

TODAY IS THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 30, 2008

**Scripture Readings for Today****1st Reading:** Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b 64:2-7**2nd Reading:** 1 Corinthians 1:3-9**Gospel:** Mark 13:33-37**Scripture Readings for December 7th****1st Reading:** Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11**2nd Reading:** 2 Peter 3:8-14**Gospel:** Mark 1:1-8

Dear Parishioners,

What a great day Sunday was! The weather warmed up, the sun appeared, and we celebrated the Feast of Christ the King.

Bishop Denis Madden celebrated a special Mass at 2:00 p.m. In attendance were Cardinal Keeler and eleven priests. The choir sang magnificently, Bishop Madden preached eloquently, and then we processed over to our new multi-purpose building. Cardinal Keeler and Bishop Madden cut the ribbon and then 500 eager parishioners trooped in to our new 12,000 square foot building.

After some welcoming remarks by me, the architectural plans and construction plans were presented; Bishop Madden led a dedication ceremony and blessed the major spaces in the building. After I thanked a number of committees and people for their efforts and support, Cardinal Keeler graciously offered a few remarks. Bishop Madden concluded with some final comments and a blessing, we sang God Bless America, and partook of some refreshments as we socialized and explored the various equipment and features of our new building. It was quite a day!

While the building was dedicated, it is not yet ready for full-time use. A few corrections and adjustments need to be made. As soon as it is ready, we will let you know.

Now that we have this impressive building we also have an impressive mortgage to go with it. While past savings and your generosity have enabled us to pay off the majority of its cost, we expect to incur a debt of \$1.5 million. Although the economy is bad, I know that you will be as generous as you can to enable us to pay off our mortgage.

Finally, if you were unable to attend our dedication ceremony and would like a tour, please give me a call. I love showing off our new building.

Fr. Carl



We are servants of God, each with his or her own task. We will be judged good stewards if, at His coming, He finds us ready and conscientiously pursuing the tasks to which we have been called.

Give of your time, talent and treasure until you feel good about your gift, and your heart knows that you have done something for God.

THE COLLECTION FOR NOVEMBER 22-23RD

Envelopes	\$13,729.50
Loose	\$1,381.67
Poor Boxes	\$294.70
Children's	\$42.65

THE MASS COUNT FOR NOVEMBER 22-23RD

5 PM – 280	7:30 AM – 151	9 AM – 192
10:30 AM – 250	12 PM – 186	2 PM – 450

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS of our deceased parishioners.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS, especially those in hospitals – Mary Bordas, Ann Lopez, Patricia Cavey, Vincent Dileo, John Eisenberger, Mary Straub, Maribelle Jane Kursch, and Audie Murphy.

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED for all those recovering from surgeries and illness and for: Dottie Lappe, Tammy Randle, Lou Kaminski, Mary Van Dusen, Charles & Jacque Harris, John Joseph, John Hartner, Mr. and Mrs. William Lang, Noreen Newcomb, and Robert Nelson.

PRAYER FOR OUR SERVICE PEOPLE: We ask you to remember the parishioners, family & friends serving in the military: USMC – Pvt. Harry Harrison Bruns, LCpl. Joseph Bytella, LCpl. Sean Fitzpatrick, LCpl Alex Webb, LCpl. John J. Cohee, Jr., Sgt. David Burton; USAF – Capt. Brian Gallagher; Nat'l Guard – Pfc. Ryan Kamauff, David Parker; Army – Timothy Muhl, Sgt. Joshua Callow, Specialist Stephen Grenfell, 1st Lt. Stephen Winter, 1st Lt. Sheldon Broedel, Recon Scout Matt Lambert, 101st Airborne.

Mass Intentions



MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF DEC. 1-7TH

MONDAY 12/1	6:30 a.m. – Matthew Thierer 8:00 a.m. – Sr. Marie Edwina SSND
TUESDAY 12/2	6:30 a.m. – Richard A. Doucette 8:00 a.m. – Frank & Barbara Zeiler
WED. 12/3	6:30 a.m. – Zelma Delahanty 8:00 a.m. – Charles Hachemeister
THURSDAY 12/4	6:30 a.m. – Rosaria Fonti 8:00 a.m. – Bob Wissman
FRIDAY 12/5	6:30 a.m. – Francis & Peggy Levy 8:00 a.m. – Rosemary Kelly
SAT. 12/6	8:00 a.m. – Nicholas Scott 5:00 p.m. – Ron Melvin
SUNDAY 12/7	7:30 a.m. – For the Parishioners 9:00 a.m. – Frank Lewis Jr 10:30 a.m. – Michael Lawler 12:00 p.m. – Gerri Sielicki

DAILY READINGS

Monday 12/1	<i>Weekday</i> Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5 Gospel: Matthew 8:5-11
Tuesday 12/2	<i>Weekday</i> Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10 Gospel: Luke 10:21-24
Wednesday 12/3	<i>St. Francis Xavier, Priest</i> Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10a Gospel: Matthew 15:29-37
Thursday 12/4	<i>St. John of Damascus</i> Reading: Isaiah 26:1-6 Gospel: Matthew 7:21, 24-27
Friday 12/5	<i>First Friday</i> Reading: Isaiah 29:17-24 Gospel: Matthew 9:27-31
Saturday 12/6	<i>St. Nicholas</i> Reading: Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26 Gospel: Matthew 9:35–10:1,5a,6-8

DEACON JACK'S TURKEYS – donations to purchase CHRISTMAS Turkeys for the Transfiguration Parish are still being collected. Thank you for your generosity in making this season truly blessed for our sisters and brothers in Christ.

