



Third Sunday of Advent

December 12 & 13, 2009

This Week in our Parishes

Saturday, December 12th

4:00 pm, Y.M. Mass – SAS (+Mark, John & Johnny Carson)

Sunday, December 13th Advent 3

Second Collection – Retired Religious Fund
7:00 am, Mass – SAS (+Sally Shields)
8:00 am, Mass – OLMC (L&D Parishioners)
9:15 am, Religious Education Classes - TMS
9:15 am, Confirmation Class - TMS
9:30 am, Mass – SAS (+Robert Ridenour)
11:00 am, Mass – OLMC (+Carroll Little)
1:00 pm, Secular Franciscan Order – OLMC
3:00 pm, Boy Scouts (Tigers) – SASH
6:30 pm, Youth Ministry Music Practice – OLMC

Monday, December 14th

8:00 am, Mass – OLMC (Int. Brian Lynch)
9:00 am, Mom's Group Mtg. – SAS Schoolhouse
3:00 pm, Eucharistic Adoration – OLMC

Tuesday, December 15th

8:00 am, Mass – OLMC (Int. Sr Rosanne Hitchens DC)
7:00 pm, Parish Penance Service - SAS

Wednesday, December 16th

No Morning Mass
6:30 pm, Handbell Practice - OLMC
7:00 pm, RCIA – SAS Upper Hall

Thursday, December 17th

8:00 am, Mass – OLMC (Int. Sr Rita Buddeke SND)
6:15 pm, Adult Choir Practice – SAS
6:30 pm, YOGA – SAS Upper Hall

Friday, December 18th

7:30 am, Morning Prayers – OLMC
8:00 am, Mass – OLMC (+Frances Seltzer)
7:30 pm, KofC Christmas Dinner – Hickory Farm

Saturday, December 19th

2:15 pm, Sacrament of Reconciliation / First Penance – OLMC

Saturday, December 19th (Continued)

4:00 pm, Y.M. Mass – SAS (+Roy E Miller, Janet Miller Pratt & John Ohler)

Sunday, December 20th Advent 4

7:00 am, Mass – SAS (+Thelma Michael)
8:00 am, Mass – OLMC (+Beverly Zienda)
9:15 am, Religious Education Classes - TMS
9:15 am, Confirmation Class - TMS
9:30 am, Mass – SAS (+Willis D. Samples)
11:00 am, Mass – OLMC (L&D Parishioners)
3:00 pm, Y.M. Christmas Concert – OLMC
4:00 pm, Christmas Potluck Supper – OLMC
5:00 pm, Live Nativity – OLMC front lawn
6:30 pm, Youth Ministry Music Practice – OLMC

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 19 & 20

Scripture Readings for Mass

First Reading ~ Micah 5:1-4a/12
Responsorial ~ Ps. 80:2-3,15-16,18-19
Second Reading ~ Hebrews 10:5-10
Gospel ~ Luke 1:39-45

Our Ministry of Prayer

Please remember in prayer the intentions written in our Book of Prayer located in each Church and the Parish Center entrance area. We also remember those persons who have requested prayers through the prayer chain.

Also, please remember the following parishioners in prayer:

<i>Francis Bittle</i>	<i>Dorothy Burkard</i>
<i>JoAnn Cannada</i>	<i>Dick Cool</i>
<i>Grace Crotts</i>	<i>Jack Dillon</i>
<i>Jim Eaton</i>	<i>Joan Fink</i>
<i>Ethel Fitzgerald</i>	<i>Jimmy Glass</i>
<i>Doris Glass</i>	<i>Daniel Hartke</i>
<i>Ray Horst</i>	<i>Bob Kaas</i>
<i>Peggy Kauffman</i>	<i>Michelle Keegin</i>
<i>Jeanette Massena</i>	<i>Rosemary McDermott</i>
<i>Karen Mills</i>	<i>Dolores Munafa</i>
<i>Tony Newman</i>	<i>Rita Priest</i>
<i>Mary Reckley</i>	<i>Elfriede Ridenour</i>
<i>Francis Smith</i>	<i>Margaret Smith</i>
<i>Robert Smith</i>	<i>Carroll Wivell</i>
<i>Lorraine Wivell</i>	



For Prayer Requests

please call the Parish Office at (301) 447-2367 or Linda McCauley at (301) 271-7561.



Baptismal Preparation Classes

Congratulations to all new parents.

If you are planning to have your baby baptized, please contact the parish office to register for the baptismal preparation class. Parents and godparents are invited to attend. The next class will be **Sunday, January 10, at 1 pm** at **Saint Anthony Shrine** in the **church**. The class is expected to last about one hour. If you have any questions, please call Barbara at the parish office (301) 447-2367.

