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The Third Sunday of Advent, December 14, 2014

Parishioners Have Interest in Christmas Mass at Midnight; Deadline for Sign-up: Today, Sunday, December 14

There has been a renewed interest in the celebration of Christmas Mass at Midnight among some of the members of the cathedral parish. Bishop Cary is willing to offer Holy Mass at Midnight. However, as pastor, I have stipulated that there ought to be at least 75 active members of our parish who are willing to commit themselves to assisting at this particular Mass before we put it on the schedule.

If you would like to assist at Christmas Mass at Midnight and can commit to attending it this year, please write your signature on one of the sign-up sheets that can be found as you leave the cathedral today. Or you may contact Arlene Dethloff at 541-856-3532 and she will be happy help you.

The deadline for signing up for Christmas Mass at Midnight is today, December 14. This will give time to those who may be preparing the music for this Mass, in the event that it is scheduled.

Sacrament of Penance Prepares Our Souls for Christmas

Frequent confession is the cause of great good to the soul, because it purifies it, heals it, and confirms it in the service of God; we ought not therefore to omit confession on our fixed days for any business whatsoever, but go to confession first and to business afterwards, and the first will help the second.

--Saint Philip Neri

As we know, the great day of our salvation, Christmas, is rapidly approaching. Jesus Christ is the source of all our joy and peace because He is the Eternal Word through Whom God the Father created all that is visible and invisible. Our Lord and Savior came from heaven to save us when we had been lost and to redeem us, to pay the price for our sins.

On the very morning of His Resurrection, Jesus gave His Apostles the gift of being able to forgive people their sins in the great Sacrament of Penance. On the very day when He rose to new life, Jesus Christ gave His Church the Sacrament of New Life, of New Beginnings, of New Hope.