

ST. PETER'S PARISH THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 12, 2010

		<u>MASSES</u>			
MON	DEC 13	9:00am	AGNES TROPEA		
TUE	DEC 14	8:00am	JULIUS, JENNIE & JOHN RUBIS		
WED	DEC 15	8:00am	COMMUNION SERVICE		
THU	DEC 16	8:00am	COMMUNION SERVICE		
FRI	DEC 17	9:00am	CAROL BRINK		
SAT	DEC 18	8:00am	JOHN KOCHES		
		5:30pm	CINDY GETSINGER		
SUN	DEC 19	7:15am	PENELOPE "PENNY" BEST		
		9:00am	PARISHIONERS		
		11:00am	BETH SZCZBOR		
		5:45pm	MICHAEL DALE		
				<u>GOAL COLLECTION & EFT FIG</u>	
			*COLLECTION	\$18,314.00	\$12,853.95 \$2,493.00
			*POOR BOX	\$ 721.00	\$ 608.20
			*CHURCH MORTGAGE MO.	\$ 6,356.00	\$1,687.00

DECEMBER 18 & 19

<u>MASS</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVER</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>
DEC 18 5:30pm	A & J & M DUBOYCE	LAWRENCE & GREGORY
DEC 19 7:15am	BUCHHEIT & A & K RILEY	GRIBEN & HAYES
9:00am	C & E GAUDLIP & N MOXLEY	KLINE & NAU
11:00am	GORDON & DIGREGORY & WROTEN	GILL & GETSINGER
5:45pm	M SLATTERY & STARVAGGI	YOUTH

AN ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS PROGRAM is being held this Sunday evening, 12/12 at 7:00pm (directly after the 5:45pm mass) in the Church. Most of our musicians and groups are participating in this fun and exciting event, which features readings & Advent hymns of praise & glory. It promises to get you into the spirit as we await the birth of our Savior. Refreshments will be served immediately following the program in the Parish Center. If you are able, you are asked to please bring a plate of cookies to share.

IMPORTANT MASS TIME CHANGE: Due to the Area Penance Service being held at St. Peter's on Monday, 12/13, daily Mass has been moved to 9:00am that day. Please adjust your schedules accordingly.

AREA PENANCE SERVICES for the season of Advent.
Monday, December 13th - 7:30pm at St. Peter, Libertytown
 Tuesday, December 14th - 7:30pm at St. John, Frederick
 Wednesday, December 15th - 7:30pm Holy Family, Middletown

NEXT WEEKEND our second collection will be for Catholic School Education.

THIS WEEKS'S READINGS
 IS 35: 1-10; JAS 5: 7-10; MT 11: 2-11
NEXT WEEK'S READINGS
 IS 7: 10-14; ROM 1: 1-7; MT 1: 18-24

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED Gloria Boyle, mother of Kay Palkovic

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 by December 19st in the collection basket or mail to the church. Thank You!

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 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!

PRO-LIFE PRAYER VIGIL: We will be praying at the abortion clinic on Toll House Ave. in Frederick until it closes permanently. Our vigil for this month is Sat., December 18th from 11am-4pm. Any questions call Kathy Baer 301-845-0243.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS DECEMBER 12, 2010

ADULT MINISTRY

Carolyn Nolan: cnolan@archbalt.org

THIS WEEK'S MARRIAGE TIP: Most things couples argue about are not worth it. Many of our opinions about the right way to hang Christmas ornaments, cook a turkey, or plan a vacation come from our families of origin. Let go of the past. Create a new future.

For more marriage ideas: www.foryourmarriage.org

- **Baptism Prep Classes** - meets on Tuesday, Dec 14 or Jan 18 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.)

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Anne Mason: amason@archbalt.org

- **Nana Anne's Little Lambs:** New program for Pre-K ages 2-4. **Happy Birthday, Baby Jesus** is December 14th @ 10AM – RSVP to sjohnston@archbalt.org
- **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:**
Last sessions for 2010 are this week. 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



YOUTH MINISTRY

(Kenn deMoll kdemoll@archbalt.org)

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

LIFE TEEN (9th – 12th Grade)

December 12th: Lessons & Carols: Did you know the Old Testament foreshadows Christ's coming? Hear about it through Scripture Readings and songs as we join the parish's celebration, "Lessons and Carols." Stay in the Church after Mass!

