



# Third Sunday of Advent

December 11 & 12, 2010

## This Week in our Parishes

### Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup>

10:00 am, First Reconciliation Mtg. - OLMC  
4:00 pm, Mass - SAS (+George & Ruth Martins)

### Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup> Advent 3

Second Collection – Retired Religious  
7:00 am, Mass – SAS (+Sally Shields)  
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 (L&D McLoughlin/Williams Families)  
11:00 am, Mass – OLMC (+Carroll Little)  
1:00 pm, Secular Franciscan Order – OLMC  
3:00 pm, Boy Scouts (Tigers) – SASH  
6:30 pm, Y.M. Music Practice – OLMC

### Monday, December 13<sup>th</sup>

8:00 am, Mass – OLMC (+Allen & Florence Knott)  
9:00 am, Mom's Group Mtg. - SASH  
2:00 pm, Eucharistic Adoration – OLMC  
7:00 pm, AA Meeting – SAS Upper Hall

### Tuesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>

8:00 am, Mass – OLMC (Int. Betty Burdick)  
1:30 pm, Staff Meeting - SAS  
7:00 pm, Advent Penance Service - SAS

### Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>

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

### Thursday, December 16<sup>th</sup>

8:00 am, Mass – OLMC (Int. Ed Reaver)  
6:30 pm, Choir Practice – SAS  
6:30 pm, YOGA – SAS Upper Hall

### Friday, December 17<sup>th</sup>

7:30 am, Morning Prayer – OLMC  
8:00 am, Mass – OLMC (+Sheila Rosensteel)

### Saturday, December 18<sup>th</sup>

2:30 pm, Sacrament of Reconciliation – OLMC  
4:00 pm, Mass - SAS (+Mark, John & Johnny Carson)

### Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup> Advent 4

7:00 am, Mass – SAS (+Annie Shields & Tony Kelly, Sr.)  
8:00 am, Mass – OLMC (+Felixa Zienda)  
9:15 am, Religious Education Classes – TMS  
9:15 am, Confirmation Class - TMS  
9:30 am, Mass – SAS (+Willis Douglas Samples)  
11:00 am, Mass – OLMC (L&D Parishioners)  
5:00 pm, Live Nativity – OLMC front lawn  
6:30 pm, Y.M. Music Practice – OLMC

### Fourth Sunday of Advent December 18 & 19

#### Scripture Readings for Mass

**First Reading** ~ Isaiah 7:10-14/10

**Responsorial** ~ 24:1-2,3-4,5-6

**Second Reading** ~ Romans 1:1-7

**Gospel** ~ Matthew 1:18-24

## 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.

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 Munafa

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.

## ConnecTeen Catholics (CTC)

**CTC Night - Saturday, January 8, 5 to 8 pm**

Join us at SAS after 4:00 Mass for the Parish Christmas Concert and Potluck.

**Mount 2000- Feb. 11- 13-** Join fellow Catholic high school students at Mount Saint Mary's for an EPIC weekend retreat! Permission slips and \$55 registration fee due to Lori Carter by December 17. Check it out at [www.mount2000.com](http://www.mount2000.com).

**For information on High School Youth Ministry**

Events or to volunteer contact:

Lori Carter (301) 271-4050 [lpitcarter@comcast.net](mailto:lpitcarter@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<sub>M</sub>A<sub>C</sub>! Youth Ministry News

**SMAC! Meeting - Friday, Jan 21, 7:15 - 8:45 pm** in the old Schoolhouse at St. Anthony's. All **6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>** and **8<sup>th</sup>** grade parishioners are invited. Don't miss the fun, food and friends!

**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.*

## Mark Your Calendars

- Dec 14 – Parish Penance Service – 7 pm SAS
- Dec 19 – Live Nativity – 5 pm OLMC
- Dec 21 – KofC Social Night – 6:30 pm OLMC
- 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

## Peace & Social Justice Committee

*an education and action ministry*

**December**

**22<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:JHawkins@archbalt.org).*

**"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.

## Grotto of Lourdes

**Emmitsburg, MD**

Everyone welcome to:

**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

## Christmas Eve at the Frederick Rescue Mission

We will once again be preparing and serving lunch to the residents and local community at the Frederick County Rescue Mission this month.

If you are interested in helping out in any way please contact John Hawkins or Susan Robinson (phone 717.642.5070).

Watch for casserole pans each month and thank you for your continued generosity towards those in need.

