

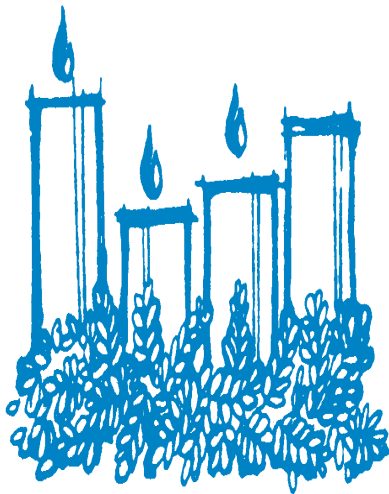
Church of St. Pius X

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December 13, 2009

*Third Sunday of Advent
Gaudete Sunday
December 13, 2009*



*Cry out with joy and gladness, O
city of Zion, for great in your
midst is the Holy One of Israel*

Isaiah 12

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS AND SACRAMENTS

SUNDAY - THE LORD'S DAY

VIGIL: SATURDAY 5:00 PM

SUNDAY: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 NOON

WEEKDAY MASSES

MONDAY - FRIDAY: 6:30 AM & 9:00 AM

TUESDAY EVENING: 7:00 PM

SATURDAY: 9:00 AM

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Parents must be active, registered members of St. Pius X parish. Arrange preparation for baptism by calling the Parish Office for an appointment.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Either the bride or the groom must be a registered, active parishioner of St. Pius X parish. Please make an appointment with one of the priests at least six months before the desired date.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:15 - 4:45 PM

Seasonal Communal Celebrations

By appointment anytime

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Upon request and communally twice a year. Please notify the parish office if anyone in your family is hospitalized, homebound or in a nursing home.

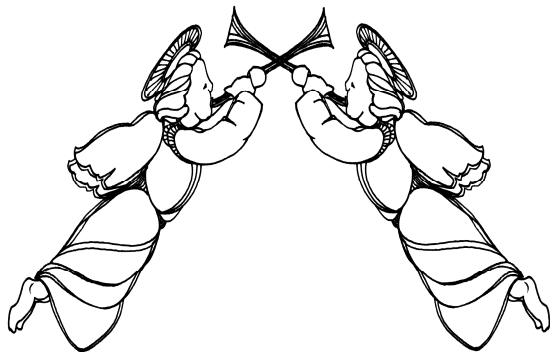
SACRAMENT OF HOLY ORDERS

For men interested in priesthood, please call 518-312-9397 or visit www.albanyvocations.org

CATHOLIC BURIAL

For Catholic Burial Information contact the Diocesan Cemetery Office at 463-0134

REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS



REJOICE!

Today, the Third Sunday of Advent, is traditionally referred to as Gaudete Sunday. This is the Advent Sunday of joy. Today's first reading, responsorial psalm, and second reading call us to express joy in three ways. We are summoned to "shout for joy" (Zephaniah 3:14), to "cry out with joy" (Isaiah 12:6), and to "rejoice in the Lord always" (Philippians 4:4). Expressing Christian joy is quite distinct from the kind of joy we express, for instance, when our favorite sports team wins an important game. That kind of joy is fleeting. Christian joy is an inner peace and spiritual happiness that is developed throughout our lives and sustains us even when we struggle. It is the kind of joy that is infectious. Others can tell that there is simply something different about us. Let us rejoice this day, for to us shall come Emmanuel.

Lights On in all Colonie Catholic Churches

On Monday evening, December 14th, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. priests will be available in every Catholic Church in Colonie for the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Parishioners are welcome to go to any of the churches for confession and absolution. Last year this availability proved very fruitful and many persons availed themselves of the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for the celebration of Christ's birth. The following churches will be participating in this united effort:

- Our Lady of the Assumption Watervliet-Shaker Road, Latham
- Christ, Our Light Church (Formerly St. Francis de Sales and Our Lady of Mercy) Maria Drive, Loudonville
- St. Ambrose Church, Old Loudon Road, Latham
- St. Pius X Church, 23 Crumitie Rd. Loudonville
- St. Clare's Church 1947 Central Avenue, Colonie

R.C.I.A. Rite of Welcoming

This weekend on December 13th, at the 10:00 am Mass, Melynda (Mindy) Matheke and Michael Russo will be welcomed into the Catechumenate. They have been meeting for the period of Inquiry and at this point wish to continue on the Journey to becoming a Catholic.