Altar Servers Training/Refresher

will be held **Sunday, December 13, after 9:30 am** Mass at St. Anthony's. New altar servers should be 4th grade age to adult. Any current altar server can come and refresh your memory on tasks/procedures. If you have any questions, please call Jennifer Durski at (301) 241-3793 or call the parish Office.

High School Youth Ministry

Mount 2010 - February 12 to 14

Join fellow Catholics for 3 days of amazing talks, praise and worship. Fifteen dollar deposit due to Lori Carter by Tuesday, 12/1/09. Forty dollars and Registration form due to Lori Carter by Saturday, 1/2/09. Male and female chaperones needed.

For information on High School Youth Ministry

Events or to volunteer contact:

Lori Carter (301) 271-4050 kpiltcarter@comcast.net.

Youth Ministry Music Practices

for students in grades 6 – 12 are held Sunday evenings 6:30 - 8:00 pm in the OLMC Parish Center.

Upcoming practices: December 13 & 20

A Pizza social will follow the practices.

S M A C Youth Ministry News

All 6th, 7th and 8th grade parishioners are invited to the next **SMAC** meeting on **Friday, January 22nd** from 7:15 to 8:45 pm in the old Schoolhouse at St. Anthony's. Don't miss the fun, food and friends! *For information call Mike Miller at (301) 271-9871.*

S M A C! Calendar of Events

- **Dec 13 – Visit Sisters & Pizza Party – 2:00 pm**
Villa of St. Michael & Pizza Hut
- **Jan 22 – SMAC Meeting – 7:15 pm SASH**

Peace & Social Justice Committee

an education and action ministry

December

23rd Casseroles for FRM due date

To volunteer or participate in any activities, please contact Deacon John Hawkins at (301) 271-2194 or JHawkins@archbalt.org.

"This is my commandment: love one another as I love you." John 15:12

Mother Seton School

Did You Graduate from Mother Seton School?

On **Wednesday, January 6**, the graduating *Class of 1960* from Mother Seton School will be recognized at a Mass at the Basilica of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton and then celebrate at a luncheon given in their honor. If you – *or someone you know* - were in this class, the school would like to hear from you. Contact the Development Office at (301) 447-3165 or visit www.mothersetonschool.org.

Christmas Eve at the Rescue Mission

We will once again be preparing and serving lunch to the residents and local community at the Frederick County Rescue Mission this month.

If you are interested in helping out in any way please contact John Hawkins or Susan Robinson (phone 717.642.5070).

As an additional treat, we will be substituting the extra food leftover from Cash Bash for our casseroles this month. **SO**, keep an eye out for more pans after the start of the New Year.

Peace and God's blessing be with you always.

Thank you.

Susan Robinson

Volunteer Needed

to do the linens at St. Anthony's one time every four weeks. If you are interested or would like more information, please call the parish office at (301) 447-2367.



Christmas Memorials

If you wish to remember your loved ones during the Christmas season, donations for our Christmas decorations can be made by using the envelope provided in our packet of offering envelopes. Additional envelopes are in the back of the church. Please return the envelopes via the offertory collection by **Sunday, December 20th**. A listing of those remembered will be published in our bulletin for December 26 & 27. Thank you.

Come One, Come All

and join fellow parishioners in decorating St. Anthony Shrine for Christmas. Decorating will begin after the 9:30 am Mass on **Sunday, December 20**. Everyone is welcome to share their talents and friendship in preparing the church for Christmas!!!



Family Christmas Program

All are invited to our **Parish Christmas Concert, Pot Luck and Live Nativity** at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel on **Sunday, December 20**.

3:00 pm The youth of our parishes will present a **Christmas Concert** and a sing-a-long.

4:00 pm For the **Pot Luck Supper**, please bring a dish indicated by the initial of your last name.

Entrée Q – Z / **Vegetable** I – P / **Salad** A – H
(Help will be needed in the kitchen and to set up tables and chairs before the program.)

5:00 pm The **Live Nativity** will take place on OLMC front lawn. *Hot chocolate and cookies will be served afterwards.*

Mark Your Calendars

- Dec 15 – Parish Penance Service – 7 pm SAS
- Dec 18 – KofC Christmas Dinner – 7:30 pm
- Dec 20 – Y.M. Christmas Concert – 3pm OLMC
- Dec 20 - Parish Christmas Potluck- 4pm OLMC
- Dec 20 - Live Nativity – 5 pm OLMC
- Dec 24 – Christmas Eve Mass – 4:00 pm SAS
- Dec 24 – Christmas Eve Mass – 4:15 pm OLMC
- Dec 24 – Christmas Eve Mass – 9:30 pm SAS
- Dec 25 – Christmas Day Mass – 9:30 am OLMC
- Jan 1 – Solemnity of Mary Mass – 9 am SAS



The Knights of Columbus Council has launched a new Website!!

