

ST. PETER'S PARISH

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 14, 2008

		<u>MASSES</u>		
MON	DEC 15	7:00pm	ANNE MORRISSEY	
TUE	DEC 16	8:00am	INT OF ED SADLER	
WED	DEC 17	8:00am	COMMUNION SERVICE	
THU	DEC 18	8:00am	COMMUNION SERVICE	
FRI	DEC 19	9:00am	INT OF RUSSELL MILLS	
SAT	DEC 20	8:00am	LLOYD BRISCO	*COLLECTION \$17,060.00
		5:30pm	PEGGY LIGOSKI	*POOR BOX \$ 721.00
SUN	DEC 21	7:15am	INT OF KIRK & KAREN PFAFF & FAMILY	*CHURCH MORTGAGE MO. \$ 5,961.00
		9:00am	INT OF BRIAN & MELISSA PFAFF & FAMILY	COLLECTION & EFT FIG.
		11:00am	PARISHIONERS	\$ 14,134.50
		5:45pm	MARIA VENTURA	\$ 345.25
				208.00
				1,712.00

DECEMBER 20 & 21				
DATE	<u>MASS</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVER</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER</u>
DEC 20	5:30pm	E & P GILL	DuBOYCE & OLIVER	DEA MIKE/GAUDINO/KENNEDY/NOLAN E&K RUSSO/TERCERO
DEC 21	7:15am	C & L & M MOCHI	POSKA & KUTLIK	KRCMA/STANLEY/ZARICH
	9:00am	DECKERT/GORDON/HUTCHISON	HAMMERSLA & KLINE	M&T LAWN/NAPLES/POLLOCK POTOTSCHNIK/ROAN/SIMONS/SMITH /WOODCOCK
	11:00am	DIGREGORY/L & T MOXLEY	KINZE & THOMPSON	A & M DIGREGORY/DeCARLO/JONES KOEHLER/KYLE/PALMISANO/THOMPSON
	5:45pm	C & Z RATCHFORD/SHERRICK	KEEN & BALLALNTINE	TURLIK NEIABOVIGE/SLATTERY/J MUNLEY

NEXT WEEKEND the second collection will be for Catholic School. Envelopes are in your packets

ADVENT RECONCILIATION OPPORTUNITIES:

Saturday, Dec. 20th 10-12pm

Area Reconciliation Services with many confessions available:

Monday, Dec. 15th – St. Ignatius, Ijamsville, 7:30pm

Tuesday, Dec. 16th - St. John, Frederick, 7:30pm

Wednesday, Dec. 17th – St. Timothy, Walkersville, 7:30pm

Thursday, Dec. 18th - Holy Family, Middletown, 7:30pm

I strongly urge you to attend an area Reconciliation Service.

CONFESSIONS at St. Peter's on Sat., Dec. 13th, 2-4pm and Dec. 20th, 10am-noon.

CHRISTMAS LESSONS AND CAROLS: St. Peter's music ministry is presenting a Christmas Lessons & Carols program on Sunday, Dec. 21st at 7pm. It promises to be an uplifting, inspiring program designed to get you into the Christmas Spirit. A reception in the Parish Center will follow. **Please bring one dozen cookies to share if you plan to attend.**

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES are at 4pm, 6pm, 8pm and midnight. **CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES** are at 8am and 10am.

JUST A REMINDER that we have hearing aid devices for those who need a little extra help. They are in the Ushers Room. An usher will assist you to learn how to use them.

ALSO, we have gluten free hosts for those who have a wheat allergy. If you are interested, let Fr. John know.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

IS 61: 1-11; 1 THES 5: 16-24; JN 1: 6-28

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

2 SAM 7: 1-16; ROM 16: 25-27; LK 1:26-38

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED: Anne Morrissey, mother of Madge Stevens

ON SUNDAY, January 25th at the 11:00am Mass we will celebrate the beginning of Catholic Schools Week. Some of our children will participate as ministers at that Mass. Erika Haynel, 410-935-9055 will coordinate this effort. If your child attends a Catholic School and would like to participate, please notify her.

