

# Third Sunday of Advent

December 15, 2013

## *Please pray for those in special need of prayer:*

Evelyn Anderson, Walter W., Patricia Profeta, Maryann Falcone, Nes Blauvelt, Frank Parente, Carmen, Theresa & Louis Aliperti, Connie, Bill D, Ronnie Hunter, Barbara Pratti, Ruthe Scalzo, and Robert Bivens.

## Warm Welcome

During this Advent and Christmas season, there will be a number of visitors at our Churches. It would be wonderful if we offered a welcome and a smile. If you arrive early at Mass and there is no greeter, please post yourself at the door to offer a warm "Hello and welcome!"

## No Adoration

There is no Adoration at St. Peter and St. John during the Christmas and New Year's weeks. They will resume the week of January 5.

## St. Peter Coffee Hour

There will be a coffee hour Sunday, December 29, at St. Peter. Please stop by and enjoy.

## Baby Bottle Fundraiser Continues

The Our Lady of the Valley Council of Knights of Columbus invites you to affirm your support of the unborn by participating in our Baby Bottle Fundraiser with proceeds dedicated to the Council's pro-life activities. Bottles will be available after Masses.

We ask you to fill them with change, currency, or checks ~ boxes are in the rear of the church for easy return. Thank you for your continued faithful support of life.

Christmas Eve Masses: 4 pm at St. John  
6 pm at St. Peter  
(carols at 5:30 pm)

Christmas Masses: midnight at St. John  
8 am at Holy Family  
9:45 am at St. Peter  
11:30 am at St. John

## ✠ OUR OFFERINGS ✠

St. John: \$2,183,  
Holy Family: 325  
St. Peter 1,322

## Bishop's Appeal Update

	<u>Pledges</u>	<u>Deficit</u>
St. John:	59	\$5,702
St. Peter	45	8,855

*Pledges accepted until March 1, 2014.*

## St. Peter's Christmas Carols

Come early to St. Peter's Christmas Eve Mass and sing Christmas carols with us! Singing begins at 5:30 pm.

## Christmas Tree Blessing

Lord our God,  
we praise you for the light of creation:  
the sun, the moon, and the stars of the  
night.

We praise you for the light of Israel:  
the Law, the prophets, and the wisdom of  
the Scriptures.

We praise you for Jesus Christ, your Son:  
He is Emmanuel, God-with-Us, the Prince  
of Peace,  
who fills us with the wonder of your love.

Lord God,  
let your blessing come upon us  
as we illumine this tree.  
May the light and cheer it gives  
be a sign of the joy that fills our hearts.  
May all who delight in this tree  
come to the knowledge and joy of salvation.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

*Amen*

## Living Rosary at Sacred Heart

There will be a Living Rosary at Sacred Heart Church in Stamford on Wednesday, December 17, at 7 pm. All are welcome!