

Dear Parishioners,

Pope Francis designated a Year of Mercy starting December 8th. I invite everyone to continue arriving at Church for Sunday and Holy Day Masses a few minutes early to hear any announcements and pray together Pope Francis' official prayer for the Year of Mercy. The prayer refers to many people in the Bible. I invite you, during this year, to read the Bible's stories about these people who came to know God and encounter His merciful love.

Fr. Jim Dubrouillet

### *This Week in our Parish*

Sun., 13 9:00 AM Mass  
 10:15 AM Sr. High Youth Mtg.  
 Jr. High Youth Mtg.  
 Tue., 15 7:00 PM RCIA  
 Wed., 16 10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Mtg.  
 6:00 PM Confession @ St. Luke  
 6:30 PM Religious Ed. (1-6)  
 Adult Bible Study  
 Thu., 17 12:15 PM Mass  
 6:00 PM CWO Mtg.  
 Sat., 19 3:30 PM Confession @ Holy Cross  
 7:00 PM Mass  
 Sun., 20 9:00 AM Mass

### *Readings for the Week*

Sun Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3,4,5-6; Phil 4:4-7;  
 Lk 3:10-18  
 Mon Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9;  
 Mt 21:23-27  
 Tue Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19,  
 and 23; Mt 21:28-32  
 Wed Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25; Ps 85:9ab, and 10,  
 11-12, 13-14; Lk 7:18b-23  
 Thu Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17;  
 Mt 1:1-17  
 Fri Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-  
 25  
 Sat Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17;  
 Lk 1:5-25  
 Sun Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19;  
 Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

### *Mass Intentions*

Thu., 17 12:15 PM Helen Bottenfield † *by Ruth McDaniel*  
 Sat., 19 7:00 PM For the People  
 Sun., 20 9:00 AM M/M Joseph Kiesznoski † *by Dorothy Mitchiner*

### *Celebrating birthdays this week:*

December 13-14 no known birthdays  
 December 15 Lauren Beckish, Julia McConnell,  
 Jennifer Tutunjian  
 December 16-18 no known birthdays  
 December 19 Tyler Hastings, Emily Satterfield  
*May God bless you on your special day!*

### **REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

**Parishioners:** B.Ahearn, G. Amorosia, E. Bouchard, C. Carpenter, D. Clements, L. Currens, J. Dunn, I. Maziarz, J. Maziarz, P. Mitchell, B. Moll, R. Pavlick, J. Russell, J. Sewell, D. Sheridan, M. Tobon, A. Young  
**Friends and Relatives:** D. Amorosia, K. Armstrong, B. Authement, Bolt Family, D. DeLise, S. DeLise, D. Doria, S. Drake, B. Elliott, M. Fernandez, J. Gniewek, Mr. & Mrs. E. Guderian, Jr., H. Hanahoe, A. Heredia, E. Kiesznoski, W. Kuell, D. Lovett, C. Maziarz, J. Merck, B. Metts, M. Nash, V. Navasnik, T. & M. Nicholson, C. O'Quinn, L. O'Quinn, L. Paradis, J. Pavlick, T. Quatrini, M. Reddy, J. Richeda, M. Rizzo, G. Roberts, C. Robinson, M. Sanchez, T. Shayne, J. Sheridan, P. Shoemaker, E. Swire, J. Taylor, S. Taylor, our homebound members, all current and former members of our military and those who have asked for our prayers.

# Third Sunday of Advent

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION NEWS

**Junior High Youth group** will have one meeting in December on the 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Confirmation Class** will resume on Sunday, January 17 after the 9 AM Mass.

## PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

**Hands to Heart Prayer Shawl Ministry** will have their December meeting on Wednesday, December 16 from 10 AM until 1 PM. All are welcome. If you or someone you know would like a prayer shawl, please call the church office at 864-855-9039.

**St. Luke Catholic Women's Organization (CWO)** is having its next meeting on Thursday, December 17 at 6 PM. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend and are asked to bring their favorite dish and a \$5 ornament to exchange.

**33 Days to Morning Glory:** In case you missed the first presentation, there will be a second introductory video presentation of the retreat on Wednesday, December 30 at 7 PM in the new Annunciation Hall. This is a chance for you to understand the overall plan of the retreat and to pick up a book. If you have any questions, please contact Dave Young at [dgyoung3@charter.net](mailto:dgyoung3@charter.net) or 864-633-8578.

**Respect Life:** "Within the family each member is accepted, respected and honoured precisely because he or she is a person; and if any family member is in greater need, the care which he or she receives is all the more intense and attentive;" ~ Pope Saint John Paul II, *Evangelium Vitae*, no. 92 ©1995 Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with Permission.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter:** MARRIED COUPLES – WANT TO GIVE A GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING? Register for the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend – it's the best gift you'll ever give to each other and your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are Feb. 26-28<sup>th</sup> in Myrtle Beach SC and Feb. 5-7<sup>th</sup> in Asheville, NC. For more information, go to [www.scmarragematters.org](http://www.scmarragematters.org) or call 803-810-9602.

## Stewardship Report

December 5-6, 2015

Weekly .....	\$4,593.51
YTD Collection.....	\$95,162.69
Surplus/ (Deficit).....	\$635.39

## Growth & Development Report

December 5-6, 2015

Weekly .....	\$1,673.52
YTD Collection .....	\$9,392.03
Surplus/ (Deficit).....	\$545.77

*Thank you for your generosity!*

## Liturgical Ministry Schedule

December 19-20, 2015

7:00 PM	Lector: G. Bida Servers: J. McDaniel A. Bissonnette A. King Greeters: B. Jacob D. Jacob
9:00 AM	Lector: Youth Servers: Youth Greeters: Youth

Holy Cross Catholic Church  
558 Hampton Ave Pickens, SC  
Mass Schedule

Saturday.....	5:00 PM
Sunday.....	11:15 AM
Monday.....	8:15 AM
Wednesday.....	12:15 PM
Friday.....	12:15 PM