

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 1, 2019

*Our King and Saviour Draws Near!
O Come, Let us Worship!*

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer:

✠ Psalm 9 | Isaiah 1:1-20 | Revelation 2:1-17

9:00 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist

Introit: Psalm 50:1-6:	page 392
The Lighting of the Advent Wreath:	<i>please see the bulletin insert</i>
The Ten Commandments:	page 68
<i>The Gloria is omitted during Advent</i>	
The Collect:	page 95
The Old Testament Reading:	Micah 4.1-4, 6-7
Psalm 25:1-7:	page 358
The Epistle:	page 95
Gradual Psalm 85:4-7:	page 438
The Holy Gospel:	page 96
The Creed:	page 71
The Homily	
The Prayers of the People:	L: Lord, in your mercy C: Hear our prayer
The Consecration:	page 82
Post-Communion Prayer:	page 85

**9:45 a.m. – Sunday School: Parish Hall
Time with Fr. Stockall**

10:30 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist

♪ PROCESSIONAL HYMN:	59 (St. Thomas)
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♪ PSALM:	<i>please see the bulletin insert</i>
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♪ GRADUAL HYMN:	388 (Duke Street)
The Holy Gospel:	page 96
♪ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:	Wait for the Lord (Taize)
The Creed:	page 71
The Homily	
♪ OFFERTORY HYMN:	All my Hope on God is Founded <i>please see the bulletin insert</i>
The Prayers of the People:	L: Lord, in your mercy C: Hear our prayer
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♪ HYMN DURING COMMUNION:	701 (Innocents 491)
Post-Communion Prayer:	page 85
♪ RECESSIONAL HYMN:	548 (Stuttgart)

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*Please join us in the Parish Hall
following the 10:30 Celebration for
Coffee & Conversation.*

From the Rector _____

Maybe you've watched some of those TV shows about hoarding. If you have, you may have some idea of how serious a problem it can be. It arises whenever a person has a persistent difficulty discarding or parting with possessions because of a perceived need to save them; when a person experiences distress at the thought of getting rid of them, regardless of their actual value. And in spite of the obvious financial and sanitary risks, people with compulsive hoarding disorder often don't see it as a problem, which, of course, makes treatment even more challenging.

We can perhaps imagine the scene: newspapers and magazines and shopping bags; shoe boxes and parcels and books. Everything piled up; mountains and mountains and mountains of stuff. But for all the stuff, hoarders find very little piece of mind. And, inevitably, things of great value get lost beneath all of that junk.

The Season of Advent gives us a chance to clear away the clutter of our lives. I'm not talking about our houses but our hearts. I'm not talking about storage units but the things stored in our souls. Like the piles of insults we've stacked in one corner; and all the rejections we've ever experienced accumulated in another. Images of unkind people hanging on the wall, rude remarks littering the floor. A display case filled with every knife that's ever stabbed us in the back. And a cabinet for all the wounds inflicted by people that we thought were our friends.

Isn't it time that we throw out the trash that's cluttering up our lives? And maybe, in the process, rediscover some of the priceless things that have gone missing beneath all of that stuff.

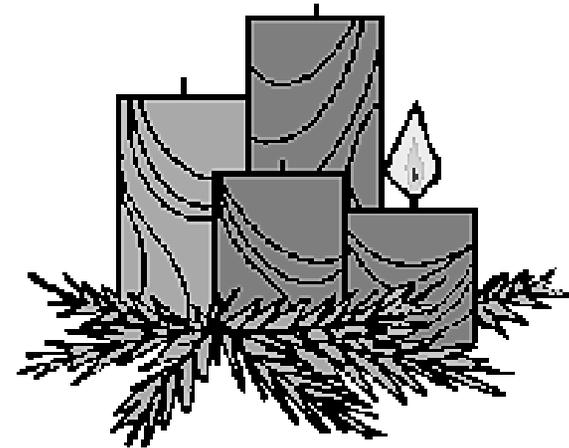
Unfortunately, when we start hoarding those kinds of negative treasures, it become hard to give them up. And some can make a career out of hating others, even when they don't want to admit it. As we are being continually reminded of late, people can, for example, create a vocation out of despising a certain race or class of people.

When we get to this point, what can do? We can start praying... praying for king named Christ to barge into the temple of our souls, to clear out the trash and sweep the place clean.

