

November 16, 2008
33rd Sunday Ordinary Time

This Week

Sunday

K- 8 , CONFIRMATION MEET TODAY
11:00 AM Guided Labyrinth Walk

Tuesday

10A ADULT HOME COMMUNION SRV.
11:30A-1P GATHERING PLACE
7P BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP
8P AA IN HALL:

Thursday

7PM INQUIRY CLASS, CONVENT

Friday

9AM EUCHARIST
11:30A-1P GATHERING PLACE

Next Sunday

AFTERNOON OF PRAYER—GRANVILLE
(CARPOOL, LV ST. C AT 1:55PM)
4P Thanksgiving Service at **WBG**
United Methodist Church

SOON

11/26 7P Thanksgiving Mass
12/6 Confirmation in Bolton Lndng
12/8 Feast of the Immaculate
Conception
12/14 11:15A "New" Choir Rehearsal
12/21 11A Pageant Rehearsal
11:15A ALL Choir Rehearsal
9/2010 Oberammergau

Area Churches:

SACRED HEART Lake George
668-2046

BLESSED SACRAMENT Bltn Lndng
644-3861

ST. JOHN the BAPTIST Chestertown
494-5229

In Honor of

80th Birthday of Father Cox, a gift was made to the Building Fund by Alice and Ed Damp. And in honor of **Jeanne Wood**, a chair is being "saved" by daughter Stacey and Family.



WORSHIP

For the month of November, we will leave the remembrance candles on the altar, praying for our deceased loved ones.



Praying with this week's Scripture

• What reaction do you have to the expression "fear of the Lord"? Can you think of a better way to express the biblical concept?

• How can fear of the Lord be the beginning of wisdom?

*What does the parable of the talents contribute to your understanding of the kingdom of God and the fear of the Lord?

Eucharist This Week 11/15-16

4:30 Intentions of David & Diane O'Grady
Req. Pam Heyer

10 Deceased Members of the Eva & Chris Detmer Family
Req. Chris & Eva

Fri 9A Intention Available

Eucharist Next Week 11/22-23

4:30 Vera Gregory
Req. Neil and Edie Reardon

10 Wally Chester Brunner
Req. Mercedes and Ralph Rivera


Wednesday, 7PM (Mass of Thanksgiving)

Intentions of our Benefactors

Fri 9A Intentions of the LaFond Family
Req. Claire LaFond

DID YOU KNOW...?

THE POVERTY LINE

In the United States,
 **28 million children**
are growing up in
low-income families.

For 37 million Americans, there is a thin line: between eviction and home, between hunger and health, between unemployment and work, between anxiety and stability. This line is the poverty line, and it is set at an annual income of \$20,444 for a family of four. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development is dedicated to breaking the cycle of poverty by funding community programs that encourage independence. You are essential to its success. Your generous donations will give those in poverty the support they need to make lasting changes. The goal for our diocese is one hour's wage per person. Together, we can make a difference in families and communities. Please donate prayerfully and generously. **Thank You!**

GATHER

CHRISTMAS MUSIC CHOICES

DEPENDS TOTALLY ON WHO IS

AVAILABLE TO SING IN THE CHOIR.



◆ **CHOIR NEWCOMERS WILL REHEARSE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 11:15-12N**

◆ **FULL CHOIR WILL REHEARSE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 11:15-12:30P**

◆ **BY NOVEMBER 23, PLEASE LET SLH KNOW YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BEING IN THE CHOIR AND WHICH MASS (EVE OR MORNING) YOU WILL BE AT. THERE IS NO SEX OR AGE DISCRIMINATION IN OUR CHOIR. THERE ISN'T EVEN ABILITY DISCRIMINATION! DESIRE IS ALL YOU NEED.**

News from Our Nurse!

◆ Flu Shots are available at Warrensburg Hudson Headwaters Health Clinic (for established patients) for ADULTS on Saturdays: Nov 22 (9A-Noon) and Wednesday, Nov 12 (4P-7P) For Children, Wednesdays Nov. 19, Dec 3 (3-6P) Bring \$25 or your insurance card. Log on to www.hhhn.org for schedules in other centers and for updates. (Provided by our Parish Nurse!)

News from Our Parishioners...

◆ Linda Johnson is again available as a "home helper", weekdays between 10:30A and 3:30P. If someone needs assistance with cleaning, cooking, shopping, or just presence, call 623-3233.

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.

TURNING FOUR BY SEPTEMBER 09???

Parents of Children turning four in time for school next year are invited to St. Mary's-St. Alphonsus' Flexible Pre-Kindergarten Open House running through November at the school. Visit SMSA's Pre-K any Friday during November from 10-11am. Meet the teachers, see the class in action and ask your questions. No RSVP is necessary. Contact Mary K. Masterson, Enrollment Director, for further information at 792-3178 Ext. 8. SMSA's strong commitment to our Catholic identity, academic excellence, small class sizes and family atmosphere makes it the perfect and consistent fit for area families.

