

ST. PETER'S PARISH

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 21, 2008

| | | <u>MASSES</u> | | | |
|-----|--------|---------------|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| MON | DEC 22 | 7:00pm | PASTORAL CARE PARISHIONERS | | |
| TUE | DEC 23 | 8:00am | BILL OLIVER | | |
| WED | DEC 24 | 8:00am | JOHN & CECELIA ROCHE | | |
| | | 4:00pm | SANDY & JOEY PARISE | | |
| | | 6:00pm | KEN SPIELMAN FAMILY LIVING & DECEASED | | |
| | | 8:00pm | COLLEEN DEAN | | |
| | | MIDNIGHT | PARISHIONERS | | |
| THU | DEC 25 | 8:00am | DORIS & GEORGE SAVAGE & JOE CARLIN | | |
| | | 10:00am | FRANCIS & EILEEN BURNS | | |
| FRI | DEC 26 | 9:00am | COMMUNION SERVICE | | |
| SAT | DEC 27 | 8:00am | LLOYD BRISCO | | |
| | | 5:30pm | FLOWER MEMORIAL | | |
| SUN | DEC 28 | 7:15am | FLOWER MEMORIAL | | |
| | | 9:00am | OUR NATION & PRO LIFE | | |
| | | 11:00am | PARISHIONERS | | |

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| | *COLLECTION | \$17,060.00 | \$ 16,501.50 2,069.00 |
| | *POOR BOX | \$ 721.00 | \$ 773.80 208.00 |
| | *CHURCH MORTGAGE MO. | \$ 5,961.00 | 1,712.00 |
| | *IMMACULATE CONCEPTION-HOLY DAY | | \$2,221.00 |

| DECEMBER 24, 25, 27 & 28 | | | | |
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| <u>MASS</u> | <u>ALTAR SERVER</u> | <u>LECTOR</u> | <u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER</u> | |
| DEC 24 4:00pm | GORDON/RUBELING STURM | LILLY & MOXLEY | BAER/GRANT/C & S GORDON/MARLEY SIMONS/STURM/TERCERO/THOMPSON | |
| 6:00pm | BISHOP/DuBOYCE/SHERRICK | MILLER & GETSINGER | BISHOP/DORSCH/KOEHLER/POOLE/ROAN E & K RUSSO/SLATTERY/SMELLER | |
| 8:00pm | E & P GILL/SUPROCK | GAUDLIP & KINZE | J & V ABEL/FORD/KYLE/POTOTSCHNIK SHEEHY/SUPROCK | |
| MIDNIGHT | J & S SLATTERY | LAWRENCE & NAU | BURR/GAUDINO/GRIMES/MULVEY/NOLAN PALMISANO/J & E SADLER/SCHABDACH | |
| DEC 25 8:00am | L & N DiGREGORY | KLINE & POSKA | KRCMA/SMITH/WEAVER | |
| 10:00am | C & Z RATCHFORD/WROTEN | HAMMERSLA & PUGH | GRABENSTEIN/GRUODIS/JONES/POLLOCK D & M TERRELL | |
| DEC 27 5:30pm | C & L & M MOCHI | GREGORY & LAWRENCE | DEA MIKE/H & K FORD/HOEHL/LEVASSEUR MIDDLETOWN/TERCERO | |
| DEC 28 7:15am | J & P RUBELING | JACKSON & GRIBEN | J & K HAYES/VAUGHAN | |
| 9:00am | BISHOP/BOLGER/NORRIS | DeNARDIS & NAU | J & V ABEL/BAER/BISHOP/BURR B & S GORMAN/PUGH/SHEEHY | |
| 11:00am | GORDON/J & L MOXLEY | SIMONS & GETSINGER | C & D DOUDS/C & S GORDON/MOXLEY POOLE/J & E SADLER/SIMON | |

WE WISH YOU A VERY HOLY AND BLESSED CHRISTMAS

ALL MASSES & COMMUNION SERVICES from December 22nd – January 5th are in the Church.

VISIT THE CHRISTMAS CRECHE in the Daily Mass Chapel.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE:
 December 24th – 4pm, 6pm, 8pm, and 12 midnight
 December 25th – 8am and 10am

THE 4PM MASS ON CHRISTMAS EVE is always the most crowded mass. If your schedule allows you to attend another mass, I would recommend it. If you attend 4pm, please be patient.

For all the masses, please leave the parking lot next to the Church for those who have difficulty walking distances.

PARISHES OFFICES will be closed from Wednesday 1pm until Monday. May you all have a blessed Christmas.

NO 5:45 EVENING MASS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28TH.

THIS WEEKEND - WE WILL BE PRESENTING ST. PETER'S - CHRISTMAS LESSONS AND CAROLS: Check the flyer in the bulletin for details.

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
 2 SAM 7: 1-16; ROM 16: 25-27; LK 1:26-38
NEXT WEEK'S READINGS
 GN 15: 1-6; 21: 1-3; HB 11: 8-19; LK 2: 22-40

CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS - Remember your loved ones and help us decorate the Church for Christmas. Flower memorial envelopes are in the foyer of the Parish Center for your convenience. Please return them by December 23rd.

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: Thank you for your help. Those who wish to give and did not get a tag – Birthright especially needs diapers (preemies; size 1 and size 2) and crib sheets this year and there are some extra tags on the tree. Please bring them back unwrapped January 3rd/4th. Again, a Blessed Christmas season and our gratitude for your generous hearts.

