



First Sunday of Advent

November 28 & 29, 2009

This Week in our Parishes

Saturday, November 28th

4:00 pm, Mass – SAS (+Beverly Zienda)

Sunday, November 29th Advent 1

Second Collection – Special Parish Needs
7:00 am, Mass – SAS (+Annie Shields)
8:00 am, Mass – OLMC (L&D Parishioners)
No Religious Education Classes today
No Confirmation Class today
9:30 am, Mass – SAS (+Joe Little)
11:00 am, Mass – OLMC (+Mary Bergeron and son, Joseph Bergeron)

Monday, November 30th

8:00 am, Mass – OLMC (+Thomas Fry, Sr.)
9:00 am, Mom's Group Mtg. – SAS Schoolhouse
3:00 pm, Eucharistic Adoration – OLMC

Tuesday, December 1st

8:00 am, Mass – OLMC (+Helen Chelchowski)
8:30 am, Thurmont, Ministerium Meeting
1:00 pm, Bring Your Own Craft – SAUH
6:30 pm, YOGA – SAS Upper Hall
7:30 pm, Knights of Columbus - OLMC

Wednesday, December 2nd

No Morning Mass
7:00 pm, RCIA – SAS Upper Hall

Thursday, December 3rd

8:00 am, Mass – OLMC (+Wm. J. Strausbaugh Sr.)
6:15 pm, Adult Choir Practice – SAS
6:30 pm, Handbell Practice - OLMC

Friday, December 4th

7:30 am, Morning Prayers – OLMC
8:00 am, Mass – OLMC (+Richard McCambridge)
7:15 pm, SMAC! Meeting - SASH

Saturday, December 5th

2:30 pm, Sacrament of Reconciliation - SAS
4:00 pm, Y.M. Mass – SAS (+Frances Seltzer)
5:00 pm, HSYM Meeting – MSM Seminary

Sunday, December 6th Advent 2

Second Collection – Buildings & Grounds
7:00 am, Mass – SAS (L&D Parishioners)
8:00 am, Mass – OLMC (+Andrew Zienda)
9:15 am, Religious Education Classes - TMS
9:15 am, Confirmation Class - TMS
9:30 am, Mass – SAS (+Robert McCarthy)
11:00 am, Mass – OLMC (+Theresia Ulitzky)

Second Sunday of Advent

December 5 & 6

Scripture Readings for Mass

First Reading ~ Baruch 5:1-9/6

Responsorial ~ Ps. 126:1-2,2-3,4-5,6

Second Reading ~ Philippians 1:4-6,8-11

Gospel ~ Luke 3:1-6

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.

Please remember in prayer the following parishioners who are in nursing care facilities:

Marie Kreps

Anna Little

Justine Mayer

Also, please remember the following parishioners in prayer:

Francis Bittle

Dorothy Burkard

JoAnn Cannada

Dick Cool

Grace Crotts

Jack Dillon

Joan Fink

Ethel Fitzgerald

Doris Glass

Daniel Hartke

Ray Horst

Bob Kaas

Peggy Kauffman

Michelle Keegin

Jeanette Massena

Rosemary McDermott

Karen Mills

Dolores Munafa

Tony Newman

Rita Priest

Charles Putman

Mary Reckley

Elfriede Ridenour

Francis Smith

Margaret Smith

Robert Smith

Carroll Wivell

Lorraine Wivell



For Prayer Requests

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

Lectors

Please pick up your copy of the "Workbook for Lectors and Gospel Readers" for Cycle C from the Sacristy and check your name off of the list as you do so. Thank you.



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.

High School Youth Ministry

Faith & Film- 12/5

Join your friends after SAS 4:00 Youth Mass for a movie night! Food & fun guaranteed! Featured film is Bella. Meet on the seminary patio at 5:00 p.m. Pick up at 8:00 p.m. RSVP to Lori by 12/1.

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 kpltcarter@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, December 4th** 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 4 – SMAC Meeting – 7:15 pm SASH
- Dec 13 – Visit Sisters & Pizza Party – 2:00 pm
Villa of St. Michael & Pizza Hut

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

Adopt-A-Family

This season is time when we are more conscious of those who are not as fortunate as we are. Seton Center has provided us with **4 families** for this year's Adopt-a-Family program. You can help us reach out to some of our needy families by taking one or more of the ornaments in the back of St. Anthony Shrine and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church and Parish Center. They have family needs listed on them as well as a family code #. Be sure to take the ornaments with you in order to avoid duplicates. Return your gifts with boxes, wrapping paper, and receipts (for returns, if necessary). Also, please return the information ornament with the package.

