

## MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE!

May the joy and peace of our Savior be yours as we celebrate the Birthday of Christ.

Our Advent Pilgrimage is a long one. It ends only when each one of us meet our Creator. But meanwhile, we make short trips when we encounter Christ in the Sacraments we celebrate, and the patients we visit wherever they are. We also enter Christ in our relationships with our dear and near ones. We meet the hidden Christ in the stranger whom we meet on street corners, in grocery stores, or elsewhere. So let us cherish these encounters with Christ in our pilgrim journeys.

I would like to thank everyone for being part of our parish communities and treasure your faith, love and support. Thank you for volunteering for various ministries. Thank you all for actively practicing your faith in God and celebrating that love in a visible way.

On a personal note: Thank you everyone for your prayers, love and gifts. May God reward you richly.

God Bless,  
*Fr. Joe*



### SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF GOD MASS SCHEDULE

**Monday, December 31: 4 PM at Blessed Trinity**

**Tuesday, January 1: 9 AM at St. John Evangelist**

**This is a Holy Day of Obligation.**

### CHRISTMAS ENVIRONMENT FUND

Each year we look to our parish members for help, financially, to purchase seasonal flowers to beautify the church's environment throughout the holiday season. Please use the Red Christmas Flowers Offering envelopes located at all church entrances and drop them in the collection basket. Donations in this envelope do not include taking a plant home with you. All gifts will be acknowledged in a January bulletin. Please know that we are always grateful for your generosity.

*~ The Environment Committee*



**THANK YOU** to the following parishioners for their donations  
*in loving memory of:*

**HOSTS:**

**December:** Louella & Lewie-Chuck Conway (Kathryn Schleicher Family)

**January:** Lawrence & Irene Ferk (Mike & Sharon Ferk)

**WINE:**

**December:** Louella & Lewie-Chuck Conway (Kathryn Schleicher Family)

**January:** William & Emily Plate Family (Randy & Ann Reineking)

**LIVING FAITH BOOKS:**

**December:** Marcy Eppers (Bereavement Committee)

**COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES & THANK YOU...**

If your son or daughter in college has not received their care package, please let them know that we have not sent them out yet. We had planned to mail them on the 13th; however, we then realized that some students were already home for break or would be coming home that weekend. The packages will be mailed at start of second semester.

Also, thanks to all who donated the baby gifts for Mary's Room, the many items used to fill the College Care packages and also the monetary donations used to cover the cost of fabric. We purchased enough fleece to make 16 blankets and I believe nearly all of the cost was covered by generous donations. Thanks again.

*Lisa Gross, Director of Religious Education*



**2018 CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP APPEAL**

The 2018 Archbishop's Catholic Stewardship Appeal will end soon. Blessed Trinity Parish has given \$32,349. We are still \$10,651 short of our assigned goal. To date, 198 out of 870 possible donors have contributed. Some of our donors have given more than once. Thank you to those who have already helped. Please consider this worthwhile cause when making your end of year charitable contributions.

*Dewey Glancey, Blessed Trinity's  
Catholic Stewardship Appeal Chairperson*

**MASS ATTENDANCE:** Weekend of December 22/23: **524**  
Christmas Eve: **723** Christmas Day: **281**

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

	12/26/2018	Actual YTD	Budgeted YTD	Over/(Under)
Adult Envelopes & E-Giving	\$17,116.50	\$214,783.02	\$240,999.98	(\$26,216.96)
Children's Envelopes	\$3.00	\$41.00	\$100.10	(\$59.10)
Loose Collection	\$613.24	\$11,176.73	\$10,500.10	\$676.63
Christmas Offering	\$7,340.86			