

# ADVENT

## Eucharistic Worship

Monday - Friday 6:30 and 8:15 am  
Saturday 8:15 am, 5:00 pm  
Sunday 8:00, 9:30 and 11:30 am  
LifeTeen 5:00 pm



*watch  
prepare  
share  
believe*

The  
**Chimes**  
of Saint Athanasius Parish

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 2, 2007

# Eucharistic Liturgies

December 2 - December 9, 2007

## Sunday

- 5:00 pm (Saturday) † Joe & Marian McGowan
- 8:00 am † John L. Goodman
- 9:30 am † Rose Schuba
- 11:30 am † Ed & Rosemary Brown
- 5:00 pm Elizabeth McCarthy Family

## Monday

- 6:30 am † Katherine Klassen
- 8:15 am † Richard Gough

## Tuesday

- 6:30 am † Beatriz Auriolos
- 8:15 am Active & Deceased Members of the St. Athanasius Women's Club

## Wednesday

- 6:30 am † Mildred Burns
- 8:15 am † Allen Hoover

## Thursday

- 6:30 am Angela Richards
- 8:15 am † John & Mary Walsh

## Friday

- 6:30 am † Marshall Mansfield
- 8:15 am † Grace Maher

## Saturday

- 8:15 am † Katie Shoyer
- 5:00 pm † Betty Kelly

## Sunday

- 8:00 am † Ralph Maday
- 9:30 am † Joseph & Mary Sobczak
- 11:30 am † Noel Shaw Family
- 5:00 pm † Marian McGowan

## Retirement Fund for Religious

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,  
The annual Retirement for Religious Appeal has provided much needed assistance to women and men religious who have faithfully and generously served in our schools, hospitals and communities for years. Our Church and our nation have been blessed beyond measure by these dedicated religious. They ministered in the spirit of the Gospel, asking little in return.



The people of the Archdiocese of Chicago have always responded very generously to this collection, contributing over \$1.3 million last year alone. I am very proud of your willingness to share in the care of our aging women and men religious. Your charity is deeply appreciated.

Soon, your parish priests or religious themselves will speak to you about the ongoing needs facing our aging religious. I urge you to remember these generous women and men by continuing to be generous in return.

As we celebrate the hope and promise of the Advent season, let us work together to spread the peace of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. May God bless you and your loved ones. You are in my prayers; please keep me in yours.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Francis Cardinal George*

Archbishop of Chicago

## Chimes Holiday Deadlines

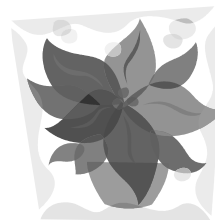
Please note these special deadlines for submitting articles to the church bulletin during the holiday season:

Wednesday, December 12 for the December 23rd bulletin

Wednesday, December 29 for the December 30th bulletin

Wednesday, December 26 for the January 6th bulletin

### SPECIAL COLLECTIONS



This Week:  
Christmas Flowers

Next Week:  
Retirement Fund

# Pastor's Notes

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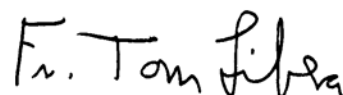
## Filling Your Advent Shopping Bag

Black Friday, 1:30 am traffic jams near the malls, Cyber Monday... The season of Olympic-grade shopping tries to seize the minds, hearts and souls of us all. Church-going and Christ-living can be elbowed out by the imposed duties of the “holiday season.”

So to keep the right perspective, I suggest this Advent you **carry a special Advent Shopping Bag** with you. It's light, environmentally friendly, and re-usable. But you must commit to making it a companion for these next few weeks. The object is to fill your Advent Shopping Bag with items that alert you to signs of God's presence and purpose. The scripture for beginning the season of Advent calls us to make peace and to live peaceably—living towards an end known only to God. Your Advent Bag should contain some of following tools from St. Athanasius for this journey.

