



Feast of the Holy Family

December 26 & 27, 2009

This Week in our Parishes

Saturday, December 26th

4:00 pm, Mass – SAS (+Marjorie & Joseph Little)

Sunday, December 27th **Holy Family**

7:00 am, Mass – SAS (L&D Parishioners)
8:00 am, Mass – OLMC (+Betty Brown)
No Religious Education Classes today
No Confirmation Class today
9:30 am, Mass – SAS (+Roy & Helen Wivell Fam.)
11:00 am, Mass – OLMC (+Florence Sorosky)
11:00 am, YOGA – SAS Upper Hall

Monday, December 28th

8:00 am, Mass – OLMC (Thanksgiving for Morning Mass People)
9:00 am, Mom's Group Mtg. – SAS Schoolhouse
3:00 pm, Eucharistic Adoration – OLMC

Tuesday, December 29th

8:00 am, Mass – OLMC (+Anna Kissner)

Wednesday, December 30th

No Morning Mass

Thursday, December 31st

8:00 am, Mass – OLMC (Int. Jesse Stansbury)

Friday, January 1st **Solemnity of Mary**

Parish Offices Closed
9:00 am, Mass – SAS (L&D Parishioners)

Saturday, January 2nd

2:30 pm, Sacrament of Reconciliation - SAS
4:00 pm, Mass – SAS (+Mary and Paul Sutton)

Sunday, January 3rd **Feast of the Epiphany**

Second Collection – Buildings & Grounds
7:00 am, Mass – SAS (L&D Parishioners)
8:00 am, Mass – OLMC (+Charles Putman)
9:15 am, Religious Education Classes - TMS
9:30 am, Mass – SAS (+Betty L. Brown)
11:00 am, Confirmation Ritual & Y.M. Mass – OLMC (+Joan Joyner)

Feast of the Epiphany

January 2 & 3

Scripture Readings for Mass

First Reading ~ Isaiah 60:1-6/20
Responsorial ~ Ps. 72:1-2,7-8,10-11,12-13
Second Reading ~ Ephesians 3:2-3a,5-6
Gospel ~ Matthew 2:1-12

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 home facilities:

Marie Kreps *Anna Little*
Justine Mayer

Also, please remember the following parishioners in prayer:

JoAnn Cannada *Dick Cool*
Grace Crotts *Jack Dillon*
Jim Eaton *Joan Fink*
Jimmy Glass *Doris Glass*
Jeanette Massena *Rosemary McDermott*
Karen Mills *Dolores Munafò*
Tony Newman *Mary Reckley*
Francis Smith *Margaret Smith*
Robert Smith *Carroll Wivell*
Joe Wivell *Kathleen Wivell*
Lorraine Wivell



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 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.

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.

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Volunteers are needed to lead **Children's Liturgy of the Word** at 9:30am Mass at St. Anthony Shrine. If anyone is interested, please call (301) 271-4099 or email to Valentafsj@aol.com.

High School Youth Ministry

High School News Ministry has a new name-ConnecTeen Catholics or CTC.

The name was chosen from several suggested names. Congratulations to Rosalyn Smaldone for submitting the winner.

CTC Meeting – Monday, January 11, 7 - 8:30 pm

Meet your friends at the Old Schoolhouse for food, faith and fun. Help plan the tubing trip. Design our logo to go with our new name. Girls bring drinks, guys bring snacks to share.

Snow Tubing – Tuesday, January 19

Snow tube at Ski Liberty's Boulder Ridge from 6:00 to 9:00 pm. Permission slip and \$16 due to Lori Carter by 1/11. Adult drivers needed.

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 kpltcarter@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: January 17 & 24

A Pizza social will follow the practices.

S^AM^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^AM^C! Calendar of Events

- Jan 22 – SMAC Meeting – 7:15 pm SASH

Peace & Social Justice Committee

an education and action ministry

January

27th 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



Our next **Blood Drive** will be

held on **Monday, January 25,**

in Our Lady of Mt. Carmel's

Parish Center from 2:00-8:00 pm.

Call Terri Allen at (301) 271-7872 to

make an appointment. Walk-ins are also welcome.

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:

January 30 / February 27 / 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!

Delone Catholic High School Announces 2010 Placement Test Dates

Delone Catholic High School, in McSherrystown, PA, has announced the dates for its placement testing for the 2010-11 school year. All incoming ninth graders must take the test on one of the following dates: **Saturday, January 16, Saturday, March 20, or Saturday, May 29**, at **Delone Catholic High School**. Testing will be conducted from 9 am to 2 pm each day. There is no cost to take the exam.

The test, based on the ACT exams, covers English, science and math. Students need to bring two #2 pencils, a pen, a calculator and a lunch. All eighth graders in the Adams Deanery of the Diocese of Harrisburg will take the test in their schools. Any eighth grader who attends a Catholic school outside the deanery, a public school, home school or other school needs to make arrangements to take the test. For more information, or to register for a testing date, please contact Delone Catholic Vice Principal/Director of Studies Sister Maria Jude, CSJ. Sister can be reached at 717-637-5969, Ext. 217, or at smjude@delonecatholic.org.

