First Sunday of Advent

November 27 & 28, 2010

This Week in our Parishes

Saturday, November 27th

4:00 pm, Mass - SAS (+Frances Seltzer)

Sunday, November 28th Advent 1

7:00 am, Mass – SAS (+Bernard F. & Mary E. Shields and George P. Kramer) 8:00 am, Mass – OLMC (+Beverly Zienda) 9:30 am, Mass – SAS (+Marjorie & Joseph Little) 11:00 am, Mass – OLMC (L&D Parishioners)

Monday, Novmeber 29th

8:00 am, Mass – OLMC (+Mary Bergeron) 9:00 am, Mom's Group Mtg. - SASH 2:00 pm, Eucharistic Adoration – OLMC 7:00 pm, Blessed Mother Series - SASH 7:00 pm, AA Meeting – SAS Upper Hall

Tuesday, Novmeber 30th

8:00 am, Mass – OLMC (+Sophie Sandy) 6:30 pm, KofC Social Night - OLMC

Wednesday, December 1st

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

Thursday, December 2nd

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

Friday, December 3rd

7:30 am, Morning Prayer - OLMC 8:00 am, Mass – OLMC (+Braxton Carr) 7:15 pm, SMAC! Meeting - SASH

Saturday, December 4th

2:30 pm, Sacrament of Reconciliation – SAS 4:00 pm, Y.M. Mass - SAS (+Mark, John & Johnny Carson) 5:00 pm, CTC Night - SASH

Sunday, December 5th Advent 2

Second Collection – Buildings & Grounds 7:00 am, Mass – SAS (+Andrew Zienda)

Sunday, December 5th Continued

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 (+Chad Williams) 11:00 am, Mass – OLMC (L&D Thomas & Sprecher Families)

Second Sunday of Advent December 4 & 5

Scripture Readings for Mass

First Reading ~ Isaiah 11:1-10/4 Responsorial ~ 72:1-2,7-8,12-13,17 Second Reading ~ Romans 15:4-9 Gospel ~ Matthew 3:1-12

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.

Please remember in prayer the following parishioners who are in nursing care facilities:

Ray & Louise Horst Anna Little Justine Mayer

Also, please remember the following parishioners in prayer:

Betty Burdick Linda Cavey Kathy Cogan Grace Crotts John Fink Doris Glass Mary Jack Jeanette Massena Dolores Munafo Ed & Helen Reaver Diane Shockey Margaret Smith Carroll Wivell Lorraine Wivell JoAnn Cannada Kathleen Cekic Dick Cool Denise Ferguson Jimmy Glass Jamie Hill Lloydann Kauffman Rosemary McDermott Tony Newman Mary Reckley Francis Smith Robert Smith Joe Wivell, Sr. Al Zienda



For Prayer Requests

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

Lectors

Please pick up your copy of the "Workbook for Lectors and Gospel Readers" for Cycle A from the Sacristy and check your name off of the list as you do so. Thank you.

ConnecTeen Catholics (CTC)

CTC Night - Saturday, December 4, 5 to 8 pm Join us at SAS Schoolhouse after 4:00 Mass for Food, Fun, Faith and Friends! Girls bring desserts, guys bring drinks.

For information on High School Youth Ministry Events or to volunteer contact:

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

Workcamp 2011

Workcamp is a week-long service trip where parish teens will join other high school students to repair the homes of the poor and needy. **Workcamp** will be held in **Winchester**, **VA** from **June 25** to **July 1**, **2011**. Deposits are needed ASAP. Available slots will fill up soon. Questions? Contact Mike Miller (301) 271-9871, Lori Carter (301) 271-4050 or Deacon John Hawkins (301) 271-2194.

^S ^A _M ^C ! Youth Ministry News

SMAC! Meeting - Friday, Dec 3, 7:15 - 8:45 pm in the old Schoolhouse at St. Anthony's. All 6^{th} , 7^{th} and 8^{th} grade parishioners are invited. Don't miss the fun, food and friends!

Praise & Worship – Friday, Dec 10, 7-8 pm SAS

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

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 12 &19 A Pizza social will follow the practices.

Adult Faith Formation Total Consecration to Mary

Fr. Frederick Miller and the Legion of Mary at Mount St. Mary's Seminary will be giving a series of talks about the Blessed Mother. They will also provide the necessary instruction to those interested in preparing for the Total Consecration to Mary according to St. Louis Marie de Montfort. Come to St. Anthony Schoolhouse at 7 pm on the dates indicated below to learn more about your spiritual mother. True Devotion to Mary books will be available for purchase (\$5.00).

Monday, Nov. 29

Wednesday, Dec. 8 (Total Consecration to Mary at MSM's Seminary chapel)



Peace & Social Justice Committee

an education and action ministry

December

22nd Casseroles for FRM due date

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

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

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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 9, 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.

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 12th

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

Retreats and Pilgrimage Opportunities with **Fr. Leo Patalinghug** and **Grace Before Meals**: **Napa Valley Retreat June 5-10, 2011** focusing on the transubstantiation of wine and the transformation of culture. Mediterranean Culinary Cruise May 14-21, 2011 Great experiences integrating food, wine, our Catholic Faith and incredible fun. For brochures, the low costs pricing, and registration forms go to <u>www.gracebeforemeals.com</u> or call Corporate Travel @ 1-800-727-1999 x 158, 116 or 171.



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 19**th. A listing of those remembered will be published in our bulletin for December 25 & 26. 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.

