

November 30, 2008  
First Sunday of Advent

# This Week

## Sunday

K- 8 MEETS TODAY FOR SPECIAL PROJECT

## Tuesday

11:30A-1P GATHERING PLACE

THANKSGIVING DINNER!

7P BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP— CONVENT

8P AA IN HALL:

## Thursday

10A ADULT HOME COMMUNION SRV.

## Friday

9AM EUCHARIST

## Saturday

10A-4P Holiday Basket Raffle—Narthex

2PM CONFIRMATION, BL SAC, BOLTON LNDG

7PM Concert in our Church: Courtyly Music

# SOON

12/8 10AM Feast Immaculate Conception

11A-1:30P, Babies Day Out

12/14 11A First Reconciliation

12/21 11A Pageant Rehearsal

Afternoon Caroling to Elders

9/2010 Oberammergau Tour Germany/Paris!

## Area Churches:

SACRED HEART Lake George 668-2046

BLESSED SACRAMENT Bltn Lndng 644-3861

ST. JOHN the BAPTIST Chestertown 494-5229

## Eucharist the Week of 11/29-30

4:30 Deceased Priests of St. C's

Req. Rosary Altar Society

10 Don Howe

Req. Gerri Howe

Fri 9A Intentions of the LaFond Family

Req. Claire

## Eucharist the Week of 12/6-7

4:30 Mrs. Connie Messitt

Req. Al and Lynn Smith

10 Gerard Schuster

Req. Ruth Fruda

Fri 9A Andrew Kennedy

Req. Deborah and Larry Stephenson

# WORSHIP

Planning Ahead....

"Our Final Answer!"

## Christmas Mass

Schedule for St. C's:

4:30PM, Christmas Eve

8PM, Christmas Eve

11 AM Christmas Morning



Thanks for your patience and advice.

## ADVENT

- **Liturgical Dance** Nine young ladies will symbolically invite us to prayer and reconciliation at the beginning of all four 10 AM Eucharists during Advent.
- **10AM Children's Liturgy of the Word** For the Four Sundays of Advent, the children will be "dismissed" before the Gathering Song rather than after . . .
- Advent Reconciliation is available any Saturday at 4PM, by appointment, or at 11AM Sunday, December 14 when many of our little ones will celebrate for the First Time!
- **Advent Giving Tree** Again, this year, we will support **WAIT HOUSE**, the area home for homeless youth. The tags will be available next weekend. (25% of the youth they help are from Warrensburg.)
- **ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS GIVING:** CONSIDER MAKING A CONTRIBUTION TO THE SUPPORT OF THE NEW WARRENSBURG CENTER FOR NORTH COUNTRY MINISTRY, A PLACE FROM WHICH ANYONE IN NEED CAN FIND SUPPORT AND/OR SERVICES. **OR** MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TO THE NCM EMERGENCY FUND. IN YOUR NOTE, TELL THEM WHAT IT IS FOR AND THEN MAIL THE CHECK TO BROTHER JAMES POSLUSZNY, PO Box 111, NCM, NORTH CREEK, NY 12853

● **Advent Jesse Tree** tells the story of our salvation, depicted in "Advent Stations." ( Do you know the stories?)

● **Holiday Gift Basket Fundraiser** Once again, the Faith Formation Families (and anyone else who would like to support the effort!) will have a gift basket raffle and bake sale the weekend of December 6 and 7. For further information, see Phyllis Welsh after Eucharist.

[www.stceciliachurch.com](http://www.stceciliachurch.com)

# GATHER

## Advent Reconciliation Celebration

Sunday, December 14 at 11A M

Join our "First Timers"

Confess what is dragging us down, holding us back, and **START OVER!**

## **News from our Cluster...**

Sacred Heart, Blessed Sacrament, and St. C's are creating an "RCIA Team" to assist with the orientation and preparation of new members of our Church. Far from being difficult, this is one of those ministries that is energizing and rewarding all the way around! There are many ways to serve: simply participate in the teaching sessions as a community member and welcome the newcomers; be a companion, checking in on and making sure the candidate is comfortable with the process; teach a topic or two that might be your favorite, be responsible for hospitality, etc.

