

**November 29 2009**  
**First Sunday of Advent**

## TEACH

### K-6

Nov 29 Special Project -All Welcome  
Dec 6 Super Sunday— Parents + Kids  
Dec 13 Regular Session  
Dec 20 Family Event

### Youth

December 6 Grades 7&8 meet 11-12N  
December 13 Grades 9+10, 11-12N

For the 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

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

*(Questions? Ask Gail DeMarsh)*

We thank our parishioners who participate in Adult Education. Recently, Dawn Brunner attended a class on Monasticism. Dawn, along with Ruth Fruda, Marilyn Hayes, Emily Kladis, Pat Leonard, Aurelie Massimine, also attended classes by Brother Jim on the Hebrew Scripture. THANK YOU!!

(Note: Emily is working on her certification as Faith Formation Teacher. TY, Emily!)

### NC CAFÉ

*(North Country Continuing Adult Faith Enrichment) To get notices, please email Nancy Normandin at [grace2u@nycap.rr.com](mailto:grace2u@nycap.rr.com) and ask her to put you on the list!!*

### Some not so good News!!

The boiler for the church hall literally blew a gasket sometime between last Sunday and Monday. Luckily, Mike Glebus was working nearby on Monday and heard the roar of the furnace!!! Long story short, it is temporarily fixed. With a little more bubblegum and band aids, we may make it through the winter! If we don't, we are looking at a minimum of \$5000 for replacement.

(Dear God.)

# SERVE

## Advent Giving Tree....

Again this year we will support WAIT HOUSE, the area refuge for Homeless Youth. (25% of all the youth they serve are from Warrensburg!) The pink envelopes are for WAIT HOUSE gift cards or cash. There are quite a few local folks (many who are church members) who have lost their jobs and literally have little or no income. The purple envelopes are for gift cards or cash or specific gifts for "locals." 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 the women who offered to help with census data input: Marilyn Hayes, Lynn Smith, Linda Gaiotti, and Debbie Toolan.
- Thank you to the men who finished the property cleanup: John Blydenburgh and sons Duncan and MacKenzie, Danna Robichaud, Pete Wood, and Dick Ouellette.
- Thanks to the gang that traveled to West Wing for the cutting of the Advent Greens: Judy Rozell, Lorry O'Connor, Pete Wood
- Thank you to Rich Morasse for draining the water from West Wing in prep for the Winter.
- Thank you to Mike Glebus, Matt Scott, and the Sixth Graders for fetching the Advent Stations (Jesse Tree) and Tree for the narthex.
- Thank you to Phyllis Welsh for organizing the Giving Tree.
- Thank you to Irene Harrison and Ellen Barlow for preparing the new song books and inserting them under the seats.
- Thank you to Aurilee Massimine for another massive music filing job!
- Thank you to Peggy Knowles and Brenda Beadnell for arranging the Advent Stations and putting the Christmas Tree together.
- Thank you to Judy Rozell and her daughter and granddaughter, Amy and Natalia Yip, for cutting and arranging the greens around the font.

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

- **MICE** are settling into West Wing for the Winter!!!! The are primarily entering via the "Bilco cellar door" and past the flimsy Styrofoam barrier. Please help. They have already made a mess. Please speak with SLH about this. She is worried.
- **COOKIES FOR OUR HOMEBOUND.** On December 20, we will visit each of our homebound, sing a few carols, and give them the gift of homemade cookies. Please plan on baking and/or packing and/or delivering/singing!
- 6PM on Sunday, December 20, we will transform our worship space into Christmas! Many hands make light work. Please plan on helping out. (Men, we need you!) **DECORATE FOR CHRISTMAS!**

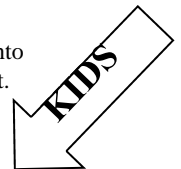
## Kids, Music, Christmas!!

- **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  
**SIGN UP TODAY IN THE NARTHEX.**

**St. Benedict Priory, Chestertown**

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

Programs/Retreats 518-494-3733





In loving memory of Jonathan Brown,  
 the candle indicating the presence of the  
 Blessed Sacrament  
 in the Reservation Chapel  
 will burn for the month of December  
 at the request of Jonathan's grandmother, Ruth Fruda.

## Sunday, December 20

*A day for others, a day for self, in preparation for Christmas.*

*Pageant and Choir Rehearsal Right After 10AM Eucharist*

*Bring Cookies for our Elders  
 Deliver Cookies and sing Carols*



*Enjoy some time of peace and prayer*

**3:30-5PM**

*A "Holy Hour" reflecting on  
 Our own personal salvation history.*

*Incarnation God With Us.... Emmanuel*

**SPM** *Communal Sacrament of Reconciliation*

**5:30PM** *Soup and Bread*

**6PM** *Decorate the Nave and Narthex for Christmas*



**Seven Options  
 Choose one or all!**

**Let our Christmas Preparations include some service  
 and spirituality.**



# THINK TANK TIMES

If things have changed and you are now able to participate in a Think Tank, please let Sister Linda know in advance. Thanks so much.

All are welcome.

All meetings will be held (or at least start out!) in the narthex of the church.

After working with everyone's availability, the following meetings times work out best for the most folks.