PROGRAM FOR THE NEEDY: It's 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.

BIRTHRIGHT GIVING TREE this weekend – for newborns and preemies. These gifts help Birthright throughout the year. Please return them unwrapped the weekend of January 3rd/4th, Epiphany. 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: We are still looking for 10 more crossing guards. Call Phil Burr 443-604-0508 or Rick Gaudino 301-865-1457 if you can donate your time.

ST. PETER'S IS IN NEED OF couches for the Usher's/Bride's Room and for the Parish Center Ladies Room. If you have a sofa in excellent condition, that you would like to donate to the Parish, call Laura at 301-898-51111, ext. 13. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

PERPETUAL EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Hours are needed for an alternate Friday into Saturday, midnight hour; 9:00pm Sundays 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).

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.

LIFE MARCH IN D.C. – Thursday, Jan. 22nd. The bus will leave from St. Peter's and we will take sign-ups immediately after the holidays.

PRAY WITH THE HEART PRAYER GROUP will meet this Wednesday, Dec. 17th, 7:30pm for Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary and Prayer in the Adoration Chapel.

THANK YOU: We would like to thank you once again for your generous support of our annual Giving Tree program. The families in the program are very appreciative of everything they received. Merry Christmas!

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 1st or 15th of each month, or you can choose bi-monthly giving on the 1st and 15th 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.

EVENT RENTALS-Please visit our new rental website at 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.

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 301-606-6419. Also, please call if you'd like your name added to our list of volunteers who prepare the meals.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Council meeting this Tuesday the 16th at 7:30pm in Sappington Hall. ...Announcing two new programs for the new year – the council will sponsor a breakfast for all parishioners after the Sunday 7:15 and 9:00 Masses beginning on the January 11, 2009. This will continue on each 2nd Sunday of the month. Proceeds will go to our parish. The other new activity is Ball Room Dancing Lessons on the first and 3rd Saturdays starting January 3rd. The event is planned to go through June. There will be a flyer on this in later bulletins. ...On January 4th the council will hold its inaugural 1st degree with its own team at 1pm. We are in need for non speaking parts. Call Team Captain Jim Conko if you can serve 301-831-3167. ...The district is in need of a chancellor for the 2nd degree team, get in touch with DD Bob Droter if interested, 301-865-4565. ...Become a member today, call Grand Knight Jim Zik, 301-829-2872. ...For more council information visit us at st.peterskofc.home.att.net/ "WE ARE CALLED TO SERVE"

CONTACT INFORMATION: Have you moved? Have a new phone number? Or email address? Please help keep our records up to date. Please call the Parish Office if you have any changes in you contact information. If you are new to St.

Peter's Parish please fill out a registration form located in the vestibule or give us a call at 301-898-5111.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK - Mary Unglesbee, Tom and Mary Ellen McKoy, Victoria Gruodis, Barbara Slick, John Seifert, Kathy King, Kerry Santullo, Benjamin Larrick, Adam Berlin, Kathy King, Joe Good, Laura Anne Luszenski, Robert Lapanne, Joanne Racheff, Penny Best, Deacon Mike Misulia, Natalie Grace Coe, Ann Fowler, Janet Mulvey, Roy Haynes, Nicole Hickey, Joshua Wade, Richard Duncan, Ed Sadler, Myrtle Carlin, Maryanne Mason, Jessica Smith, Gabby Cannella

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 8th grade. Download forms from our website www.sjrsc.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@sjrsc.org

JOHN DENVER TRIBUTE CONCERT: St. John Regional Catholic School is sponsoring the "Friends With You" band, John Denver Concert Sat., March 21st, 2009 at the Weinberg Center in Frederick. For tickets and information 301-600-2828.

A CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR MARRIED COUPLES: Couples...want to give each other something really special this Christmas? How about a gift filled with Romance and Excitement? That's just the beginning of what you will receive on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are Feb. 8-10, 2009 and August 8-10, 2009. For more info/register call toll free 1-877-558-LOVE (5683) or visit our Web site at <http://wwme.net>.

