church during that period as the Depot will be inaccessible. We will be accepting donations of new or gently used clothing on **Jan. 4**. A reminder that we do not have the capability to clean soiled/stained clothing or to repair torn/damaged items. In addition, our space is limited therefore we are unable to keep household items (dishes, small appliances, cookware, etc.) electronics or toys. It would be very much appreciated if you would either take these donations to such charities as the Salvation Army, Good will, or Value Village. Thank you for your cooperation.

HOT APPLE CIDER – Saturday, December 14

Join us for a reception with the parishioners and any guests after the 5 p.m. mass at St. Brigid's church to enjoy fellowship served with Hot Apple Cider and home made Christmas baking.

MAMMOTH CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE – Sat. Dec. 7, 9:00 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Over 200 home-made pies of every kind, with other baked goods. St. Philip's Parish Hall, 127 Burke St., Richmond. Info: parish office 613-838-2314.

Thank you for your generous support for relief aid in the Philippines. The Government of Canada will match donations through the Archdiocese of Ottawa for this relief effort. *St. Brigid: \$ 2,166.65 St. John: \$ 722.00*

Last Sunday's Collection

St. Brigid: \$ 1,203.30

St. John: \$ 1,110.50

Clothing Depot

Open Saturday mornings from 10 a.m. until 12 noon.
Coordinator: Wilda Corcoran at 613-821-3730.

Food Bank

Open Saturday mornings from 10 a.m. until 12 noon.
Coordinators: Len or Denise Herbert at 613-821-1481.

Hospitality

St. Brigid – if you know of a parishioner who is ill, or has suffered a loss, and would appreciate receiving a card, please call Sharon Van Schyndel at 613-489-0247.

Baptisms

Upon Request. A baptism preparation course is required.

Marriage

Please notify the parish office at least six months prior to the anticipated wedding date.

Our St. Brigid Community

St. Brigid Parish Council*

Deanna Kelly, Chair
Maureen Goodspeed
John Kelly

St. Brigid Cemetery

Mike Kelly 613-692-4293

Our St. John Community

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