This is a unique situation as Mike and Mindy are twins. Neither of them has been baptized and both wish to enter the Church together. Mindy is also expecting her first child around Easter time so this will be exciting time for her and her family. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue on their journey.

Christmas Food Collection



THIS WEEKEND, Dec. 12/13, is the December/Christmas food collection. As we share our blessings with our brothers and sisters, we bring a little "joy to the world" to someone less fortunate. Needed items are hearty soups, stews, chili, spaghetti and ravioli. Also needed are canned fruits and veggies, tuna and mayo, peanut butter and jelly, hot and cold cereals, juice, coffee, tea and hot chocolate, macaroni and cheese, rice, pasta and sauce. Non-food items such as paper products and personal care products are also always appreciated. Thank you for your generosity.

The Sisters of Saint Joseph invite you to An Evening of Quiet: Prayer and Music Preparation for Christmas, featuring Tim Janis, well-known composer and musician. The event, which is free and open to the public, will be held in the chapel of St. Joseph's Provincial House on Wednesday, December 16 at 7:30 p.m. There will be an opportunity to make a free-will donation to assist the ministries of the Sisters of St. Joseph with refugee and immigrants in the United States.

A Call to Communal Prayer

In order to respond more consistently with compassion and prayer beyond our Sunday commitment, the names of those who are seriously ill are printed below.

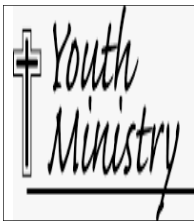


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| Rose Laiacona | Joseph Schmidt |
| Karen Szesnat | Colleen Clapper |
| Dominick DeFilippo | Lorie Clapper |
| Jeanne Fairchild | John Szesnat |
| Mark Farrell | Joseph Pepe |
| Lisa Pilla | Robert Owens |
| Robert Campbell | James Gaetani |
| Lauren Dapice | John Scheckton |
| Iris Marini | John Massimilian |
| Edward Kosier | Catherine Reynolds |
| Joan Morrison | Judy Delaney |
| Patrick Lennon | Jizziyah Skelly |
| Miriam Kleinberger | Charlotte Anne Wolfstich |
| Bob Raffaele | Henry Slesman |
| Gertrude Abele | John Agrusti |
| Jennifer Garland | Marilyn Gradoni |
| Anne Egan | John Tomchik |
| Kym Hynes | Nathan Natale |
| Ed Burnham | Sarah McDonough |
| Phyllis Cullen | William Stephans |
| Joseph Wroblecki | Elaine Lubiniecki |
| Maura Mendel | Terrance O'Donnell |
| Sandra Farrell | Jean Platt |
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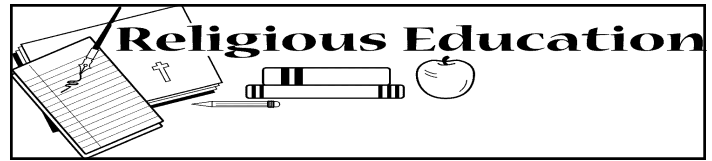
Year I Confirmation Information Upcoming gatherings

Monday, Dec. 14th 6:30pm-7:30 pm
Session on Service. All Year I candidates should attend.

YearII Confirmation Information Upcoming workshops

Monday, December 14th 6:30 pm-7:30 pm
Monday, December 21st 6:30pm-7:30 pm

*Festival Celebration Choir
Sunday, December 13, 2009
3:00 pm
Church of St. Pius X*



Sunday School Classes: Classes for the month of December are: Dec. 13 #11, and Dec. 20 #12. There are no classes on December 27 and January 3 – Christmas Recess.

Teacher's Meeting: There is no Teacher's Meeting on December 6.