## **News from Neighbors**

*Advent Opportunities at St. John the Baptist in Chestertown:*

- Thursday, Dec. 4, 7PM (Parish Center) "Peace: Preparing for the Prince of Peace" Presenter: Sr. Karan Lee csj
- Tuesday, Dec. 9, 7PM "A Time of Waiting: An Evening With Mary" Presented by Rev. Paul Butler
- Monday, Dec 15, 7PM Mass with Sacramental Anointing of the Sick

**Tim Janis An Evening of Quiet: Prayer & Music in Preparation for Christmas**

Wednesday, Dec. 10, 7:30PM

Carondelet Hospitality Center, Latham

This evening is free and open to the public. Last year, it was very crowded, so it would be a good idea to arrive early. Information was in the bulletin as an insert a month ago. Additional flyers are on the pew as you enter the narthex. Learn about Tim Janis at his website: [www.timjanis.com](http://www.timjanis.com) Carpool? Leave at 5 and stop at a diner in Latham? (it is a one hour drive, door to door, St. C's to CHC.)

## **Our Fire Chief Said....**

Warrensburg Chief Justin Hull checked the law for us regarding fresh boughs in the church. Actually, the law refers to any living plant, evergreen or otherwise. It is legal provided the plant is always in two days of water. Please note that our evergreens are in water and are sprayed regularly. We could even have a real tree if we wanted.... as long as it was in enough water.

# TEACH

## ADULTS

Many opportunities are available via the Priory in Chestertown. Go to their web site at [www.prioryretreathouse.org](http://www.prioryretreathouse.org) or call 494-3733. Please note the wonderful Advent Opportunities at St. John's in Chestertown—column 3.

## RCIA

Come any Thursday, 7PM (usually at the Convent.) to learn more about what our Church is about and what we teach. This week, we will have a "church tour." All are welcome.

## CONFIRMATION

Is next Saturday for Nico Pannicea, Bianca Fuller, and Hayley Correia. Please pray for these wonderful young people. We expect great things as a result of their commitment to discipleship! (TY Phyllis Welsh!)

## CHILDREN

**Grades K-6** will enjoy a "Special Project" in the Hall today, Sunday. Helpers and observers are welcome!

## TODDLERS to GRADE 2

Each Sunday Eucharist at 10AM  
Children's Liturgy of the Word  
(TY Kris Williams, Phyllis Welsh, Sylvia LaRose, Kathleen Sinnott, Leigh Cain)

## BABIES

December 8, 11A-1:30PM  
Babies' and Mommies' "Special" Day Out  
Includes Lunch.... At Dennie Scott-Swan's!  
(TY Rita Lang, Phyllis Welsh, et al)  
(Further Info from Rita Lang 623-9124)

**2008-2009 HEAP (Home energy Assistance Program)** HEAP is a government program that helps pay heating costs. You can get an application by contacting the Warren County Office of Social Services at 761-6300 or by downloading internet at: <http://www.otda.state.ny.us/main/heap/application.asp#print> If your monthly income is below the following guidelines, you qualify for help with your heating bills: Monthly Income: Household of 1: \$1,963 household of 2: \$2,567 Household of 3 \$2,172 Household of 4: \$3,776. Please note: If you meet the above guidelines and heat with oil, kerosene, or propane, you will automatically receive \$800. Any other commodity is based on income (\$325 to \$585)

**DISCOUNT AVAILABLE ON VERIZON PHONE BILL:** If you are a Verizon customer and have the BASIC phone service, you may qualify for a discount. If you receive any of the following: Medicaid, Food Stamps, Safety Net Assistance, SSI, Veterans' Disability Pension or Veteran's Surviving Spouse Pension (non-service related), or HEAP, your phone bill will be reduced. Contact Verizon for further information.

# SERVE

- **CROSSWALK BEWARE:** Drivers are now not as conscious that the crossers have the right of way. We have had MANY "close calls" since the sign has been removed. **Ministry of "Crossing Guard"** is needed primarily from 4:15 to 4:30 on Saturdays and from after Mass for about 10 minutes. Thank you. This is especially important as the weather gets dark and slippery. **Everyone** watch out for children and our elders. TY

## ● **A simple 4:30 Mass Ministry 2nd Request**

It would be a huge help if someone from 4:30 Eucharist would bring out the microphones & stands and set them up after Mass for Sunday morning. Time commitment? 6 minutes every week. Please see Violet Spatz (our cantor) right after Mass.

