

December 6, 2009
Second Sunday of Advent

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.)

Why not take one of each??? Please return these gifts as you are able, but by December 20th, the latest. Thanks for your kindness, generosity, and compassion.

- Thank you to Lynn Smith and Marilyn Hayes for entering data into our census program. (There is lots more to go!)
- Thank you to Marilyn Hayes who began her ministry of visiting at the hospital in our name, the Catholic Community of Saint Cecilia.
- Thank you to all who participated in the Think Tanks so far, and all who have offered their time and talent as a result. (See column)
- Thank you to Mike Glebus who will build a Mice Barrier at West Wing, hoping in God that we can keep the mice out!
- Thank you to Jane Skorko, Cheryl York, and Deborah Stephenson for preparing the music binders for our youth choir for Christmas.

Opportunities to serve... in other words...HELP!

- **COOKIES OR SMALL LOAVES OF HOLIDAY BREAD**
- **Dropped off at the narthex by 4:30PM, Saturday, December 19**
- At 5:30 on Saturday, December 19, we need about 8 cookie/bread "wrappers"
- 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

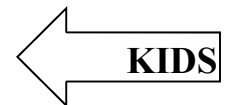
Kids, Music, Christmas!!

- **CHRISTMAS EVE PERFORMANCES 4PM**
Christmas Eve, we will show off the talent of our youngsters!
In fact, anyone of any age is welcome to sing a carol, play an instrument, play a duet, etc. **SIGN UP TODAY IN THE NARTHEX.**

- **YOUTH CHOIR FOR 4:30 DECEMBER 25.....**

ONLY 3 REHEARSALS: 12N—12:20PM
DECEMBER 6, 13, 20

SHOW UP TODAY (TODAY IS THE DEADLINE TO SIGN UP).



TEACH

K-6

Dec 6 Super Sunday— Parents + Kids

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 and click on "Teach." **Contact Phyllis Welsh for further information!**

ADULT EDUCATION

On Super Sundays, like today, Beth Callahan gathers with the parents to share with them many ways to "bring religion home," making it alive for families the entire week and not just an hour on Sundays. All Adults Are Welcome. (Thanks, Beth!)

RCIA meetings have been changed to **Wednesday, 7PM,** Convent (3802 Main). All are welcome to attend the Wednesday meetings.

(Questions? Ask Gail DeMarsh)

St. Benedict Priory, Chestertown

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Programs/Retreats 518-494-3733

Right in our own back yard!!!!

So.....

The Hall Furnace died again this past week. With the Finance Council, Sister

Linda is discerning what to do and when! We have \$21,000 of savings, so if it is determined to be necessary, we will just have to bite the bullet and replace what we have.

Thoughts From the Think Tanks Thus Far: **MUSIC MINISTRY** Irene Harrison and Jane Skorko will join Cheryl York in the tedious job of creating the music binders needed for the "mega-celebrations" like Christmas and Easter. In fact, they already did a major part of the Christmas work this past Friday. They thought they could solve the problem by just doing it! **MAINTENANCE** John Evansky, John Blydenburgh, Ronnie Vincent, Ed and Logan Webster thought about how to get the ongoing and regular MAINTENANCE needs satisfied. Again, the Thinkers offered to be the do-ers. They will organize one season at a time and create a maintenance record book. One major issue was shoveling the snow off the roof again this year. Ed said he was covered by liability insurance, and offered to make sure that the roof is safe from too much snow. Safety measures are being taken. Ongoing needs will be put on a clipboard and hung in the sacristy for the men to check on weekends. They will meet again in January to continue the organizing process. **ELDERS AND MINISTRY OF CARE** meeting was attended by Judy Rozell, Mary Gangsaa, Donna Vetter, Rozanne and Dave Degen, Pam Heyer, Arlene Swan, Debbie Toolan Honoring our elders, being sure they were part of the community, and being available as needed were discussed. Much is already being done for our elders in terms of cards, calls, rides, communion, treats, etc. Some creative suggestions such as videotaping our Christmas Mass and having everyone say hello on tape... then distributing the tapes/discs etc. Again, the Thinkers offered to be the do-ers. Another meeting will be held to firm up plans. **CONSULTATION THINKERS** were Pat Leonard and Marlene and Ronnie Vincent. Developing a group of "consultors" who will keep an eye "from the balcony" to make sure the community is both serving and being served. The question of collaborating with our neighbors was raised and will be pursued. Another meeting will follow in January. (See page two for more reports)

GATHER

As a Matter of Justice....

While purchasing anything from now on...
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Please consider Christmas gifts that are environment friendly and/or are a way to serve the poor.... Like a donation to NCM!

Neighboring Catholic Churches:

SACRED HEART Lake George
668-2046

BLESSED SACRAMENT Bolton Landing
644-3861

ST. JOHN BAPTIST Chestertown
494-5229

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

Alaska Anyone?

On our web page are the details.

Click on the tab, "Gather"

Note: Availability is First Come,
First Served basis!
The deposit is \$250.

The cabins can be "gone" at any time.
Seriously. Don't wait.

The balance is due March 1..

(Info available in the narthex as a hard copy)

Dollhouse Raffle Sunday

\$1 a ticket, \$5 for six
Drawing: December 6
(You have one in 80 chances to win at this typing!)

Basket of Chocolates will be drawn Sunday as well! \$1 a ticket.



Christmas flowers

December 5
7P Courtley
Music Concert
"Advent From
Mary's Pt. of
View"
December 6

News from Neighbors

- Sunday, December 20, 3PM, First Presbyterian Church, Glens Falls "Messiah Sing-Along" See blue notice taped to the pew in the narthex.
- Sunday, December 20, 4PM St. Michael's, So. G.F \$12 adult \$10 Seniors Christmas Concert... Mary Mancini ... Mario Tacca See white notice taped to pew in narthex.

WORSHIP

Second Sunday of Advent, December 6

4:30P As requested (God Knows!)
10A As requested (God Knows!)
Fri 9A Jonathan Brown (b'day)
Grandmother, Ruth Fruda

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8,

is one of our HOLY DAYS:

Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Mass Schedule:

Saint C's, 10AM, Adult Home, Horicon Ave.
St John's Chestertown, 5:30PM

Third Sunday of Advent, December 13

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

There is a schedule on the bulletin board in the sacristy where Father Cox vests. If you know of any scheduled Mass Intention for December, please write it in. (The Mass book is still missing.)

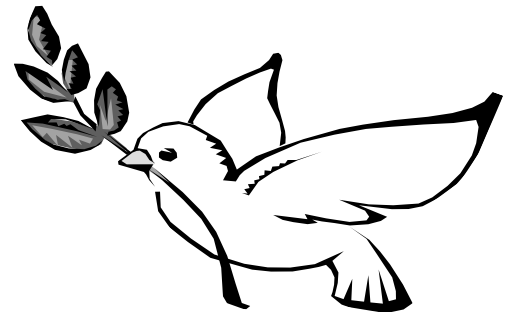
Need a dose of PEACE before Christmas?

Treat Yourself to a Mini Retreat
Save 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!!