Let this Advent be a time of preparation for the coming of Christ. Regain a sense of urgency about your faith, pray more often, read holy Scripture daily, find ways to share your faith with others, remember the poor. Make this season of Advent more than just a countdown to Christmas. If we do this, we will be prepared to receive Christ when he comes again to judge the living and the dead and we will be rightly prepared to celebrate his first coming as well.



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I grew up only dimly aware of the Advent season. We usually had an Advent calendar, but even in the 1950s, before Christmas had become the consumer feeding frenzy that it is now, the push to celebrate Christmas overshadowed the subtleties of Advent. It is through my affiliation with the Benedictines that I've learned how much the Advent season holds, how it breaks into our lives with images of light and dark, first and last things, watchfulness and longing, origin and destiny.

Kathleen Norris, *The Cloister Walk*, 1996

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Parish Notices and Updates

PLEASE JOIN US THIS MORNING, following the 10:30 a.m. Celebration of the Holy Eucharist, for our monthly *Shared Meal*. Members of all three congregations are encouraged to gather with their sisters and brothers in Christ as we share the peace and joy which are have in Christ.

ST. MARY'S WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY is held each *Friday* at 10:00 a.m. at the Rectory. We're looking at the Gospel according to St. Luke. Everyone is warmly invited; and if your schedule only permits you to attend occasionally, please plan to join us when you can.

THE COMBINED CHOIRS of Holy Trinity, Christ Church (Parish Church), St. Peter's, and St. Mary's will be offering a Service of Advent Lessons and Carols on *Sunday, December 8th* at 4:00 p.m. at St. Peter's Anglican Church, 2365 Woodstock Rd. This lovely service is a great way to set the right tone for the Season, so plan to join them on the 8th!

ST. MARY'S BRANCH OF THE MOTHERS' UNION will be gathering on *Saturday, December 14th*, at 1:00 p.m. for lunch at the Ramada. They invite you to join them. For more information please speak to Shirley Hupman.

ALLAN AGNEW, OUR PARISH TREASURER, is preparing the 2020 offering envelopes, which should be available on December 15th. Current envelope holders will be assigned their current numbers. If you're not currently using envelopes and would like a box for next year, please let Allan know. And if you're not currently using e-offering and would like to join that very convenient programme, please pick up a copy of the application form from the table in the Narthex.

ST. MARY'S BRANCH OF ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN will be meeting on *Monday, December 16th*, in the Parish Hall, beginning with their annual Christmas Luncheon at 12:00 noon. The women of St. Mary's are warmly invited to join them. For more information please speak to Shirley Hupman.

FLOWERS AT CHRISTMAS: Those who wish to place memorial flowers may do so by including a donation through the collection plate. Please ensure that your donation includes the names of those in whose memory the flowers are being placed, as well as complete information regarding the donor(s); **and to help us to include that information in the Christmas bulletin, we'll need to know by Thursday, December 19th**. For more information, please speak to the Rector.

SOME OF YOU MAY BE FAMILIAR WITH *THE ADVENT CONSPIRACY*, a recent development in the efforts of Christians around the world to be more intentional in their Christmas preparations. The four tenets of the 'Conspiracy' are: Spend Less; Give More; Love All; and Worship Fully; which together will serve to put the focus of this joyful time more fully on

Christ and how Christ calls us to share the Good News of His birth with our families, friends, and neighbours. Some family worksheets are available on the table in the narthex; and more information is available at: www.adventconspiracy.org. Have a look at this positive and encouraging programme. It may help shape what you and your family do this year and for years to come!



We acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the traditional unceded territory of the Wəlastəkwiik (Wolastoqiyik) Peoples. This territory is covered by the "Treaties of Peace and Friendship" which Wəlastəkwiik (Wolastoqiyik), Mi'kmaq, and Passamaquoddy Peoples first signed with the British Crown in 1726. The treaties did not deal with surrender of lands and resources but in fact recognized Mi'kmaq and Wəlastəkwiik (Wolastoqiyik) title and established the rules for what was to be an ongoing relationship between nations.



SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

DECEMBER 4: ST. CLEMENT OF ALEXANDRIA, Doctor

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

6:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

DECEMBER 5: TRINITY FERIA

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

Followed by time for personal prayer in the Church

11:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, *Eden Retirement Villa*

DECEMBER 7: THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

5:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

DECEMBER 8: THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

9:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

9:45 a.m. – Sunday School for All Ages!

10:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

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