FRUIT FOR CHRISTMAS..... BUY FROM SAINT MARY'S STUDENTS

On the table in the Narthex is a brochure for St. Mary's-St. Alphonsus Annual Fruit Sale. Orders may be placed by contacting ANY SMSA student or by calling the school at 792-3178 ex9 then 3. Orders will be taken until December arrives! Pickup will be at St. Mary's Rectory Garages... Delivery can be prearranged by calling 792-3496. (Our SMSA students: Andra Apple, Brianna and Serena LaRose, Hawthorne and Willow Swan-Scott, Morgan Miller)

GOOD TIRES AVAILABLE

They have less than 10,000 miles on them, cost \$500 new, and are available from Father Cox for \$200...

good winter tires – P225; 60R16; 97Q Talk to Father or call him at 656-9464

ONE FREE PASS

THAT INCLUDES FAMILY AND FRIENDS GALORE...

**FOR THE GUIDED LABYRINTH WALK
11AM SUNDAY NOVEMBER 16, 2008
*St. C's Labyrinth behind the Convent***

Thank you to Laura Danna and Diane Joy Murray

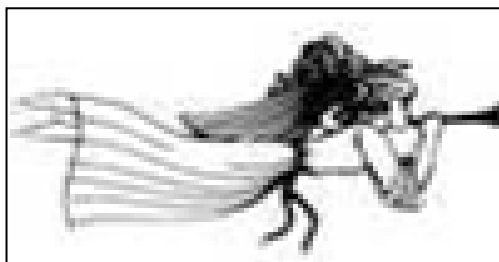


Prepare the Way of the Lord

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2008

An Afternoon of Prayer and Study in Preparation for Advent

Saint Mary's, Granville 3-6P +



3:15 PM

Registration

3:25PM

Welcome

3:30PM

Taize Prayer

*Led by Pat Mousaw
and Regina Newell*

3:50PM

Keynote: "Opening to God"

Advent is a time of patient waiting. It is also a time of preparing the way for the birth of Christ. As we approach this Advent season we will examine together the following questions: How do we open ourselves to more fully receive the Christ child? What will enable us to be more aware of and more in tune with Christ's Presence in our lives? What will help us to respond more generously to God's loving call? *(Presenter: Pat Mousaw)*

Please Choose Three of the Possible Six "Mini Courses"

Movement As Prayer

B) Guided Imagery and Prayer

C) Centering Prayer

D) Lectio divino

E) Praying With Scripture

F) Community Prayer

4:15-4:45PM

Small Group Session #1

4:50-5:200PM

Small Group Session #2

5:25-5:55PM

Small Group session #3



6PM

Soup Supper

Pat Mousaw
Spiritual director
in private
practice
retreat leader
Formerly Co-
Director of the
Priory Retreat
House in
Chestertown,
adjunct spiritual
companion at
Wellsprings
Renewal Center
in Glens Falls
and
administrator of
the Diocesan
Pastoral
Council....
Master's Degree
in Theology
from St.
Bernard's School
of Theology and
Ministry
Certificates in
Spiritual
Guidance and in
Retreat
Leadership from
Shalem Institute
for Spiritual
Formation in
Bethesda, MD.



Sister Fran
Gilchrist CSJ
has been
involved in the
ministry of
spiritual
direction and
retreats for 35
years. Currently
an adjunct staff
person, she
continues to
minister to
individuals and
occasionally to
groups around
topics of
spiritual
development
such as prayer,
recovery from
addiction and
peaceful living
skills.



Connie
Messitt, CSJ,
a Sister of St.
Joseph, has
been a retreat
and spiritual
director since
the early
80's. She is
the director of
The Priory
Retreat
House in
Chestertown.



Karan M. Lee,
CSJ is a
Spiritual
Director and
Retreat
Facilitator on
staff at the
Priory,
Chestertown,
NY. She has
enjoyed
leading prayer
workshops for
the past 14
years in her
native Long
Island

Rev. Jerry McKinney
is Pastor of Bethel
Peniel Presbyterian
Church and Granville
United Methodist
Church.

Joe and Rita Byrne
have been involved
in "Contemplative
Outreach" for over
25 years. They not
only teach
Centering Prayer
and practice it
faithfully, but they
also organize the
local
Contemplative
Outreach Support
Group in our area.