- ❖ Resources that invite you into a few daily moments of reflection and prayer: A new edition of *The Little Blue Book*, six-minute reflections on the Advent-Christmas season, or pick up a copy of the beautifully produced, *Magnificat* booklet with its collection of prayers, poetry, and brief essays. You might slip into your bag *Day By Day Through Advent With Mother Teresa*. This pamphlet is based on her bestselling book of private writings, *Come Be My Light*. As the introduction says, “What better time to meditate on the words of Mother Teresa of Calcutta, who managed to remain a calm, joyful center in a hurricane of activity?” Also, **check the pamphlet racks** in the church for other Advent items.
- ❖ **This Friday**, December 7 at 7:30 pm in the gym, always lively **Fr. Dominic Grassi** will discuss his new book, “Bumping into God in the Kitchen.”
- ❖ Each **Tuesday at 6:30 am**, a **45 minute prayer-reflection group** meets in the Parish House basement (enter via driveway side door). Newcomers are always welcome. **Monday through Friday morning Mass is at 6:30 am and 8:15 am.**
- ❖ Fill your Advent Bag with the Lord's graces of healing and peace at one of the Sacrament of Reconciliation services. **Our communal Reconciliation service is Monday, December 10 at 7:30 pm.** Sheil Chapel has a service on Tuesday, December 4 at 7:30 pm, St. Mary's on Friday, December 14 at 7:00 pm, and St. Nicholas on Monday, December 17 at 7:00 pm.
- ❖ The **individual reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation** takes place on Saturdays after the 8:15 am Mass until 9:30. **Extended hours** are Monday, December 17, 6:00 to 8:00 pm and Saturday December 22 from 8:45 to 11:00 am and 3:00 to 4:30 pm.
- ❖ Finally, during Advent *The Chimes* will include thoughtful material from **Solidarity Bridge**, a group doing good work in Bolivia. For starters, they suggest **setting aside 10% of your Christmas present budget** to assist those living in dire poverty.

In the Lord's Blessings,



P.S. During Advent, please be generous in **filling the St. Vincent de Paul collection cylinders**. Requests for their assistance are out-pacing their resources.

## Food Drive This Weekend,

Non-perishable items such as peanut butter, beans, canned meats and fish, pasta, tea and coffee are appreciated. Donations will be collected in the bin in the church for the Hemenway United Methodist Food Pantry. The Peace and Justice Ministry thanks you for your continuing support!



## Soup Kitchen



December offers three soup kitchen outreach opportunities. **Sunday, December 16**, at Hemenway United Methodist Church, 1:30-4:30 pm (meal served at 2:45). Contact Michael Masini

(847-869-4321). **Monday, December 17**, at Second Baptist Church, 1717 Benson, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm (meal served at noon). Contact Blanche Childs (864-2506) or Katie Maday (475-1538).

**Thursday, December 20**, at First United Methodist Church, 1630 Hinman Avenue, 4:30-7:30 pm (meal served at 6:00). Contact Karen Ryan (332-1850), Kris Koenig-Morel (475-2104) or Christine Carlson (869-4160).

**THEOLOGY ON DRAFT  
IS BACK  
FRIDAY EVENING  
DECEMBER 7 AT 7:30 pm  
COME TO THE GYM TO HEAR**

## **DOMINIC GRASSI**

Pastor of St. Gertrude's Church  
and well known author of  
**"Bumping into God"** series

Fr. Grassi will be discussing  
his new book  
**"Bumping into God  
in the Kitchen"**

which has recently been featured in  
the *Sun Times*.

We may be sampling some recipes  
from his book.

## *Please Remember In Your Prayers...*

The newly baptized, especially **Nora Reese Popp**, daughter of Anthony and Jamie Popp;

The sick and their caregivers, especially **Fr. Ralph Starus, Barbara Hartnet, Carl Sotir, Colin Barth, Lisa Croke**, sister in law of Colleen Tosti, **Philip Driscoll, Sr.**, father of Phil Driscoll, Jr., **Angela Fernando, Phillip Neff, Richard Strup**, former parishioner **Diane Bergquist, J. Robert Krebs**, father of Marsha Byrne, **Maritza Acevedo, Olga Cheppel, Paul Mooney, Betty Suttner, Maureen Walsh, Patricia Harker, Patrick Nicholson**, and **Charmayne Swanson**;

Those in the military, especially **Matthew Chrobak**, nephew of Eric Harkna and Tonise Paul, and **Catie Staub**, daughter of David and Mary Therese Staub;

Those who have died.

