

SAINT JOHN VIANNEY

11/26/2017—\$2,873.00

1st Sun of Advent

62 Envelopes:	\$1,904.00
Loose cash:	\$194.00
Loose checks:	\$652.00
TOTAL:	\$2,750.00
OnLine Giving:	\$190.00
Retired Religious:	\$803.00

Last Year: \$3,773.00

ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE

11/26/2017 - \$7,714.50

1st Sun of Advent

147 Envelopes:	\$4,186.50
40 Loose Checks:	\$1,331.00
Loose Cash:	\$ 588.00
TOTAL:	\$6,105.50
12 Online Giving:	\$ 796.00
Retired Religious:	\$2,008.00

Last Year: \$5,989.00

MUSIC MINISTRY AT SAINT JOHN VIANNEY

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MUSIC MINISTRY AT SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE

Advent is Eric's FAVORITE time of the Church Year. With Advent and the new Church year comes a noticeable shift in our music and Mass. We wear purple, the Gloria is gone, the Advent wreath is illuminated week by week, and a theme of longing, preparation, and expectation emerges in the scripture and music. Our new Mass setting for Advent is the Missa Emmanuel, which is based on "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (hymn #395); This theme is woven from the Gospel Acclamation all the way to the Lamb of God.

The Latin texts for "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, written as "Veni, Veni Emmanuel" appear in about the 9th-12th century. A setting of the hymn we sing first appears around 1851, when Thomas Helmore published it in the Hymnal Noted. John Mason Neale appears to get the credit for the most familiar setting, which we sing today; His translation and setting appear in Hymns Ancient and Modern, in 1861. Another beautiful Advent hymn with ancient Catholic roots is "Creator of the Stars of Night", hymn #420, based on the hymn "Conditor alme siderum". While rewritten by Pope Urban VIII in 1632, there are alleged origins to Saint Ambrose, around the 7th century! During Advent, our choral anthems will be "Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning", "E'en So Lord Jesus Quickly Come", "On Jordan's Bank", the Basque Carol, "We Light the Advent Candle" and our meditations will be from the Messiah Part 1, all based on the words of the prophet Isaiah.

Our wonderful annual Christmas Pageant this year is on **THIS Sunday, Dec. 10th at 4pm**. The combined Children's Choir and the Adult Choir will be joined by harpist Cecilia Parker, and strings all the way from Manhattan (Stony Brook)! Our 5th graders will be in costume for our tableau, and Robert and the DPD-C.A.R.E. choir will also be joining us! A delightful dessert reception follows the pageant.

****Please bring a small dessert tray for our pageant reception if you are able!****

YOUTH MINISTRY

- ♦ **Youth Group Social, Sunday, December 10:** 6-7 pm in the STA Classrooms. Join the youth group for snacks, games, and an awesome community.
- ♦ **Christmas Movie Night, Sunday, December 17:** 6-8 pm STA Classrooms. There will be snacks, of course!



The Advent wreath, four candles on a wreath of evergreen, is shaped in a perfect circle to symbolize the eternity of God. During each Sunday of the Advent season, we focus on one of the four virtues Jesus brings us: Hope, Love, Joy and Peace.