

ST. PETER'S PARISH

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 3, 2006

			<u>MASSES</u>
MON	DEC 4	7:00pm	SPECIAL INTENTION
TUE	DEC 5	8:00am	COMMUNION SERVICE
WED	DEC 6	8:00am	COMMUNION SERVICE
THU	DEC 7	8:00am	DORIS SAVAGE
		7:30pm	AMELIA NOPENBERGER
FRI	DEC 8	9:00am	INT OF DOROTHY BRANZELL
		12:00noon	BERTRAM KING
		7:30pm	INT OF PRO LIFE
SAT	DEC 9	8:00am	SPECIAL INTENTION
		5:30pm	JANET KIELEK
SUN	DEC 10	7:00am	DORA LAWLESS
		8:15am	PARISHIONERS
		9:30am	JOSEPH BAILEY
		11:00am	IRENE LYNDON
		12:15am	JOSEPH THEIM
		5:45pm	CAPTAIN BRUNO MARCHAND

	GOAL	ACTUAL	EFT FIG.
*COLLECTION	\$15,000.00	\$14,523.70	\$1,601.92
*POOR BOX	\$ 702.00	\$ 651.50	152.25
*BUILDING FUND MO. Total (Sappington Hall)		\$ 6,046.00	230.00

<u>DECEMBER 9 & 10</u>			
	<u>MASS</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVER</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>
DEC 9	5:30pm	DENNING & SCHRUMPF	LARSEN & NAU
DEC 10	7:00am	BOLGER & SMELLER	KURTLIK & GRIBEN
	8:15am	NEW ALTAR SERVERS	MILLER & COLEMAN
	9:30am	BISHOP & STURM	GILL & SPIELMAN
	11:00am	C & L MOXLEY	SIMONS & MOXLEY
	12:15pm	ADAMS & GETSINGER	GETSINGER & KLINE
	5:45pm	YOUTH	YOUTH
			<u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER</u>
			DEA MIKE/H&K FORD/LEVASSEUR
			STARVAGGI
			KRCMA/SMELLER/VAUGHAN
			M&T LAWN/M&P RATCHFORD/WEAVER
			GRUODIS/KRUG/NAPLES/OHDE/PUGH
			JONES/RUSSO/SCHABDACH/A&M WHITE
			J&V ABEL/POOLE
			YOUTH

THERE WILL BE A COMMUNION SERVICE on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week and 8am morning Mass on Thursday.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION: Friday is the **Feast of the Immaculate Conception**, a Holy Day. Masses will be Thursday evening 7:30pm, Friday 9:00am, 12 Noon and 7:30pm.

OUR ADORATION COMMUNION BREAKFAST will be this Sat., Dec. 9th, after the 8am Mass in the Parish Center. Anyone wanting to come who is not signed up, please RSVP Linda at 301-829-2888.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will be selling Christmas Cards after all the Masses.

A LESSONS & CAROLS PROGRAM will be held Sunday, Dec. 10th at 7pm in the Parish Center. The program is called "The Advent of Our God" and will highlight the 6 Birth Legends with readings, psalms and carols. Most of our musicians and groups are participating in this exciting event. It promises to get you into the spirit as we await the birthday of our Savior. **There will be a small reception following the program** in the Fr. Gene Nickol Room. If you plan to attend, please bring in a plate of cookies to share and put in the Fr. Gene Room the morning of Sunday Mass, Dec. 10th or the evening of the vigil Mass Sat., Dec. 9th.

RECONCILIATION Opportunities During Advent: Please note several Communal Penance Services during Advent. None are at St. Peter's this time, but I

strongly urge you to go to one of these services as there will be lots of priest confessors at them including myself. St. John's in Frederick, 112 E. Second St., Tues., Dec. 12th, 7:30pm; St. Katharine Drexel, 8428 Opossumtown Pike, Thurs., Dec. 14th, 7:30pm; Holy Family, 7321 Burkittsville Rd., Sat., Dec. 16th, 10:30am; St. Ignatius, 4103 Prices Distillery Rd., Mon., Dec. 18th, 7:30pm. In addition to these communal Penance Services, St. Peter's will have confessions on Tues., Dec. 19th, 8:30-10am and 6-8pm; Thurs., Dec. 21st, 6-9pm and Sat., Dec. 23rd from 3-5pm. Again I strongly urge you to consider the Communal Services.

