

# ST. PETER'S PARISH

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### NOVEMBER 30, 2008

		<u>MASSES</u>			
MON	DEC 1	7:00pm	BILL OLIVER		
TUE	DEC 2	8:00am	INT OF ELEANOR METZGER		
WED	DEC 3	8:00am	COMMUNION SERVICE		
THU	DEC 4	8:00am	INT OF JOHN PFAFF		
FRI	DEC 5	9:00am	SPECIAL INTENTION		
SAT	DEC 6	8:00am	INT OF SABASTIAN GRABENSTEIN	*COLLECTION	GOAL \$17,060.00
		5:30pm	INT OF STELLA ROLFS	*POOR BOX	\$ 721.00 \$ 822.00
SUN	DEC 7	7:15am	PARISHIONRS	*CHURCH MORTGAGE MO.	\$ 9,115.00
		9:00am	INT OF ELIZABETH LEE	*CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT	\$2,647.00
		11:00am	INT OF DEACON MIKE MISULIA		
		5:45pm	INT OF MARIE ROSKOWINSKI		

<u>DECEMBER 6 &amp; 7</u>					
	<u>MASS</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVER</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER</u>	
DEC 6	5:30pm	DECKERT/SHERICK/WROTEN	LAWRENCE & DuBOYCE	GAUDINO/KENNEDY/NOLAN/E & K RUSSO	
				TERCERO	
DEC 7	7:15am	C & G & M MOCHI	GRIBEN & BOLGER	J & K HAYES/VAUGHAN	
	9:00am	A & B RICE/STURM	CLEMONS & MILLER	M & T LAWN/SHEEHY/D & D STURM	
				M & D TERRELL/B & D WADE	
	11:00am	GORDON & NORRIS	BALLANTINE & KINZE	C & D DOUDS/C & S GORDON/MOXLEY	
				POOLE/J & E SADLER/SIMON	
	5:45pm	POLLAK/C & Z RATCHFORD	POLLAK & FORD	SLATTERY/SCARFILE/DENNY	

**NEXT WEEKEND** St. John Regional Catholic School will have John Denver Concert tickets on sale after the masses for a concert to be given at the Weinberg Center on March 21<sup>st</sup>.

**ROSARY FOR LIFE** will be prayed before mass on Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> (1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month) at 5:05pm, before the 5:30pm Mass.

**THIS WEEK'S READINGS**

IS 63: 16b-19b, 64; 2-7; 1 COR 1: 3-9; MK 13: 33-37

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS**

IS 40: 1-11; 2 PT 3: 8-14; MK 1: 1-8

**THE NEW HORIZON'S CHRISTMAS PARTY** and gift exchange (\$10 gift amount) will be held Wed., Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am at the Buttersburg Inn Restaurant in Union Bridge. Please call to let us know if you will be attending by Tues., Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>, call Elizabeth Lee 301-898-3241, Dolores Evans 301-865-6992 or Mary Lou Pairo 301-845-2311. If no answer, please leave a message.

**A LIMITED NUMBER OF "Breaking Bread Song Books with the Sunday Cycle B Readings"** \$6.00 are available for purchase beginning in the foyer. Some people have requested readings in the Song Book, so we are making available a few for purchase.

**GIVING TREE:** Our parish will once again assist those less fortunate in our community this Christmas season. Our Giving tree is this weekend. **Please return your item with the tag taped to it by Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>.** 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 8<sup>th</sup> to enable distribution prior to Christmas. Thank you for your support.

**CHRISTMAS FOR OUR MILITARY:** Once again we will be placing the names of military who receive little or no mail so we

can send them cards or gifts for Christmas. Watch for their names on the **Giving Tree** in the back of church after Thanksgiving.

**BIRTHRIGHT GIVING TREE** will be on the weekend of December 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup>, these gifts help Birthright throughout the year and you have always been generous. Please return them unwrapped on the weekend of January 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>, Epiphany, immediately following the holidays. Thank you so much.

