

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

## TEACH

**K-6**

Dec 13 Regular Session

Dec 20 Family Event

**Youth**

December 13 Grades 9+10, 11-12N

For a complete schedule, for all grades, go to [www.stceciliachurch.com](http://www.stceciliachurch.com) and click on "Teach." **Contact Phyllis Welsh for further information!**

## ADULT EDUCATION

This Wednesday, 7-8PM,  
Phyllis Welsh will give her wonderful and creative presentation on the

**"Liturgical Year."**

You will learn something new as well as be put in touch with a deep sense of tradition and history. This will ring bells! Meet in the Children's Chapel, Church.

Treat Yourself.

All are welcome.

(And meet our Inquirer, Brandy Dineen.)

**St. Benedict Priory, Chestertown**

[www.prioryretreathouse.org](http://www.prioryretreathouse.org)

Programs/Retreats 518-494-3733

*Right in our own back yard!!!!*

**Interested in St. Paul???**

*Just an idea: From January to March, Sister Linda will take an evening graduate course on St. Paul from St. Bernards' School of Theology and Ministry in Albany.*

*You get a free ride and driver each week if you would like to take or audit the course. Auditing costs \$300, but if you are in active ministry, you are eligible for a scholarship.*

[www.rcda.org](http://www.rcda.org)

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Scroll way down to St. Bernards

Albany Site

(Call slh if that doesn't work or for more info.)

## SERVE

### Advent Giving Tree....



Pink Envelope: **HOMELESS YOUTH** - gift certificates or cash donations for WAIT HOUSE. (25% of the youth there are from Warrensburg!!)

Purple Envelope: **LOCAL FOLKS** in need of gift certificates or cash donation (A number of our families have lost work and need to pay basic bills.)

Please return these gifts as you are able, but by Sunday, December 20th, the latest. Thanks for your kindness, generosity, and compassion.

- Thank you, Beth Callahan, for hosting the parent education group last Sunday.
- Thank you to Ed Webster who spent about three hours shoveling the church roof on Friday. (Yes, it leaked! We MUST keep it shoveled this winter so we don't have to repaint the nave wall again! Hopefully the roof will be fixed by next winter! We can clean it without walking on the roof. Are you tall and strong? Please consider helping. Talk with Ed or Sister.)
- Thank you to Pat Leonard for so generously offering her calendar commission for the Church coffers!
- Thank you to John, MacKenzie, and Duncan Blydenbugh for all the snow blowing and shoveling they did this past week!



**By Next Saturday, 4:30PM**

*Not Sunday.... That will be too late.*

For our elders and homebound...



- **COOKIES OR SMALL LOAVES OF HOLIDAY BREAD**
- **Dropped off at the narthex by 4:30PM, Saturday, December 19**
- Write a Christmas Card to our homebound and bring to the narthex next Saturday. Pick up a list of names today.
- At 5:30 on Saturday, December 19, help wrap and organize the gifts.
- 11:15AM Sunday, December 20, we need groups of parishioners who will adopt an elder or two to deliver cookies and sing a carol
- At 6PM Sunday, December 20, folks to decorate the Nave for Christmas

**Kids, Music, Christmas!!**



- **CHRISTMAS EVE PRELUDES** 4PM Christmas Eve, we will show off the talent of our parishioners, young and old. Plan to sing, play an instrument, play a duet, etc. **SIGN UP TODAY IN THE NARTHEX.**

*Calendars from Pat Leonard*

Pat is a relatively new parishioner of St. C's... a wonderful poet, photographer, and writer. Her calendar is full of Warrensburg shots! Believe it or not, it cost Pat \$10 to have each calendar printed. She will sell them for \$15 with the "profit" being donated to St. C's. Need one more gift? Support Pat as she supports us! You will find Pat in the narthex after Mass.

**NORTH COUNTRY MINISTRY 3933 MAIN: 623-2829**

Monday 9-12, Tuesday 9-1, Wednesday 1-4, Thursday 1-4, Friday 1-4.

**BABY'S PLACE & CLOTHING CENTER**

# GATHER

Sunday  
 11A K-6, 9&10, Faith Formation  
 11A Choir Rehearsal– Christmas  
 (Youth Join at 12 –12:20)  
 7:30P “Wicked”  
 Tues 6P Labyrinth Walk (candle)  
 Wed. 7PM “Liturgical Year” reflection  
 Thurs 4P Christmas Choir Rehearsal  
 Fri **NO GATHERING PLACE**  
 Sat Bring Cookies to Narthex  
 Sun 3:30-5PM Retreat  
 5PM Sacrament Reconciliation  
 5:20PM Soup  
 5:30ish and ff. Decorate!!  
 Dec 30 11-12N Babies Day Out  
 4th Anniversary Party!  
 Jan 17 Parish Thank You Party  
 May 24 Alaska Cruise Tour

## All Are Welcome!

Babies’ Day Out celebrates 4 years!  
 The Feast of the Immaculate Conception  
 4 years and the founding  
 babies are now attending  
 school while life goes on  
 and more babies have been  
 added. Join the moms,  
 babies, and founding  
 “babies” for a celebration, Wednesday,  
 December 30, Jaracz Hall (St. C’s Hall),  
 11AM to noon. Pizza will be provided.  
 Bring drinks and/or dessert.