"THE FIRE AT ST. PETER'S" is a video DVD with the collection of photos of the Fire taken by one of the firemen on the scene, a dramatic video photo-story documenting the fire, and recollections of the day by some of the eye witnesses. See the sequence of photos as the fire consumes the steeple. Hear the recollections of the day by Msgr. John, Deacon Mike, other church staff and parishioners. Learn how the plans for the new church were influenced by a "Deacon with a tape measure." \$25 Donation (all proceeds benefit the Rebuilding Fund). If you didn't get a copy yet contact Doug or Terri Jackson at 301-829-0518 or email firestories@stpeter-libertytown.org.

NURSERY: Starting in December the 9:30am Nursery slot for the 2nd & 3rd weekends of the months will be closed unless volunteers come forward to fill the vacancies. If you would like to volunteer call Laura 301-898-5111 x13.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

JER 33: 14-16; 1 THES 3:12--4: 2; LK 21: 25-36

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

BAR 5: 1-9; PHIL 1: 4-11; LK 3: 1-6

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED: Margaret Monahan, mother-in-law of Anne Monahan; Antonio Parisi, uncle of Frank & Joe Parisi; Edward Gilvey, father of Mary Ann Baker; Frank Carpenter, father of Tess Kennedy; Doris Savage, mother of Cookie Redmond; Harris Arnold, father of Sister Hannah Joy; Ryan Dennison, killed in Iraq; Matthew Rohrer

PROGRAM FOR THE NEEDY – It's getting to be that time of year. We are again offering **Christmas Dinners** to those in need. You can help by giving \$25 (check or cash), dropping it in the Poor Box in an envelope marked "Christmas Dinners". Your donation will allow others to sit down at Christmas and truly give thanks.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIAL: Remember a deceased loved one and help us decorate for Christmas. A Flower Memorial Envelope is available in the back of church for your convenience. Additional names may be placed on the back of the envelope or inserted in the envelope. Please return them in the collection basket or by mail before December 18th.

DIRECTORIES - For those who had their pictures taken but did not get their directories this past weekend you may pick them up at the parish office between 9am-5pm Monday through Friday. See Priscilla or Kay.

MILITARY BULLETIN BOARD: Please, remember those serving in our Military, especially those serving abroad and in dangerous places. Check out some of the names and faces of those who belong to St. Peter's in a special way on the Military Memorial Board. Please keep them in your prayers. Info, call Lynn 301-85-6251.

GIVING TREE: Our parish will once again assist those less fortunate in our community this Christmas season. Our Giving Tree is up. Please return your items with the tag taped to it by Sunday, December 10th. This may sound early. However, in addition to assisting local families, we are assisting a small Catholic Church in Western Maryland. This area is very poor and greatly appreciates any help we can provide. The items for these families are taken up to Western Maryland on Monday, December 11th.

TEENAGERS 7TH-12TH GRADE – Are you interested in singing or playing an instrument at mass? Would you like to do traditional and contemporary hymns but not commit to every weekend? Have you been looking for a way to serve your church community and have fun at the same time? We might have the answer for you! We are looking to form a new teenage music group to lead music at a mass every other weekend. If this is something you might be interested in, please contact Sherri Slattery at the office for details. If enough interest the group will begin rehearsals in January.

CATHOLIC RADIO: (Holy Spirit Communications) is in need of a technical person to help with the final adjustments and connection of our satellite dish, so we can begin broadcasting. Our technical manager is now deployed in Kosovo, hence our need requires a commitment of only a few hours. Please call Bob Maloney 301-865-6782.

PRAY WITH THE HEART PRAYER GROUP will meet this Wednesday, December 6th, 7:30pm for Adoration, Rosary and Prayer in the Adoration Chapel.

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: Please come pray in the Lord's Eucharistic Presence. Visiting hours 7am-7pm. **We have immediate openings for a 1am alternate Sunday into Monday morning; 4pm Tuesday; 3pm Wednesday; 5am Thursday.** Call Linda 301-829-2888 or Diane 301-898-0833 if you can take an hour.

The 5 days between Our Lady's Feasts of Dec. 8th (Immaculate Conception) and Dec. 12th (Our Lady of Guadalupe) are special to our Nation dedicated to Mary Immaculate. Let us keep our country in prayer during this time.

BRITHRIGHT'S GIVING TREE will be the weekend of Dec. 16-17th. Please consider your spiritually adopted child in giving. Gifts will be collected January 6/7, the Feast of the

Epiphany, and need to be returned unwrapped. Thank you so much for your constant generosity.

