



Second Sunday of Advent

December 5 & 6, 2009

This Week in our Parishes

Saturday, December 5th

2:30 pm, Sacrament of Reconciliation - SAS
4:00 pm, Y.M. Mass – SAS (+Frances Seltzer)
5:00 pm, HSYM Meeting – MSM Seminary

Sunday, December 6th Advent 2

Second Collection – Buildings & Grounds
7:00 am, Mass – SAS (L&D Parishioners)
8:00 am, Mass – OLMC (+Andrew Zienda)
9:15 am, Religious Education Classes - TMS
9:15 am, Confirmation Class - TMS
9:30 am, Mass – SAS (+Robert McCarthy)
11:00 am, Mass – OLMC (+Theresia Ulitzky)

Monday, December 7th

8:00 am, Mass – OLMC (+Jordan Carr)
9:00 am, Mom's Group Mtg. – SAS Schoolhouse
3:00 pm, Eucharistic Adoration – OLMC
6:30 pm, Girl Scouts Meeting - SASH

Tuesday, December 8th Immaculate Conception

8:00 am, Mass – OLMC (L&D Parishioners)
9:30 am, Staff Meeting - SAS
7:00 pm, Mass – SAS (L&D Mbrs of Bob & Dot
Maze and Katherine Beard)
8:00 pm, Adult Choir Practice - SAS

Wednesday, December 9th

No Morning Mass
9:30 am, Parish Advent Retreat – SAUH
7:00 pm, RCIA – SAS Upper Hall

Thursday, December 10th

8:00 am, Mass – OLMC (+Braxton Carr)
6:15 pm, Adult Choir Practice – SAS
6:30 pm, Handbell Practice – OLMC
6:30 pm, YOGA – SAS Upper Hall

Friday, December 11th

7:30 am, Morning Prayers – OLMC
8:00 am, Mass – OLMC (+Ruth & George Martins)

Saturday, December 12th

4:00 pm, Y.M. Mass – SAS (+Mark, John & Johnny
Carson)

Sunday, December 13th Advent 3

Second Collection – Retired Religious Fund
7:00 am, Mass – SAS (+Sally Shields)
8:00 am, Mass – OLMC (L&D Parishioners)
9:15 am, Religious Education Classes - TMS
9:15 am, Confirmation Class - TMS
9:30 am, Mass – SAS (+Robert Ridenour)
11:00 am, Mass – OLMC (+Carroll Little)
1:00 pm, Secular Franciscan Order – OLMC
3:00 pm, Boy Scouts (Tigers) – SASH
6:30 pm, Youth Ministry Music Practice – OLMC

Third Sunday of Advent December 12 & 13

Scripture Readings for Mass

First Reading ~ Zephaniah 3:14-18a/9

Responsorial ~ Ps. Isaiah 12:2-3,4,5-6

Second Reading ~ Philippians 4:4-7

Gospel ~ Luke 3:10-18

Our Ministry of Prayer

Please remember in prayer the intentions written in our Book of Prayer located in each Church and the Parish Center entrance area. We also remember those persons who have requested prayers through the prayer chain.

Also, please remember the following parishioners in prayer:

Francis Bittle

JoAnn Cannada

Grace Crotts

Joan Fink

Doris Glass

Ray Horst

Peggy Kauffman

Jeanette Massena

Karen Mills

Tony Newman

Charles Putman

Elfriede Ridenour

Margaret Smith

Carroll Wivell

Dorothy Burkard

Dick Cool

Jack Dillon

Ethel Fitzgerald

Daniel Hartke

Bob Kaas

Michelle Keegin

Rosemary McDermott

Dolores Munafa

Rita Priest

Mary Reckley

Francis Smith

Robert Smith

Lorraine Wivell



For Prayer Requests

please call the Parish Office at (301) 447-2367 or Linda McCauley at (301) 271-7561.

Welcome to our Newest Members



Annabelle & Josephine James,
daughters of

Jai & Annable James,
Baptized November 28, 2009



Baptismal Preparation Classes

Congratulations to all new parents.

If you are planning to have your baby baptized, please contact the parish office to register for the baptismal preparation class. Parents and godparents are invited to attend. The next class will be **Sunday, January 10, at 1 pm** at **Saint Anthony Shrine** in the **church**. The class is expected to last about one hour. If you have any questions, please call Barbara at the parish office (301) 447-2367.

High School Youth Ministry

Faith & Film- 12/5

Join your friends after SAS 4:00 Youth Mass for a movie night! Food & fun guaranteed! Featured film is Bella. Meet on the seminary patio at 5:00 p.m. Pick up at 8:00 p.m. RSVP to Lori by 12/1.