**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 Rose Grimes at 301-606-6419 if you have questions or want to schedule a weekend.

**CROSSING GUARD VOLUNTEERS** are still needed before and after Mass. We have 27 volunteers signed up, **BUT** we still need 13 more to make the crossing guard work smoothly. We especially need volunteers for the 5:30pm Saturday evening and Sunday evening at 5:45pm. Stop sign and safety vest will be provided. Call Phil Burr 443-604-0508 or Rick Gaudino 301-865-1457 if you can donate your time.

**EVENT RENTALS-**Please visit our new rental website at [www.stpetersrental.com](http://www.stpetersrental.com)

**NO MORE YARD SALE ITEMS** are to be brought to the shed until January 09. If you have an auction item call Laura 301-898-5111 ext. 13 for approval.

**PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Hours are needed for Friday midnight – alternating weeks and an occasional sub for 1:00am or 2:00am Sunday into Monday morning. We can always use more people to sub for both day and night hours. Please call Linda 301-829-2888 or Diane 301-898-0833 to take an hour or for more information. Our Chapel's visiting hours are 7am-7pm (but closed the hour of daily Mass or Communion Services). **We are still working**

**out the opening of the Chapel.** We will keep you posted. Thanks for your understanding and patience.

**THANKSGIVING, CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S** are all on Thursday this year. We will have **volunteer sign-ups for subs in the Chapel** for those who need them.

**OUR POTLUCK COMMUNION BREAKFAST** will be Sat., December 6<sup>th</sup> following 8am Mass in Church. Fr. Patrick Peach will talk on the Eucharistic Love of Jesus. Sign-ups will be in the chapel, with our list of what to bring. We look forward to seeing our adorers there, anyone else wishing to come, please RSVP Linda.

**PRAY WITH THE HEART PRAYER GROUP** will meet this Wednesday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7:30pm for Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary and Prayer in the Adoration Chapel.

**NOTE:** When writing an on-line check to St. Peter's, please remember to designate the purpose of the check (envelope #, Building Fund, etc.). Thank you.

**ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER:** Just a reminder that Electronic Funds Transfer, or EFT, is a dependable and easy way to give your weekly donations to St. Peter's. You can set up for once a month giving on the 1<sup>st</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> of each month, or you can choose bi-monthly giving on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. EFT allows St. Peter's to be more accurate in budgeting monthly expenses. If you are interested in more information, please call Liz at 301-898-5111 ext. 11.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** First Degree at Bishop McNamara Council this Monday, December 1, 2008. Candidates by 7pm. ...If you can help out at the parish "Breakfast with Santa" Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup> event let GK Jim Zik know. The knights are staffing the kitchen. ...Council social meeting this Tuesday at 7:30pm – Sappington Hall. ...The knights, via our supreme knight Carl Anderson is asking all knights to support the Culture of Life effort through a donation of \$3.00 per member at the time when dues are to be remitted. For more council information visit us at [st.peterskofc.home.att.net/](http://st.peterskofc.home.att.net/). Invite a Catholic man to become a member of our order. ...Remember "WE ARE CALLED TO SERVE"

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK** - Mary Unglesbee, Tom and Mary Ellen McKoy, Victoria Gruodis, Barbara Slick, Hunter Pugh, John Seifert, Kathy King, Chris Brighoff, Anne Morrissey, Kerry Santullo, Benjamin Larrick, Adam Berlin, Kathy King, Joe Good, Laura Anne Luszenski, Robert Lapanne, Joanne Racheff, Penny Best, Betty Mason, David Snyder, Deacon Mike Misulia, Natalie Grace Coe, Ann Fowler, Janet Mulvey, Roy Haynes, Nicole Hickey, Gabby Cannella, Joshua Wade, Richard Duncan, Ed Sadler  
**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'S REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL** applications for the 2009-10 school year are now being accepted for new students enrolling in Pre-K through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Download forms from our website [www.sjrccs.org](http://www.sjrccs.org). Tuition and financial aid information will be available in January. Questions about the enrollment process can be directed to Jean Wright, Admissions Director, 301-695-9358 or [jwright@sjrccs.org](mailto:jwright@sjrccs.org)