PLEASE NOTE: Names of the Sick recommended to our prayers will remain in the bulletin for **one month**. If you wish their names to remain beyond that time, please call the parish office.

# ST. A'S HOLIDAY FAIR

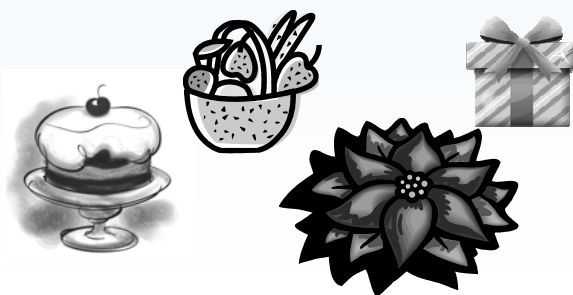
DECEMBER 8 AND 9

## *Alternative Giving*

All parishioners, their families and friends are invited to the Alternative Giving Trade Christmas Bazaar. Ten Thousand Villages and other solidarity movements offer fairly traded items from over 30 developing nations. Every \$1,200 of sales sustains a family for a year. This means your purchases will enable parents to send their children to school, perhaps put a roof on their home, or have more than one meal a day. Choose from Christmas ornaments, jewelry, hats and scarves, crèche sets, baskets, books, toys and other items. It's a great place for your children to shop for Christmas while conscious of the struggles of families in other countries. St. A's Peace and Justice Ministry appreciates your support. If you cannot make it to our Alternative Giving Trade Christmas Bazaar, please Christmas shop at the store at 719 Main Street, across from Vogue Fabrics and Good's Art Supplies.

## *Annual Poinsettia Sale*

These lovely hand-selected plants are being sold at or below market price. They are available by advance order (see order form on the next page) or by cash & carry on these dates. **NOTE:** Order deadline for special color/size requests is Friday, December 7, at St. A's school office, or by mail. All proceeds help fund St. A's 8th Grade Play.



## *Women's Club*

### *Annual Bake Sale*

All baked donations are welcomed and cheerfully accepted. Drop off your donations at the school lunchroom on Saturday, December 8, between 3:15 and 5:00 pm. Kindly include a list of the ingredients and the price of the item to be sold. Get in the Christmas spirit early with home baked goodies!

### *Christmas Wish Baskets\**

Once again, St. Athanasius Parishioners will brighten the holiday season for families served by the Howard Area Community Center (HACC). Parishioners are invited to sign up for one or more items on an individual's or families' Christmas wish list. This is a great opportunity to get your family involved in the spirit of giving during the holiday season. Food baskets and presents will be delivered to the Center on Sunday, December 16th at noon. If you are able to volunteer to help on delivery day or if you have any questions, please contact Beth Osterlund at [osterlundben@aol.com](mailto:osterlundben@aol.com) or Anne Marie McMichael at [am.mcmichael@comcast.net](mailto:am.mcmichael@comcast.net).

## TIMES

**Alternative Giving** - After 5:00 pm Mass on Saturday and after all Masses on Sunday.

**Bake Sale** - Saturday before and after the 5:00 pm Mass, and on Sunday 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

**\*Wish Basket** - Sunday December 2 and Sunday December 9, after all Masses.

## 2007 Poinsettia Sale Order Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

POINSETTIA & PLANT TYPES	Poinsettia Color: Red, White, Pink, Burgundy	QUANTITY	PRICE EACH	TOTAL AMOUNT
4-1/2" mini, 1 branch, 2-4 flowers			\$5.00	
6-1/2" pot, 1 branch, 4-6 flowers			\$10.00	
7-1/2" pot, 2 branches, 6+ flowers			\$15.00	
8-1/2" pot, 3 branches, 12+ flowers			\$20.00	
Christmas Cactus 4" (Salmon)			\$5.00	
Christmas Cactus 6" (Salmon)			\$10.00	
Amaryllis (Specify Color)			\$10.00	
Cyclamen 4" (Specify Color)			\$ 5.00	
Cyclamen 6" (Specify Color)			\$10.00	
make checks payable to " St. Athanasius Drama Dep't" GRAND TOTAL = \$				