THANK YOU to all who donated to the Cold Weather Shelter!

THANK YOU to the Knights of Columbus for a recent check of \$2,740.74 to the Capital Campaign.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: The council community welcomes our new council members Len Bainbridge, Timothy Rice, Bill Roesch and new knights Kent Hunter and John Martin. ...There is a first degree on Monday the 4th at St. John's Community Center next to St. John's Church in Frederick. Candidates are to report by 7pm. ...Council to meet on Tues., the 5th at 7:30pm in Sappington Hall. ...The money collected from our tootsie roll drive will be equally divided between the ARC of Frederick Co., Jeanne Bussard Center, 4H Therapeutic Riding Center and Frederick County Special Olympics. All organizations directly serve the special populations of Frederick County. ...**Come and join the parish New Year celebration. See the enclosed flyer for the details.** ...There are some council shirts still in stock for Christmas gifts and a few baseball caps. Call Bob Droter if interested, 301-865-4565. ...For more council information visit us at st.peterskofc.home.att.net/. Brother Jim Conko has worked very hard on our web site, you should give it a look.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK- Theresa Pirrone, Robert Flaherty, Glen Morrison, Mary Hunt, Robert Harington, Jason Bates, Joseph Pirrone, Marilyn Hall, Steve White, Orlando Rea, Harry Blanchard, Krystyna Cichocki, Danielle Poole, Paula Cooper, Sharon Gould, Anne Neher, Larry Mauceri, Fred Moxley, Richard Hanna, Tom Weedon, Louis Webb, Kenny Jordan, Kim Miller, Chris Roby, Denis Ellis, Danielle Kline, Donna Jacobs, Dolores Sperlein, Sandy O'Donnell, Anna Tomalis, Florence Bannister, Michael Seifert, Mary Souder, Charles Guarnieri, Justin Offutt, Craig Rice, Connor Rutledge, Jennifer Zeiner, Emily Candaffio, Karen/Jessica Connery, John Reilly, Ben Lanman, Dan Hodges, Robert Young, Tom Caponiti, Kathryn Delaney, Eddie Vaughan, baby Mathis, William Schneehagen, Marjorie Jones, Msgr. Art Valenzano, Fr. John Carter, Tom Arnold, Fr. Wayne Funk, Lee Fredge, Beverly Dean, Dorothy Hart, Lillian Garnett, Carla Carlson, Jones Family, Faith Frazier, Myrtle Carlin, Tina Hemmer, Jim Jennelle, Georg Scott, Fred Schaub, Theresa Johnston, Carolyn Kolega, Ruth Bellamy, Sylvia Prieto, Laurie Mullican, Susie Collins, Arlo Cummins, Thoreson Family, Rose France, Charlie Zampino, Kayla Zeillinger, Agostina Rossi, Steven Nagy, Andrew Shurney, Jim Pugh, Elizabeth Mason, Thelma Baltzell, Mike Drunet, Lydia Cook, David Foster, Norman Fraley, R. Humphrey Cissel, Neil Petroski, Rose Icenroad, Katherine Kent, Ruth Seilhamer, Rosita Berger

PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH: For continued mild weather so that the church construction may continue unimpeded and for the safety of the construction workers as they work on the excavation for the foundation of the new church.

STOCKING STUFFER: St. John Regional Catholic School has on sale the **2007 MD Pick Three Evening Lottery Calendars**. Everyday there's a winner with prizes from \$25 to \$100+. For only \$20 you have the chance to win 365 days of the year! Contact Michele Carr corrcreations@aol.com more info/order your calendar!

HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TEST FOR: St. John's Catholic coeducational college preparatory high school on Sat., Dec. 9th, 8:30am registration, 9am testing. More info call 301-662-4210. **St. Maria Goretti High School Prospective students** registration for placement test is 8am, testing 8:30am until 12N. \$30 fee. For more info call 301-739-4266.