"Mini Course" Descriptions

Important Information

- * If the weather on November 23rd makes you question whether or not the gathering will be held, call 642-1262 to get your answer.
- * If you would like to carpool from the GF area, meet in the parking lot of what used to be BASKETVILLE at the intersection of routes 9 and 149, the Lake George Outlets. This is on the west side of Route 9. Be there no later than 2:10PM. (Perhaps if you are coming from Whitehall, Fort Ann, Salem, Cambridge, Greenwich, Schuylerville, or beyond, you might make similar arrangements.)
- * Father Zelker's Best Directions From the Intersection of Routes 9 and 149: Take 149 into Fort Ann. At the light, turn LEFT onto Route 4. Drive "a long way" to the next light which will be at the intersection of Route 22. Turn RIGHT onto route 22. (You are at Comstock.) Now drive about 10 miles to the next light, which is in Granville at McDonald's (the intersection of 149 and 22). Turn LEFT onto Church Street and go to the 4-way stop. Turn LEFT onto Potter Ave. for one block, then turn RIGHT onto Buckley Ave. St. Mary's Church is on the RIGHT.
- * Everyone in the world is welcome. Bring your neighbors, friends, family, et al.
- * There is no cost for this afternoon of prayer and fellowship. This is a gift from the Catholic Community of Granville, the presenters, and NC CAFÉ. There will be a basket for a free will offering to the Mettewee Valley Ecumenical Food Pantry, should anyone like to give a gift. Thanks!

Movement as Prayer: Drawing from a sound theology of the body, this workshop will explore ways of incorporating movement into our spiritual practice. (Pat Mousaw)

Guided Imagery as Prayer: Imagination is a God given gift. Meditation is a way of prayer that is possible for all of us. This evening we will have a brief experience of this type of prayer. (Sister Connie Messitt csj)

Centering Prayer: (also referred to as the Prayer of the Heart) is the prayer described by the anonymous author of the spiritual classic, "[The Cloud of Unknowing](#)". This prayer has been rediscovered in our time by Cistercians Frs. William Meninger, Basil Pennington and Thomas Keating. Centering Prayer is one of the contemplative prayer forms St. John of the Cross describes as "the practice of loving attentiveness". (Joseph and Rita Byrne)

Lectio divina: *Lectio divina* is a Spirit-filled practice for encountering the mystery of God in the Scriptures, in part because it is utterly simple and flexible. Since there is no one right way to do it, groups and individuals will need to explore and to trust their own intuitions about what is most appropriate for them. *Lectio divina* is not a technique. Rather, it is an engagement between the meaning of the text and the narrative of God's saving action in one's own life. This engagement is sensory: reading, listening, sensing the words, breathing, being silent, dwelling, praying and being silent again. It takes time. (Sister Fran Gilchrist)

Using Imagination with Scripture This powerful way of entering a Scripture story has delighted people for years. It often gifts us with surprises and new graces as we contemplate familiar stories of Jesus. (Sister Karan Lee CSJ)

Community Prayer Why do we worship together? "I can pray on a mountain top" is a common way to say, "I don't need to pray with the institutional Church. What difference does it make? Does God care? (Rev. Jerry McKinney)

TEACH

ADULTS

Next Sunday in Granville!

"Preparing for Advent", 3-6PM on Sunday, November 23rd, at St. Mary's in Granville. See the bulletin insert for details. We will carpool from St. C's. Meet at church by 1:55PM

Many opportunities are available via the Priory in Chestertown. Go to their web site at www.prioryretreathouse.org or call 494-3733.

To parents from Beth Callahan:

I will be out in the Narthex taking orders for the Advent activity books and Bible stories books - this will be the last weekend that I will be taking orders. I also need payment this weekend before I place the order - right now the cost for the advent books are \$6.45 each but will decrease to \$5.45 if I get 4 more orders. The price of the Bible books are \$3.95 each but will decrease to \$3.25 if I get 4 more orders. I also have advent wreaths for \$10.00 each and will have those available every weekend til they are gone.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO ENERGIZE YOUR FAITH? WHY NOT ATTEND THURSDAY EVENINGS AT THE CONVENT, 7-8PM. JOHN CLEVELAND AND SHERRI BLYDENBURGH ARE ASKING QUESTIONS AND LEARNING ABOUT CATHOLICISM. YOUR EXPERIENCE AND SUPPORT WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED... OR COME AND QUESTION AS WELL! IF YOU WOULD LIKE FURTHER INFO, SPEAK WITH GAIL DE-MARSH, SISTER LINDA, OR JOHN OR SHERRI.

