

Blessed Trinity Parish

December 2019

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Weekday Liturgies: Tuesday at 6:30 pm (St. Alphonsus)

Saturday Liturgy: 4:00 pm St. Anthony's

Sunday Liturgies: 9:30 am St Alphonsus / 11:30 am St. Bridget's

Read Date of Issue: December 1st, 2019

Advent Reconciliation Service

Christmas Time

Tuesday, December 24th

4:00 pm – St Anthony's

6:00 pm – St Alphonsus

8:00 pm – St Bridget's

Wednesday, December 25th

10:30 am – St Alphonsus

New Year's Eve 4:00 pm – St Anthony's

New Year's Day 9:30 am – St Alphonsus

11:30 am – St Bridget's



Art & Environment...

Welcomes your donations of flowers to decorate the church space for Christmas. Flowers can be dropped off on or before Dec 22nd...

All are invited to stay after Mass on Sunday, Dec 22nd to help prepare the church for Christmas!

All are invited to attend the communal reconciliation service at St Alphonsus Church on Wednesday, December 11th at 7:00 pm
Tremendous gratitude & thanks for everyone who helped with the Pop Up Thrift Store under the direction and guidance of Dee Dee and Louise. A wonderful success in building community and raising \$3,000 in funds!

Save the date... Dec 27th at 7 pm will be

the Annual Christmastime Strings Concert with Theresa Patterson at St Alphonsus Church.

The Hampton Food Basket is dreaming of a 'White Christmas' as they are seeking donations of toilet tissue, paper towel and kleenex. They would also like donations of new hats, mittens, scarves, gloves and gently used winter coats and boots. Drop off dates: Dec 7th & 14th from 10 am to 2 pm.

Set up day is Friday, Dec 20th at 1 pm. All are welcome! Give out day is Saturday, Dec 21st at 9 am for volunteers to help fill baskets. Clients are welcomed between 11 am - 1 pm.

FINANCIAL FACTS...

- “Diocesan Priest’s Illness” Special Collection = \$770 (St Alphonsus)
- St Alphonsus Average weekly offertory November 2019=\$2020 same month last year =\$1998
- **Next Special Collections:** Pro-Life December 8th; Christmas Dec 25th, and Hampton Food Basket Jan 1st
- For **Hall Rental information**, contact **Gloria Wilson** 832-3792 or **Louise McKee** 832-5303

The 2020 Offertory Envelopes will soon be available for pick up in the foyer. Please do not use these envelopes until the New Year! If you are new to the parish or not currently receiving envelopes and would like to, a signup sheet will also be available.

If you have been thinking about signing up for “Easy Offertory”, now is a good time to do so for 2020! Contact the Parish Office at 832-3327.

Please note the parish office will be closed Dec 25th & 26th and Jan 1st.

If you are new to the Parish, a warm welcome is extended to you! If you would like to be added to the parish email list, kindly contact the office at 832-3327.

Thank you to Don O’Dell, Bernie Duplessis, George Downing, Fred McBride, Joe Fitzgerald, Jim Buggie, Bob MacDonald, Bill Chisholm and George Stevens for raking the leaves on the church/rectory property during the month of November!

*Shut-ins
Sick at home
Sick in hospital*

*Would you like a visit?
Kindly call the office and leave
your name and phone number*



Don't forget- The next Bottle Drive will be on Dec 29th.

Refugee Committee Update:

Mikele and Aman continue to thrive in their respective NBCC program and mechanic position. If you are able to help with English training, it would be much appreciated. Perhaps you could invite them for a meal, or an outing (skating, cross country skiing or a winter hike). Please include them in your plans for the upcoming Christmas season – they are Orthodox Christians and share much of our faith.

Finally some news on Ailan and her daughter...Ailan has passed through the final stage of her application and security process. Soon we will hear that she has flights booked! That could be anytime in the next few months. They will be staying with a local resident but we may need clothing donations, toiletries and school books for 12 year old Heldana.

A meeting was held in November to discuss two new sponsorships- a Syrian gentleman living in Lebanon and Aman’s brother, wife and 3 children who are in Israel under UNHCR protection. There will be no financial contribution required on the Parish’s part. It was agreed that the committee would take on these sponsorships and your prayers are asked for those who have been uprooted from their homes due to war and tyranny.

The Rotary Club of Hampton is seeking your donations of **NEW** socks for the homeless and less fortunate- kindly place your donations in the basket in the foyer before Dec 21st.