All gifts should be returned by

Sunday, December 6th

If you have any questions, please call (301) 271-4099.

Mark Your Calendars

- Dec 1 – Bring Your Own Craft – 1 pm SAUH
- Dec 9 – Parish Advent Retreat – 9:30 am SAUH
- 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

Parish Advent Retreat

Theme: We are an Incarnational Church
Leader: Barbara Anderson
When: Wednesday, December 9
Time: 9:30 am to 12:00 pm
Where: St. Anthony's Upper Hall
Register: Call Parish Office (301) 447-2367
Cost: Free Will Offering

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.



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 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

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High School Placement Test (HSPT)

Saint John's Catholic Prep

Saturday, December 12, 2009

8:30 am Registration / 9:00 am Testing
\$30 Testing Fee

Saint John's is a Catholic, coeducational college preparatory high school located at 889 Butterfly Lane in Frederick, MD. Students currently enrolled in an Archdiocese of Washington school take the high school placement test at their middle school; students do not need to take both tests. All other interested 8th grade students are required to take this placement test. Prospective students can also visit Saint John's Catholic Prep online at www.saintjohnsprep.org or call the school at (301) 662-4210.



Mount St. Mary's Seminary invites you to an **Open House** on Sunday, Dec. 6 from 2 to 4 pm. Tours every 20 minutes. Refreshments and holiday cheer for all ages!

Also join us for Holy Hour from 4 to 5 pm in The Chapel of the Immaculate Conception with Advent Lessons and Carols from 5 to 5:30 pm. Immediately following will be the annual University Christmas campus lighting ceremony.



We hope you can join us for this festive afternoon.

There is no cost to attend.

Please RSVP: Mary Anne Shields at
shields@msmary.edu or 301-447-5017

From Barbara . . .

Once again we have begun a new year, a new liturgical year. A new beginning gives us an opportunity to start new habits and take stock of how we want to be different in the new year. This year, Year C in the liturgical calendar, we will be focusing on the Gospel of Luke. The writer of Luke's gospel was writing primarily for a Gentile community. The gospel is dominated by the historical perspective, salvation history. God's divine plan for human salvation was accomplished during the period of Jesus. Take time this week to pay attention to your part in salvation history. How do you help the mission of Jesus and the Church?

There are two changes you will notice in our celebration of liturgy in our parishes starting in Advent. The first is that the lector will be processing in with the Book of the Gospels. The Book of the Gospels is just what it says it is, a book that contains the Gospels. We process in with it to show the special prominence that we give to the Gospels which are the story of the life and mission of Jesus. It will be placed on the altar by the lector. When it is time to read the Gospel, the priest or deacon will take the book from the altar and process with it to the ambo/pulpit. In our churches that will be a short, simple procession but in some larger churches and cathedrals it is often done with the altar servers escorting the priest/deacon with candles and incense to highlight the great importance the gospels play in our faith.

The second change will only effect the 9:30 am Mass. We will no longer be distributing communion in the back of the church. The attendance at 9:30 has decreased and it is no longer necessary to have 3 communion stations. We will however have 2 Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist take communion to the choir loft for the choir.

We are blessed to have a wonderful opportunity to go out to eat and support the parish at the same time. Tony & Tina Testa, the owners of Rocky's Pizza & Italian Restaurant, have agreed to donate 15% of sales with a coupon from the parish bulletin on the first Monday of every month to the parishes. Look for the coupon in the bulletin and plan on eating at Rocky's on the first Monday to support the ministries of our faith communities. Thanks so much Tony & Tina.

May God continue to bless us all.

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Mother Seton School

Breakfast with Santa & Holiday Bazaar

Saturday, December 5, 8 am – 12 pm

Mother Seton School, Emmitsburg, invites you to a fun morning of breakfast with Santa and also a great 'one stop shop' for your holiday gift giving. Breakfast will consist of pancakes, bacon, scrambled eggs, sausage gravy, biscuits, and home fries. Cost of breakfast is \$6.00 ages 7 to adult, \$4.00 ages 3 to 6, and ages 2 and under are free. (\$1.00 will be added to each ticket purchased at the door.) Have your picture taken with Santa for \$5.00. Holiday gifts for purchase will be available from local crafters and home business consultants. A bake table with delicious pies, cakes, and cookies will also be available. To pre-order tickets or for more information, please contact MSS at (301) 447-3161.

St. Joseph Catholic Church

Country Christmas Craft Fare

Saturday, December 5, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

St. Joseph's Parish Hall

DePaul Street, Emmitsburg, MD

Breakfast & Lunch will be available

Sponsored by St. Joseph's Sodality

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or have it delivered.
Have fun & support the parish!**