

Church of the Ascension Advent 2018

Hope! Prepare! Rejoice! Love!

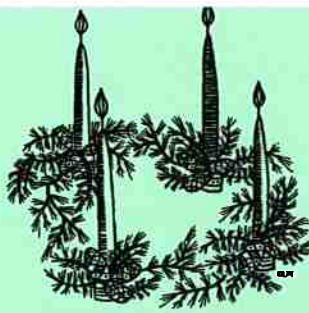
Circle the City provides for the unmet needs of homeless individuals and families, especially during times of illness.

This ministry assists with financial resources that make health care services possible where no other resources exist. They also provide basic necessities to help ease the burdens of homelessness.

As part of our "Advent Collections," we are collecting \$10 Target Gift Cards, New Underwear for Men & Women; sizes: Small and Large For Circle the City on the Weekend of December 15th & 16th.

Please bring Gift Cards and Underwear donations on the weekend of December 15th & 16th and place them in the marked basket and green bins located at the front entryway of the church.

Thank you for your kind generosity!



December 2018

Dear Ascension Parish Family Member,

As the candles of the Advent wreath remind us, Advent is a time of HOPE, a time to PREPARE, a time to REJOICE, and a time to LOVE. This liturgical season calls us to focus our thoughts on a future and an historical event. First, Advent invites us to contemplate Jesus' second coming at the end of time. At the same time, we prepare to celebrate Christmas – the incarnation of God in time and history in the person of Jesus. Both events underscore God's unbounded love throughout human history.

At Advent we also give thanks for our parish family. We thank God and rejoice in the gifts each of us brings to the community. Each of us is a source of hope, courage, and blessing for one another. Know that you and yours will be remembered in the parish Christmas liturgies.

I encourage you to keep this schedule somewhere convenient (mine will be on the refrigerator).

Christmas Liturgies

Christmas Eve, Monday, December 24th

4:00 pm in the Church

4:10 pm in the Hall

6:00 pm and 10:00 pm in the Church

Christmas Day, Tuesday, December 25th

8:00 am and 10:00 am in the Church

The Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday, December 29th Mass at 5:00 pm

Sunday, December 30th Mass at 8:00 am and 10:00 am

The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord: Mary Mother of God

Monday, December 31st Mass at 5:00 pm

Tuesday, January 1st Mass at 8:00 am

I pray that your Christmas be a time of peace and joy. May God Bless you and yours. May the New Year be a time of hope and fulfillment. On behalf of Msgr. O'Donovan, Fr. Jilson, and the pastoral team, I wish you a blessed and joyous Christmas.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

John McDonough, Pastor