



# Third Sunday of Advent

December 10 & 11, 2011

## This Week in our Parishes

### Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>

4:00 pm, Mass - SAS (L&D Parishioners)

### Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> **Advent 3**

Second Collection – Retired Religious

7:00 am, Mass – SAS (+Annie Shields, Tony Kelly, Sr. & Pat Kolb, Jr.)

8:00 am, Mass – OLMC (+Charles Putman)

9:00 am, Religious Education Classes – TMS

9:00 am, Confirmation Class - TMS

9:30 am, Mass – SAS (+Henry Quinn)

11:00 am, Mass – OLMC (+Carroll Little)

7:00 pm, iT Meeting – SAS Upper Hall

### Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>

8:00 am, Mass – OLMC (Int. James Wolford)

9:30 am, Mom's Group Meeting – SASH

2:00 pm, Eucharistic Adoration – OLMC

6:30 pm, Choir Practice - SAS

7:00 pm, AA Meeting – SAS Upper Hall

### Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>

8:00 am, Mass – OLMC (+William Ruth)

1:30 pm, Staff Meeting - SAS

### Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>

No Morning Mass

6:30 pm, Handbell Practice – OLMC

7:00 pm, RCIA – SAS Upper Hall

### Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>

8:00 am, Mass – OLMC (+Allen & Florence Knott)

8:00 am, Parish Advent Retreat – OLMC

6:30 pm, Yoga – SAS Upper Hall

8:00 pm, Choir Practice – SAS

### Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>

7:30 am, Morning Prayer - OLMC

8:00 am, Mass – OLMC (+Allen & Florence Knott)

### Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>

2:15 pm, Parish Penance Service and  
First Reconciliation - OLMC

4:00 pm, Mass - SAS (L&D Parishioners)

### Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> **Advent 4**

7:00 am, Mass – SAS (+Thelma Michael)

8:00 am, Mass – OLMC (+Felixia Zienda)

9:00 am, Religious Education Classes – TMS

9:00 am, Confirmation Class - TMS

9:30 am, Mass – SAS (+Willis Douglas Samples)

11:00 am, Mass – OLMC (+Mabel & Elmer Durbin)

4:00 pm, Christmas Pot Luck Supper – OLMC

5:00 pm, Live Nativity – OLMC front lawn

5:30 pm, Music Program/Refreshments - OLMC

7:00 pm, Y.M. Music Practice - OLMC

### Fourth Sunday of Advent

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### Scripture Readings for Mass

**First Reading** ~ 2 Samuel 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16/11

**Responsorial** ~ Ps. 89:2-3,4-5,27,29

**Second Reading** ~ Romans 16:25-27

**Gospel** ~ Luke 1:26-38

## 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:

*Francis Bittle*

*JoAnn Cannada*

*Dick Cool*

*Denise Ferguson*

*Jimmy & Doris Glass*

*Mary Jack*

*Cate Krietz*

*Dolores Munafa*

*Luke Joseph Portier*

*Mary Reckley*

*Jennifer Ruttinger*

*Diane Shockey*

*Margaret Smith*

*Alice Springer*

*Carroll Wivell*

*Al Zienda*

*Scott Bush*

*Kathleen Cekic*

*Dan Durski*

*John Fink*

*Diane Hawkins*

*Lloydann Kauffman*

*Jeanette Massena*

*Tony Newman*

*Ed & Helen Reaver*

*Rev. Paul Redmond*

*Harley Ruttinger*

*Francis Smith*

*Robert Smith*

*Maddie Toth*

*Lorraine Wivell*



## 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 8, 1:00 pm** at **St. Anthony Shrine** in the **church**.

## S M A C! Youth Ministry News

All 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade parishioners are invited to the **SMAC! Meeting** on **Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup>** from 7:15 to 8:45 pm at the St. Anthony's Schoolhouse. Don't miss the fun, food and friends! *For information call Dale Phillips at (301) 712-7082 or email [dalerader@gmail.com](mailto:dalerader@gmail.com).*

## S M A C! Upcoming Events

**Fri, Jan 20 SMAC! Mtg.** 7:15-8:45 pm SASH

### 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 are scheduled for:**

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*A Pizza social will follow the practice.*

