

ST. PETER'S PARISH

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 19, 2010

			<u>MASSES</u>			
MON	DEC 20	7:00pm	INT OF DOROTHY POLLACK			
TUE	DEC 21	8:00am	CHARLES REEDY JR			
WED	DEC 22	8:00am	COMMUNION SERVICE			
THU	DEC 23	8:00am	COMMUNION SERVICE			
FRI	DEC 24	9:00am	NO MASS			
		4:00pm	FRANCIS & EILEEN BURNS			
		6:00pm	SANDY & JOEY PARISE			
		8:00pm	JOHN & CECELIA ROCHE			
		12 MIDNIGHT	PARISHIONERS			
SAT	DEC 25	9:00am	KEN SPIELMAN FAMILY LIVING & DECEASED			
		5:30pm	INT OF MARIA ROSKOWINSKI			
SUN	DEC 26	7:15am	COLLEEN DEAN			
		9:00am	FLOWER MEMORIAL			
		11:00am	PARISHIONERS			
		5:45pm	NO MASS			
				<u>GOAL</u>	<u>COLLECTION</u>	<u>& EFT FIG</u>
				*COLLECTION	\$18,314.00	\$11,550.95 \$2,493.00
				*POOR BOX	\$ 721.00	\$ 498.00
				*CHURCH MORTGAGE MO.	\$ 7,372.00	\$1,687.00
				*RETIRED RELIGIOUS FUND	\$3,380.00	

DECEMBER 24, 25 & 26

		<u>MASS</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVER</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>
DEC 24	4:00pm		J & M & P DuBOYCE	DeNARDIS & OLIVER
	6:00pm		BUCHHEIT & ROSENBERG & SLATTERY	SCHIEBER & THOMPSON
	8:00pm		GAUDIP & E & P GILL	GETSINGER & GILL
	12 MIDNIGHT		EADE & A & S SUPROCK	NAU & PUGH
DEC 25	9:00am		HEILAND & WROTEN	JACKSON
	5:30pm		NO MASS	
DEC 26	7:15am		P & T RUBELING & SMELLER	BOLGER & POSKA
	9:00am		RICE & A & K RILEY	KLINE & NAU
	11:00am		J & S & T MOXLEY	BALLANTINE & LILLY
	5:45pm		NO MASS	

WE WISH YOU A VERY HOLY AND BLESSED CHRISTMAS

NO MASS on Friday morning December 24th, 9:00am; NO Mass Saturday evening, December 25th 5:30pm & NO Mass Sunday evening, December 26th at 5:45pm.

MASS - THE FEAST OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD January 1st will be at 10:00am on Saturday.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

December 24th – 4:00pm, 6:00pm, 8:00pm, and 12 Midnight
December 25th – 9:00am

THE 4:00PM MASS ON CHRISTMAS EVE is always the most crowded Mass. If your schedule allows you to attend another mass, I would recommend it. If you attend 4:00pm, please be patient.

PARISH OFFICES will be closed Friday, December 24th through the 27th.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

IS 7: 10-14; ROM 1: 1-7; MT 1: 18-24

NEXT WEEKS'S READINGS

SIR 3: 2-14; COL 3: 12-17; MT 2: 13-23

CALLING ALL SCOUTS: We would like to have Boy Scouts, Cub scouts, Girl Scouts and Brownies, and their Adult Leaders participate as Altar Servers, Ushers, etc. at this years Scout Sunday Mass being held at the 9:00am Service, February 6th.

Fr. Jason will be presenting the Religious Emblems at the Scout Sunday Mass. Please contact John Dirndorfer at 410-868-6336 or jdirndorfer@trafficgroup.com.

FRONT OFFICE VOLUNTEER SUBSTITUTES NEEDED for any day of the week, morning 9am-1pm or afternoon 1-5pm. (make your own schedule, when you are available for what day or days, morning or afternoon). You could be called on only when our regular Receptionist is unable to come in. If interested call the Parish Office 301-898-5111.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIAL: Remember your loved ones and help us decorate our Church for Christmas. Flower Memorial envelopes are in the Narthex of the Church for your convenience. Please return them today, December 19st in the collection basket or mail to the church. Thank You!

NO GIFT CARD SALES the weekend of December 25 & 26, 2010.

LOTTO TICKET HOLDERS.....Thank you to all ticket holders. Just a reminder your **Chances for winning start on Saturday, 1/1/11** (who has number 111). Winners will be notified by phone and your check will go out the next day. Good Luck! Again, the Ladies Club thanks you for your commitment to our parish community. Merry Christmas and may the Lord be with you.