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High School Placement Test (HSPT)

Saint John's Catholic Prep

Saturday, January 9, 2010

8:30 am Registration / 9:00 am Testing

\$30 Testing Fee / Space is limited

Pre-Register by calling the Admissions Office at (301) 662-4210. Saint John's Catholic Prep is a Catholic, coeducational college preparatory high school located at 89 Butterfly Lane in Frederick, MD. 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. Visit Saint John's online at www.saintjohnsprep.org or call the school at (301) 662-4210.

Mother Seton School

Did You Graduate from Mother Seton School?

On **Wednesday, January 6**, the graduating *Class of 1960* from Mother Seton School will be recognized at a Mass at the Basilica of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton and then celebrate at a luncheon given in their honor. If you – *or someone you know* - were in this class, the school would like to hear from you. Contact the Development Office at (301) 447-3165 or visit www.mothersetonschool.org.



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

December's Poor Box Allocations

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

Catholic Charities	\$100.00
Beans & Bread & St. Ambrose	\$100.00
Catoctin Pregnancy Center	\$50.00
Covenant House	\$50.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$125.00
Heartly House of Frederick	\$100.00
Hospice of Frederick	\$50.00
Seton Center	\$400.00
Vigilant Hose Company	\$25.00
Total donations for December	\$1,000.00

Thank you for your support.

Mark Your Calendars

- **Jan 1** – Solemnity of Mary Mass – 9:00 am SAS
- **Jan 5** – Bring Your Own Craft – 1:00 pm SAUH
- **Jan 10** – Baptismal Prep Session – 1:00 pm SAS
- **Jan 25** – Blood Drive – 2:00 pm OLMC
- **Jan 25** – Finance Committee Mtg. – 7 pm SAS
- **Jan 26** – Pastoral Council Mtg – 7 pm OLMC
- **Feb 2** – Bring Your Own Craft – 1:00 pm SAUH
- **Feb 16** – Shrove Tuesday Dinner – 5 pm OLMC
- **Feb 17** – Ash Wednesday – 8 am Mass OLMC
- **Feb 17** – Ash Wednesday – 7 pm Mass SAS
- **Feb 19** – Stations of the Cross – 7 pm OLMC
- **Feb 21** – ECC Lenten Service – 7 pm TBA
- **Feb 22** – T.M. Lenten Service – 7 pm TBA
- **Feb 26** – Fish Bake – 5:00 – 7:30 pm OLMC
- **Feb 26** – Stations of the Cross – 7 pm OLMC
- **Feb 28** – ECC Lenten Service – 7 pm TBA

From Barbara . . .

Today we celebrate the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. The readings all involve relationships. It is in relationship with other persons that we most understand our relationship with God. Jesus had many relationships that are recounted in the Gospels. I've used this quote before but in "Les Miserables" there's a line at the very end that says "to love another person is to see the face of God." Take time this week to look at the relationships in the Scriptures and how the relationships in your life parallel them. Look deeply at the one's you love and experience God.

Thank you to all who made our Christmas celebrations so beautiful: those who decorated the churches; those who provided music; those who read our scriptures and distributed communion; those who served at the altar and in ministries of hospitality; and those priests (and bishop) who presided at our liturgies. In addition I want to thank those who participated in the Christmas concert and the live Nativity and anyone else who helped in any way. All in all our Christmas season has gotten off to a great start. Remember, it's not over until the feast of the Baptism of the Lord!

This Friday we celebrate Mary as the Mother of God. I hope that you will find time in your celebration of the New Year to also celebrate our Blessed Mother who is such a comfort to us as well as an example of a true disciple. "Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen."

May God continue to bless us all.

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Saint Joseph Catholic Church

An "All You Can Eat" breakfast will be held **Sunday, January 10th** at **St. Joseph's Parish Hall** in Emmitsburg from 7:30 am to 12:00 noon. **Menu includes:** Scrambled Eggs, pancakes, potatoes, sausage, sausage gravy, fruit cup, OJ, coffee & tea, with baked goods available for sale.



Rachel's Vineyard

Do you know someone who is hurting from the pain of abortion?

There is **HOPE & HEALING** for those who are suffering the after-effects of abortion trauma.

All communication is strictly confidential.

*Counseling - Spiritual Support -
Rachel's Vineyard Retreats*

**The next Rachel's Vineyard Retreat is
January 29-31, 2010**

410-625-8491 or 1-800-286-4224

or email: projectrachel@archbalt.org

www.project-rachel.net (local website)

www.rachelsvineyard.org (national website)

Bon Secours Spiritual Center

**1525 Marriottsville Road
Marriottsville MD 21104**

"What is Your Heart's Desire?"

New Year's Eve Retreat

Thursday, December 31, 9:30 am – 3:30 pm

End 2009 and begin the journey of 2010 with fruitful reflection and discernment of the direction in which you are headed. This program will allow you to get back to basics by getting in touch with your deepest desire, the call of your heart. Spend time alone and with others seeking solitude about your life and your future pathways. Use of Scripture, small groups and spiritual exercises will be included to name one another's current experiences and development of ongoing awareness. \$50. Guided By: Gordon Creamer.

To register, please call (410) 442-1320 or visit www.BonSecoursSpiritualCenter.org