Pickup Date (choose one) \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday, December 8, from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm in the school lunchroom  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday, December 9 from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm in the school lunchroom

Mail order form plus payment to school office, or to: St. Athanasius Drama Department, c/o Sharon Jakush  
 2407 Park Place, Evanston, IL 60201 Questions? Call Sharon at 847-869-7779 E-mail: sjakush@sbcglobal.net Fax  
 Orders To: 847-869-4827.



### Solidarity Bridge Collection December 22/23

We are a mission of the laity of the Archdiocese of Chicago reaching out to the poor in Bolivia, the most destitute country in South America. Our Medical Mission is a partnership between U.S. and Bolivian medical personnel. We've performed over 1,400 surgeries and delivered over \$5.5 million of medical supplies, medicines, and equipment to the poor. Our Enterprise and Education missions help to end the desperate cycle of poverty in Bolivia.

*Pick up a giving card in church, make a donation  
and pass the card on to a loved one.*

*Make it your goal to give 10%  
of your Christmas budget to help  
those who live in dire poverty.*

## Parish Calendar

### **Sunday, December 2**

Family Program, 9 am-Noon, School  
Wish Basket Sign-Up, After all Masses, Gym  
Athletics, 1-5 pm, Gym  
Men's Basketball, 7-9 pm, Gym

### **Monday, December 3**

Athletics, 3:30-10 pm, Gym  
Leadership Night, 7 pm, Hartke  
Pastoral Council, 8:30 pm, Hartke

### **Tuesday, December 4**

Women's Club, 9-11 am, Fitzgerald Chapel  
Mom & Tots Playgroup, 10 am, Rosemeyer  
Athletics, 3:30-10 pm, Gym

### **Wednesday, December 5**

Athletics, 3:30-9 pm, Gym  
Chess Club, 6-8 pm, Lunchroom  
Band Concert, 7 pm, Hartke  
RCIA, 7-9 pm, Fitzgerald Chapel  
Choir, 7:30 pm, Church  
Men's Basketball, 9-11 pm, Gym

### **Thursday, December 6**

Athletics, 3:30-10 pm, Gym

### **Friday, December 7**

Athletics, 3:30-6:30 pm, Gym  
Theology on Draft, 7:30 pm, Gym

### **Saturday, December 8**

Athletics, 8 am-1 pm, Gym  
Women's Club Bake Sale, 5-6:30 pm, Gym  
Poinsettia Sale, 5-6:30 pm, Gym  
Holiday Fair, 5-6:30 pm, Gym

### **Sunday, December 9**

Family Program, 9 am-Noon, School  
Wish Basket Sign-Up, After all Masses, Gym  
Women's Club Bake Sale, 8 am-1 pm, Gym  
Poinsettia Sale, 8 am-1 pm, Gym  
Holiday Fair, 8 am-1 pm, Gym  
Athletics, 1-5 pm, Gym  
Men's Basketball, 7-9 pm, Gym

## Staff Extension List 847-328-1430

100 Parish Office	123 Mary Lietz
100 Janice Moore-Rivas	124 Lori Goszczynski
101 School Office	125 Steve Carson
103 Fr. Sztorc	129 Bridget Hotchkiss
105 Marion Amling	130 Carolyn Groves
111 Fr. Libera	142 Barbara Bonier
114 José Moreno	143 Karen Sellers
115 Susan Castagna	

## Weekday Servers December 3-8

8:15 am Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday  
Dominique Ford, Fiona Harrigan  
Thursday/Friday/Saturday  
Colleen Handel, Frances Leonard

