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## Prince of Peace Catholic Parish

# Catechesis of the Good Shepherd News

### December 2018

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Greetings, Parents and families,

We are in the season of Advent, that beautiful time in our Church when we begin our liturgical new year and eagerly prepare for Christmas! This is a time of joyful anticipation and a time we celebrate together as a family! We pray you and your families experience hope, peace, joy and love this Advent as you prepare and wait for the Light, who is Jesus, to come.

During this season of waiting and preparing, all Atria will ponder the Messianic Prophecies and Infancy Narratives; helping to demonstrate the love that God has for his people through the gift of Jesus, and the response, still continuing, to this gift. The Atria presentation schedule for December is shown on reverse side.

Please note Atria sessions will not be held during Christmas/New Year's break, the week of Dec. 23 and Dec. 30. *Atrium sessions will resume the week of Jan. 6, 2019.* As a reminder, please escort your children to and from Atrium sessions. If the child is picked up by an adult other than a parent, the catechist must be notified in advance. We appreciate your continued assistance with this to help ensure a safe environment at Prince of Peace.

Prince of Peace will again perform The Nativity story during the 5:00 pm Mass, on Christmas Eve. All students enrolled in 2nd through 12th grade are invited to volunteer for this special event. Youth are needed to act out the characters of: Mary, Joseph, Shepherds, Archangel and Choir of Angels. We also need gift bearers for Mass. Costumes are provided. All Nativity characters need one costume fitting. A required dress rehearsal will be held at Prince of Peace for all Nativity volunteers on Thursday, December 20th, 6:00-7:30 pm All volunteers need to arrive at Prince of Peace, by 4:00 pm, on Christmas Eve. Forms can be found in the ed wing and on the Prince of Peace website.

For those families planning to prepare for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion in 2019, there will be a parent meeting on Sunday, Dec. 2, after the 10:30 AM Mass.

Have a blessed Christmas!

Peace,

Donna Phillips, Holly Champoux, Mary Zmolek, Erika Piotrowski, Cathy Galarneau & Becky Ostoin

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*"For a child is born to us, a son is given to us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace."*

*Isaiah 9:6*

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### Upcoming Events

**Dec. 2-Advent** begins

**Dec. 2-\***Sacramental Preparation Parent meeting, 11:30 am-12:30pm in youth room.

\*Nativity Story costume fitting, 11:30-12:30

**Dec. 8** - Holy Day-Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Dec. 9** – Nativity Story costume fitting, 11:30-12:30

**Dec. 20** – Nativity Story dress rehearsal, 6-7:30 PM

**Dec. 24** – Christmas Eve, Nativity Story at 5pm mass

**Dec. 25** – the Nativity of the Lord-Christmas

Looking Ahead...

**Jan. 6,7 & 9** – Atrium sessions resume

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### Did you know?

The Word Advent means "coming." It prepares to celebrate the coming of the baby Jesus in Bethlehem at the first Christmas. It also anticipates His second coming at the Parousia, when God will be all in all. And it reminds us that Jesus comes to us daily in His Word and in the Sacraments. In the Atrium, we begin the season with an Advent Celebration, where we announce this time of waiting and preparing for the Feast of Christmas, by changing the liturgical color on the prayer table from green to purple.

## Atria presentations for December

### Level I

- 12/2 & 3 – Dress Prayer Table for Advent/Land of Israel: Globe and Topographical Map.
- 12/9 & 10 – Prophecy of Light/Infancy Narratives: Annunciation and Visitation
- 12/16 & 17 – Prophecy of Bethlehem/Infancy Narrative: Birth of Jesus and Adoration of the Shepherds.

### Level II

- 12/2, 3 & 5 – Dress Prayer Table for Advent/Synthesis of the Level 1 Messianic Prophecies: Light, Names, Mother, Bethlehem and Star and Scepter.
- 12/9, 10 & 12 – Land of Israel: Nazareth, Bethlehem and Jerusalem.
- 12/16, 17 & 19 – Synthesis of 5 Infancy Narratives: Annunciation, Visitation, Birth of Jesus and Adoration of the Shepherds, Adoration of the Magi and Presentation in the Temple.

### Level III

- 12/2, 3 & 5 – Dress Prayer Table for Advent/Call and Vocations of the Prophets.
- 12/9, 10 & 12 – 6 Messianic Prophecies: Light, Names, Mother, Bethlehem, Star and Scepter and Shoot of Jesse.
- 12/16, 17 & 19 – Bible Study on Infancy Narratives: Annunciation, Visitation, Birth of Jesus and Adoration of the Shepherds.