

ST. PETER'S PARISH FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 20, 2009

		<u>MASSES</u>		
MON	DEC 21	7:00pm	PASTORAL CARE - PARISHIONERS	
TUE	DEC 22	8:00am	CARROLL SHURNEY	
WED	DEC 23	8:00am	COMMUNION SERVICE	
THU	DEC 24	8:00am	<u>NO COMMUNION SERVICE</u>	
		4:00pm	FRANCIS & EILEEN BURNS	
		6:00pm	SANDY & JOEY PARISE	
		8:00pm	DORIS & JOHN SAVAGE	
		12 MIDNIGHT	PARISHIONERS	
FRI	DEC 25	9:00am	JOHN & CECELIA ROCHE	
SAT	DEC 26	8:00am	FLOWER MEMORIAL	
		5:30pm	FLOWER MEMORIAL	<u>GOAL COLLECTION & EFT FIG</u>
SUN	DEC 27	7:15am	PARISHIONERS	*COLLECTION \$18,314.00 \$ 16,015.95 2,493.00
		9:00am	INT OF SPIELMAN LIVING & DECEASED	*POOR BOX \$ 721.00 \$ 466.60 256.00
		11:00am	FLOWER MEMORIAL	*CHURCH MORTGAGE MO. \$ 7,206.00 1,687.00
				*RETIRED RELIGIOUS \$3,019.00

DECEMBER 24, 25, 26 & 27

<u>MASS</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVER</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>
<u>CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE</u>		
DEC 24 4:00pm	EADES & ROSENBERG & STARVAGGI	DeNARDIS & LILLY
6:00pm	HUTCHISON & A & B RICE	MILLER & SCHIEBER
8:00pm	C GAUDLIP & E & P GILL	GILL & KINZE
12 MIDNIGHT	S & M SLATTERY & A SUPROCK	BALLANTINE & NAU
DEC 25 9:00am	HEILAND & POLLAK & WROTEN	PUGH
DEC 26 5:30pm	A & M & P DuBOYCE	LAWRENCE & LEVASSEUR
DEC 27 7:15am	J & P & T RUBELING	KUTLIK & WAGNER
9:00am	HEILAND & HUTCHISON & LEE	CLEMONS & DeNARDIS
11:00am	BOLGER & MERKEL & WROTEN	THOMPSON & LILLY
<u>HOLY DAY – SOLEMNITY OF MARY</u>		
DEC 31 5:30pm	BISHOP & STARVAGGI	LAWRENCE & THOMPSON
JAN 1 10:00am	C & Z RATCHFORD & ROSENBERG	SIMONS & WAGNER

WE WISH YOU A VERY HOLY AND BLESSED CHRISTMAS

NO 5:45PM MASS ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27TH.

A CHRISTMAS LESSONS & CAROLS PROGRAM this Sunday evening, December 20th at 7:00pm (directly after the 5:45pm Mass) in the Church. Most of our musicians and groups are participating in this fun and exciting event, which features readings & Christmas hymns of praise & glory. It promises to get you into the spirit as we await the birth of our Savior. Refreshments will be served immediately following the program. If you are able, you are asked to please bring a plate of cookies to share.

ALL MASSES & COMMUNION SERVICES from December 21st . January 3rd 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 - 9am

THE 4:00PM 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 4:00pm, please be patient.

PARISH OFFICES will be closed from Thursday, December 24th until Monday. May you have a Blessed Christmas.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

MI 5: 1-4a; HEB 10: 5-10; LK 1: 39-45

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

SIR 3: 2-14; COL 3: 122-21; LK 2:41-52

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED: Eddie Meuse, son of Walter & Margaret Meuse; Dylan O'Grady, son of Michael & Julie O'Grady

FATHER COLLIN POSTON, who served in our parish in the not too distant past, has been named the pastor of St. Mary's in Hagerstown and of St. Michael's in Clear Spring, MD. He asks for your prayers as he embraces a new responsibility. Also, an Installation Mass for Father Collin will be held on Sunday, December 27th at 1pm at St. Mary's. You are welcome and invited to celebrate with him! For more information please call 301-739-0390.

