# St. Paul's by-the-Sea

## Weekly News and Updates

December 8, 2023

### **Lighting of the Second Advent Candle**

A man named John was sent from God. He came as a witness to testify concerning the light, so that through him everyone would believe in the light. John 1:6-7

As we light the first two candles of the Advent wreath, we welcome the prophets who shine your light in the world, especially, ... Help us to get ready to welcome Jesus, once again. *Amen*.



### The Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe

On Tuesday, December 12th at 6pm, we will celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe with a special bilingual service. The service will begin with a procession following the statue of the Virgin Mary from the boardwalk, up the steps and into the church through the red doors. If the weather does not permit us to be outside, we will process inside.

After the service, there will be a celebration in the church hall complete with Mexican food that is traditional for the occasion and music. Please join us for this beautiful tradition!



To learn more about this celebration join us at Coffee Hour this Sunday where we will discuss the legend and how it fits into our Advent focus.



#### Mitten & Scarves

Our Advent Tree is in place beside the pulpit. Please help fill its branches with warm hats, mittens and scarfs to be donated to Shepherd's Crook for distribution throughout the cold weather months. Clothes pins are available under the tree. No empty branches please!



### 2024 NOEL Christmas Day Dinner

This year, our NOEL ministry will return to its original mission of food and fellowship on Christmas Day. As always, all are welcome. Our dinner unites a diverse community – from those who are in need of a meal, to our homeless brothers and sisters, to those who find themselves alone on Christmas Day. We all become one family at one table.



In addition to monetary donations, we are requesting help with side dishes and desserts. Food donations will be accepted on Saturday, December 23rd 9am-Noon.

If you'd like to volunteer or donate a side dish or dessert, please call Jody Farley at 410-289-3453 ext. 101 or send an email to jfarley@stpaulsbythesea.org.

12/10 Second Advent Mass 10 am 12/10 Advent Study During Coffee Hour 12/12 Our Lady of Guadalupe Service & Celebration 6 pm

12/13 Good, Good Morning Prayer 10 am 12/17 Third Advent Mass 10 am 12/20 Good, Good Morning Prayer 10 am 12/23 NOEL Set Up in DeWees Hall 9 am 12/24 Fourth Advent Mass 10 am 12/24 Greening of the Church 11:30 am



12/24 Christmas Eve Service 5pm 12/25 NOEL Dinner 11 am 12/31 Lessons & Carols 10 am

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#### **Prayer List**

Please keep those on our prayer list in your daily prayers.

Robbie Whittington Joyce, Cindy Dreslin, Kyle Harmon, Shirley Connor, Jose Cabrera, Ryan Fischer, Katlyn, Letty Trimper Hurst, Fr. Joe Rushton, Connie Mayers, Doug Dryden, Brian Friedman, Grace, Randy Hastings, Frank Candeloro, Jr., John Seward, Stephanie Hill, Douglas Allan, Yvetta Henry Tull, Jean Charles, Jimmy Farley, Alex Hoffman, Jonathan Jones, Larry Lorton, The Lecates Family, The People of Ukraine, Michael Hallett, Hannah Johnson, Hugh Smith, Ralph Hastings, Frank Avallone, Mary Wright, Alan Farley, Liana Wallman, Susan Lewis, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Christine Zellner, Brian, Nicoyia, Tom Belle, Aaron Call, Christine Bauerdorf, Victims of the Hawaiian Wildfires, Lynn Anstatt, Jim Burton, Peggy Hartman, Kathy Jersin, Mary Mitchell, Wendy O'Donoghue, Christina Hartman, Patrick O'Malley, Chris Ellis, David Twining, Corey Bowman, Roger Ballard, Beverly Cooper, Aniyah Adams, Levon Davis, Cindi Strawley



**This Week** 

JB & Melissa Bunting (12/15)



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