**KNOTT SCHOLARSHIP FUND INFORMATION:** Each year the MD state Council of the Knights of Columbus awards several four year college scholarships to sons and daughters of members of the Knights of Columbus and to Catholic students in general and several scholarships for students entering Catholic High Schools. Interested parents and students may obtain specific information and applications by writing to MD State Council, Knights of Columbus, 10815

Stang Rd., Owings Mills, MD 21117 or by contacting our web site at: [www.kofc-md.org/state/committees/scholarships.htm](http://www.kofc-md.org/state/committees/scholarships.htm). The deadline for receipt of applications is March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009.

**ALSO:** The Knott Scholarship Funds has released information on applying for Knott elementary and secondary scholarships. An application form can be obtained on the scholarship fund Web site at [www.knottscholar.org](http://www.knottscholar.org). For info call 410-779-1225.

**RETREAT:** In the year of St. Paul, meet him at The Retreat at Seton Center, Emmitsburg, MD December 5-7. Fr. Jack Lombardi, Chaplain of the Grotto at Emmitsburg will guide participants through the life, message and permanence of his mission in our world of today. This is a semi-silent retreat. For more information contact Fr. Jack at [Lombardi@msmary.edu](mailto:Lombardi@msmary.edu)

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER:** What am I most thankful for in my marriage for this past year? Make the blessing of your spouse come alive in your life by enriching your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekends are Feb. 8-10 and August 8-10, 2009. For more information or to register call toll free 1-877-558-LOVE (5683) or visit our Web site at <http://wwme.net>.

**NYC BUS TRIP:** St. Ignatius of Loyola, Ijamsville has openings for 8 persons for an overnight bus trip to NYC on December 7/8. Bus leaves at 9:30am from the church parking lot and arrive in NYC around 1:00pm, returning about 8:00pm on Monday. Cost of the trip: \$250.00 (double occupancy). Price includes bus, ticket to the Radio City Rockettes Christmas Spectacular with Back Stage Tour on Monday, Call Gloria 301-695-8845 x201 for more info or for tickets.

**ANNUAL HOLIDAY CONCERT:** St. Timothy Catholic Church Organist, Bill Powell, along with Tim Kueberth, Pat Hanberry and friends will be presenting "Star of the East" for a festive evening of holiday music at St Timothy's, 8651 Biggs Ford Rd., Walkersville, MD on Tues., Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

**CONTROLLING PRINCIPLE OF CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING:** This teaching (condemning abortion) has consequences for those charged with caring for the common good, those who hold public office. The unborn child, who is alive and is a member of the human family, cannot defend himself or herself. Good law defends the defenseless. Our present laws permit unborn children to be privately killed. Laws that place unborn children outside the protection of law destroy both the children killed and the common good, which is the controlling principle of Catholic social teaching. One cannot favor the legal status quo on abortion and also be working for the common good. This explains why the abortion issue will not disappear and why it is central to the Church's teaching on a just social order.

Cardinal Francis George, O.M.I., statement, 9/2/08

**SUFFERING POST-ABORTION SYNDROME?** Call Project Rachel – 1-800-286-4224.

**PREGNANT, NEED HELP?** Call the Gabriel Network – 1-800-ANGEL-OK.

**JOIN THE SECULAR FRANCISCANS OF ST. JOSEPH CUPERTINO FRATERNITY,** members of the St. Louis Youth Ministry, and the Conventual Franciscan Friars of the Shrine of St. Anthony in a commemoration of what St. Francis of Assisi did in the little town of Greccio, Italy to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Our service of prayers, Christmas Carols, and a living Nativity scene will take place outside in the courtyard of the Shrine on Dec. 13 and Dec. 14 at 7:30pm. The Shrine is located at 12290 Folly Quarter Rd., Ellicott City, MD. For more information call 410-531-2800.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**  
**Stacy Johnston, Secretary: [sjohnston@archbalt.org](mailto:sjohnston@archbalt.org)**  
**November 30, 2008**

