



Second Sunday of Advent

December 3 & 4, 2011

This Week in our Parishes

Saturday, December 3rd

10:00 am, First Reconciliation Parents/Children Meeting - OLMC
2:30 pm, Sacrament of Reconciliation – SAS
2:00 pm, Youth Ministry Music Practice - SAS
4:00 pm, Mass - SAS (+Andrew Zienda)

Sunday, December 4th Advent 2

Second Collection – Buildings and Grounds
7:00 am, Mass – SAS (+Sally Shields)
8:00 am, Mass – OLMC (+Paul & Ethel Little)
9:30 am, Mass – SAS (+Chad Williams)
11:00 am, Mass – OLMC (L&D Parishioners)
7:00 pm, HSYM Meeting – SAS Upper Hall

Monday, December 5th Eat at Rocky's Day

8:00 am, Mass – OLMC (+Joe Little)
9:30 am, Mom's Group Meeting – SASH
2:00 pm, Eucharistic Adoration – OLMC
7:00 pm, AA Meeting – SAS Upper Hall

Tuesday, December 6th

8:00 am, Mass – OLMC (+Frances Seltzer)
8:30 am, Thurmont Ministerium Meeting
1:00 pm, Bring Your Own Craft – SAUH
7:30 pm, Knights of Columbus Meeting - OLMC

Wednesday, December 7th

No Morning Mass
6:30 pm, Handbell Practice – OLMC
7:00 pm, RCIA – SAS Upper Hall

Thursday, December 8th Immaculate Conception

Parish Offices Closed
8:00 am, Mass – OLMC (L&D Mbrs of Bob & Dot Maze Family and Katherine Beard)
6:30 pm, Yoga – SAS Upper Hall
7:00 pm, Mass – SAS (L&D Parishioners)
8:00 pm, Choir Practice – SAS

Friday, December 9th

7:30 am, Morning Prayer - OLMC
8:00 am, Mass – OLMC (+Mafalda Crafts)

Saturday, December 10th

4:00 pm, Mass - SAS (L&D Parishioners)

Sunday, December 11th Advent 3

Second Collection – Retired Religious
7:00 am, Mass – SAS (+Annie Shields, Tony Kelly, Sr. & Pat Kolb, Jr.)
8:00 am, Mass – OLMC (+Charles Putman)
9:00 am, Religious Education Classes – TMS
9:00 am, Confirmation Class - TMS
9:30 am, Mass – SAS (+Henry Quinn)
11:00 am, Mass – OLMC (+Carroll Little)
7:00 pm, HSYM Meeting – SAS Upper Hall

Third Sunday of Advent

December 10 & 11

Scripture Readings for Mass

First Reading ~ Isaiah 61:1-2a,10-11/8
Responsorial ~ Ps. Luke 1:46-48,49-50,53-54
Second Reading ~ 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
Gospel ~ John 1:6-8,19-28

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:

<i>Francis Bittle</i>	<i>Scott Bush</i>
<i>JoAnn Cannada</i>	<i>Kathleen Cekic</i>
<i>Dick Cool</i>	<i>Dan Durski</i>
<i>Denise Ferguson</i>	<i>John Fink</i>
<i>Jimmy & Doris Glass</i>	<i>Diane Hawkins</i>
<i>Mary Jack</i>	<i>Lloydann Kauffman</i>
<i>Cate Krietz</i>	<i>Jeanette Massena</i>
<i>Dolores Munafo</i>	<i>Tony Newman</i>
<i>Luke Joseph Portier</i>	<i>Ed & Helen Reaver</i>
<i>Mary Reckley</i>	<i>Rev. Paul Redmond</i>
<i>Jennifer Ruttinger</i>	<i>Harley Ruttinger</i>
<i>Diane Shockey</i>	<i>Francis Smith</i>
<i>Margaret Smith</i>	<i>Robert Smith</i>
<i>Alice Springer</i>	<i>Carroll Wivell</i>
<i>Lorraine Wivell</i>	<i>Al Zienda</i>



For Prayer Requests

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



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 8, 1:00 pm** at **St. Anthony Shrine** in the **church**.

