

## **Announcements: Third Sunday of Advent, December 14, 2014**

**Welcome** to your church; **Today is Pledge Sunday:** All written pledges received will be offered up during the Offertory at both services. If you have not pledged yet, there are pledge cards on the back table. Thanks. **Communion** uses a common cup for wine and wheat wafers. You can take the wafer only if you prefer or "intinct" the wafer into the wine. Non-gluten wafers... check with clergy at the rail; 8 a.m. Coffee Hour: Bill & Jan; Choir at 9:00 a.m.; Coffee Hour at 10:15 by Purple Team; **Coffee Hour is a great way to meet fellow parishioners.**

**Choir** is still open to Christmas Singers who can join us for rehearsals on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. We will be singing at the 10:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Service.

**Church School** –We're doing Advent Stories and working on the Pageant. Our Pageant is in the Tang Center at 10:15 on December 21<sup>st</sup>. Note... please keep track of those costumes! Thanks, **Amy and Nicole**  
[ccchurchschoolpomfret@gmail.com](mailto:ccchurchschoolpomfret@gmail.com)

**Library**-- We're pondering some new approaches including a DVD Swap section to augment our Book Swap. We will continue to emphasize the Young Adult Fiction & Adult Religion/Education areas. Got ideas?  
[sraarch7569@gmail.com](mailto:sraarch7569@gmail.com) Kristen Archambault

**Prayer Shawl Blessings** scheduled for today at the 8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. services. As her schedule has become more challenging Nancy Reif is stepping down as the leader of this in-reach effort. If you are interested in being the "spokes-person" and organizer of this work please see her or the Rector. Not difficult duty!

**St. Nicholas Fair...** Thanks so much for all your support; *Note: we now take Credit Cards for final check out.*

**Teen Program:** Rite-13 (grades 7-8), J2A (9-10) and YAC (11 grade+); Thanks for your support on our food drive. Coordinator: Dee Dee Markes: [deedeespa@charter.net](mailto:deedeespa@charter.net); 860-963-1245

**Visions and Ventures/Stewardship** -- Steve Adams' and Hank Hague's messages are Reminder links. Look for downloadable letters and a pledge card. We have in place a robust program for Online Giving/Donating and Pledging through Easytithes (see "Buttons" at the website and in the Reminder). "Generic" donation envelopes in back. Thank you for your support.

**Visions Inspiration:** This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. (John 15:12-14)

**Worship Notes:** All three services scheduled for today. Dec. 21st is Pageant Sunday: 8 a.m. at Christ Church; 10:15 at the Tang Center across the street. Coffee Hour after the Pageant in the Great Hall. Christmas Eve Services: 2 p.m. Brief Eucharist with the youngest families, 4:30 p.m. Family Eucharist, Carols, young readers, 10:30 p.m. Festival candlelit Eucharist with the choir (guest preacher, the Rev. Gary Sturni); Christmas Day, 9 a.m. Eucharist

### **House-keeping Items:**

**Courier Deadline for January Courier is December 15<sup>th</sup>;** *We will mail out first class to those who request it.* Our **Thursday Reminder** is a key email update (which includes the Courier). **Do we have your email or snail-mail address?** Update or renew, see the form on the music stand **or email** (address below).

**Directories...** there are *usually* directories of the parish in the basket to the left just inside the office!

**CSO – Community Kitchen in January TBA.** See Pauline Phillips, Supervisor.

**We collect durable foods here weekly for ACCESS (Church School offering).**

**Master Flower Schedule** is posted outside the office. You can sign up right there! Office: 860-928-7026.

**Inreach** – *There are a few new casseroles* in our chest freezer for any in need.

**Parish Life – Coffee Hour Teams** –See the Bulletin Board outside the Library.

**Pastoral Call Emergencies** should be directed to office (860-928-7026) or Fr. Dave's cell phone: 860-608-7632. Or if you need to call in prayer concerns to the **Prayer Chain** call the office: 860-928-7026

**Prayer Shawls – Blessed shawls** on the back table of the church (please write in who is receiving the gift in the shawl journal). More on the top shelf in the hallway closet by the offices ([fancynancyreif@aol.com](mailto:fancynancyreif@aol.com)).

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## Hymn 325

1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees; \_\_\_\_\_  
2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees; \_\_\_\_\_

let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees; \_\_\_\_\_  
let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees; \_\_\_\_\_

*Refrain*  
when I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,

O Lord, have mer-cy on me. \_\_\_\_\_

3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees; \_\_\_\_\_

let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees; \_\_\_\_\_

*Refrain*  
when I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,

O Lord, have mer-cy on me. \_\_\_\_\_

## Christmas Memorial/Thanksgiving Poinsettias for the Church: 2014

Use this form to request POINSETTIAS for the decoration of the church. Please use the wording that you would like us to use on the Christmas flower list. Please also **print carefully** and **be specific** as to a **memorial** or a **thanksgiving**. You may take the poinsettias home with you after the Christmas services.

In memory of/in thanksgiving for: \_\_\_\_\_

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Requested by: \_\_\_\_\_

Cost: \$10.00