"SPENDING ADVENT WITH MARY": Two Advent Day retreats at Seton Retreat & Conference Center in Emmitsburg, Tues., Dec. 5th: "Mary: Woman of the Eucharist!" and Tues., Dec. 12th: "Mary: The Gospel Made Flesh! Cost \$30/person – for more info call 301-447-7051 or email setonretreat@doc.org

ST. JOHN'S RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE invites you to a Holy Hour for Life on Fri., Dec. 8th, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception after 7:30pm Mass in the Church. Come pray before our Lord in adoration, asking Him to restore our country to a culture of life, Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet and intercessions for life will be said. Please come & bring a friend!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

December 3, 2006



ADULT MINISTRY

- **BAPTISM PREP CLASSES** - For parents meets December 13 or January 10 from 7 – 9 PM in the Birch Library. 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).
- **ACTS BIBLE STUDY:** See flyer for details.
- **NEW HORIZONS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON:** Wednesday, December 13th @ 11:00AM in the parish center. Cost is \$17 per person for catered luncheon. Bring a \$10 wrapped gift for the “Thieves Gift Exchange”. Sing-a-long & entertainment by Judy Smarsh. RSVP to Mary Hughes 410-875-5556.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

- **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**
 - **Sunday classes:** 12/3, 12/10 & 12/17.
 - **Monday classes:** 12/4, 12/11 & 12/18 (Advent Program – Families welcome).
- **CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD:**
Reminder – this is geared specifically for children ages 4 through 5th grade. As we would love to have the younger children for reasons of safety we ask that children under the age of 4 please remain with their parents or use the Sunday nursery. Thank You.
- **HOME MODEL:** Don't forget to send in your Unit One Chapter Review & Organizer.
- **SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION:**
 - Reconciliation Family - Saturday, February 24th from 9AM – 1PM.
 - Reconciliation Service – Tuesday, February 27th @ 7PM.
 - Eucharist Preparation – March 6, 13 or 20th – please call to register.

YOUTH MINISTRY

- **ALL YOUTH MINISTRY MEETS TONIGHT.**
- **CORE MEETING – Wednesday, December 6th from 7:00 – 8:30.** All high school teens are welcome. Pick up directions @ SPY.
- **ST PETER'S BOOK STORE:** Remember to visit the St. Peter's Book Store for your Christmas shopping – there are great catholic teen books & CD's & St Peter's gets a portion of the proceeds. www.parishbookstore.com/libertytown
- **YOUTH MINISTRY PERMISSION SLIP:** Is now available on-line @ the St Peter's web-site www.stpeter-libertytown.org/youthministry.htm download it & save it for all future events.
- **FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION:** SPY Band will be playing at the Vigil Mass on December 7th @ 7:30PM.
- **CONFIRMATION:**
 - † **Letters have been sent** – money & information sheet were due by Friday, November 10th. If you did not receive a letter, please contact Stacy in the REC @ 301-898-5111 ext. 18.
 - † **Confirmation Retreat:** February 16th – 18th

STAND TRAINING

Is required for all adults having substantial contact with children. If you have any questions regarding STAND contact Anne Mason @ 301-898-5111 ext. 17.

Adventures in Acts beginning January 2007!!

Continue on the journey from the *Great Adventure Bible Study* with this 20-week study of *Acts of the Apostles* and the story of the earliest days of the Church. This study completes *The Great Adventure* foundation series by showing how Christ's work continues through you and me in the Church today. Here's where you "find yourself in the Story" that you learned in the Bible Timeline Study.

Although it will be helpful to have completed the *Great Adventure Bible Study*, it is not necessary to participate in this glorious study of the Church "back in the day."

You have two options for class times: Monday mornings or Wednesday evenings!! Classes begin the week of January 8, 2007. This study is just in time for your New Year's resolution to do something amazing for yourself. Here's what you can expect:

- ☞ an exceptional bible study that truly helps you to get to know the scriptures;
- ☞ excellent teaching each week by Jeff Cavin's, an engaging teacher extraordinaire;
- ☞ thought-provoking, weekly, at-home study;
- ☞ lively small group discussions that help you deepen your faith life
- ☞ meeting new people as you share faith and hospitality
- ☞ work...yes, you will be spending time at home studying and reflecting on each week's topic, but the fruits are well worth the effort!!

Class Times: All classes are held in Sullivan Hall (parish center)

Mondays, 9 – 11 a.m. - January 8 through June 4

Wednesdays, 7 – 9 p.m. - January 10 through June 4

All that you need to begin the Adventure in Acts is a bible and the Study Set binder (cost \$35). Please register using the form below:

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: DECEMBER 18TH

Name: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail _____

Select Class Time: Monday a.m.
Wednesday p.m.

Make a \$35 per person check payable to: St. Peter's Church

Mail registrations to: Carolyn Nolan, P.O. Box 278, Libertytown, MD 21762

Questions: Call Carolyn at 301-898-5111 x 14 or E-mail at: nolanck@hotmail.com

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