11/30 Monday 12:30PM	<b>MUSIC MINISTRY SUPPORT</b>	Irene Harrison, Jane Skorko
11/30 Monday 6:30-8P	<b>ELDERS / MINISTRY OF CARE</b>	Joann Cote-Round, Rozanne Degen, Mary Gangsaa, Pam Heyer, Judy Rozell, Arlene Swan, Debbie Toolan, Donna Vetter
12/1 Tuesday 7P	<b>MAINTENANCE MINISTRY</b>	Dave Honey, Ron Vincent, John J. Evansky, Ed and Logan Webster, John Blydenburgh
12/4 Friday 5:30-7P	<b>SPIRITUAL LIFE</b>	Maggie Bammert, Leigh Cain, Irene Harrison, Pat Leonard, Jane Skorko, Pam Heyer, Diane Joy-Murray
12/4 Friday 7P	<b>YOUTH / SERVICE</b>	Jacquelyn Evansky, Shari Blydenburgh, Krista Gangsaa, Kathy Sinott, Jane Skorko, Richelene Morey, Phyllis Welsh
12/6 Sunday 11:15A	<b>YOUNG ADULTS</b>	KristIn BergIn, Krista Gangsaa
12/7 Monday 6:30-8P	<b>MARRIAGE</b>	Chas & Lisa Giknis, Leigh Cain, Laura Danna, Marlene & Ronnie Vincent
12/8 Tuesday 6:30-8P	<b>BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT</b>	Shari Blydenburgh, Harriet Bunker, JoAnn Cote-Round, Pam Heyer, Diane Joy-Murray, Richelene Morey, Danielle Robichaud
12/10 Thursday 6:30-8P	<b>STEWARDSHIP / "new way" to "do" MONEY</b>	Ben Round
12/11 Friday 4:30P	<b>SOCIAL / COMMUNITY BLDG</b>	Richelene Morey, Ron Bocchieri, Harriet Bunker
<i>Scheduling still in the works....</i>		
TBA	<b>SOCIAL JUSTICE</b>	Ron Bocchieri, Laura Danna, Gail Lawson, Kathy Sinnott
TBA	<b>CONSULTATION MINISTRY</b>	Pat Leonard, Marlene & Ronnie Vincent

*On behalf of the Community,*  
**THANK YOU TO OUR THINKERS!!**

November 29, 2009

# GATHER

## 7PM Saturday, December 5 Here at St. Cecilia's Holiday Concert by the Courtly Music Unlimited

Last year's concert was just  
BEAUTIFUL!!!!!!

Don't miss this year's ....  
And it is FREE!! 🎵🎶



### As a Matter of Justice....

While purchasing anything  
from now on...  
Please consider

### FAIR TRADE ITEMS

- Respects human dignity
- Promotes the common good
- Advances economic issues
- Empowers disadvantaged people
- Connects us with the people who create the things we buy
- Cultivates global solidarity

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

### News from Neighbors

- Friday, December 4, 10AM, Blessed Sacrament parish, 609 Central Ave, Albany... taping of Bishop's Christmas Mass... (be there by 9:30 and dress for Christmas!) All are welcome.
- Sunday, December 6, 11AM in Chestertown, the first Mass of the merged parishes (St. John's C-town and Blessed Sacrament-Hague) will be celebrated. As of 12/6, they are Saint Isaac Jogues Parish!! All Welcome.
- 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.

### 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

### FRIENDS OF SANTA CRAFT SALE WEVERTOWN HALL

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5 9A-3P  
LIGHT LUNCH AVAILABLE  
(Benefits North Country Ministry)

### 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

### Next Sunday

\$1 a ticket, \$5 for six  
Drawing: December 6



**Basket of Chocolates** will  
be drawn that day as well!  
\$1 a ticket.

### In advance, thanks...

for letting Sister Linda know when you  
see mistakes of time, date, day in the  
bulletin. Good communication and trans-  
parency are a priority at St. C's. Some-  
times when the bulletin editor is rushing,  
she pays for it with mistakes. The assis-  
tance of parishioners is welcome.  
Thanks again.

# WORSHIP

### **First Sunday of Advent, November 29**

4:30P Donald Cox Req. Father Paul Cox  
10A Theresa Cavallo  
Req. Ralph & Cookie Rivera  
Fri, 9A (*? Do you know?*)

### **Second Sunday of Advent, December 6**

4:30P (*? Do you know?*)  
10A (*? Do you know?*)  
Fri 9A Jonathan Brown (b'day)  
Grandmother, Ruth Fruda

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

### **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

### *Liturgical Dance*

Jayden Cain, Alyssa and Tommy Birkholz,  
Rebecca Evansky, Madison Markey, Ma-  
rina Callahan, Katie Birkholz, Alexandria  
Carrion, Brianna LaRose, Willow Swan  
Scott, Duncan and MacKenzie Blyden-  
burgh, under the direction of Marissa and  
Angela Perrone, will lead us in our gather-  
ing and penitential rite with symbolic ges-  
ture expressing joy, community, and for-  
giveness. The grace of the movements lift  
our spirits and invite us into the presence  
of God. Vatican II holds as an ideal the  
"full, conscious, and active participation" in  
Eucharist. Paragraph 30 of the Constitu-  
tion on the Sacred Liturgy states: "To pro-  
mote active participation, the people  
should be encouraged to take part by  
means of acclamation, response, psalm-  
ody, antiphons, and songs as well as by  
actions, gestures, and bodily attitudes."  
Notice the movements that we are already  
so familiar with: processions, bowing,  
standing, sitting, sign of peace, sign of the  
cross, kissing the altar, genuflecting. These  
are all "external expressions of internal  
dispositions," a sacramental way of look-  
ing at the world, a sacred choreography!