## PLEASE STAY AWAKE IF...

- You are a skating or hockey enthusiast. Something special is about to happen!
- You have your bathing suit from Summer 09.

## Thoughts From This Week’s Think Tanks

**Marriage Think Tank** attended by Leigh Cain, Laura Danna, Cheryl York first thought the ministry name should be changed to Couple’s Ministry. The focus of the discussion was on affordable and fun opportunities for couples to socialize. February 13 is the annual Saint Valentine Dance. In March Leigh will organize a “Couples’ Night Out”. Many more ideas were discussed and details from this meeting will follow.

**Social Justice Think Tank** was attended by Laura Danna and Gail Lawson. Discussed was the difference between “charity” and “justice.” The conclusion was that both need to be aspired to! We will think globally and act locally. Many of us simply need our consciousness raised. Understanding the effect of plastic on the earth will be pursued as well as the simplicity of recycling. Both education and action are a goal. Using Fair Trade Coffee at St. C’s is another goal. Next meeting is 3:30P, January 12.

**Bereavement Support Think Tank** was attended by Harriet Bunker and Diane Joy Murray who determined that our “missing link” in this ministry was the “follow up” of six to eight weeks after a death to see how the family was coping. A new opportunity to sign up to offer dishes for bereavement luncheons will be posted after Christmas.

**Young Adults Think Tank** was attended by Kristin Bergin. Having positive attitudes toward persons who are not always able to be present was discussed, and how important it is to be welcoming and non-judgmental. One action decided was to actively invite folks to Christmas Eucharist and to be more aware of “new folks” at Mass so we can make them feel at home.

# Need a dose of PEACE

## before Christmas? 2 Options

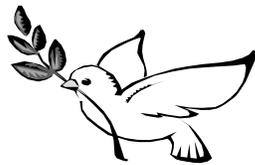
#1 Tuesday at 6PM, meet at the **Labyrinth** for an Advent Walk for Peace!(Bring a candle and dress warmly. Wear boots)  
 Treat Yourself to a Mini Retreat

#2 Save Next Sunday,  
 December 20,  
 3:30-5PM FOR YOU!!

By way of a “guided retreat,” we will identify our own personal salvation history and how God is incarnate in our own personal lives.  
 (You will be amazed!!)

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
 Will be celebrated at 5PM for all interested., followed by **SOUP!!**

**RIGHT HERE AT ST. C’S!!**



Next Sunday

## Alaska Anyone?

On our web page are the details.  
 Click on the tab, “Gather”

# WORSHIP

## Third Sunday of Advent, December 13

4:30P *As requested (God Knows!)*  
 10A Maureen Murphy Handerhan  
 Req. Bill and Rosemary Maher  
 Fri, 9A (*? Do you know?!*)

## Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 20

4:30P Jared P. Apple req. Mom & Dad  
 10A (*Did you request this intention? Tell SLH*)

## Christmas Mass Schedule

4:30PM and 7PM Christmas Eve  
 10AM Christmas Morning



## Christmas Flowers

IN MEMORY OF, HONOR OF, OR JUST BECAUSE.... There are special envelopes near the green basket. Please include yours and your loved ones names  
 Deadline for publication: December 20

When Mary Gangsaa received the call that she

won the Doll House, she was at church within five minutes! Mary is thrilled! And if you don’t think Brianna LaRose is happy with her basket of chocolates, you have another think coming!! (Will Serena, Sylvia, and Randy be allowed to share in the winnings!)



## As a Matter of Justice....

While purchasing anything from now on... Please consider

## FAIR TRADE ITEMS



Please consider Christmas gifts that are environment friendly and/or are a way to serve the poor....  
 Like a donation to NCM!

## Furnace Facts

The twenty year old furnace for Jaracz Hall has conked out twice in two weeks. We had to pour \$400 into it to keep the hall useable. A new furnace is necessary and will be installed this week starting on Wednesday. If you were thinking of giving the parish a gift this Christmas, a donation (tax deductible) toward the furnace would be great!