Upcoming Dates for December

Dec. 13: "Gift of Love" - We are asking our Sunday School children to bring in a food item to share with those in need. Each grade level will be assigned a given food item to help fill up the shelves of our area Food Pantries for Christmas. Please see the list below. Food items will be collected by your child's teacher. Thank you so much for sharing!

Dec: 20: Our Kindergarten Class, with the help of Mrs. Barbara Shields and Aides: Jaime Durant and Maria Southworth, will present "The Christmas Story" at 9:10 AM in the Parish Center. Come and see the "true meaning" of Christmas through the eyes of these children.

Items for each Grade Level

- K3 – cereal
- 1E – Jelly
- 1W and 1-3 – Peanut Butter
- 2E, 2W, and 2-3 – Soup
- 3E – cereal
- 3W – dried pasta or macaroni & cheese
- 3-3 – canned fruit
- 4E – canned Tuna Fish
- 4W – Mayonnaise
- 4 -3 – Spaghetti Sauce
- 5E – canned vegetables
- 5W – Rice
- 5-3 – Spaghetti Sauce
- 6E – Flour
- 6W – Sugar
- 6S – canned Tomatoes
- 7E, 7W, and 7M – canned Beef Stew
- 8E, 8W, and 8L – canned Chili or Hash



Christian Works and Service

On January 9/10 and 16/17 we will be having our collection for the Homeless Shelter run by the Capital Area Council of Churches based at the First Lutheran Church on Western Avenue near the S.U.N.Y Campus. It is a 40 bed shelter for men. They are in need of:

- Detergent, bleach, coffee, non-dairy creamer, white socks, thermal underwear (all sizes), gloves, hooded sweatshirts (x large, xx large), foot powder, deodorant, men's clothing

Those individuals who also wish to write a check may make the check out to "C.A.C.C. Shelter Account" drop the check off at the parish office attention Tom Christman. Again thank you for your support in this endeavor.

PASTORAL CARE NEWS

“The Lord, your God is in your midst, a mighty savior; he will rejoice over you with gladness, and renew you in his love.”

In the first reading the prophet Zephaniah exclaims that the people of God must let their joy overflow knowing the saving presence of God is with them, renewing them at every moment. This reading speaks to our hearts about the sheer joy that wells up in the Lord when He thinks of us. How do you feel knowing the Lord has set judgment aside and sings with joy because of you?

As St. Paul implies in his message to the Philippians, the Lord gives us reason to rejoice. ***“The Lord is near.”*** What could give us greater joy? Almost in the same breath, he urges us to make our requests known to God. *As you prepare for your Christmas celebrations you may have made know numerous requests to family and friends, but what gift would you like to receive from the Lord Jesus? Freedom from certain temptations? A virtuous and more holy life? The healing of relationships? Blessings for your family and friends?* Think about it; and make your requests known to Him!

In Luke’s gospel John challenges the crowds to be more, showing signs of their changed ways. Each seeks to do and give more. Yet John sees his good news as only the first step. Ultimately he points to Christ and His powerful baptism of the Spirit. Then God’s children will passionately serve the living God. *Has your Advent journey revealed a giving spirit? Are you prepared to serve the Lord more diligently during the coming year? What will you do?*

May your kindness be known to all!

GOOD NEWS: Thank you to Mrs. Hynes kindergarten class who donated a large turkey dinner basket to a parishioner and her friends who were in need. For you she is extremely thankful for your giving hearts.

MINISTERS OF PRAYER: In **DECEMBER** please pray **THAT NATIONS MAY OPEN THEIR DOORS TO CHRIST THE SAVIOR, AND ALL HEARTS WILL WELCOME HIS ILLUMINATING PRESENCE. (Papal Intention)**

Our Women’s Scripture Study/Faith Sharing Group continues Wednesday December 16th, 2009. If you are interested in joining us on Wednesdays from 10 to 11:30 AM please call the Pastoral Care Office at 462-1336. The weekly theme is *“Relating to Others as Jesus Would”*. To prepare for our December 16th meeting, read the following scriptures: Luke 5:27-32; 7:36-50 John 8:2-11; and Luke 23:32-43.