S M A M C! Youth Ministry News

All 6th, 7th and 8th grade parishioners are invited to the **SMAC! Meeting** on **Friday, January 20th** 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 Dale Phillips at (301) 712-7082 or email dalerader@gmail.com.

S M A M C! Upcoming Events

Thurs, Dec 8 Praise & Worship TBA MSM
Fri, Jan 20 SMAC! Mtg. 7:15-8:45 pm SASH

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 are scheduled for:

December 11 & 18

A Pizza social will follow the practice.

Sr. High Youth Ministry Calendar

Sun, Dec 4 Sr. High YM Mtg. 7:00 pm SAUH

Sun, Dec 11 Sr. High YM Mtg. 7:00 pm SAUH

For information call Mike Miller at (301) 271-9871.

Help Support WorkCamp Teens

*Are you looking for a great gift and want to support our parish teens' summer service trip at the same time? If so, please consider purchasing a **wreath**, **centerpiece** or **garland** on their behalf through www.lynchcreekwreaths.com (or call 1-888-426-0781). Our teens will get **25%** of your purchase, and you get a beautiful wreath delivered anywhere in the country (with free shipping) on the day you select. Products start at \$20. Please mention our group ID (43224) when you make a purchase. Thank you!*

Mark Your Calendars

- Dec 5 – Eat at Rocky's Day
- Dec 6 – Bring Your Own Craft – 1 pm SAUH
- Dec 8 – I.C. Mass – 8 am OLMC / 7 pm SAS
- Dec 15 – Advent Retreat – 8:00 am OLMC
- Dec 18 – Christmas Potluck – 4:00 pm OLMC
- Dec 18 – Live Nativity – 5:00 pm OLMC
- Dec 20 – KofC Social Night – 6:30 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

Peace & Social Justice Committee

an education and action ministry

December

21st **Casseroles** for FRM due date

Frederick Rescue Mission

Bread of Life Community Kitchen

Lunch served on the 4th Saturday of each month.

Volunteers must be at least 12 years old. If interested in volunteering, please call Pat and Ed Superczynski at (301) 271-2217.

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

Eucharistic Adoration

Every Monday at OLMC from 2 - 6 pm.

*Holy Hour with Benediction 7:00 pm on the 3rd Monday of each month at 7 pm. The intention for **December 19** is vocations to service in the church (priesthood, religious life, lay ministers)*

Mother Seton School

100 Creamery Road, Emmitsburg, MD
(301) 447-3161

www.mothersetonschool.org

**OPEN HOUSE - Tuesday, December 6, 7 to 8 pm.
and Wednesday, December 7, 10 am to 1 pm**

St. Vincent de Paul

Next weekend the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be **distributing a form** to all parishioners. We will be asking if you would consider *assisting fellow parishioners/"neighbors"* in any capacity you are able. We are also requesting you let us know if you know anyone *in need of services*. The cards may be returned during Mass or over the next few weekends. The **next meeting** is **Tuesday, December 6** from 7:00 - 8:00 pm. Please contact Sr. Salvatrice Murphy at the Seton Center Outreach at (301) 447-6102 for further information.

Community Country Breakfast

Many thanks to all who helped and participated in the November 20th Community Breakfast. We served 126 breakfasts and our net profit, which supports both parishes, was \$675.15.

Mark your calendars now to attend our **next Community Breakfast on January 15th**.

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 11th**

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

Parish Advent Retreat

Theme: Waiting in Silence
Leader: Fr. Larry Donohoo
When: Thursday, December 15
Time: 8:00 am Mass to 2:00 pm
Where: OLMC Parish Ctr/Church
Invitees: You and Your Bible
Lunch: Bring your own or order in for \$5.00
Register: Call Parish Office (301) 447-2367
Cost: Free Will Offering



Parish Advent Penance Service and First Reconciliation

**Saturday, December 17, 2:15 pm
OLMC Parish Center**



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 18th**. A listing of those remembered will be published in our bulletin for December 24 & 25. Thank you.

Decorating for Christmas

Many are needed and invited to help decorate our churches for Christmas. Watch for dates and times in upcoming bulletins and plan to join with fellow parishioners in preparing our worship spaces for this holy season.