THE KNIGHTS - "KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS" POSTER CONTEST has been continued through the first three weeks of December. All grades can submit posters to their Religious Ed

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS DECEMBER 19, 2010

ADULT MINISTRY

Carolyn Nolan: cnolan@archbalt.org

THIS WEEK'S MARRIAGE TIP: Weekly Date Idea:

Take an hour or two just to enjoy the sights and sounds of Christmas in your town. Admire the lights and decorations, watch the children as they climb on Santa's knee, or catch a holiday concert at the local school.

For more marriage ideas: www.foryourmarriage.org

- **Baptism Prep Classes** - meets on Tuesday, Jan 18 or February 15 from 7 – 9 pm in the lower level of the Parish Office Bldg. You need only one godparent and this person must be Catholic; to have celebrated Confirmation; is at least 16 years of age, and is practicing the faith (attending mass each week and celebrating the sacraments.)
- **Matthew Bible Study is on break for the holidays.** Classes resume on Jan. 4 & 5, 2011.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Anne Mason: amason@archbalt.org

- **Nana Anne's Little Lambs:** New program for Pre-K ages 2-4. **Winter** is January 25th @ 10AM – RSVP to sjohnston@archbalt.org
- **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** Classes resume January 3 & 4, 2011.
- **KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST:** Deadline extended to December 21st – turn completed poster in to collection box in Narthex of church.
- **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION:**
Parent/Child are required to attend the following:
 - ▷ **Parent/Child Session:** March 3rd from 7-8:15PM in PC or **Parent/Child Make Up Session:** March 10th from 7-8:15PM in PC.
 - ▷ **"Getting Ready for My First Communion:** March 5th from 10AM – 12Noon in the Church
 - ▷ **Enrollment Mass:** March 6th @ 9AM Mass



Sailing through the Scripture

This week's Gospel Reflection: **Matthew 1:18-24**

Children: Why is the birth of Jesus a sign of God's love?
Teens: We all feel fear in our lives and sometimes, what we are afraid about separates us from God. Did you know that "Do not be afraid" is a command heard over 200 times in Sacred Scripture? Where in your life do you need God to tell you to not be afraid?
Adults: We admire Joseph's obedience to God's Will. What is God asking of you and what is your response?

YOUTH MINISTRY

(Kenn deMoll kdemoll@archbalt.org)

There will be NO Youth Ministry or 5:45pm Mass on Sunday, December 26th! Merry Christmas!

The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn

Trader: This Christmas season, don't miss out on seeing this awesome movie! We are renting out an ENTIRE theater for just our youth group! How cool is that? We will be seeing the movie on Wednesday, December 29th at 2:00pm. The cost is \$8.50 a person and is open to all friends and family of youth ministry! Tickets are sold on a first come, first serve basis! High Schoolers and Middle Schoolers welcome!

LIFE TEEN (9th – 12th Grade)

I TOLD YOU SO! A lot of people get lost reading the Old Testament because it's hard to understand. But, did you know that at it's core, the Old Testament is really about Jesus? Join us for this night as we have some "special guests" from "out of town" to set us straight. And, we're going to have a Christmas Carol trivia contest!

March for Life Trip: This year SPY is going to the March for Life! We will be staying the night @ St. Peter's after youth ministry. We will board a bus for the Youth Rally at the Verizon Center and then join the March to the Capital! The date of the trip is January 24th. The cost is \$5. The cut off to register is December 30th!

Mount 2000: Are you ready for an "epic" retreat? Then you should go to Mount 2000! Hosted at Mt. Saint Mary's University, this retreat features dynamic speakers, live music, Eucharistic Adoration, Mass and Confession! You don't want to miss it! The cost is only \$65 a person and is due to Kenn no later than December 30th! All forms can be downloaded off our website.

EDGE (6th – 8th Grade)

READY OR NOT, HERE HE COMES! Wait a second! Who's coming?! And what does this have to do with the 1st ever EDGE gingerbread house building competition? And, can this night really get your heart ready to celebrate Christmas? Don't Miss it!

January 7th – 8th: EDGE WINTER RETREAT "On Location!" Have you ever been to see the Leaning Tower of Pisa? What about the Great Pyramids? Now's your chance as the EDGE travels around the world for our Winter Retreat! Plus, there will be great keynote talks, small groups, live music by the band "Once Jacob". Oh yeah, and did we mention we are going snow tubing at St. Liberty which is included in your retreat cost? We only have 10 spots left before we're completely filled for this retreat! Don't miss out!



The New Missal Series, Part Three: Liturgy reveals God

By Monsignor Robert J. Jaskot

The Liturgy of the Word is composed of readings from sacred Scripture, the Homily, the Creed and the Prayer of the Faithful. The readings are not merely stories of long-ago events. In the readings, God speaks. God's speech is not like ours; for God to speak is to reveal who God is. God speaks the Word, his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Each of the readings provides some insight into the way that God speaks to us in Jesus Christ.