At the Dominican Retreat & Conference Center:

“St. Ambrose”, an Advent Breakfast with the Saints with Sr. Carol Davis, OP, will be held Tuesday, December 15th from 10 to 11:30 AM. It is the 3rd of 3 sessions. Cost: \$15 per session.

“Re-gaining Conscious Contact during the Holidays”, a twelve-step program with Sr. Carol Davis, OP will be held Thursday December 17th, from 7 to 9 PM. It will be repeated Friday December 18th from 10 AM to Noon. Cost: \$15.

“Monthly Dream Group” with Sr. Carol Davis OP will be held Monday December 14, 2009 from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. Cost: \$25.

“Looking Back in Gratitude, Looking Ahead with Hope”, a New Year’s Evening of Reflection with Richard Sudlik, OMI will be held Thursday December 31st, at 7:30 PM (Concludes about 12:30 AM.) Cost: \$25.

For more information and to register call 393-4169.

WANTED: Hospital Pastoral Care Volunteers If you might be interested in visiting our patients (and distributing Holy Communion) one morning a week, please phone Fr. John Kelly 471-3117 at Albany Memorial Hospital. If you might prefer office work, we have a need of volunteers to do computer data entry one morning a week. Just call 471-3117.

WORK NEEDED: Quality Housekeeping by experienced, friendly, honest and punctual housekeeper - One time or regular schedule - within the Guilderland, Albany and Altamont Area. Call Mira at 275-8155. (Recommended by a Sister of Charity.)

Extra Helpings

The Regional Food Bank **Extra Helpings** program is a community food-buying club. You can purchase nutritious foods at lower-than-retail costs. There is no age or income limit. For just \$20 you receive a variety of meats and fresh produce, plus there are additional specials every month. Everyone is welcome to join and save. For more information call 459-5051.

Do you know someone who might benefit from a program like this? Will you tell them about it? Do you want to help a senior in your neighborhood or a family struggling with making ends meet? Consider collaborating with the order and pick up of monthly food items. You will be twice blessed.

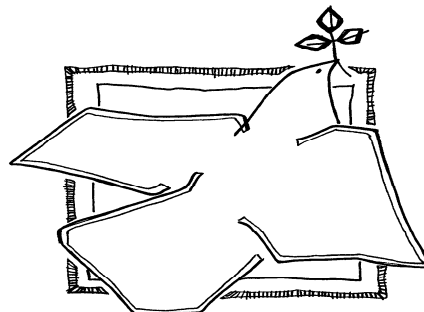
Caregiver Support Group - 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month from 2:30 to 3:30 PM at the Marjorie Doyle Rockwell Center MDRC. **RSVP by calling 438-4164**

Please call the Pastoral Care Office:

If you or a loved one were unable to join us for last Sunday’s Anointing of the Sick and wish to receive the Sacrament.

If you or a loved one is unable to attend weekly Sunday liturgy because of the severity of continuing illness. We can work out a schedule for you to receive communion at your home.

Please call Jeanne Pitkin at 462-1336 to arrange to receive the Anointing of the Sick or Communion at your home.





Eucharistic Adoration

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! The Lord is near.

Come join us for **Eucharistic Adoration** every **Friday** after the 9:00 a.m. mass up through closing prayer at 7:00 p.m. All our welcome. For more information about how to become a weekly or substitute adorer, contact

Peter Ranalli at 482 - 9087 or Margaret Purcell at 453 - 9302.

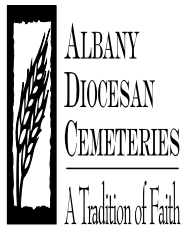
Christian Works and Service

In conjunction with Hannaford Supermarkets, St. Pius X will be sponsoring the "Fund a Feast Program" again this year.

For a donation of \$10 dollars you can buy a box of food which will be donated to the Sacred Heart Food Pantry and, with that donation, you will receive a coupon book worth \$50 in coupons from Hannaford.

Last year thanks to your generosity we were able to provide Sacred Heart Pantry with over 220 boxes for the Fund a Feast Program or over 1,760 pieces of food.

So far this year, we have provided **148** boxes. Let's see if we can beat last year's total.