## **FINANCE FACTS**

LAST WEEKEND, THE COMMUNITY SACRIFICED \$2140.50 TO SUPPORT THE MINISTRY AND MAINTENANCE OF ST. C'S. AT THE THANKSGIVING EUCHARIST, \$120 WAS GIVEN TO SUPPORT THE CHURCH. THANK YOU SOOOO MUCH FOR ALL YOU ARE DOING DURING THIS DIFFICULT ECONOMIC TIME. EVERY TIME A PARISHIONER CONTRIBUTES TIME AND TALENT, IT IS COMPARABLE TO FINANCIAL SUPPORT. IF WE CANNOT MEET OUR EXPENSES, PERHAPS WE CAN LOWER THEM SOMEHOW! THANK YOU FOR THE "PULL, HAUL, AND DRAGGING" THAT SO MANY DID AFTER LAST SUNDAY'S EUCHARIST AND THANKSGIVING EUCHARIST ON WEDNESDAY PM (CHRISTMAS TREES AND ADVENT STATIONS OUT OF THE GARAGE, SCAFFOLDING PARTS IN STAIR WELL, SONG BOOKS EXCHANGED, PLANTS PUT AWAY FOR THE WINTER)! THANK YOU TO SARAH LEGUIRE, AMY, TYLER, DEBBIE, AND TIM TOOLAN FOR PUTTING UP THE TREES, DRAGGING IN THE GREENS, AND PUTTING THE NEW SONG BOOKS AT THE SEATS FRIDAY. TIM AND TYLER ALSO SHOVELED, AS DID DICK OUELLETTE.... GOD BLESS THEM! THANK YOU TO JUDY ROZELL AND HARRIETT BUNKER FOR PUTTING THE GREENS AROUND THE BAPTISM FONT AND CREATING THE ADVENT WREATH. GREAT JOB!

## **FUNDRAISING FACTS**



**BASKET RAFFLE DEC 6 & 7  
NEXT SATURDAY/SUNDAY**

**DOLLHOUSE DRAWING  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7**



**CRECHE DRAWING  
SUNDAY, DEC 21**

## **Thank You's...**

ANDREA HAYES OFFERED TO BE OUR SUNDAY MORNING CROSSING GUARD. (IF EVER YOU CROSS AND ANDREA IS NOT THERE, PLEASE "JUMP IN" AND BE THE GUARD THAT DAY. LIVES ARE AT STAKE... SERIOUSLY. TY!)



## **OUR CHRISTMAS SINGERS AND**

**INSTRUMENTALISTS HAVE SIGNED UP:**  
**4:30: PM CHRISTMAS EVE** COLBY RUSSO, ELLEN JONES, JOHNNY NEWELL (SAX, GUITAR), DIANE NEWELL (GUITAR), JOE EHLE (GUITAR), VINNY NEWELL, NICOLE NEWELL (PIANO, CLARINET, TAMBOURINE), KELLY ANGELL, JULIE ANGELL, KAREN MARKEY, AUSTIN MARKEY, MADISON MARKEY, AMANDA GEE (FRENCH HORN, PERCUSSION), DEB STEPHENSON, KIERSTEN BIRKHOZ, KATIE BIRKHOZ, MIKE CORREIA, BRAYDIN SMITH, PAT LEONARD, MEGAN PIERCE, KEVIN CAHILL (GUITAR), MAGGIE DANNA (FLUTE), ALYSSA BIRKHOZ, JACOB THOMAS (PERCUSSION), DANIELLE THOMAS (PIANO, FLUTE), CHERYL YORK

**8PM CHRISTMAS EVE** WIL YARMOWICH (TROMBONE), ARLENE SWAN, AMANDA GEE (FRENCH HORN, PERCUSSION), CHERYL YORK

**11AM CHRISTMAS DAY** JOAN IDE, DANA WINTER, JOHNNY NEWELL (SAX, GUITAR), DIANE NEWELL (GUITAR), VINNY NEWELL, NICOLE NEWELL (PIANO, CLARINET, TAMBOURINE), KELLY ANGELL, JULIE ANGELL, AMY TOOLAN, AMANDA GEE (FRENCH HORN, PERCUSSION), DEB STEPHENSON, BRAYDIN SMITH, ANGELA PERRONE, MARISSA PERRONE, PAM SILETTI, CHERYL YORK

## **ooooops**

You forgot to sign up? Let Sister Linda know today. .. Which Mass and what instrument.



The back door of the convent literally fell off. It is the storm door leading into the house... The one that keeps all the cold air on the porch. Can you help?

- Shoveling! (Here we go again!)
- #1 Each Tuesday and Friday, the sidewalks in the front and back of the Parish Hall need to be clean by 9AM for the Gathering Place folks.
- #2 The sidewalk into church needs to be clean each Friday, Saturday, and Sunday at least one hour before Mass time.

Welcome, Debbie Allamena, who will be playing the piano in Advent and helping with the Christmas Music. Yahoo!