EVENING PRAYER WITH JESUS: Please join us to pray the Liturgy of the Hours before the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday evenings during Advent (12/2, 12/9, 12/16, and 12/23) at 6:30 p.m. (please note time change to 6:00 pm on 12/2 only). 'O Come let us Adore Him.'



PLEASE NOTE: Tuesday, December 2 – Evening Prayer will begin at 6:00 p.m. Adoration will end at 6:30 p.m., due to our Confirmation practice which will begin at 7 p.m. in the Church.

FAMILY ROSARY - Please join us for family Rosary, Wed., Dec. 3rd at 6:30 p.m. in the Church. We will be praying the Joyful Mysteries. We will be praying especially that the Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA) does not pass as law. Join us after Family Rosary for refreshments in the cafeteria.

CONFESSIONS will be held this Thursday, Dec. 4th, at 4:30 p.m. in preparation for First Friday.

FIRST FRIDAY MASSES will be held this Friday, December 5th, at 6:30 & 8:00 AM.

HOLY HOUR will be held this Fri., Dec. 5th, from 7 to 8 p.m. After this Hour the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed until 8 a.m. Saturday. Sign-up sheet for Adoration can be found in the front of Church. Come and rest with Jesus and allow His *real* presence to speak to your heart.



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA will be held Saturday, Dec. 6th, in the school cafeteria. Two seating times: either 8:30 – 10 a.m. or 10:30 – 12 noon. For tickets, call Zena Bissally at 410-719.9581

THE SECOND COLLECTION to be taken up at all the Masses **next** weekend will be the annual collection for the Retirement Fund for the Retired Religious. Your contribution can ensure that the more than 45,000 elderly and infirm sisters, brothers and order priests who have given us a lifetime of service will be adequately cared for in their later years.

THANK YOU – Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make our building Dedication such a wonderful celebration! A special thanks to all of our bakers!



ST. AGNES SCHOOL NEWS!

St. Agnes School Open House Dec. 9 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

All of our parishioner families and friends are invited to spend the day at St. Agnes School. We are very excited to share the Good News that is happening throughout our school. Visit the classrooms in our Nursery all the way through 8th Grade. Spend some time in our upgraded computer lab, the art room, Spanish classes, physical education classes, music room and library. This year we are so proud to show you the brand new St. Agnes Parish Activity Center. We would love for you to see your parish school in action. Please feel free to invite your neighbors, co-workers, friends, and family. All are welcome. If you are unable to attend on December 9th, please call the school office at 410-747-4070 to set up a tour and / or request registration information.

Grandparents Day

Thank you to all of our wonderful grandparents who visited on your special day. It was a joy to have you join us in prayer and class activities. Thanks also to our wonderful parent volunteers who provided refreshments for our guests.

Confirmation: Thursday, December 4 at 7:00PM

Please join us in praying for our 8th grade Confirmandi as they make their final preparation to receive this beautiful Sacrament.

Dates to Remember:

12/2	Confirmation Practice w/ sponsors / 7:00PM
12/3	Santa's Workshop Preview Night
12/4	Confirmation/ 7:00PM Santa's Workshop 8:30-2:30
12/5	First Friday Mass 9:00AM All are welcome. Santa's Workshop 8:30-2:30
12/6	Breakfast with Santa/ Sittings 8:30-10:00 and 10:30-12:00PM
12/8	Immaculate Conception / School Closed
12/9	St. Agnes Open House 9:00AM – 2:00PM
12/12	12:30 Dismissal

OPERATION CRECHE KRINGLE – Please take your selection from the manger under the Jesse Tree. Hang the little manger on the tree and take the Santa with the information home. After you wrap your gift, **tape the Santa to the outside of your gift** and place it under the Jesse tree. All gifts must be returned by December 14th after the 12 noon Mass. If you have any questions, please call Cookie Hauf at 410-747-0398.

St. Agnes Youth Ministry

Sunday, November 30 – Thanksgiving Pot Luck Supper and Advent Prayer Service

We'll provide the turkey and gravy; you provide the rest! Please sign up to bring a dish, or just show up with leftovers! We will also have Thanksgiving and Advent prayer services. Please bring money to contribute to our fall fundraisers. Paperwork for Mount 2009 will be available tonight!

Sunday, December 7 – Service Night

Tonight, we will be making Christmas cards to take with us when we go caroling at Village Oaks retirement home. Mount 2009 paperwork and fees are due tonight! Forms and information for our caroling trip will be available this night.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Thursday, December 4 – Confirmation

Please join us in celebrating the Confirmation of our candidates! The Confirmation Mass, celebrated by the Most Reverend Bishop Rozanski, will begin at 7pm. All candidates and their sponsors are to report to the lower church by 6:15pm. A reception will immediately follow in the new gymnasium.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR AND SPAGHETTI DINNER

at Mount de Sales Academy will be held on Sunday, December 7th, from Noon to 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$9.00 for adults, \$7.00 for senior citizens and \$5.00 for children ages 6-12. Family rate and carry out available.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP: Thank you to all who returned their stewardship statement. We certainly appreciate the sacrifices you have made for our parish. If you have not returned it yet, you may return it to the Parish office or place it in the collection basket

OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT will be held Thursday, Dec. 18th, at 7:00 pm in the Old School Hall. Please set aside this evening and plan to attend.

MEMORY VERSE

ISAIAH 64:7

O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay and you the potter: we are the work of your hands.