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 18th!

The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Trader: This Christmas season, don't miss out on seeing this awesome movie with SPY! 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!

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)

December 12th: Lessons & Carols: We will be meeting directly in the church after 5:45PM Mass.

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? Cost is only \$60! Check out our website to sign up!



ON LOCATION!

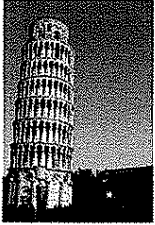


SPY EDGE WINTER RETREAT

January 7th—8th

Cost: \$60 if you register by December 12th

After that, the cost jumps to \$85!



Have you ever wanted to travel the world and see the amazing leaning tower of Pisa? Or the majestic Great Pyramids? What about hang out with some awesome penguins in Antarctica? Well, pack your bags and grab your passport because we're going "On Location!" to these amazing places and more for the EDGE retreat! Plus, you'll learn about how much God loves you! You'll also get the chance to:



- **Eucharistic Adoration and Confession:** Powerful prayer time with the Lord.
- **Snow Tubing at Ski-Liberty!:** On this retreat, you will get the chance to go to "Antartica" and snow tube for 2 hours!
- **Relevant Keynote Talks and Breakout sessions:** Talks that speak right where you are in your walk of faith and help you to grow spiritually!
- **Live Music:** Once Jacob, an alternative Christian rock band will be with us all weekend! Checkout their music at: www.myspace.com/oncejacob
- **Wild and Amazing Games:** Ever play "What's that in my sause?" How about "Statue of Liberty Ring Toss"? Or what about a global scavenger hunt? Don't miss it!
- **Small Group Time:** Deep small group questions to help you grow in your faith.
- **A Gift for coming!:** Everyone attending will receive a gift!



ON LOCATION!

NAME: _____

ALLERGIES/DIETERY NEEDS: _____

ADDRESS: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

TEE-SHIRT SIZE: _____

Setting tone for celebration of Mass

By Monsignor Robert J. Jaskot

Second in a seven-part series

The celebration of the Lord's great love for us in the Eucharist begins with the Introductory Rites. As the name implies, these rites help to introduce the Mass and set a tone for the celebration. The Opening Song provides a strong and beautiful reminder that we are not merely a group of individuals in the same place doing the same thing at the same time. Indeed, gathered together by the Lord, we are the Church, the Body of Christ, disparate voices joined into the one voice of the Body of Christ.

The first spoken words of the Mass are the Sign of the Cross. These words recall that we were baptized "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." In Baptism, we died with Christ and rose with Him. The Mass represents the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus. In the Mass, here and now, we participate in this timeless act of God's love.

The Sign of the Cross also recalls the promise of Jesus to his disciples. As he ascended, Jesus gave the commission to teach and baptize all nations. He added "I am with you always until the end of the age" (Mt. 28:19-20). There is no more profound way than the Eucharist that Jesus is with us. The sign of the cross also reminds us from the very beginning of the Trinitarian nature of the Mass. We offer our thanksgiving in the Spirit through the Son to the Father.

The Sign of the Cross is followed by the Apostolic Greeting. Here the priest, who represents Christ the great high priest as head of the body gathered for this celebration, uses words of the great apostle, Paul – such as "The Lord be with you." This is more than a friendly greeting offered in passing. It is a recognition and celebration of the presence of the Lord in the people and a reminder that the Eucharist come to us from Christ through the apostles and their successors, the bishops.

In the new translation of the Roman Missal the people will return the greeting: "And with your spirit." This may seem odd to us but it recognizes that the man before the community is not a priest in his own right but only shares in the one priesthood of Jesus Christ. Returning the greeting "to his spirit" reminds all, including the priest, that he is able to celebrate Mass only because he was configured to Christ with the gift of the Holy Spirit at his ordination. This greeting asks God to strengthen this Spirit in this particular priest as he celebrates this Mass.