The First Reading is usually taken from the Old Testament and relates how God created the world, called Israel as His people, and supported them even when they were unfaithful. The second reading is taken from the New Testament and relates the history of the early Church, in the form of letters to early communities and in other forms such as the historical (Acts of the Apostles) or apocalyptic (Book of Revelation). After each, the people respond, recognizing God's word with gratitude: Thanks be to God. In between the readings, the people reflect and respond with the responsorial psalm. The Gospel reading, taken from one of the four Evangelists, focuses on the life of Jesus. Beyond thanking God as we do for the other readings, we cry out: "Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ" who has come among us now through this proclamation of the Gospel.

In each of these readings, God speaks to the people gathered and reminds us that God who acted in the past is present now and will act on our behalf, as for Abraham or Peter or Mary Magdalene. This "reminder" is not merely the passive sense of remembering. Rather it speaks of God active and present in the midst of this community gathered at this time. The readings serve as a foundation for us to remember God in our midst and to ensure that we respond.

The homily follows the Gospel and in it the priest or deacon speaks in the name of the Church and seeks to make this immediate connection more prominent and more focused. The Creed, or Profession of Faith, follows the homily. It is not something outside of Scripture but a summary of it, the basic statements of who God is and how God works. With the new translation we will pray "I believe." I can speak only for myself. But all the individual voices come together to present a single voice, that of the Body of Christ.

Some other words and phrases in the Creed will change. We will now pray that the Son of God is "consubstantial to the Father." The word "consubstantial" comes from the Latin: "con" (with) and "substantia" (substance). It emphasizes that the Father and the Son are both equally God even though they are different Persons of the Trinity. Also, we will now pray "and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man." The root word of "incarnate" comes from the Latin "carne" (flesh). The change in translation helps to stress that Jesus became man not when he was born but when he was conceived in the womb of Mary.

The Liturgy of the Word closes with the Prayer of the Faithful to draw the gathered community beyond themselves and recognize the needs of the Church universal and indeed the whole world. We pray these prayers not to remind God of what we need but to remind us of our obligation, to help God make these prayers.

See the General instruction of the Roman Missal (##55-71) and Chapter 3 in Father Jeremy Driscoll's book,

teachers or to a Poster Return Box in the Narthex of the church by Tuesday, December 21st. Winners will be announced after the New Year and all posters will be on display on a weekend in January.

CHRISTMAS DINNERS – Our Food Pantry is asking for your donation of \$25 that will provide a Christmas Dinner for a needy family. Your donation can be placed in the Poor Box. Indicate on your check or an envelope with cash that it's for %Christmas Dinner+. Thanks for your donation!

THE BIRTHRIGHT GIVING TREE is in the Narthex this weekend. Frederick mothers in crisis pregnancies receive help for their newborns. Preemies and newborn sizes to 3 months will fill our Giving Tree along with various baby items. We ask that they be returned **UNWRAPPED** Jan. 1st / Jan. 2nd weekend. Your gifts will help Birthright throughout the year. Thanks so much for your generosity!

THE THRIFT SHOP is not accepting donations except for winter clothing until after Christmas and NO household items. (ONLY WINTER CLOTHING ACCEPTED) Please do not leave items outside building if shed is full. Thank you!

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR - We will be needing flowers on a regular basis to beautify our church. To enable us to do this we are offering opportunities to honor special occasions for the living and deceased for \$80. Please call Lucia Kline 301-865-5243 or Mary Burr 410-861-6206 if you have questions or want to schedule a weekend. **Also**, any donations that one would like to contribute to the Flower Fund will go to the weekly beautification of our Church. All donations are appreciated.

PRAY WITH THE HEART PRAYER GROUP will NOT meet till after the holidays. Our next meeting will be January 5th, 2011.

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION - Everyday the Lord blesses us with His presence in this Sacrament. Our visiting hours are daily, 9am-7pm. With the ever-present need for prayer in our lives and our world, Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration offers special real time with Jesus. **We need people to fill an hour: alternate midnight Sunday into Monday.** Advent affords a great opportunity to prepare for Christ's coming at Christmas by coming before Him in the Blessed Sacrament.. Please call Linda 301-829-2888 or Diane 301-898-0833 to either take an hour or to put your name on the sub-list or for more information. We especially can use more late night subs.

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEARS are on Saturday this year. We will close the Chapel at 3:30pm Friday, December 24th Christmas Eve until after Midnight Mass on Christmas. We will have a volunteer sign-up at the Chapel for Christmas/New Years for those who need subs.