The Albany Diocesan Cemeteries will celebrate Memorial Masses on the following dates to remember the souls of the faithful departed entrusted to our care. Masses are celebrated in the Mausoleum Chapels and begin at 9:00 a.m.

December 19th at Most Holy Redeemer in Niskayuna

DOMINICAN RETREAT & CONFERENCE CENTER

December 18, 2009 7:30 pm **Annual Carol Night**. Doors open at 7:00 pm. Bring the family and join the members of the Dominican Retreat & Conference Center Volunteer Choir in celebration of this joyous season. Sing along, or just sit back and listen to this program of sacred music. A free-will offering will be taken to benefit a local charity. Info/reservations call Dominican Retreat & Conference Center, 518-393-4169

The St. Pius X Parish School Board invites you to become a sponsor of their annual event "A Winter's Night Out," being held on February 6th at the Wolferts Roost Country Club. Information is included in your bulletin.

It is the hope of the Parish School Board to provide an opportunity for the community of our church to come together for an evening of entertainment while raising money for our parish school. The theme this year is **HOLLYWOOD!**

Look for event invitations in the bulletin during the first week of January! Come walk the red carpet and join the fun! We hope to see you on February 6th.

Thank you ~ The Members of the St. Pius X Parish School Board

December Public Policy Summary by Jim Ercolano

Concerning the "Preferential Option for the Poor and Vulnerable," the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops say the following: "While the common good embraces all, those who are in greatest need deserve preferential concern. A moral test for society is how we treat the weakest among us - the unborn, those dealing with disabilities or terminal illness, the poor and the marginalized." Source: The Challenge of Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, USCCB, 2007.

As followers of Christ, we are challenged to make a preferential option for the poor by speaking for the voiceless, to defend the defenseless, to assess the causes of extreme disparities that appear to run counter to catholic social teaching - the specific policies, economic systems, and social institutions in terms of their direct and indirect impacts on the poor. This does not mean pitting one group against another, but empowering God's people by assisting those who are most vulnerable.

God's love of the poor, who may resemble the poor and suffering Christ in their tribulations, provides a compelling example for each individual, parish, diocese, and the Church itself. The Beatitudes (from the Sermon on the Mount) present the vision Christ wants us to make our own as we welcome with love, those who are poor in spirit, are kind and merciful, righteous and thirsting for justice. God's love for the poor in Luke's Gospel becomes a humanitarian model to emulate.

In Luke 4, Jesus begins his public ministry announcing his mission in fulfillment of this Covenant, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because he has anointed me, to bring glad tidings to the poor".

Source: Restoring the Covenant: A Pastoral Letter on Society's Responsibility To The Poor And Vulnerable, 2005 by The Catholic Bishops of New York State.

Applying this example, popes, bishops, priests, religious, and laity have guided the Church on how essential it is to provide care in terms of tangible assistance. This social service originated within the Corporal Works Of Mercy (feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless, etc...), and over time, expanded into becoming Catholic Charities, hospitals, health insurance, education, nursing homes, etc. that were founded and sustained by the Church.

Since the 1891 publication of the Encyclical Rerum Novarum "On the Condition of Workers" by Pope Leo XIII which proclaimed the authority of the Church to speak on social issues - a second and equally important means to more permanently address the plight of the poor and vulnerable is through advocacy for social change. This includes taking action on Catholic moral principles, contacting elected officials, running for office, campaigns supporting self-help, etc...

Examples of campaigns supporting self help include the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD), founded in 1970 by American Catholic bishops as the Church's domestic anti-poverty program to facilitate business creation, jobs, stewardship, training, etc.. A program helped by CCHD, A Regional Initiative Supporting Empowerment (ARISE), included securing funding to develop more affordable housing that is sorely needed in urban and rural areas of New York State.

During his last visit to our country, the late Pope John Paul II expressed his hope that the United States would become "a society in which none are so poor that they have nothing to give, and none are so rich that they have nothing to receive."

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar: When the crowds in today's gospel asked "What shall we do?" the Baptist was very clear: SHARE. Resist giving token obligatory Christmas gifts. Instead give NECESSITIES to the poor. If those who have nothing or very little are not on your Christmas list, you missed the point of Christmas.