**ADULT MINISTRY**

*Carolyn Nolan: [cnolan@archbalt.org](mailto:cnolan@archbalt.org)*

**Marriage Tip of the Week:** What most attracted you to your spouse? What qualities have been added now that you know each other better? Tell your spouse one endearing quality that you appreciate today.

**Ten Great Dates** program being offered to help make your marriage a high priority!

- **Baptism Prep Classes** - meets on Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2008 or January 20, 2009 from 7 – 9 pm in the Fr. Gene Room in the upper hall of the Parish Center. 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.)
- **Annulments** –If you would like information on annulments, contact Carolyn at 301-898-5111 x 14.

**ADULT CLASSES**

- **10 GREAT DATES** – Do something really great for your marriage and make a date with your spouse! The next date is Friday, December 12 at 7 pm in the parish center. The topic is Resolving Honest Conflict. Cost is \$15/book/couple.
- **TIM 4** – Young Adult Ministry meets on December at Dawn's house. If you are a young adult between the ages of 18 and 30ish, come and join us.

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

*Anne Mason: [amason@archbalt.org](mailto:amason@archbalt.org)*

**DECEMBER CALENDAR:**

Monday : 1<sup>st</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> AND Tuesday: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>

**Religious Education Events:**

December 9 – Catechist Meeting, 7 PM

December 15 & 16 – *"Advent Program"*- All classes will attend during their session. Gather in Sullivan Hall upon arrival.

**Home Program Model:** *"Advent Program"* – Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> @ 6:15PM – All children in Home Model are expected to attend. Call the office to RSVP.

**YOUTH MINISTRY**

*Harry Ford: [hford@archbalt.org](mailto:hford@archbalt.org)*

*The new youth ministry web page is up and operational! Please check it out for the latest in news, pictures, and events! See [www.stpeter-libertytown.org](http://www.stpeter-libertytown.org). Special thanks to Rob DeCarlo for all his efforts to renew our web page!*

*Any confirmed teen interested in being a lector or an Extraordinary Minister of the Cup for the 5:45 youth Mass please contact Harry.*

*There will be no youth ministry or 5:45 Mass on Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> due to the Thanksgiving break.*

**Jr. SPY**

- Parents are asked to sign-up for bringing snacks. You only need to provide snacks one time during the year. Sign-up sheets are available at Jr.SPY.
- Parents on Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> Jr. SPY will be showing a movie on the Nativity. The session will run 15 minutes longer due to the movie.

**CONFIRMATION**

- **Confirmation program begins in January.** You must be in grades 10-12 . Please register now!! Program fee is \$75 to cover the retreat and materials.

**PARENTS**

- Please be sure that your teen goes directly into their meeting room after Mass or when you drop them off. Thanks!
- Please sign up to help at one youth ministry session. Sign-up sheets are available at each youth ministry session.
- Several opportunities for your teen to earn money towards retreats and other events are coming up.

**Adults interested in becoming a Youth Minister or working on the Confirmation Team, call Harry for further information**

# St. Paul – A Bible Study for Catholics

Immerse yourself in the person of the Apostle Paul--heroic in his martyr's death--but so recognizably human in his conversion story and subsequent letters to the faithful. Gain fresh insights into your own personal growth potential through the Scripture of St. Paul:

- What does Paul's conversion have to teach me about how power is perfected through my weaknesses?
- How does his experience as an apostle of Christ teach me about responding to my own vocation in life?
- How might I apply St. Paul's bold and creative approach to challenging today's cultural and social status quo?
- In what ways might I imitate his care and concern for the world?
- Learn what St. Paul taught about the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation, Reconciliation, Holy Orders and Matrimony.