CHRISTMAS DAY – Come let us Adore Him! All are invited to make a short visit to our Eucharistic Chapel through the afternoon with your families for Jesus is truly with us!

BUS FOR THE D.C. MARCH FOR LIFE is Monday, January 24th, 2011. We will be taking sign-ups immediately after the holidays, starting January 8/9.

MEALS FOR FAMILIES IN CRISIS: If you are in need or if you know of anyone in need of temporary help with meals because of childbirth, illness, accident, surgery or an unexpected tragedy please call Rose Grimes 301-829-0901. Also, please call if you'd like your name added to our list of volunteers who prepare the meals.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 13290: Membership – 2011 dues notices are on their way! Please remit your payment promptly. **Council Audit** . The council will be conducting its semi-annual audit in the following weeks which will include the annual fraternal Survey of Volunteer Hours. Please review the time you spent volunteering to our Church, Parish, (look to the Corporal Works of Mercy for guidance) Youth, Community, and Pro-Life. Include prayer time, visits, and activities. Remit your log to Grand Knight Mike Bir or to Membership Coordinator, Bob Droter. **Programs** – Thanks again to the men and Auxiliary members that made our participation in the %Breakfast with Santa+ event a huge success. **In the following weeks**, the council will be looking forward to our third quarter activities with our next big kitchen event being Shrove Tuesday. **Meetings** – Council Business Meeting on the 21st at 7:30pm. **There is not a Chapter Meeting this Month!** **Our first meeting of the new year** will be on Tuesday, January 4th, 7:30pm, 2011. **Reflections** – From the Officers and Members of the Council, we wish all a very Blessed Christmas.

PARISH NURSE NOTES: Advent is a time for hope, peace, joy, and love, not mounds of gifts, chaotic rounds of parties, or copious amounts of food. Consider what has real meaning for you. Is it the Christmas story you heard as a child or its impact on you as an adult? Think about the music of the holiday and how a stirring rendition of %Joy to the World+ or a quiet performance of %Silent Night+ displays love and peace in a harried world. Don't let commercialism or stress overshadow the gifts of love and sharing that you offer your loved ones. Remember the spirit of Christmas, share your presence with others, reduce your stress, and create meaningful traditions that demonstrate God's love. (Source: www.webMD.com)

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK - Mary Unglesbee, Tom and Mary Ellen McKoy, Myrtle Carlin, Sandy McDermott, Judy & Beth Churco, Ann Fowler, Baby Hope, Joshua Wade, Marilyn Hall, Carmela Kaspersky, Marsha Lawn, Lydia Cook, Angie Moriarty, Michael Marley, Cheryl & Helen Pohlit, Fred Moxley, Preston Scieek, Cheryl & Helen Pohlit, Len Bainbridge, Francis Henderson, Stephen Horn, George Kirk, Regina Moran, Marie & Declan Stone, Denis & Richard Ellis, Marta Locklear, Max Orbin, Diane Leonard, Anna Dorsey, John Feuz, Joe Roskowski, Lula Converse, Rob Player, Bea LaNeve Sharon Baker, Will Orbin, Ken Van Horn

Names will be kept on the prayer list for 1 month from the time they are requested. At the end of that time, you may renew your prayer request by calling the Parish Office. Anyone wishing to receive Communion and/or the Sacrament of the Sick, please call the Parish Office.

ST. JOHN REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL - Applications for Pre-K-8th grade for the 2011-12 school year are currently being accepted. New students registration forms may be downloaded from the St. John's website www.sjrccs.org.

GROTTO OF LOURDES – Join us on December 19th at 3:30pm for Advent/Christmas music and sing-along, the recitation of the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary and Blessing of the Nativity Scene.

FEAST OF ST. JOHN NEUMANN will be celebrated at Shrine of St. Alphonsus Church, 114 W. Saratoga St., Baltimore, MD 21201 on January, 2011 at 12:10pm Mass with Veneration of Relic. On January 8th, 2011 . lecture at 3:00pm, %Missionary Spirit of St. John Neumann+will be presented by Msgr. Arthur Bastress, followed by Mass in the Tridentine Rite as celebrated by St. John Neumann in 1852.

RETREATS FOR COUPLES at Priestfield, WV Spiritual Center. Dates to choose from in 2011: February 25-27; March 4-6; March 11-13; March 18-20; March 25-26; April 29-May 1. All begin at 6pm Fridays and end after lunch on Sundays. Donation \$165/person, but give what you can. Each weekend is led by a priest skilled in married couples' retreats. Call Frank Galleone, 410-252-5355 for more info or to register.