The Apostolic Greeting is followed by the Penitential Rite. Aware now of God's presence and his love, we should become very aware of our own sinfulness. We are not worthy of God's love in the Eucharist so we ask God's mercy and forgiveness. This does not take the place of the Sacrament of Reconciliation which is required for any serious sin before the reception of Communion but helps to prepare us to celebrate with deeper appreciation.

On most Sundays and on great feasts, the Penitential Rite is followed by the Gloria. This ancient hymn of joy begins with the words of the angels who sang out when Jesus Christ was born. We sing for the very same reason. God so loves us that he sent his Son to us as we celebrate the Mass. The words of the Gloria will change in the new translation to underline the praise and adoration we owe to God.

Following the Gloria is the Collect Prayer. The priest instructs, "Let us pray," and then offers time for silent prayer. The Collect Prayer collects the prayers, the hearts and minds of all those gathered and directs them to a particular aspect of salvation based on the feast being celebrated or the life of Christ. In the new translation, these prayers have been significantly revised to replicate the depth and rich imagery of the prayers in Latin.

See the General Instruction of the Roman Missal (Nos. 27–55) (<http://www.usccb.org/liturgy/current/revmissalisromanien.shtml>) and Chapters 1 and 2 in Father Jeremy Driscoll's book, "What Happens at Mass." Jul 7, 2010

Excerpt from Fr. Brett Brannen's Homily on Sun., 12/5:

Here are some concrete, practical suggestions for Advent:

1. **First** of all, don't let national politics take away your peace. Do not let this happen to you. The birth of Jesus is a much more significant event than American politics. Do not lose your peace.

With my nieces and nephews this year; I have 10 and I celebrate Christmas Mass in our dining room with all of them kneeling around the table. This year, I am going to invite them to pick out one gift on Christmas day that they have received...to bring it to me for the poor. To make the baby Jesus happy.

2. **Secondly**, come to daily Mass or to your Advent Lessons & Carols Program. Take some quiet time to be with Jesus or the day will come and you will be anxious about everything except what is most important. Make a decision to spend some quiet time. Especially Christmas Eve or Christmas Day, spend some time sitting before the manger scene with your heart full. To make the baby Jesus happy.
3. **Third**, go Christmas caroling at least one time with some family and friends. Go sing about Jesus for the benefit of someone else, especially those who are lonely. It is very uplifting. This news is too good to keep; we have to share it. To make the baby Jesus happy.
4. **Fourth**, spend some time with small children, especially if that is not what you do everyday! Read a picture book about the Christ child to some small children. Share the message of Christmas. Christmas is about children. It is about **an excited anticipation of something good!** And their excitement is contagious. To make the baby Jesus happy.
5. **Fifth**, be extra kind to ladies who are pregnant as a way of honoring the Blessed Mother. See Mary and Jesus in them and thank them for choosing life. Adopt a pregnant mom and tell her and her husband that you are praying for her everyday. To make the baby Jesus happy.
6. **Sixth**, do not become upset by twice a year Catholics or other visitors in our church. We all know that people will come to Mass at Christmas who usually don't. Christmas is about Jesus. We are happy that those people come to Mass and we want to welcome them and pray for them...that they will be more faithful in the future. It makes the baby Jesus happy.
7. **Seventh**, read the story of Christmas in the Bible as a family. Matthew and Luke both tell the story very beautifully in the first two chapters.
8. **Eighth**, don't lose your peace over your in-laws. Christmas is a time when we go to visit family or they come to visit us. And often enough, and sadly, there can be tension in these visits. Holidays do not make family problems go away and these problems are often exacerbated. **It's about Jesus. Don't lose your peace!**
9. **And finally, go to the sacrament of penance before Christmas Day.** Repentance is the message of John the Baptist to prepare for Jesus. Even if you have not been in a long time, even if you think you don't believe in it, go to reconciliation. You will leave this church and say, "*O.K., Jesus, now I am ready for Christmas. I have prepared the road for the King.*"

Think of it as putting up Christmas decorations in your soul. I want to put up a wreath in my soul to welcome Jesus. To make the baby Jesus happy.

LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA announces the arrival of 7-CD Advent bundles. Help yourself and your family to *Prepare the Way of the King* this Advent season by listening to these faith-enriching CDs. The bundles can be purchased for \$20 and are located at the kiosk in the Narthex of the church.

GIVING TREE gifts need to be returned along with the tag this Sunday, December 12th. Thank You and God Bless!

THE FLOWER MINISTRY will again, be making the beautiful wreaths to decorate the outside doors of the Church and rectory. We will be working on these on December 18th in Sappington Hall. If interested in learning how and helping to make these beautiful wreaths, contact Marilyn Potter at 301-829-9616.

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 gather at Barbara Bolger's home on Wednesday, December 15th at 6:30pm for prayer, pot luck, and socializing.

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 these hours: 10pm Wednesday; 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.

NOVEMBER GIFT CARD WINNER is Vince & Lisa Naples. Profit for the gift card program for November was \$715.27. The Christmas special order gift cards raised a profit of \$948.60 for the mortgage fund. Thank you to all who participated. There will be no gift card sales the weekend of December 25 & 26, 2010.

HEALING PRAYER TEAM – Whether it is spiritual, physical or emotional, we all have times we need to ask the Lord to bring us to wholeness. St. Peter's parish has a trained and dedicated prayer team available to pray with individuals seeking the Lord's healing presence. Confidentiality is strictly maintained. For more information or to schedule an appointment please contact Rose Grimes at 301-829-0901. The prayer team is accountable to Fr. Jason Worley.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 13290: Membership – A reminder that council dues notices will be going out this month for the 2011 annual dues year. **Programs** –Family dance event scheduled for Saturday the 18th; **Thanks** to all who supported and worked our Tootsie Roll Drive, it was a financial success. A very well deserved thank you to Art MacLarty, Chairman. **Thanks** to all who worked the Breakfast with Santa event. **Also**, a thank you to the men that worked our community road clean-up on Rte. 75, this past Saturday; **Our Keep Christ in Christmas+Poster contest** is under way. Winners will be announced in January. **Council Store** – To order items contact Bob Droter at 301-865-4565. We have jackets, shirts, sweat shirts (hooded and non-hooded with zip fronts), baseball caps, lapel pins, and replacement name badges. **Meetings** – Officer and Chairman meet this Tuesday at 7:30pm in the Thrift Shop Office. **Business meeting** on the 21st in Sappington Hall, 7:30pm. **Reflections** – “Keep Christ in Christmas”!

PARISH NURSE NOTES: “I rise before dawn and cry for help; I have put my hope in your word.” Psalm 119:147

Every 13 minutes someone is added to the national organ transplant waiting list. This person has reached the point where the only option is prayer and hope that someone hears his cry for another chance. For the families of potential donors, the decision comes at a time of great sorrow and vulnerability. It is difficult to lose a loved one but if the sadness of a loss can be turned into joy through donation, what better way to celebrate a life. Talk with your family today about how donating your organs could potentially help over 35 people receive a new lease on life.

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 Roskowsinski, 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. Regional parishioners receive reduced tuition rates. For a tour of the school, contact Jean Wright at 301-695-9358 for more information or jwright@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.

CATHOLIC ALUMNI CLUB Are you single? Interested in meeting people and developing new friendships? The Catholic Alumni Club, a social organization of professional single Catholics is looking for you! Our monthly activities include dinners, movies, cultural and sporting events, picnics, dances, religious, and charitable activities. For more information visit our website at cacbaltimore.org or call 410-580-1250. **Our Christmas Holiday Dinner** will be at Crab Shanty in Ellicott City on Saturday, December 18th at 7pm. To RSVP for the dinner or directions call Rick at 410-719-0593.

CHRISTMAS DINNER at Holy Family, Rt. 17, Middletown. This Sun., Dec. 12th all-you-can-eat Italian Pasta Dinner. Cost \$10, under 5 free. Santa will visit between 4:00 and 6:30pm.