

...what's happening at the friendly church on the hill

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This Week at Trinity

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Please be reminded: January 9th is
the Epiphany Celebration with Bishop
Laura Ahrens at 6:30 pm.

From the Rector

Twelve Days of Christmas

We are in the time which many of us refer to as the Twelve Days of Christmas. It is that period between Christmas Day and Epiphany, or 12th Night, that we celebrate the divinity of the Christ Child. Some exchange gifts on each of the 12 days. We celebrate Christmas to rejoice at the birth of God's son Jesus, and as a season of love and joy for family and friends as we give and receive gifts. During this time, we celebrate the feasts of St. Stephen, St. John the Evangelist, the Holy Innocents, the Holy Family, and the Holy Name of Jesus, and this helps deepen the real meaning of Christmas and also helps us realize that Christmas is too important to be confined to just a single day.

It has been suggested that the Christmas song "The Twelve Days of Christmas" was written in England during the time in which Roman Catholics were being persecuted, and as a

Lectionary December 31, 2017

First Sunday after Christmas

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

John 1:1-18



Prayer List

Immediate Needs: Elianna, Don, and Dottie

Chronic Needs: Ann, Cal, Norlyn, and Marlene

Military: Sgt. Gabe Davis, Lt. Jacob Drodz

The needs of the world: For the homeless and the hungry, for those affected by natural disasters, for those dealing with issues of aging, mental illness, or addiction

Thanksgivings: For the awe and wonder of the Christmas season, for the search committee, for

catechism song to help young Catholics learn the tenets of their faith – sort of a memory aid. Whether this song has a hidden meaning or not, I do not know. But it is interesting to look at what some claim to be its meaning of historical events and laws stated in the Bible.

My True Love Gave To Me – my true love represents God, and its repeating tells of how God gave the wonderful gifts.

A Partridge In A Pear Tree – the partridge is symbolic of Jesus Christ and the pear tree is Jerusalem (Luke 13:34).

Two Turtledoves – they represent the Old and New Testaments.

Three French Hens – they represent the three theological virtues – faith, hope, and love (1 Corinthians 13:13).

Four Calling Birds – represent the four gospels – Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

Five Golden Rings – they refer to the first five books of the Old Testament, the Torah.

Six Geese A-Laying – the laying geese represent the bringing of new life and the six days of creation.

Seven Swans A-Swimming – they symbolize the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit – prophecy, ministry, teaching, exhortation, giving, leading, and compassion.

Eight Maids A-Milking – speaks of the eight Beatitudes (Matthew 5:2-11).

Nine Ladies Dancing – represents the nine fruits of Holy Spirit – love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Galatians 5:22).

Ten Lords A-Leaping – represents the 10 Commandments.

Eleven Pipers Piping – represents the 11 faithful Apostles.

Twelve Drummers Drumming – represents the 12 points of doctrine in the Apostles Creed.

Who really knows? Certainly not !! So next year

those who protect and serve, for the blessing of friends, family, and neighbors



Parish Activity Schedule

Sunday, December 31

8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I

9:00 am Trinity Choristers Rehearsal

10:00 am A Service of Christmas Lessons & Carols

followed by coffee hour

Monday, January 1

Happy New Year!

OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, January 2

12:00 pm Holy Eucharist EOW/ Healing



Foodbank

This week: pancake syrup

Next week: hamburger helper

as you are singing “The Twelve Days of Christmas”, whether it’s for some Bible reference, or just to have a good time, Enjoy it! Have Fun! Sing out loud and proud, and enjoy this likely invention of modern-day speculation rather than sound historical fact. It really doesn’t matter.

Merry Christmas!

Faithfully,
Fr. Steve



What Can I bring to the Christ Child?

We have a wonderful opportunity to support the Valley Diaper Bank in Seymour to provide Diapers and Baby Wipes for our young Valley families in need. As we celebrate this wonderful Feast of Christmas, let us remember that the Christ Child is still with us in those children in need. Let us offer a gift of Diapers and Baby Wipes as our special gift to the Christ Child. We will be collecting Diapers and Baby Wipes now through January 28. There will be a collection container in the Parish Hall.



Christmas Schedule of Services:

A Service of Christmas Lessons & Carols

December 31 — 10:00 am

Epiphany Celebration

January 9 — 6:30 pm

with Bishop Ahrens



NEW YEAR--NEW MUSIC

On the first Sunday of the new calendar year, you will be singing a new setting of the ordinary of the Mass, the Gloria, the Sanctus and the fraction anthem. The new music was composed by Arden Clarke and is called The Pike's Peak

We sincerely Thank You for any help that you can offer.

Deacon Tom, Kim, Leslie & Fr. Steve

Mass.

The music that we currently sing for those parts of the service has been in use since the "new" hymnal was introduced in 1982, which was quite a long time ago. To keep our worship vibrant it seemed that new music was in order. I've looked around for a few years to find music that would express the beauty of these texts, and when I came across The Pike's Peak Mass I knew I had found what I was looking for. I wanted music that was interesting and challenging but not too hard to learn, music that could serve us for many years.

So, we will give it a try, starting on Sunday, January 7th and continuing for a few months, after which we will determine whether it's worth keeping or not. Please let me know if you enjoy singing it.

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