



Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 19 & 20, 2009

This Week in our Parishes

Saturday, December 19th

2:30 pm, Sacrament of Reconciliation and
First Penance - OLMC
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

Monday, December 21st

8:00 am, Mass – OLMC (+Barbara Spencer)
9:00 am, Mom's Group Mtg. – SAS Schoolhouse
3:00 pm, Eucharistic Adoration – OLMC
6:30 pm, Girl Scouts Meeting – SAS Schoolhouse

Tuesday, December 22nd

8:00 am, Mass – OLMC (+Hilton Kissner)
6:15 pm, Adult Choir Practice - SAS
6:30 pm, Handbell Practice – OLMC

Wednesday, December 23rd

No Morning Mass
FRM Casseroles Due today

Thursday, December 24th Christmas Eve

No Morning Mass
4:00 pm, Mass – SAS (L&D Parishioners)
4:15 pm, Mass – OLMC (L&D Parishioners)
9:30 pm, Mass – SAS (+Leo Little)

Friday, December 25th Christmas Day

9:30 am, Mass – OLMC (+Beverly Zienda)

Saturday, December 26th

4:00 pm, Mass – SAS (+Marjorie & Joseph Little)

Sunday, December 27th Holy Family

7:00 am, Mass – SAS (L&D Parishioners)
8:00 am, Mass – OLMC (+Betty Brown)
No Religious Education Classes today
No Confirmation Class today
9:30 am, Mass – SAS (+Roy & Helen Wivell Fam.)
11:00 am, Mass – OLMC (+Florence Sorosky)

Feast of the Holy Family

December 26 & 27

Scripture Readings for Mass

First Reading ~ Sirach 3:2-6,12-14/17

Responsorial ~ Ps. 128:1-2,3,4-5

Second Reading ~ Colossians 3:12-21

Gospel ~ Luke 2:41-52

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 homebound:

<i>Francis Bittle</i>	<i>Dorothy Burkard</i>
<i>Ethel Fitzgerald</i>	<i>Ray Horst</i>
<i>Peggy Kauffman</i>	<i>Rita Priest</i>
<i>Elfrienda Ridenour</i>	<i>Agatha Sicilia</i>
<i>Alice Springer</i>	

Also, please remember the following parishioners in prayer:

<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>Jimmy Glass</i>	<i>Doris Glass</i>
<i>Jeanette Massena</i>	<i>Rosemary McDermott</i>
<i>Karen Mills</i>	<i>Dolores Munafio</i>
<i>Tony Newman</i>	<i>Mary Reckley</i>
<i>Francis Smith</i>	<i>Margaret Smith</i>
<i>Robert Smith</i>	<i>Carroll Wivell</i>
<i>Lorraine Wivell</i>	<i>Joe Wivell</i>
<i>Kathleen Wivell</i>	



For Prayer Requests

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

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.



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

High School News Ministry has a new name- ConnecTeen Catholics or CTC.

The name was chosen from several suggested names. Congratulations to Rosalyn Smaldone for submitting the winner.

CTC Meeting – Monday, January 11, 7 - 8:30 pm

Meet your friends at the Old Schoolhouse for food, faith and fun. Help plan the tubing trip. Design our logo to go with our new name. Girls bring drinks, guys bring snacks to share.

Snow Tubing – Tuesday, January 19

Snow tube at Ski Liberty's Boulder Ridge from 6:00 to 9:00 pm. Permission slip and \$16 due to Lori Carter by 1/11. Adult drivers needed.

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 lpitcarter@comcast.net.

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

- Jan 22 – SMAC Meeting – 7:15 pm SASH

Peace & Social Justice Committee

an education and action ministry

December

23rd **Casseroles** for **FRM** due date

January

27th **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

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 20, January 17 & 24

A Pizza social will follow the practices.

CLOW

Volunteers are needed to lead **Children's Liturgy of the Word** at 9:30am Mass at St. Anthony Shrine. If anyone is interested, please call (301) 271-4099 or email to Valentafssj@aol.com.

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



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 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.

*** MAKE-UP ***

High School Placement Test (HSPT)

Saint John's Catholic Prep

Saturday, January 9, 2010

8:30 am Registration / 9:00 am Testing

\$30 Testing Fee / Space is limited

Pre-Register by calling the Admissions Office at (301) 662-4210. Saint John's Catholic Prep is a Catholic, coeducational college preparatory high school located at 89 Butterfly Lane in Frederick, MD. Students currently enrolled in an Archdiocese of Arlington or 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. Visit Saint John's online at www.saintjohnsprep.org or call the school at (301) 662-4210.

From Barbara . . .

On this last Sunday before Christmas we must recognize the Christ within all of us. Elizabeth recognized the literal Jesus in Mary's womb but as Catholic Christians we are the Body of Christ. Each of us is part of that Body and are "blessed among women" and men. Take time this week to really notice the Christ within each person we meet and to spiritually prepare for the feast we are about to celebrate.

Bishop Mitch Rozanski, the Vicar for the Seton Vicariate, will be celebrating the 9:30 pm Mass on Christmas Eve at St. Anthony Shrine. We are honored to have him join us for this great holiday. If you can, please plan on joining us as well.

I hope you will also find time in the afternoon of Sunday, December 20 for the Christmas concert and sing-a-long, the potluck supper and live Nativity starting at 3:00 pm at Our Lady of Mount Carmel. It will be wonderful way to begin this last week of Advent.

May God continue to bless us all.

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FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekend of December 12 & 13, 2009

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

Attendance		162
Envelopes	(67)	1,614.00
Loose		2,365.00
Total		3,979.00
Poor Box		27.28
Immaculate Conception		243.00
Retired Religious		1,323.00

St. Anthony Shrine

Attendance		266
Envelopes	(70)	1,877.00
Loose		625.00
Total		2,502.00
Poor Box		134.90
Immaculate Conception		396.55
Retired Religious		1,490.27



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)

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.

Bon Secours Spiritual Center

1525 Marriottsville Road
Marriottsville MD 21104

"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