Christmas Pot Luck, Live Nativity and Carols

All are invited to our
**Christmas Pot Luck, Live Nativity, and
 Concert/Sing-a-long
 Sunday, December 18,
 at OLMC Parish Center**

- 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**
- 5:00 pm** **Live Nativity**
- 5:30 pm** Our **Bell Choir** will present several selections and **Albie Little** will play **Christmas Carols for all of us to sing-a-long**. Hot chocolate and cookies will also be served.

This will be a great time for children of all ages (even those of us over 30!)

(Help will be needed in the kitchen and to set up tables and chairs before the program.)

November's Poor Box Allocations

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

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

FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekend of November 26 & 27, 2011

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

Attendance		183
Envelopes	(69)	1,922.00
Loose		255.00
Total		2,177.00
Poor Box		48.60
Thanksgiving		194.00
November Bldg/Grounds		1,075.20

St. Anthony Shrine

Attendance		408
Envelopes	(77)	2,884.00
Loose		1,321.50
Total		4,205.50
Poor Box		264.26
Thanksgiving		548.00
November Bldg/Grounds		1,380.65

From Barbara . . .

The readings today speak about messengers. In the Old Testament reading from Isaiah we hear about a voice crying out in the desert. We are called to be heralds of glad tidings. The Gospel tells the story of John the Baptist, one of the great messengers of faith. His message was to prepare the way of the Lord. Take time this week to be a messenger of God's love and forgiveness in our world. Also, be aware of those who are messengers for you.

Don't forget about our Christmas program on Sunday, December 18. Details are elsewhere in the bulletin. It will be a great way to hear the message of God at this time when we remember his becoming one of us. It will also be a wonderful time of fellowship with other parishioners and our neighbors. Bring a friend that may be looking for a faith community to become part of.

Thursday, December 8 is the feast of the Immaculate Conception when we commemorate the doctrine that Mary was conceived without sin. It is also the patronal feastday of the United States of America. It is considered a holy day of obligation in the United States. We will have Masses on Thursday at 8 am at Our Lady of Mount Carmel and at 7 pm at St. Anthony Shrine. Take time out of your busy schedule to give thanks to God for all that we enjoy as citizens of the USA and for the patronage of our Blessed Mother.

May God continue to bless us all.

**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 Open House

Mount St. Mary's Seminary invites you to an
Open House on Sunday, Dec. 4 from 2 to 4 pm.

Tours every 20 minutes.

Refreshments and holiday cheer for all ages!

Also join us for Holy Hour from 3:30 to 4:30 pm
in The Chapel of the Immaculate Conception
with Advent Lessons and Carols
from 4:30 to 5:15 pm.

We hope you can join us for this festive afternoon.
There is no cost to attend.

**Please RSVP: Mary Anne Shields at
shields@msmary.edu or 301-447-5017**

High School Placement Test (HSPT)

Saint John's Catholic Prep

Saturday, December 10, 2011

8:30 AM Registration / 9:00 AM Testing

\$30 Testing Fee

Saint John's Catholic Prep is a Catholic, coeducational college preparatory high school located at 889 Butterfly Lane in Frederick, Maryland. Students currently enrolled in an Archdiocese of Arlington or Washington school take the high school placement test at their middle school; students do not need to take both tests. All other interested 8th grade students are required to take this placement test. Prospective students can also visit Saint John's online at www.saintjohnsprep.org or call the school at 301-662-4210 for more information.



Fellow Catholics. Brothers of the Knights of Columbus are inviting Catholic Men and their families to learn more about the Knights. After all the Masses on the weekend of December 4th, There will be Brother Knights available to answer questions and hand out brochures about the world's largest and strongest Catholic men's fraternity. Our Lady of Mount Carmel and Saint Anthony Shrine Council is growing and is opening its doors to new members.

This is an opportunity to give back to your faith through the Knights. Our order is 129 years old and was started by a Priest. Since then it has grown more than 1.7 million men and their families. Here is your opportunity to give a little more than an hour a week to God and live your faith out loud. The soldiers of the Church, defenders of our priests and protectors of our Catholic families are Knights. To see if you qualify please ask any Brother for information. Thank You and God Bless.