Mount 2010 - February 12 to 14

Join fellow Catholics for 3 days of amazing talks, praise and worship. Fifteen dollar deposit due to Lori Carter by Tuesday, 12/1/09. Forty dollars and Registration form due to Lori Carter by Saturday, 1/2/09. Male and female chaperones needed.

For information on High School Youth Ministry

Events or to volunteer contact:

Lori Carter (301) 271-4050 lpitcarter@comcast.net.

Youth Ministry Music Practices

for students in grades 6 – 12 are held Sunday evenings 6:30 - 8:00 pm in the OLMC Parish Center.

Upcoming practices:

December 13 & 20

A Pizza social will follow the practices.

S A M C Youth Ministry News

All 6th, 7th and 8th grade parishioners are invited to the next **SMAC** meeting on **Friday, January 22nd** from 7:15 to 8:45 pm in the old Schoolhouse at St. Anthony's. Don't miss the fun, food and friends! *For information call Mike Miller at (301) 271-9871.*

S A M C! Calendar of Events

- Dec 13 – Visit Sisters & Pizza Party – 2:00 pm
Villa of St. Michael & Pizza Hut
- Jan 22 – SMAC Meeting – 7:15 pm SASH

Peace & Social Justice Committee

an education and action ministry

December

23rd Casseroles for FRM due date

To volunteer or participate in any activities, please contact Deacon John Hawkins at (301) 271-2194 or JHawkins@archbalt.org.

“This is my commandment: love one another as I love you.” John 15:12

Altar Servers Training/Refresher

will be held **Sunday, December 13, after 9:30 am** Mass at St. Anthony's. New altar servers should be 4th grade age to adult. Any current altar server can come and refresh your memory on tasks/procedures. If you have any questions, please call Jennifer Durski at (301) 241-3793 or call the parish Office.

Adopt-A-Family

This season is time when we are more conscious of those who are not as fortunate as we are. Seton Center has provided us with **4 families** for this year's Adopt-a-Family program. You can help us reach out to some of our needy families by taking one or more of the ornaments in the back of St. Anthony Shrine and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church and Parish Center. They have family needs listed on them as well as a family code #. Be sure to take the ornaments with you in order to avoid duplicates. Return your gifts with boxes, wrapping paper, and receipts (for returns, if necessary). Also, please return the information ornament with the package.

All gifts should be returned by

Sunday, December 6th

If you have any questions, please call (301) 271-4099.

Mark Your Calendars

- Dec 9 – Parish Advent Retreat – 9:30 am SAUH
- Dec 15 – Parish Penance Service – 7 pm SAS
- Dec 18 – KofC Christmas Dinner – 7:30 pm
- Dec 20 – Y.M. Christmas Concert – 3pm OLMC
- Dec 20 - Parish Christmas Potluck- 4pm OLMC
- Dec 20 - Live Nativity – 5 pm OLMC
- Dec 24 – Christmas Eve Mass – 4:00 pm SAS
- Dec 24 – Christmas Eve Mass – 4:15 pm OLMC
- Dec 24 – Christmas Eve Mass – 9:30 pm SAS
- Dec 25 – Christmas Day Mass – 9:30 am OLMC
- Jan 1 – Solemnity of Mary Mass – 9 am SAS

Parish Advent Retreat

Theme: We are an Incarnational Church
Leader: Barbara Anderson
When: Wednesday, December 9
Time: 9:30 am to 12:00 pm
Where: St. Anthony's Upper Hall
Register: Call Parish Office (301) 447-2367
Cost: Free Will Offering



Christmas Memorials

If you wish to remember your loved ones during the Christmas season, donations for our Christmas decorations can be made by using the envelope provided in our packet of offering envelopes. Additional envelopes are in the back of the church. Please return the envelopes via the offertory collection by **Sunday, December 20th**. A listing of those remembered will be published in our bulletin for December 26 & 27. Thank you.



Family Christmas Program

All are invited to our **Parish Christmas Concert, Pot Luck and Live Nativity** at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel on **Sunday, December 20**.

3:00 pm The **youth** of our parishes will present a **Christmas Concert** and a sing-a-long.
4:00 pm For the **Pot Luck Supper**, please bring a dish indicated by the initial of your last name.

Entrée Q – Z / **Vegetable** I – P / **Salad** A – H
(Help will be needed in the kitchen and to set up tables and chairs before the program.)