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. 16th at 7pm.

RESPECT LIFE - Freedom of Choice Act: FOCA would eliminate every restriction on abortion nationwide! FOCA will do away with state laws on parental involvement, on partial birth abortion, and on all other protections. FOCA will compel taxpayer funding of abortions. FOCA will force faith-based hospitals and healthcare facilities to perform abortions. Please go to www.fightfoca.com and sign the petition to stop this most radical of all abortion legislations.

GABRIEL NETWORK: Are you facing an unexpected pregnancy? Would you like to learn more about parenting? The Gabriel Network is offering a Health Class for New Moms. If you are interested please contact Katherine Hancock at 301-850-4733 before January 1, 2009.

SUFFERING POST-ABORTION SYNDROME? Call **Project Rachel** – 1-800-286-4224 or **Birthright**, 301-663-0111

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. 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
December 14, 2008

ADULT MINISTRY

Carolyn Nolan: cnolan@archbalt.org

Marriage Tip of the Week: Try walking in your spouse's shoes--literally--for an evening. Try to understand life from your spouse's perspective. Even if you don't exchange shoes, at least change roles for the evening.

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 Saturday, January 10 at 7 pm at St. John, Frederick. The topic is *Becoming an Encourager*. Cost is \$15/book/couple.
- **BIBLE STUDY** – **St. Paul on the Sacraments** begins Wednesday, January 7 at 7 pm in the parish center. Learn what St. Paul taught about each of the sacraments in his various letters to the Church. Cost \$10 for the book.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Anne Mason: amason@archbalt.org

DECEMBER CALENDAR:

Monday : 15th AND Tuesday: 16th - Last Classes until after the first of the year.

Religious Education Events:

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 16th @ 6:15PM – All children in Home Model are expected to attend. **PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE TO RSVP – WE ARE PREPARING ONLY FOR THOSE WHO RSVP!**

Sac Prep Information:

- Beginning January 5th – Call Stacy 301-898-5111 Ext. 18 to reserve your date for First Communion. Saturday May 9th or 16th @ 10:30AM.
- February 14th: 9am – 12Noon, Reconciliation Retreat . BOOKS DUE!
- February 17th: 7PM Reconciliation Service

YOUTH MINISTRY

Harry Ford: 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.

The youth ministry Christmas party is tonight. Reminder that each teen is asked to bring some non-perishable food item for food pantry donations. JC's Gang – pancake batter or syrup, Jr. SPY – Instant Oatmeal or cold cereal, SPY – Canned Spaghetti, Ravioli, or Soups.

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. **Reminder to send in the Confirmation information sheet – there was not letter attached – letter to follow. Please fill in missing information and return as soon as possible.**
- **Confirmation Peer Ministers!** If you haven't been through the “Worthy of the Call” training, you must attend the session on Mon. Dec. 29th in the basement of the Parish Center. Please call Harry to register or if you have any questions concerning your status.
- **All Confirmation Peer Ministers** need to attend the Peer Minister Training on Wed. Dec. 17th at 7PM in the Parish Center.

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

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY:

- * If Frederick County Public Schools **are closed**...we **do not** have sessions for children or adults.
- * If FCPS **close early**...we **do not** have sessions for children or adults.
- * **Youth Ministry**...tune into WTTR and WFRE – decisions will be made as early as possible.
- * Announcements will also be on radio stations...WTTR and WFRE after 3PM Monday through Friday.
- * Weekend Mass will take place as usual unless otherwise noted.

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.

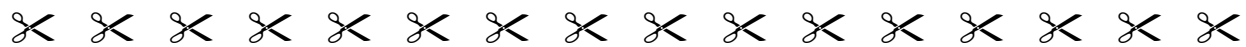
You will find this study guide's format concise and easy to follow. Self-assessment charts invite you to test your knowledge of biblical passages, helping you retain what you learn.

About the Author

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Classes begin, Wednesday January 7, 2009, 7 PM

COST: \$10 PER BOOK



Name: _____ Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____ Payment Type: Check Cash

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