 We respectfully remind everyone to observe the **No parking** areas on the parish grounds. These areas provide for everyone's safety, and in case of emergency they provide access for emergency vehicles. Also, please park only within the lines designated as parking spaces. Areas outside of those lines are for emergency access. Thank you.

REMINDER ~ If you have or are recovering from a cold or the flu, please remember the appropriate precautions at the Sign of Peace and refrain from receiving from the cup or on the tongue.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Adult Catholics (ages 18 and older) who have been baptized and have received First Holy Communion but have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation are invited to inquire about our parish Confirmation preparation program. Please contact Peter Ranalli at the parish Office of Religious Education by calling (518) 465-8068.

Christmas Choir: Young people in grades 4 thru 8 are invited to join the Saint Pius X Youth Choir in preparation for the 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass. Those interested will need to attend our regular Choir rehearsals on Tuesdays Dec. 15th and Dec. 22 You may attend rehearsal from either 4:00-5:00 pm or 6:00-7:00 pm. Please call 462-1336 if you would like to register.



 The Catholic parishes in the Town of Colonie will offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation on the same night, **Monday, December 14th from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.** This is an adaptation of a highly successful program called "**We'll Leave the Light On**" held in the Archdiocese of Washington, DC. On this evening, a priest will be available for individual confessions. Those who wish will be welcome to stop in to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It will be a great opportunity for a few quiet moments of prayer, grace and mercy amid the hectic final days before Christmas!



With joy you will draw water at the fountain of salvation.

Isaiah 12:3

Colonie Center SCHOOL BUCK\$ program
 Do you have lunch or dinner regularly at the any of the Colonie Center restaurants? Your receipt from lunch or dinner can help St. Pius X School win one of the top cash prizes awarded in the Colonie Center \$CHOOL BUCK\$ Program. Please drop your receipts in the collection box located in the Parish Center



Office or have your receipts stamped at the Guest Services Desk located on the 1st floor. Any receipts stamped within 60 days of purchase help us reach our goal. Thank you for your support!

New Christmas Seating Policy

The parish council is discussing quite a few recommendations that came out of the parish survey that the Siena Research Institute did for us in 2008. You will be hearing more about those recommendations, and council actions, in the next few months.

But the council members have decided to implement one change now because it pertains to something that has been a concern at Masses during holiday seasons for some time, most particularly at Christmas liturgies (and especially at the 4:00 Children's Mass on Christmas Eve). That is the practice of saving seats, and in some cases entire pews, for people who are not yet in church. "Saving seats" has resulted in people having to stand, as well as family members having to sit apart from one another, even though empty seats and pews are available.

To respond to concerns expressed by a number of people about this practice in their survey comments, we will try something new at St. Pius, starting with the Christmas Masses this year.

To begin, it is important that we all understand that everyone is always welcome to participate in the services celebrated at St. Pius. All liturgies, but especially those held at the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays and during Easter week, take on special meaning when we can attend them with family and friends, many of whom we may not see very often. At the same time that we warmly welcome everyone to our church, we also have to be mindful and respectful of each person's right to have a place in the Lord's house, even if that means that we ourselves will be inconvenienced a bit.

Following is the new seating policy that will be followed at St. Pius at all holiday liturgies from now on, starting with the Christmas Masses this December:

- saving seats will be allowed on the Stafford Street and Gathering Area sides of church (except in marked pews that will be reserved for lectors and eucharistic ministers);
- saving seats will **not** be allowed in the center section of church (including upstairs in the former choir loft);
- seats on the Stafford Street and Gathering Area sides of church can be saved only up until a half-hour before Mass; after that, seats cannot be saved in any part of church.

Signs will be posted at each entrance of the church stating where seats can and cannot be saved. And ushers will be available to assist in seating people in all areas of the church.