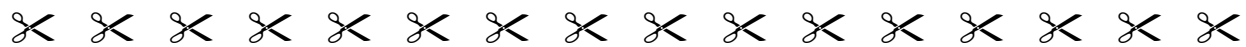
You will find this study guide's format concise and easy to follow. Self-assessment charts invite you to test your knowledge of biblical passages, helping you retain what you learn.

## About the Author

Father Pacwa Mitch Pacwa, S.J. is Founder and President of Ignatius Productions (fathermitchpacwa.org), a Catholic media production apostolate, incorporated under the Society of Jesus and is a Senior Fellow of the St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology. He is fluent in twelve languages and has led over 50 pilgrimages to holy sites around the world, including Turkey and Greece, walking pilgrims in the footsteps of Saint Paul.

**Classes begin, Wednesday January 7, 2009, 7 PM**

**COST: \$10 PER BOOK**



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Payment Type:    Check    Cash

Mail registration forms to: Carolyn Nolan, St. Peter's Catholic Church  
P.O. Box 278, Libertytown, MD 21762  
E-Mail: [cnolan@archbalt.org](mailto:cnolan@archbalt.org)



**“Breakfast with Santa”**  
**Saturday, December 13, 2008**  
**9:00 AM – 11:00 AM**

**BREAKFAST SERVED FROM**  
**9:00 AM-10:00 AM ONLY SO**  
**COME EARLY TO EAT**

**Prepared and Sponsored by St. Peter’s Knights of Columbus**

**St. Peter’s Parish Center- The Sullivan Room**

**All You Can Eat Breakfast Buffet:**

**Scrambled Eggs**  
**Sausage Links**  
**French Toast Sticks**  
**Blueberry French Toast Casserole**  
**Pastries and Doughnuts**  
**Fresh Fruit**  
**Milk, Juices, Hot Chocolate**  
**Coffee and Hot Tea**

**Children’s Christmas Crafts to Make and Take Home**

**Story Telling by Mrs. Claus**  
**Children’s Christmas Songs Sing- a- Long**

**Ticket Sales at the Door**  
**All Tickets are \$8.00**  
**3 years of age and under FREE**

**TICKET PRICE TO INCLUDE BREAKFAST, TAKE HOME CRAFTS**  
**AND PICTURE WITH SANTA**

**CRAFTS WILL BE IN THE FATHER GENE ROOM THIS YEAR TO**  
**ALLOW FOR MORE DINING SEATS**

**ALL PROFITS TO BENEFIT THE NEW MORTGAGE FUND**

## UPCOMING EVENTS IN MUSIC MINISTRY

**Attention all Musicians/Singers:** The birth of our Lord is close at hand! If you are interested in singing/playing at Midnight Mass, and you can make most or all of the below listed rehearsals, please contact Sherri in the office, or via email: [joeandsherri@comcast.net](mailto:joeandsherri@comcast.net). The following will be the rehearsal schedule for Midnight Mass (All practices are in the church.):

Thurs., Dec. 11      7:00 pm

Wed., Dec. 17      8:30 pm, following normal choir practice

Mon., Dec. 22      7:15 pm

**Christmas Lessons & Carols:** will be held on Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup> directly after the 5:45 mass. If you are interested in singing with the adult choir for this special event, please contact Sherri in the office or be emailing: [joeandsherri@comcast.net](mailto:joeandsherri@comcast.net). Rehearsals (all in the church) are as follows:

Tues., Dec. 2      7:00 pm

Tues., Dec. 9      7:00 pm

Sat., Dec.13      10:00 am

**Sat., Dec.20      9:00 am\***

*\*This rehearsal is mandatory for all participants in the program: Musicians, Singers, Readers, Musical Groups*