5:00 pm The **Live Nativity** will take place on OLMC front lawn. *Hot chocolate and cookies will be served afterwards.*

High School Placement Test (HSPT)

Saint John's Catholic Prep
Saturday, December 12, 2009

8:30 am Registration / 9:00 am Testing
 \$30 Testing Fee

Saint John's is a Catholic, coeducational college preparatory high school located at 889 Butterfly Lane in Frederick, MD. Students currently enrolled in an Archdiocese of Washington school take the high school placement test at their middle school. All other interested 8th grade students are required to take this placement test. Visit Saint John's Catholic Prep online at www.saintjohns_prep.org or call the school at (301) 662-4210.



The Knights of Columbus Council has launched a new Website!!

The Knights of Columbus Council at our two Parishes has launched a new website. The website location is as follows: www.kofc-11975.org

The website contains information that you might want to know about our local Council and the Knights of Columbus, in general. In addition, the website identifies contact information if you are interested in joining this prestigious Catholic Fraternal Organization. It tells you who you can contact to discuss your interest further. The website will maintain a schedule of events and activities to show anyone interested what the Knights are doing within the Parishes and the community at large.

Respectfully // Skip Bush, Grand Knight

Come One, Come All

and join fellow parishioners in decorating St. Anthony Shrine for Christmas. Decorating will begin after the 9:30 am Mass on **Sunday, December 20**. Everyone is welcome to share their talents and friendship in preparing the church for Christmas!!!

November's Poor Box Allocations

The following charities received contributions from our poor boxes this month:

Seton Center	\$400.00
Catholic Charities	\$100.00
Interfaith Housing of Western Maryland	\$550.00
Total Donations for November	\$1,050.00

FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekend of November 28 & 29, 2009

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

Attendance		228
Envelopes	(72)	1,654.00
Loose		474.95
Total		1,128.95
Poor Box		52.98
Special Parish Needs		695.00
November Bldg & Grounds		1,864.00

St. Anthony Shrine

Attendance		369
Envelopes	(67)	1,670.00
Loose		533.65
Total		2,203.65
Poor Box		131.57
Special Parish Needs		1,068.00
November Bldg & Grounds		1,383.35

From Barbara . . .

On this 2nd Sunday of Advent we begin to hear of the preparation for the coming of the Messiah. John (of Baptist fame) is making ready for God's presence in a particular time and place, which is 1st century Jerusalem. We too must prepare for God's presence in our particular time and place. As Catholics we believe that God is present in all that is around us. We are a people who believe in the incarnation of God. We must also prepare for the second coming of Christ. Take time this week to be aware of how you prepare to be in God's presence every day and in the future.

You'll notice that during Advent and the Christmas season we have a bulletin insert with ways to keep the seasons. I hope that you find these and/or the little blue books helpful as you spiritually prepare for the celebration of Christmas and beyond.

This Wednesday I will be conducting a morning of retreat for Advent. I hope that you can join us for this time of prayer and reflection.

Next week the second collection will be for the Retired Religious Fund. This week some of the religious sisters of our parish will be talking about the great need to take care of those who have served the church so well and so long. Please be generous to those who now need our care after giving so much of themselves.

May God continue to bless us all.

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Hot Meals for Needy

The Ladies of Charity and the Council of Churches will be sponsoring a hot meal on the last Saturdays of the month for the following cold months:

December 26 (a special meal and gifts will be given for those that visit), **January 30**, **February 27** and **March 27**.

The meals will be served at Elias Lutheran Church on North Alley in Emmitsburg by a non-denominational, Christian organization whose mission is to provide nourishing meals, fellowship and encouragement to those in need. Please check for details at: Seton Center, Up County Pregnancy Center and Food Bank.

Support
Saint Anthony Shrine &
Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Parishes by eating at Rocky's!



Bring this coupon to
Rocky's NY Pizza & Restaurant
(301-271-7181) on Tippin Drive
the **first Monday** of each month.
Rocky's will donate 15% of all sales
with the coupon to our parishes.

Eat at the restaurant, carry-out,
or have it delivered.
Have fun & support the parish!

Christmas Eve at the Rescue Mission

We will once again be preparing and serving lunch to the residents and local community at the Frederick County Rescue Mission this month.

If you are interested in helping out in any way please contact John Hawkins or Susan Robinson (phone 717.642.5070).

As an additional treat, we will be substituting the extra food leftover from Cash Bash for our casseroles this month. SO, keep an eye out for more pans after the start of the New Year.

Peace and God's blessing be with you always.

Thank you.
Susan Robinson

Volunteer Needed

to do the linens at St. Anthony's one time every four weeks. If you are interested or would like more information, please call the parish office at (301) 447-2367.