## Liturgical Ministers

Next Weekend December 8/9

### 5:00 pm Saturday

**Presider** Fr. Libera  
**Lector** Jane Carney  
**Servers** Therese & Paul Cushing,  
Cassie Dooley

### Eucharistic Ministers

Barbara Zapszalka, Bill Quinlan,  
Lori & Stan Goszczynski,  
Jan Zeller

### 8:00 am

**Presider** Fr. Sztorc  
**Lector** Eileen Parkinson  
**Servers** Emma Regnier, Liza Prah,  
Molly Gentile

### Eucharistic Ministers

Bill Kauffman, Walter Farrell,  
Judy Berg, Chris Talbot,  
Steve Jennings

### 9:30 am

**Presider** Fr. Libera  
**Lector** Robert Coats  
**Servers** Quinn Ryan, Robert Staub,  
Thomas Zampa

### Eucharistic Ministers

Tim Burke, Gabe Rodriguez,  
Michael Sultan, David Staub,  
Kevin Leonard

### 11:30 am

**Presider** Fr. Sztorc  
**Lector** Mary Rooney  
**Servers** Derek & Marina Schmitz,  
Eleanor Sweeney

### Eucharistic Ministers

Mary Ann Harvey, Marge Foley,  
Joan Harvey, Carol Ekman,  
Mary Sotir

### 5:00 pm Sunday

**Presider** Fr. Libera



## Readings for the Week of December 2, 2007

Sunday: Is 2:1-5/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44  
Monday: Is 4:2-6/Mt 8:5-11  
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24  
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37  
Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27  
Friday: Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31  
Saturday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38  
Next Sunday: Is 11:1-10/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

## Working with the Scriptures

December 2, 2007 (*Mt. 24:37-44*)

Frank Covey, in his book, “7 Habits of Highly Effective People”, suggests one should *begin with the end in mind*. This weekend we celebrate the first Sunday of the new liturgical year, but the compilers of the Lectionary do not begin with the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter of Matthew’s Gospel. Rather, they begin at the end of Jesus’ life and just before the Passion. In other words, they *begin with the end in mind*.

“Two men will be out in the field.” Jesus reminds us that when the end comes it will find people *working*. Farms in my part of the Midwest are rapidly disappearing, replaced by mushrooming subdivisions and sprawling shopping centers. Many were family farms, handed down from generation to generation until one day there was no money to buy seed or repair equipment and the ‘For Sale’ sign went up in the front yard. Most of the farms that remain belong to large, diversified corporations who plant and harvest mechanically; and when you see a man out in the field these days it’s probably not the owner of the farm but, rather, an employee of the corporation.

“Two women will be grinding at the mill...” Family-owned bakeries are also disappearing from the landscape as mega-grocery stores move bakeries inside and sell artisan breads no longer prepared by the hands of artisans. Teashops are replaced by Starbuck’s, birthday cakes are decorated by computers, and the sound of the automatic bread maker signals the end of an era.

People work for many reasons, many *ends in mind*. For some it’s to carry on a family tradition; for others it’s the fulfillment of a lifelong dream; for many it’s the means necessary to feed and clothe their family. Each one of us is called to use God’s gifts of grace and goods to provide a product or service for the benefit of family and community. Today we mark the beginning of a new year, but even as we begin we look forward to the end. Where will the Son of Man find us when He comes? What ‘end’ do we have in mind as we begin?

*Vinal Van Benthem*

## Christmas Trees

Enjoy the experience of cutting down your own special Christmas tree at Marmion Abbey, Aurora, IL. You will have a fresh cut tree that will hold its needles longer. And you will be helping to ease the financial burdens of Marmion. The trees are going for only \$25 & \$30. For more information and directions, call (630) 897-3011.

## Taizé Ecumenical Prayer Service

Taizé is a meditative prayer service that incorporates simple, repetitive song and chant, scripture readings, and periods of group silence in a setting of peace and soft light that fosters communion with God. Through Taizé, participants can worship in a community setting, yet remain open to the voice of God and discover the prayer within themselves. The Advent service sponsored by the Young Adult Ministry will be held on Friday, December 7 at 7:30 pm at St. Nick’s, 806 Ridge Avenue.