Mass Intentions for the week

DECEMBER 14– DECEMBER 20

Mon	6:30	Dorothy Fitzgerald req. Primary Care Staff
	9:00	Dick Dowd req. Mark & Mary Bligh Morrison Mary R. Brennan req. Her Family Anne & John O'Donnell req. Their Family
Tues	6:30	Thomas O'Connell req. Friends
	9:00	Anthony DeLuca req. His Family Rose V. Belleville req. Rosemary Belleville John Coffey Cromie req. Dan & Marianne Sleasman
	7:00	Nellie Arnold req. St. Pius X Choir William Prime req. Tom & Judy Seward Juliette Gingras req. The Barresi Family
Wed	6:30	Thomas O'Connell req. Jim & Maura O'Brien Edmund & Dorothy Busch req. Their Daughter
	9:00	Mr. & Mrs. Ormond J. Leombruno req. Carolyn Tyson Cynthia Safran req. Jane & Jim Ryan Michael Brennan req. James W. Ryan III
Thur	6:30	Aldo P. Zanotta req. Patty Clemente Joe Bautista req. Carman Satin John H. Barner req. The Barner Family
	9:00	Glenn Peterson req. His Family Peter J. George III req. His Family Anne & John O'Donnell req. Their Family
Fri	6:30	Malcolm Eddy req. Susan Saturno Thomas O'Connell req. Pam Seward
	9:00	Leah Forenzo req. Her Family Frank A. Pedlow Jr. req. Jane & Jim Ryan Annie Morrell Petrillo req. Ann Richmond
Sat	9:00	Edna Wassmer req. Fran Strachan Marjorie Kirby req. Eileen Swart Joe McCoy (1st Anniv.) req. His Family
	5:00	Vigil
Sun	8:00 am; 10:00 am; 12:00 Noon	

Eucharistic Ministers & Greeters - Team 1

SERVERS FOR DEC. 19/20

5:00	K. & M. & J. Bouchard, N. & T. Buff
8:00	S. & J. Puleo, N. Fruscio, J. Graziano
10:00	J. & E. Schumaker, M. Fish, JA Chidsey, R. Brennan
12:00	G. Bazinet, A. Semmes, M. Amato, S. Peason

**READINGS FOR DECEMBER 20, 2009
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

First Reading: Micah 5:1-4a
Psalm: Psalm 80
Second Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10
Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

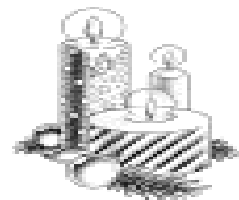
WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR

DAY	DATE	EVENT	TIME	PLACE
SUN	12/13	Sunday Eucharist Sunday School RCIA Monthly Food Collection Festival Celebration Choir	8, 10,12 9:00 am 11:00 am 3:00 pm	Church School Conf A Church
MON	12/14	"Leave the Lights On" Cub Scout Meeting	7:00 pm 6:30 pm	Church P. Hall
TUE	12/15	AA Meeting Youth Choir 4:15 pm & 6:15 pm Chime Choir Grades 1 & 2 Concert	5:30 pm 3:30 pm 6:30 pm	Church Church Church P. Hall
WED	12/16	Bible Study Children's Choir Grades 3, 4 & 5 Concert Parish Council Meeting Adult Confirmation Meeting	10:00 am 4:15 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Conf B Church P. Hall Conf B Conf A
THU	12/17	AA Meeting Adult Choir	7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Conf B Church
FRI	12/18	Renew Eucharistic Adoration Candles & Carols	7:00 am 9:30 am 7:00 pm	Conf A Chapel Church
SAT	12/19	Vigil	5:00 pm	Church

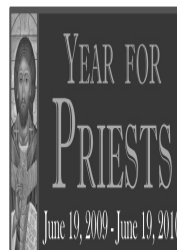
Music for Weekend of December 5/6

Gathering: 37- Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus
Preparation: 47-People Look East
Communion: 546- Christ, Be Our Light
Recessional: 746- The King of Glory
Adult Choir: Sing Out, Earth and Skies

Candles and Carols
Friday, December 18th
7:30pm Church



Advent Prayer for our Priests



God of eternal mercy and love, your church keeps this Advent season. We lift our hearts in prayer for those you have called to service in the priesthood. Grant them patience as we prepare the way for the Savior's coming at Christmas. Inspire them with hope as we eagerly await the return of Christ in glory. Fill them with joy day after day as we cry out "Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus!" One God with you and the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. Amen.