### iT Sr. High Youth Ministry Calendar

**Sun, December 11 iT Meeting** 7:00 pm SAUH  
*For information call Mike Miller at (301) 271-9871.*

### Help Support WorkCamp Teens

*Are you looking for a great gift and want to support our parish teens' summer service trip at the same time?* If so, please consider purchasing a **wreath**, **centerpiece** or **garland** on their behalf through [www.lynchcreekwreaths.com](http://www.lynchcreekwreaths.com) (or call 1-888-426-0781). Our teens will get **25%** of your purchase, and you get a beautiful wreath delivered anywhere in the country (with free shipping) on the day you select. Products start at \$20. Please mention our group ID (43224) when you make a purchase. Thank you!

### Eucharistic Adoration

**Every Monday at OLMC** from **2 - 6 pm**.

*Holy Hour with Benediction 7:00 pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at 7 pm.* The **intention** for **December 19** is **vocations** to service in the church (priesthood, religious life, lay ministers)

## Peace & Social Justice Committee

*an education and action ministry*

**December**

**21<sup>st</sup> Casseroles** for **FRM** due date

### Frederick Rescue Mission

**Bread of Life Community Kitchen**

**Lunch served on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month.**

Volunteers must be at least 12 years old. If interested in volunteering, please call Pat and Ed Superczynski at (301) 271-2217.

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

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

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### St. Vincent de Paul

**This weekend** the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be **distributing a form** to all parishioners. We will be asking if you would consider *assisting fellow parishioners/"neighbors"* in any capacity you are able. We are also requesting you let us know if you know anyone *in need of services*. The cards may be returned during Mass or over the next couple weekends. Please contact Sr. Salvatrice Murphy at the Seton Center Outreach at (301) 447-6102 for further information.

### Villa Maria of Frederick County

Please consider designating **Villa Maria of Frederick County**, our local **Catholic Charities** program, if you contribute to the **United Way** (designate **08**), Combined Federal Campaign, or Maryland Charity Campaign. With declining revenues and a new funding system, it is especially important this year to designate your contribution. Your generosity provides counseling and psychiatric services for low income families without insurance. For questions, please phone Ray Rather, Ph.D., LCSW-C, Program Supervisor (301) 694-6654 x101.

### Mark Your Calendars

- Dec 15 – Advent Retreat – 8:00 am OLMC
- Dec 18 – Christmas Potluck – 4:00 pm OLMC
- Dec 18 – Live Nativity – 5:00 pm OLMC
- Dec 20 – KofC Social Night – 6:30 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

## 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 11<sup>th</sup>**

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

## Parish Advent Retreat

**Theme:** Waiting in Silence  
**Leader:** Fr. Larry Donohoo  
**When:** Thursday, December 15  
**Time:** 8:00 am Mass to 2:00 pm  
**Where:** OLMC Parish Ctr/Church  
**Invitees:** You and Your Bible  
**Lunch:** Bring your own or order in for \$5.00  
**Register:** Call Parish Office (301) 447-2367  
**Cost:** Free Will Offering



## Parish Advent Penance Service and First Reconciliation Saturday, December 17, 2:15 pm OLMC Parish Center



## 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 18<sup>th</sup>**. A listing of those remembered will be published in our bulletin for December 24 & 25. Thank you.

## Decorating for Christmas

Many are needed and invited to help decorate our churches for Christmas. Watch for dates and times in upcoming bulletins and plan to join with fellow parishioners in preparing our worship spaces for this holy season.



## Christmas Pot Luck, Live Nativity and Carols

All are invited to our  
**Christmas Pot Luck, Live Nativity, and  
 Concert/Sing-a-long  
 Sunday, December 18,  
 at OLMC Parish Center**

- 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
- 5:00 pm** **Live Nativity**
- 5:30 pm** Our **Bell Choir** will present several selections and **Albie Little** will play **Christmas Carols for all of us to sing-a-long**. Hot chocolate and cookies will also be served.