## OLPH Pheonix Group

The OLPH Pheonix Group is a group of Catholic singles age 50+, who share a social life by attending events of common interest together. Each Friday they get together for snacks and planning. Members bring activity ideas, and those interested work out the details. They plan movie nights, and day trips in the Chicago area. These events supplement their monthly bridge group, restaurant group, and book group. If you would like to meet new people and make new friends, why not join them at 7:30 pm on December 7. They meet in the Francis Room of the Lafayette Building of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Glenview. For more information, call Mary Jane at (847) 398-3528. All members take turns driving to events.

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## Pastors

Rev. Thomas Libera, *Pastor* (tlibera‡)

Rev. Richard Sztorc, *Associate Pastor* (rsztorc‡)

## Parish Office

847-328-1430 (fax) 847-328-1809

Admin. Assistant's Hours: Monday 8:30 am-1:30 pm

Tuesday - Friday 11:30 am-4:30 pm

Reception Hours: Monday/Tuesday 4:30-8:30 pm

Wednesday - Friday 4:30-6:30 pm

Saturday 10 am-4 pm; Sunday 10 am-1 pm

## Parish Office Staff

Karen Sonnicksen Sellers, *Parish Administrator* (ksellers‡)

Barbara Bonier, *Office Manager* (bbonier‡)

Marion Amling, *Business Manager* (mamling‡)

Janice Moore-Rivas, *Administrative Assistant* (jmoore-rivas‡)

## Pastoral Staff

### Buildings and Grounds

Jose Moreno, *Facilities Manager* (jmoreno@saintas.net)

## Catholic Chaplain

Evanston Hospital 570-2330

Sr. Ann Weiler, O.S.F.

## Deacon

Richard S. Jay

## Music Ministry

Steve Carson, *Director* (scarson‡)

## Pastoral Associates

Lori Goszczynski, *Bereavement, Ministers of Care* (Lgoszczynski‡)

Diane Maloney, *LEAVEN* (dmaloney‡)

## Religious Education

Carolyn Groves, *Director* (cgroves‡)

Bridget Hotchkiss, *Coordinator* (bhotchkiss‡)

## Youth Ministry

## Parish School

2510 Ashland Avenue

Evanston, IL 60201-2319

School Office 847-864-2650 (fax) 847-475-7385

## Parish School Staff

Susan Castagna, *Principal* (scastagna@saintas.net)

Mary Lietz, *Assistant Principal* (mlietz@saintas.net)

Suzanne Hanley, *Secretary* (shanley@saintas.net)

## Chimes Articles

The deadline for submitting information to the parish office is Friday at Noon, **10 days prior to publication date.**

Best method is to email the document as an attachment to [chimes@stathanasius-evanston.org](mailto:chimes@stathanasius-evanston.org).

‡ - [@stathanasius-evanston.org](mailto:@stathanasius-evanston.org)

## Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

is a several-month process for an adult wishing to become a Catholic through the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) or through a Profession of Faith. These rites are celebrated at the Easter Vigil. Please contact Fr. Rich Sztorc.

## Infant Baptism

is generally celebrated on the first and third Sundays of the month at 1:00 pm in the Church. The Baptism Preparation Program for parents and godparents, if possible, is held each month. Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements.

## Confirmation

preparation begins in the middle of 7th grade and is celebrated during the winter of 8th grade. For adult/high school confirmation, call the Religious Education Office.

## The Eucharist

is brought to the homebound by Care Ministers. Arrangements are made by calling Lori Goszczynski. First Eucharist preparation for children begins in 1st grade and is celebrated in the spring of 2nd grade.

## Matrimony

arrangements are made by contacting one of the priests at the Parish Office. Arrangements a year in advance allow for adequate reservation time, participation in marriage preparation programs and liturgical planning.

## Anointing of the Sick

is celebrated in the Fall during a communal celebration. Special requests for this sacrament can be arranged by calling the Parish Office.

## Reconciliation

is celebrated on Saturdays, after the 8:15 am Eucharist until 9:30 am, in the sacristy near the front doors of the Church during the Holy Hour. Communal Reconciliation Services are held during Advent and Lent.



*A last look at Autumn's color*