OUTSTANDING SERVICE – We would like to recognize Millie and George Conner for their outstanding dedication and service to St. Peter's parish. Millie has been the driving force behind the success of our Thrift Shop for decades. She and George have set up donuts after the 7:15am Mass for our monthly fellowship since the 1990's. They certainly deserve their retirement by now! We offer them our warmest thanks and prayers for health and happiness and maybe a donut or two.

NEEDED – Volunteers are desperately needed to set up for the 7:15am donut fellowship once a month from November to May, a great opportunity to volunteer as a family. Please call

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS
DECEMBER 20, 2009

ADULT MINISTRY

Carolyn Nolan: cnolan@archbalt.org

Marriage Tip of the Week: What puts passion into your marriage? Often rekindling romance is a matter of doing something new together. Cook a new dish for dinner, or visit a park, museum or historic place you haven't seen before.

Visit: www.foryourmarriage.org for great relationship ideas!

Baptism Prep Classes - meets on Tuesday, January 19th, & February 15th from 7 – 9 pm in the lower level of the Parish Office Bldg. 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 are interested in beginning the petition for an annulment, call Carolyn at 301-898-5111 for more information.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Anne Mason: amason@archbalt.org

Important Dates: NO CLASS ON DECEMBER 21st, 22nd, 28th & 29th or JANUARY 4th & 5th

JANUARY CLASSES:

- Mondays: 11th & 25th
- Tuesdays: 12th & 26th

CATECHIST MEETING January 4th @ 7PM. Please RSVP to Stacy at sjohnston@archbalt.org

Reconciliation:

Reconciliation Family Event: Mark your calendar for Saturday, February 20, 2010 from 10AM – 12noon.

Reconciliation Family Celebration: Mark your calendar for Tuesday, February 23, 2010 @ 7PM.

First Eucharist:

Celebration: You may begin to call & schedule your child's First Eucharist beginning Monday, January 4th. The dates are Saturday, May 8th or May 15th @ 10:00AM. There will be NO individual celebrations this year. Everyone MUST participate in the group celebrations.

Parent Prep: Please remember to call & schedule attendance at one of the parent prep sessions on March 4th, 11th or 19th. There will be NO make-up sessions – you must attend one of the many scheduled sessions.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Sundays 9am Mass: Children (Ages 5 - Grade 5) are invited to participate in breaking open the Word each week.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Harry Ford: hford@archbalt.org

A special thank you to all those donating to the homeless shelter outreach program.

ALL Youth Ministry meets tonight – the outreach program will begin in Sappington Hall promptly at 7PM!

There will be NO Youth Ministry or 5:45PM Mass on the 27th. Have a Blessed Christmas.

SPY Retreat has been rescheduled for Jan 8th-10th. Cost will be \$75.00. We still have openings and the permission slip and flyer can be found on St. Peter's website.

Confirmation program begins on Jan. 23rd. Please be sure that you are registered for the program so that you can receive information

Mount 2010 is Feb 12th-14th. This is a great opportunity to experience the power of 1500 teens praising God for a weekend! The cost is only \$55.00/person. Signup requires a \$15.00 deposit. We still have openings!

WOTC Training – will be held on Tuesday, January 5th @ 7PM in the lower level of the parish center.

Appalachia Workcamp is July 11th-17th. Cost to be determined. We will have fundraisers to help lower your cost.

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 ó decisions will be made as early as possible.
- * Announcements will also be on radio stationsí WTTR and WFRE after 3PM Monday through Friday.



December 2009 Newsletter

St. John Regional Catholic School is your parish school!
Our students are from the parishes of St. John the Evangelist, St. Katharine Drexel, St. Peter, Holy Family, St. Timothy, St. Joseph, St. Ignatius, St. Francis/St. Mary, and the Catholic community of Fort Detrick.
We want you to know more about St. John and our students' accomplishments.
This newsletter appears monthly in your church bulletin.

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301-662-6722/ 301-695-9358 Admissions

Christmas is Season of Giving

The SJRCS Student Council recently held a raffle to benefit the Oblate Sisters of Providence. The students raised \$363. The sisters are collecting funds to build a facility for their aged and infirmed sisters.

