

## Advent Adult Education

An Adult Education Series is underway on the Sundays of Advent (excluding December 24), recounting the recent pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi by a group from our Parish. Light potluck lunch in the Parish Hall will follow Mass, followed by the teaching sessions. Please join us today for the final session!

### Christmas Cookie & Bake Sale Today!

A Christmas Cookie & Bake Sale will be held after 10 a.m. Mass today! If you ordered items in advance, please pick them up at the sale; if not, there are many additional items available for drop-in customers! Thank you for your patronage.

### Thursday Advent Adoration for Moms

Put the kids to bed and “come away to a deserted place by yourselves, and rest a little while” (Mk 6:31). The **Convent Chapel** will be open for Holy Hour on **Thursdays during Advent, starting at 8:30 p.m.**, especially for mothers of young children who yearn for quiet time. All are welcome.

### Sponsorship Need: Christmas Banner

For several years the Parish has been limping along with a banner at North Main and Theodore Streets with outdated information promoting our Christmas Masses. We have ordered a long-overdue replacement which – now with correct information – will fly for years to come, passed by 14,000 cars per day this coming week; but the \$200 cost was not contemplated in our budget. Please alert Fr. Bergman if you feel called to contribute some or all of the cost of this important means of inviting our neighbors.

### Saturday Vigil Mass for Advent IV

Though our typical weekend schedule does not feature a Saturday Vigil Mass (which fulfills the Sunday obligation), due to this year’s unique circumstances, Fr. Bergman will offer a Said Vigil Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Advent on **Saturday, December 23 at 5:30 p.m.** to aid our families in fulfilling the double obligation. *[See also below]*

### Advent IV & Christmas

With the Fourth Sunday of Advent falling on December 24 this year, please note a clarification that **both Advent IV and Christmas are Holy Days of Obligation**; attending Sunday morning Mass does not dispense the Christmas obligation, and attending Christmas Eve Mass does not dispense the Sunday obligation. With regard to our own Parish schedule, you may either attend (a) Saturday evening *[see above]* and Christmas Eve, (b) Sunday morning and Christmas Eve on the same day, or (b) Sunday morning and Christmas morning. As always, our Christmas Eve Mass will be Solemn Mass with full choir and

Blessing of the Creche; Christmas morning will include Said Mass at 7 a.m., and Sung Mass with Cantor at 10 a.m. **On Sunday morning the 24<sup>th</sup>, please join us as we decorate the church for Christmas after 10 a.m. Mass!**

## Holiday Worship Schedule

Please note the liturgical schedule for the holiday season, which includes some anomalies this year with Christmas Eve falling on the fourth Sunday of Advent. Solemn Masses are listed below; all weekday Said Masses will follow the usual schedule.

**Sun. Dec. 24** • 10 a.m. • 4th Sunday of Advent (*no pageant*) (*same day*) • after 10 a.m. Mass • Christmas decorating (*same day*) • 7:00 p.m. • Christmas Eve Solemn Mass  
**Mon. Dec. 25** • 10 a.m. • Christmas Day Sung Mass  
**Sun. Dec. 31** • 10 a.m. & 7 p.m. • Holy Family Masses  
**Mon. Jan. 1** • 5:30 p.m. • Mass for Mary, Mother of God  
**Sat. Jan. 6** • **10:00 a.m.** • Christmas Pageant Rehearsal  
**Sun. Jan. 7** • 10 a.m.\* & 7 p.m. • Epiphany (*\*pageant*) (*same day*) • 4:00 p.m. • Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols (*same day*) • 5:30 p.m. • Three Kings Celebration Supper

### Christmas Caroling December 31

Our annual Christmas Caroling outing to Scranton Manor assisted living facility will take place as always on the Sunday after Christmas... in this case, **Sunday, December 31 at 1:30 p.m.** By no means limited to choir members, parishioners of all ages and abilities are welcome to join us as we engage in this corporal work of mercy!

### March for Life January 19

As always, the Parish will send a contingent to the **March for Life in Washington, D.C.**, scheduled this year for **Friday, January 19**. At present our hope is to take advantage of the bus available from Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Bath – site of our mission congregation, the Blessed John Henry Newman Society – allowing highly affordable travel for families. Further information will be available soon.

### Inaugural “Neighbor Night” January 20

Reinvigorating the monthly Movie Nights long featured on our Parish Calendar, “Neighbor Nights” will begin in the New Year on the third Saturday of each month, and will feature not only a movie on our big screen and theater sound system, but supper, pool, ping-pong, board games, and many other activities all available simultaneously in the Parish Hall. A new banner will be needed to promote these events to our neighborhood (please see “Christmas banner” at upper left); please alert Fr. Bergman if you would like to contribute!