Peace and God's blessing be with you always.

Thank you.

Susan Robinson

## 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 12<sup>th</sup>**

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

## Advent Penance Service

**Tuesday, December 14, 7:00 pm  
St. Anthony Shrine**



## 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<sup>th</sup>**. A listing of those remembered will be published in our bulletin for December 25 & 26. Thank you.

## Decorating for Christmas



It's time to decorate for Christmas!

**Decorating at St. Anthony's** will be on **Sunday, December 19**, following the 9:30 am Mass. Come and join with fellow parishioners in preparing our worship space for this holy season. Make this a part of your Advent and Christmas tradition! See you there. Any questions or concerns, call Jennifer Durski at (301) 241-3793.

## Altar Server Training Opportunity

**Sunday, January 9, 10:30 am** (following the 9:30 am Mass) at **St. Anthony's**.

This is for anyone in 4<sup>th</sup> grade to adults -- new servers or anyone wishing for a refresher. For more information, call Jennifer Durski at (301) 241-3793.

## 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.



## 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.*

## Family Christmas Program

All are invited to our **Parish Christmas Concert and Pot Luck** which will be held on **Saturday, January 8**, at **SAS** beginning with the concert in the Church.

**5:00 pm** The **Music Ministry** of our parishes will present a **Christmas Concert** and a sing-a-long.

**6:00 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**  
*(Help will be needed in the kitchen and to set up tables and chairs before the program.)*

## FINANCIAL REPORT

### Weekend of December 4 & 5, 2010

#### Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

Attendance		198
Envelopes	(86)	2,567.00
Loose		365.87
Total		2,932.87
Poor Box		22.23

#### St. Anthony Shrine

Attendance		399
Envelopes	(84)	3,010.00
Loose		583.08
Total		3,593.08
Poor Box		269.42

## From Barbara . . .

What do you come to church to see? Jesus put a similar question to the people of his time about John the Baptizer and prophets. What do we expect? Do we want to be entertained? Do we want to socialize with the community? Do we want to have a wonderful experience of prayer? Do we come to participate to our fullest capabilities? I think yes is an appropriate answer to all of these questions. Sometimes though we come only with a sense of obligation and a "let's get this over with" attitude. This opportunity given to us by God is too precious to waste. Take time this week (and really every week) to prepare before coming to our Sunday celebrations and to be aware of how the preparation helps you to participate.

Our Parish Reconciliation Service is this Tuesday, Dec. 14 at 7:00 in St. Anthony's. What better way to prepare for the coming of Christ than to receive the Sacrament of Penance.

Next Sunday is our Live Nativity at Our Lady of Mount Carmel. This is a Franciscan tradition that helps bring the Nativity scene to life. It's especially fun for children since we'll have a donkey and a sheep there for the scene. Following the Live Nativity we'll have cookies and cocoa in the parish hall. I hope you will be able to fit this into your Advent schedule. Dress warmly as we'll be outside.

May God continue to bless us all.

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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.

## Cash Bash

Saturday, February 19, 3 – 8 pm  
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish Center

### 4 Drawing per Hour

1 <sup>st</sup> drawing	\$400
2 <sup>nd</sup> drawing	\$300
3 <sup>rd</sup> drawing	\$200
4 <sup>th</sup> drawing	\$100

8:00 pm Grand Prize \$3,000  
(based on the 3-Digit MD Lottery)  
You need not be present to win



Also available:

Games of chance & Tip jars  
(No one under 18 can play the games)  
Music by the *Backroads*

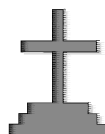
**Tickets:** \$25 per person  
(includes food & refreshments)  
Only one person admitted per ticket.  
No tickets will be sold at the door.

**CASH BASH TICKETS** make  
wonderful **Christmas Gifts**

Tickets are on sale at the parishes' office (*located at St. Anthony's*) for \$25. Either stop in the office or give us a call at (301) 447-2367. Tickets are also available before and after the weekend Masses.

**All tickets sold and returned by 4:30 pm, January 19<sup>th</sup>, will be eligible for the \$100.00 Early Bird Drawing – to be held that day!**

We need people to help sell tickets. Please call the office (301) 447-2367 if you are able to take a packet of 5 to sell or if you would be willing to sell tickets after the weekend Masses. Thanks we need your help to make this benefit a success for our parishes.



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 provide various opportunities for the local community. The membership is made up of the 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.