The Knights of Columbus Council at our two Parishes has launched a new website. The website location is as follows: www.kofc-11975.org

The website contains information that you might want to know about our local Council and the Knights of Columbus, in general. In addition, the website identifies contact information if you are interested in joining this prestigious Catholic Fraternal Organization. It tells you who you can contact to discuss your interest further. The website will maintain a schedule of events and activities to show anyone interested what the Knights are doing within the Parishes and the community at large.

Respectfully // Skip Bush, Grand Knight

Hot Meals for Needy

The Ladies of Charity and the Council of Churches will be sponsoring a hot meal on the last Saturdays of the month for the following cold months:

December 26 (a special meal and gifts will be given for those that visit), **January 30, February 27 and March 27**.

The meals will be served at Elias Lutheran Church on North Alley in Emmitsburg by a non-denominational, Christian organization whose mission is to provide nourishing meals, fellowship and encouragement to those in need. Please check for details at: Seton Center, Up County Pregnancy Center and Food Bank.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekend of December 5 & 6, 2009

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

Attendance		188
Envelopes	(66)	1,973.00
Loose		313.00
Total		2,286.00
Poor Box		48.23

St. Anthony Shrine

Attendance		314
Envelopes	(90)	2,810.00
Loose		388.06
Total		3,198.06
Poor Box		366.44

From Barbara . . .

John continues to prepare for the coming of the Messiah. In this passage John is speaking of social justice and how we treat the least among us. At our parishes we have many opportunities to serve the poor all year round but especially during the holidays. I am always pleased at how generous our communities are with the Adopt-A-Family program, providing food for Thanksgiving & Christmas dinners as well as the food bank, the Frederick Rescue Mission, our support of the pregnancy centers, the lunch program at our sister parish in Haiti, and so many more. Take time this week to reflect on your generosity to those less fortunate and how your faith supports that generosity.

Next Sunday we have a wonderful opportunity to really enter into the spirit of Christmas. Our youth ministry music group is going to provide a concert/sing-a-long. If you've ever been to a Mass where they provided the music you already know how talented these young people are. It will be followed by a pot-luck supper. Following that will be the live Nativity which is a Franciscan tradition that we've celebrated here for many years. It tells the story of that first Christmas with prayers, music, and live animals. I hope that you will find time to attend. All the details are elsewhere in the bulletin.

May God continue to bless us all.

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Rachel's Vineyard

Do you know someone who is hurting from the pain of abortion?

There is **HOPE & HEALING** for those who are suffering the after-effects of abortion trauma.

All communication is strictly confidential.

*Counseling - Spiritual Support –
Rachel's Vineyard Retreats*

**The next Rachel's Vineyard Retreat is
January 29-31, 2010**

410-625-8491 or 1-800-286-4224

or email: projectrachel@archbalt.org

www.project-rachel.net (local website)

www.rachelsvineyard.org (national website)

St. Timothy's Annual Holiday Concert O Come All Ye Faithful

St. Timothy Catholic Church Organist, Bill Powell, along with Tim Kueberth, the Glade Tower Handbell Choir and friends will be presenting "**O Come All Ye Faithful**" for a festive evening of holiday music at *St. Timothy's Catholic Church, 8651 Biggs Ford Road, Walkersville, MD* on **Tuesday, December 15 at 7:00 pm**. Fellowship and refreshments to follow. Please join us for an enjoyable holiday presentation!

Bon Secours Spiritual Center 1525 Marriottsville Road Marriottsville MD 21104

Treasures out of the Darkness: The Coming of Light

Saturday, December 19, 9:30 am – 3:30 pm

An invitation to wait and watch for the dawn during the darkest days of this season of adventure. Participants will gather for reflection, journaling, prayer and optional sharing in an atmosphere of silence and solitude. \$50. Guided By: Fr. Joseph Driscoll.

"What is Your Heart's Desire?" New Year's Eve Retreat

Thursday, December 31, 9:30 am – 3:30 pm

End 2009 and begin the journey of 2010 with fruitful reflection and discernment of the direction in which you are headed. This program will allow you to get back to basics by getting in touch with your deepest desire, the call of your heart. Spend time alone and with others seeking solitude about your life and your future pathways. Use of Scripture, small groups and spiritual exercises will be included to name one another's current experiences and development of ongoing awareness. \$50. Guided By: Gordon Creamer.

To register, please call (410) 442-1320 or visit www.BonSecoursSpiritualCenter.org