This will be a great time for children of all ages (even those of us over 30!)  
*(Help will be needed in the kitchen and to set up tables and chairs before the program.)*

## Mother Seton School

100 Creamery Road, Emmitsburg, MD  
 (301) 447-3161

[www.mothersetonschool.org](http://www.mothersetonschool.org)

## MSS Annual Christmas Program

**Monday, December 12, 9:30 am and 7:00 pm**

MSS invites you to join us for our annual Christmas concert and program at the school. Snow date is Monday, December 19.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

### Weekend of December 3 & 4, 2011

#### Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

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| Attendance |      | 186      |
| Envelopes  | (78) | 2,194.00 |
| Loose      |      | 333.24   |
| Total      |      | 2,527.24 |
| Poor Box   |      | 63.55    |

#### St. Anthony Shrine

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| Attendance |      | 394      |
| Envelopes  | (76) | 2,528.03 |
| Loose      |      | 615.61   |
| Total      |      | 3,143.64 |
| Poor Box   |      | 269.59   |

## From Barbara . . .

Rejoice always! Today we celebrate Gaudete Sunday, the Third Sunday of Advent. It is a time for rejoicing. St. Paul in his letter to the community in Thessalonika tells them to rejoice always. And so should we. Not that we should always be happy. There is always a place and time for sadness but God's love is a reason for rejoicing and nothing can separate us from his love. Take time this week to rejoice!

A reminder that our parish Advent Reconciliation Service will be Saturday, Dec. 17 at 2:15 pm at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Center. It will also be the celebration of the sacrament for the first time for many of our young parishioners. We will have 3 priests hearing confessions following a brief Liturgy of the Word. Please take advantage of the opportunity to receive this wonderful sacrament of God's love and compassion.

The implementation of the new Roman Missal has gone pretty well. I know some of us are still responding "And also with you." out of habit but the new Eucharistic prayers and Collects are very inspiring. Remember to use the pew cards or Sunday's Word books. Pretty soon we'll all be used to the new prayers and responses.

May God continue to bless us all.

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### Thanks from the Knight of Columbus

The Membership Drive that we conducted this past weekend was very successful. I enjoyed talking to each and everyone of you. The interest in looking into our organization was very overwhelming. For any of you that missed the opportunity, and would still like some information on The Knights, we are having a special presentation on December 20th at OLMC Parish Center starting at 6:00 pm. If you would like us to reserve you a couple of seats, please feel free to contact me at (301) 524-9666. We will be serving a spaghetti dinner with salads, garlic bread and deserts. I would love to meet with any one interested. Knowledge is power, and you just may like what you learn about what we do on a national level as well as right here in Thurmont and Emmitsburg. Thanks again, Jesse Stansbury, Grand Knight, [gk@kofc-11975.org](mailto:gk@kofc-11975.org).

## Cash Bash

Saturday, February 18, 3 – 8 pm

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish Center

### 4 Drawing per Hour

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> drawing | \$400 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> drawing | \$300 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> drawing | \$200 |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> drawing | \$100 |

8:00 pm Grand Prize \$3,000

(based on the 3-Digit MD Lottery)

You need not be present to win



Also available:

Games of chance & Tip jars

(No one under 18 can play the games)

Music by the Backroads

Tickets: \$25 per person

(includes food & refreshments)

Only one person admitted per ticket.

No tickets will be sold at the door.

**CASH BASH TICKETS** make  
wonderful **Christmas Gifts**

Tickets are on sale at the parishes' office (located at St. Anthony's) for \$25. Either stop in the office or give us a call at (301) 447-2367. Tickets are also available before and after the weekend Masses.

**All tickets sold and returned by 3:30 pm, January 18<sup>th</sup>, will be eligible for the \$100.00 Early Bird Drawing – to be held that day!**

We need people to help sell tickets. Please call the office (301) 447-2367 if you are able to take a packet of 5 to sell or if you would be willing to sell tickets after the weekend Masses. Thanks we need your help to make this benefit a success for our parishes.

### Saint Timothy Catholic Church

St. Timothy Catholic Church Organist, Bill Powell, along with Alex Mitchell, Tim Kueberth and the Glade Tower Handbell Choir will be presenting "O Holy Night" for a festive evening of holiday music at St. Timothy Catholic Church, 8651 Biggs Ford Road, Walkersville, MD on **Tuesday, December 20, at 7:00 pm**. Fellowship and refreshments to follow. Please join us for an enjoyable holiday presentation! A donation for the Walkersville Food Bank would be greatly appreciated.