

# First Sunday of Advent

November 26 & 27, 2011

#### This Week in our Parishes

#### Saturday, November 26th

4:00 pm, Mass - SAS (+Valentin Rocca)

#### Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>

Advent 1

7:00 am, Mass – SAS (+Bernard F. & Mary E. Shields and George Kramer)

8:00 am, Mass – OLMC (+Beverly Zienda)

9:30 am, Mass – SAS (+Sophie Sandy)

11:00 am, Mass – OLMC (L&D Parishioners)

7:00 pm, HSYM Meeting - SAS Upper Hall

#### Monday, November 28th

8:00 am, Mass-OLMC (+Wendell & Ruth Stephens)

9:30 am, Mom's Group Meeting - SASH

2:00 pm, Eucharistic Adoration – OLMC

7:00 pm, AA Meeting – SAS Upper Hall

Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am, Mass – OLMC (+Mary Bergeron)

#### Wednesday, November 30th

No Morning Mass

6:30 pm, Handbell Practice - OLMC

7:00 pm, RCIA - SAS Upper Hall

#### Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup>

8:00 am, Mass – OLMC (+Dr. Edward Oliver)

6:30 pm, Choir Practice - SAS

#### Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>

7:30 am, Morning Prayer - OLMC

8:00 am, Mass – OLMC (Int. Cassandra Bush)

7:15 pm, SMAC! Meeting – SAS Schoolhouse

#### Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>

10:00 am, First Reconciliation Parents/Children

Meeting - OLMC

2:30 pm, Sacrament of Reconciliation - SAS

3:00 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)

#### Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> Continued

9:30 am, Mass – SAS (+Chad Williams) 11:00 am, Mass – OLMC (L&D Parishioners) 7:00 pm, HSYM Meeting - SAS Upper Hall

#### **Second Sunday of Advent** December 3 & 4

#### **Scripture Readings for Mass**

First Reading ~ Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11/5 Responsorial ~ Ps. 85:9-10,11-12,13-14 Second Reading ~ 2 Peter 3:8-14 Gospel ~ Mark 1:1-8

#### 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 home facilities:

Ray Horst Louise Horst Anna Little Alice Springer

Also, please remember the following parishioners in prayer:

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



## 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.

## SMC! Youth Ministry News

All **6**<sup>th</sup>, **7**<sup>th</sup> and **8**<sup>th</sup> grade parishioners are invited to the **SMAC! Meeting** on **Friday**, **December 2**<sup>nd</sup> 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.* 

## ${}^{S}{}^{A}{}_{C}$ ! Upcoming Events

Fri, Dec 2 SMAC! Mtg. 7:15-8:45 pm SASH Thurs, Dec 8 Praise & Worship TBA MSM

## 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, Nov 27 Sr. High YM Mtg. 7 pm SAUH 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at 7 pm. The intention for December 19 is vocations to service in the church (priesthood, religious life, lay ministers)

#### Crafters, Artists and Consultants needed for 4<sup>th</sup> Annual MSS Breakfast with Santa and Holiday Craft Bazaar Saturday, December 3, 8 am - 12 pm to be held at Mother Seton School,

100 Creamery Road, Emmitsburg, MD
The fee is \$25.00/table (limited number of spaces with electricity). 8 foot tables will be provided. All items must be "Cash & Carry". If interested, please contact Laura Imes at <a href="mailto:imesla@yahoo.com">imesla@yahoo.com</a> or (301) 788-6458. Please include your name, phone number, and type of product you would like to sell in your message.

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

#### 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 11<sup>th</sup>

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 Center & 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

#### St. Vincent de Paul

The Gospels have recently spoken to us asking "Who is your neighbor?" The St. Vincent de Paul Society can connect you to your neighbor. People who can make telephone calls, run errands, do chores, yard work, home visits, or provide other services for our neighbors are needed. We also want to know who more of our neighbors are who need assistance. If you have a family member, friend or neighbor who is in need or if you can help in any way please, call Sr. Salvatrice at (301) 447-6102. 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 singalong. 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.)



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 4<sup>th</sup>, 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.

#### From Barbara...

The last several weeks we've been hearing readings about being prepared. Now that we have begun the new liturgical year on the first Sunday of Advent we have officially started the season of preparation for Christmas both secularly and spiritually. The readings today speak of being alert and ready. We must turn to God for our salvation. Take time this week to prepare to celebrate the coming of Christ in your heart and soul.

To help you accomplish this preparation, there are daily prayer booklets in the back of the churches for you to take home and use during Advent. In the bulletins there are calendars with suggestions for things to do each day. Please use them as you can during Advent to help keep the spiritual nature of the season alive in your homes. We also will be using the Jesse tree symbols again on a tree during Advent. Scripture readings and explanations of the symbols for the week will be in our bulletins each week.

We start using the prayers and responses of the New Roman Missal this weekend. This is a great opportunity for us to fully engage the great prayer of our Eucharistic Liturgy and what it means to us both communally and personally.

Mark your calendars for our parish Christmas program on December 18. It will begin with a pot-luck supper at 4, followed by the Live Nativity celebration with hot chocolate, cookies and a Christmas music concert/sing-along with our bell choir and Albie Little accompanying the carols. Hope you'll join us.

May God continue to bless us all.

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#### **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

We hope you can join us for this festive afternoon.

There is no cost to attend.

from 4:30 to 5:15 pm.

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

# Christmas Craft Fair St. Joseph's Parish Hall

47 DePaul Street, Emmitsburg, MD
Friday, December 2, 11:00 am to 7:00 pm
Saturday, December 3, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
\*\*\* Crafts \*\*\* Food \*\*\* Baked Goods \*\*\*
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Taizé Prayer Service – Friday, December 2
Join us for an evening of quiet prayer, scripture reading and songs as we enter the Advent season. The evening begins with light refreshments at 6:00 pm, followed by the prayer service at 7:00 pm in the Chapel. Free will offering is invited.

# The Birthing of God - Advent Day of Prayer Saturday, December 3, 9:30 am to 3:30 pm

The becoming of God in flesh rests on our freedom to love and to respond to the invitations of love. We will explore the cosmic dimensions of Christmas and the role we play in bringing Christ to birth. \$55.00. Guided By: Sr. Ilia Delio.

Friends Day of Prayer
Wednesday, December 7, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm
Mark your calendar to join us the first Wednesday of
each month for an inspirational day of prayer and
reflection. We begin at 10:00 am and concluded at
3:00 pm. Guided By: Dr. Thomas Little. \$ 30.00.