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 301-898-5111, ext. 13. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC 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). **We are still working out the opening of the Chapel.** We will keep you posted. Thanks for your understanding and patience.

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.

RESPECT LIFE EVENT: Weekend of January 24th/25th – Post Card project to ask our legislators to reject FOCA (Freedom of Choice Act) to be conducted in our parish. Please pray for the success of the endeavor.

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

PRAY WITH THE HEART PRAYER GROUP will not meet again until after the New Year. Merry Christmas and May God Bless You Abundantly throughout the year.

THANK YOU to all our church friends who came to our mother's (Anne Morrissey) viewing and Mass, sent food, donations, Mass cards, cards, prayers and thoughts. A special Thank You to St. Peter's Ladies Club for a great dinner after the funeral. It was quite a tribute to her. God bless all of you.
Madge Stevens & Bernice Cooper

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: 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"...To our fellow parishioners – **Merry Christmas from the Officer Team and the Men of St. Peter the Apostle Council – THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.**

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, Kerry Santullo, Benjamin Larrick, Adam Berlin, Kathy King, Joe Good, Laura Anne Luszenski, Robert Lapanne, Deacon Mike Misulia, Roy Haynes, Nicole Hickey, Richard Duncan, Ed Sadler, Myrtle Carlin, Maryanne Mason, Jessica Smith, Gabby Cannella, Joshua Wade, Ann Fowler, Penny Best, Joanne Racheff, Dot Delair

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.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

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.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: Are we willing to have the faith of Mary in believing the angel? Do we have faith in our spouse that will give us the strength to make our Sacrament holy? 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>.

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

TRAVELING CATHOLICS: For nationwide Mass times go to www.masstimes.org or call 1-800-527-7846.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

December 21, 2008

ADULT MINISTRY

Carolyn Nolan: cnolan@archbalt.org

Marriage Tip of the Week: Faced with a moral decision? Consider the STOP method: Study (get the facts); Together (both partners take responsibility for the decision); Others (consult those with experience); and Pray (for guidance).

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

- **Baptism Prep Classes** - meets on Tuesday, January 20 or February 17, 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 Early Church. Cost \$10 for the book.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Anne Mason: amason@archbalt.org

JANUARY CALENDAR:

Monday : 5th, 12th & 26th AND Tuesday: 6th, 13th & 27th
As a reminder, these are the start times for our classes:

Monday: 5PM & Monday 6:45PM

Tuesday 6:15PM

All classes are 1 hr. 15 minutes – please make every effort to be on time to class.

Catechist Information: Catechist Meeting scheduled for **Tuesday, January 20th @ 7PM.** “Leading Meaningful Prayer Experiences for Children”.

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!
www.stpeter-libertytown.org.

All youth ministry meets in church tonight for the Lessons & Carols Program. All the youth ministers wish you and your family a Blessed and Holy Christmas!

On behalf of St. Peter's food pantry, Joe Dombek thanks all SPY, Jr. SPY and JC's gang who donated food at the Christmas party.

JC's Gang is having a retreat! On Jan. 10th from 1PM -5PM in Sappington Hall. Theme of the Retreat is “Storytelling and the Bible!” Cost is \$8.00. Call or e-mail the Rel. Ed. Office by Jan 4th to register.

There is **NO Youth Ministry or 5:45 Mass on the 28th of December!** Please note this!

CONFIRMATION

- **Confirmation program begins January 17th.** The first mini-session runs from 10AM – 5PM. Bring a bag lunch. **Continue to send in the Confirmation information sheet . Please fill in missing information and return as soon as possible. Thank you!**
- **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.

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

MUSIC MINISTRY MENTIONS

Christmas Lessons & Carols Program: St. Peter's Music Ministry is proud to present our Christmas Lessons & Carols Program **today, December 21st at 7:00pm in the church.** Please plan to come to enjoy a pleasant evening of readings and Christmas hymns designed to help you praise the Lord and glory in His impending Incarnation. A reception will follow in the Parish Center, and you are asked to please bring a dozen cookies to share.

Music Ministry Mass Coverage for Christmas Eve & Day Masses:

The following music ministers will be leading song for Christmas Eve & Day masses:

Christmas Eve

4:00pm: Choristers, Ken Tercero (accompanist), Judy Smarsh (directing)

6:00pm: The Ensemble

8:00pm: Hanson & Group

Midnight: Enhanced Adult Choir, Dave Conway (accompanist), Sherri Slattery (directing)

Christmas Day

8:00am: Ken Tercero (accompanist), Elisa Koehler (cantor)

10:00am: Ken Tercero (accompanist), Elisa Koehler (cantor)

Music Skills Workshop

January 4 – 26, 2009

Come and learn how to read music and sing with confidence!

What will be covered: Basic pitch and rhythmic notation, finding notes on a piano keyboard, and how to sing in the vocal range that is best for you. If time allows, major and minor keys will also be introduced along with simple intervals.

Who can come: Anyone age 12 and up

Why you should come: To sing better at Mass and to learn (or brush up) a valuable skill. If you might want to join the choir, that would be great, but nobody will force you!

Workshop Schedule: The same material will be covered at two convenient times each week. Mix and match, depending on your schedule.

Sundays, January 4 – 25, 2009

3:30 pm – 5 pm (Parish Center Classroom)

Mondays, January 5 – 26, 2009

7:30 pm – 9 pm (Sappington Hall)

How to register: Email the instructor, Elisa Koehler, at ekoehler@verizon.net, so that adequate handouts may be prepared for those who want to attend.