At the recent Immaculate Conception Mass, an offering was taken up for WFMD's Christmas Cash for Kids project that benefits Frederick area children. \$452 was collected from the students for this charity.

Students in 1st grade wrote 45 letters to Santa which were delivered to a special mailbox at Macy's to be sent to the North Pole. Macy's donated \$1.00 for each letter to the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

SJRCS Jr. Girl Scout Troop #81694 made 11 care packages for soldiers in Afghanistan. They are working on their Bronze Service Award.

OPEN HOUSE

February 4, 2010 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Applications for Pre-K – 8th Grade

Now Being Accepted
For the 2010-11 School Year
Forms may be downloaded at
www.sjrsc.org

Please contact Admissions at
301-695-9358 to arrange a tour

Students Receive St. Francis Awards

The St. Francis Award was presented to St. John students who show example by living the Gospel through the **Values Code**. For the month of **October**, the following students were selected by their teachers for exemplifying the value of **responsibility**:

Christine Neuenschwander, Jessica Lowe, Christopher Stitz, Lillian Cuozzo, Matt McNeill, Domenica Iocco, Bryce Iappica, Dennis McAfee, Daniel Haines, Tim Johnson, Katie D'Addato, Grace Cillo, Ryan English, Emily Ryan, Sergey Maduschke, Bridget Scherer, Matthew McNulty, Bryce Shepherd, Michael Cederdahl, Karen Leahy, Noah Kasica, Erika Bealmear, Morgan Ryczko, Justin Staley, Peter Worden.

For the month of **November**, the following students were selected by their teachers for exemplifying the value of **self-respect**:

Katie Hicken, Bryanna Parice, Marguerite Haddad, Louis Bernard, Casey Beins, Charlie Hanner, John Rempe, Kathryn Plamondon, Mackenzie Cummings, Bridget Curtis, Hee Yeon Chang, Connor Gallagher, Erin Gillespie, Kevin Cottrell, Ariana Bennett, Adam Kreimer, Theresa Wagner, Anthony Pente, Amelia Scherer, Alex Coajou, Renata Farrell, Sydney Acol, Jack Strayton, Alisha Mason, Alexis Villalobos.

St. John Regional Catholic School Mission Statement

St. John Regional Catholic School provides and supports quality education in the tradition of the Catholic Church for all who seek it. The faith community is dedicated to the development of the whole person – spiritually, academically, creatively, physically, emotionally, and socially – all through the teachings of Jesus Christ.

the office 301-898-5111 as soon as possible. If we don't have helpers we may have to cancel this worthwhile time for fellowship.

IF YOU ORDERED FAIR TRADE COFFEE, TEA OR CHOCOLATE, you may pick up your order after Masses this Sunday. Your orders will be available in the lost and found corner opposite the food bank shelves in the main entrance to the church. Please pay by check made payable to St. Peter's Church and place in an envelope marked with the note Fair Trade sale. Call Sandy Ballantine at 301-865-1542 if you have any questions.

PROGRAM FOR THE NEEDY: We are 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. Please bring gifts unwrapped on January 2nd /3rd. 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 Lucia Kline 301-865-5243 or Mary Burr 410-861-6206 if you have questions or want to schedule a weekend. **Also**, any donations that one would like to contribute to the Flower Fund will go to the weekly beautification of our Church. All donations are appreciated.

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: Please consider giving a weekly hour of your time to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, adoring Him and thanking Him for so many blessings. We still have the 2:00pm Monday; midnight Monday into Tuesday and 4am early Saturday. Please call Linda at 301-829-2888 or Diane 301-898-0833 to take the hour. Thank you so much!

CHRISTMAS EVE, Thursday, Dec. 24th. Our Chapel will close before 4pm Mass to re-open after Midnight Mass. around 1:30am Friday, Christmas morning. We will have a sign-up at the Chapel for those who need subs and for volunteers for Christmas Day and New Year's. We invite all to stop by for a visit to the Lord on His Birthday! God Bless and a Blessed Christmas to all!