Mother Seton School Emmitsburg, MD

Tuesday, November 30 - Open House at Mother Seton School, Emmitsburg, MD. 7 to 8 pm. For more info or to schedule a school tour, call (301) 447-3165 or visit <u>www.mothersetonschool.org</u>

Wednesday, December 1 - Open House at Mother Seton School, Emmitsburg, MD. 10 am to 1 pm Information meeting 11:15 am. For more info or to schedule a school tour, call (301) 447-3165 or visit www.mothersetonschool.org

Mark Your Calendars

- Nov 29 BVM Series 7 pm SASH
- Dec 6 Eat at Rocky's Day
- Dec 7 Bring Your Own Craft 1 pm SAUH
- Dec 8 I.C. Feast Day Mass 8 am OLMC
- Dec 8 I.C. Feast Day Mass 7 pm SAS
- Dec 14 Parish Penance Service 7 pm SAS
- Dec 19 Live Nativity 5 pm OLMC
- Dec 21 KofC Christmas Dinner
- Dec 22 FRM Casseroles Due
- Dec 24 Christmas Eve Mass 4 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
- Dec 31 Solemnity of Mary Mass 5 pm SAS
- Jan 3 Eat at Rocky's Day
- Jan 4 Bring Your Own Craft 1 pm SAUH
- Jan 8 Christmas Concert/Potluck 5 pm SAS



Live Nativity

All are invited to our **Live Nativity** at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel on **Sunday, December 19 at 5:00 pm** on OLMC front lawn. *Hot chocolate and cookies will be served afterwards.*

November, Homeless Awareness Month



This is a time for our communities to become more aware of the homeless population in the world but especially in our area. To help us in this endeavor there will be a showing of the movie "Conversations with God" on Tues., Nov. 30 at 7 pm in the sanctuary of Graceham Moravian Church at 8231 Rocky Ridge Road in Thurmont. Admission will be a food item for the Thurmont Food Bank. A free-will offering will also be taken for the Thurmont Ministerium to help those in our community who are in need of assistance. Please make time in your busy schedule to see this wonderful film. Invite a friend, too, and help our outreach efforts.

Grotto of Lourdes Emmitsburg, MD

Everyone welcome to:

December 8, 12:30 pm Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception

December 19, 3:30 pm Advent/Christmas Music and Sing-along, Recitation of the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary and Blessing of the Nativity Scene

Saint John's Catholic Prep High School Placement Test (HSPT) Saint John's Catholic Prep Saturday, December 11, 2010 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 <u>www.saintjohnsprep.org</u> or call the school at 301-662-4210 for more information.

From Barbara...

Time is a very important commodity and one that we have absolutely no control over in terms of amount. However, how we use our time is absolutely within our control. How we allocate our time shows our priorities. In three of our readings today, the authors offer insights on the use of time. Isaiah advises the importance of ongoing spiritual nourishment. Paul encourages us to make the best use of the time we have. And Jesus suggests that we must always be ready to welcome the unexpected. Take time this week to notice how you use your time and to observe if you are making the best use of your time.

In this new liturgical year, Year A, we will be hearing primarily from the Gospel of Matthew. In this week's bulletin you will find an Advent calendar with various activities that you can do at home to observe the season. There are also books in the back of the church with daily meditations for you to use in your prayer. In all of our worship spaces there will also be a Jesse tree. The Jesse tree is a tradition in our church that assists us in reflecting on salvation history leading to the birth of Jesus. Each week in the bulletin there will be an explanation of each of the symbols that will be added weekly. It's a great tool for all of us, especially children, to learn about our ancestors in faith. I hope that you will take advantage of these items as we prepare for the spiritual celebration of Christmas.

Our buildings and grounds are an important part of our stewardship. Our parishes have aging structures and properties that require constant monitoring and upkeep. At Our Lady of Mount Carmel we had to repair the stone wall that runs along the front of the property. Many of the large stones in the wall had become loose and were in danger of falling out possibly injuring a passerby. Some of the other items in need of repair are the driveway into our property, the parking lot pavement, and the exterior of the bell tower. In addition both the church and the parish center will need new roofs in the next 3-5 years. At St. Anthony's many repairs were done in recent years but there are still things we need to do like improving and making more efficient the HVAC systems in both the church and the parish hall/office, making improvements to the red schoolhouse that shows increasing use by our youth ministry programs and other growing ministries, and fixing the sanctuary floor in the church. Please be generous in your buildings and grounds donations each month as we must make these necessary repairs. In the near future we will also be participating in a capital campaign with the Archdiocese for some of these needs. More details will be forthcoming on the campaign as I receive them from the Archdiocese.

May God continue to bless us all.

Emmitsburg Council of Churches Representatives Needed The Emmitsburg Council of Churches is an organization that provides an opportunity for the churches in the Emmitsburg area to work together to opportunities provide various for the local The membership is made up of the community. pastoral leader and 2 representatives from the parish who meet 6 times a year for approximately 2 hours. St. Anthony Shrine needs 2 new representatives. The current reps have served for over 5 years. If you are interested or have questions, please call



Barbara at the parish office.

Do you have any pictures of the interior of St. Anthony Church? We are looking for any pictures of the interior of St. Anthony's church. If you

have pictures from weddings, baptisms, first communions, Easter, Christmas, or any pictures please bring a copy to the parish office. If you don't have a copy, we can scan it into our computer and return the picture to you. If you leave the picture please make sure there is information for us to be able to return it to you. Also if you can date the picture as to when it was taken it would be helpful. Please bring all pictures to the parish office. Thanks for looking through those old boxes of pictures for what treasures you might have.

Support



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

Bring this coupon to <u>Rocky's NY Pizza & Restaurant</u> (301-271-7181) on Tippin Drive the <u>first Monday</u> 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!