BUS FOR THE LIFE MARCH TO D. C. will be going on Friday, Jan. 22nd. Sign-ups will be after the holidays.

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION – Month 9. Your baby is nearly ready for birth. This is an exciting time. His lungs are completely developed, and he will be able to breathe air when making the transition. He will continue to grow for the duration of his life. Please pray for your child and the pro-life intentions.

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.

THE FLU IS SPREADING. If you are sick with flu-like symptoms, please stay home. It is important to understand that the Sunday obligation to attend Mass does NOT apply if you are sick or caring for someone who is sick. (Code of Canon Law cc1247-8)

PARISH NURSE NOTES: The Gift of Presence – There are times when our physical presence with someone who is in crisis is the only gift we need to give. By God's gift of Christ to us in the Incarnation shows our being there is showing God's love. We do not need to speak or do anything. We prepare to be present by focusing on the "now" when we are with the person to show our compassion. We cannot "fix" what is happening, all we can do is listen to the feelings, sit with them or touch a hand and love them as God loves them. It is not the gift that we think of during this time of year but it is the presence that so many need to feel. Share your presence with someone this year. Have a blessed Christmas. Marybeth Terrell, Parish Nurse, 301-845-6572.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 13290: Merry Christmas from the officers and members of the Knights of St. Peter the Apostle Council. A very special thanks to all the members of our parish who supported our council's programs. This past year we were able to strongly support our parish mortgage repayment program, financially support our parish seminarians, gave our support to Pro-Life efforts on a spiritual and financial basis, and added to the parish social enjoyment. We also gave our support to our community through a variety of venues that included a Catholic School Scholarship, Special Olympics of Frederick County and other agencies that support the special needs population of Frederick County, Mary's House, cleaned up a portion of MD Rte. 75, and we are responsible for the American Flags that fly on Rte. 26 in Libertytown. We are especially thankful to the men that joined us this past year to become part of our growing fraternity of Men of Faith, and the quest to support ourselves in our efforts to become a better Catholic Man. **WE ARE CALLED TO SERVE** – come and join us in 2010.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK - Mary Unglesbee, Tom and Mary Ellen McKoy, Deacon Mike Misulia, Ed Sadler, Myrtle Carlin, Sandy McDermott, Judy Churco, Ann Fowler, Baby Hope, Joshua Wade, Marilyn Hall, Jarrett Martin, Heather Chisholm, Anna Heslin, James & Elizabeth Hood, Keith Radtke, Timmy Myers, Elyse Weber, Cheri Riley, Carmela Kaspersky, Marsha Lawn, Gennaro Rucci, Jr., Ester Ragusa, Jacqueline Feuz, Charles Guarneri, Karen Boteler, Mary Agnes Naill, Lydia Cook, Gabrielle Smelzer, Thomas Kleinschnitz, Faye Avery, Mike D'Auria, Andrew Illig, Cheryl & Helen Pohlit, Maureen Marley, Bill Lebherz, Neveah Wells, Janet Bronder, Baby Stack, Shirley Ingraham, Preston Scibek, Bert Morley, Elizabeth Ann Mason, Regina Moran, Mary Smith, Dina Strauss, Carla Carlson. **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 REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL has been designated a 2009 Blue Ribbon School of Excellence by the U.S. Dept. of Education. Applications are now being accepted for Pre-K-8th grade for the 2010-2011 school year. See our website www.sjrccs.org for more info about our school or call 301-695-9358 to schedule a private tour. Tours are conducted daily from 9-11am. **The next Open House** will be held Thursday, Feb. 4th from 9am-1pm.

CHRIST IN MEDIEVAL MANUSCRIPTS: The Walters Art Museum, 600 N. Charles St., in Baltimore, hosts The Christmas Story exhibit, December through February 28th. This exhibition draws on the extraordinary holdings of the Walters Art Museum and an anonymous private collection to illustrate the Christmas Story in the way that it has been understood for centuries, with Books of Hours and Missals from around the Christian world. Admission is free. For more information call 410-547-9000 or visit www.the.walters.org.