CONFIRMATION

Bianca Fuller, Nico Paniccea, and Hayley Correia are preparing to confirm their desire to be a disciple of Jesus through the Roman Catholic Church. They will meet three Sundays in November to continue their discernment.. (TY Phyllis Welsh)

YOUTH

Grades 7-8 Fall Classes, 11AM-Noon: Nov 16,23 (TY, Suzanne Glebus)

CHILDREN

Grades K-6 Regular Gathering 11A-Noon (TY Erika Walker, Kristine Williams, Debbie Toolan, Jessica & Tom Birkholz)

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)

SERVE

Thank You's To

- Brenda Beadnell, Peggy Knowles, and Kitty Moran for preparing the 2009 music books. (They worked hard!)
- Donna Vetter and her boys, Travis & Trevor, not only polished the original crèche figures, but also raked leaves for an hour!
- Dick Ouellette and Judy Rozell hauled the nine porch storm windows from the basement to the porch of 3802.
- Laura Danna prepared the Labyrinth for this weekend's "walk," and with Diane Joy Murray, will direct the walk at 11AM on Sunday.
- 5th & 6th grade young men with adult supervisors Tom & Travis Birkholz, Dennie Swan Scott for raking the "back forty" last Sunday. Great job!

Decision: WE WILL ONCE AGAIN CELEBRATE MIDNIGHT MASS ON CHRISTMAS EVE. HOWEVER, THIS MAY BE THE LAST YEAR, SO YOU MAY NOT WANT TO MISS IT. WHAT WILL DETERMINE A DECISION? FATHER'S AVAILABILITY AND ATTENDANCE. (Don't forget that Father drives nearly 40 miles round trip to minister to us... And here we are talking about midnight in Winter. If the attendance is low, it isn't fair to ask Father to do this for us.)

FINANCE FACTS

EACH TIME WE "SAVE" MONEY, WE ARE GIVING TO THE SUPPORT OF THE CHURCH. SO, THANKS A MILLION TO ALL WHO DONATE THEIR TIME AND ENERGIES TO PROVIDED SERVICES THAT WE WOULD OTHERWISE HAVE TO PAY FOR IN LIEU OF A MAINTENANCE MAN.

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LAST WEEKEND, THE COMMUNITY SACRIFICED \$1606.50 TO SUPPORT THE MINISTRY AND MAINTENANCE OF ST. C'S.

FUNDRAISING FACTS

🎵🎵 "AVON CALLING" 🎵🎵 **SEE RICHELENE MOREY IN THE NARTHEX AFTER MASS TODAY** TO EITHER ORDER AVON OR TO HELP SELL AVON. A \$400 - \$800 PROFIT CAN BE OURS!! ALL ORDERS AND MONEY DUE BACK TO RICHELENE MOREY NO LATER THAN 11/23 - INFORMATION, BROCHURES AND ORDER BLANKS AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX THIS WEEKEND, NOVEMBER 15-16. CHRISTMAS STOCKING STUFFERS ... BEAUTIFUL INSPIRATIONAL GIFTS BY THOMAS KINKADE AND OTHERS AND OF COURSE, ALL OF AVON'S REGULAR PRODUCTS! (ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARD DECREASING OUR DEBT ON THE BUILDING PROJECT.)



THE DOLLHOUSE TICKETS ARE \$1 EACH OR 6 FOR \$5 . THE DRAWING WILL BE HELD AFTER THE CHRISTMAS IN WARRENSBURG CONCERT ON DEC. 6.

NOTECARDS ARE \$5 A PACK. THEY WILL CONTINUE TO BE SOLD UNTIL THEY ARE SOLD OUT. NICE STOCKING STUFFERS!

(Now we owe the diocese \$92,407.42 for the church renovation and \$9,432.13 for the Hall.



(These opportunities count toward your five hours for the Parish!)

- ◆ "NEW OPPORTUNITY" THE "OLD" CRÈCHE FIGURES ARE ALMOST LIFE-SIZE AND ARE TRULY BEAUTIFUL. IS THERE A PARISH FAMILY OR GROUP OF PARISHIONERS THAT WOULD LIKE TO CREATE THE "STABLE" FOR THE SCENE ON THE FRONT STEPS OF THE CHURCH? WE ALREADY HAVE HAY AND GREENERY AND LIGHTS AND TREES.... IT IS JUST A MATTER OF CREATIVITY AND TIME. IT WOULD HAVE TO BE DONE AFTER THANKSGIVING BUT BEFORE DECEMBER 5. THE PLANNING MEETING COULD BE AT ANY TIME. THERE IS A SIGN UP SHEET IN THE NARTHEX TO HELP.
- ◆ ON THE BACK PORCH OF THE CONVENT ARE NINE STORM WINDOWS THAT NEED TO BE INSTALLED (FROM THE INSIDE). IT IS NOT DIFFICULT—IT IS JUST THAT THEY ARE HEAVY. TWO FOLKS WITH SOME STRENGTH COULD ACCOMPLISH IT IN TWENTY MINUTES. "JUST DO IT!" TY
- ◆ THE MUSIC FILES NEED TO BE "CULLED." WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW IS MINIMAL. IF YOU DON'T MIND TEDIOUS WORK AND COULD DO IT A LITTLE AT A TIME, PLEASE OFFER TO SLH. IT IS REALLY NEEDED!! (CAN'T CLOSE THE DRAWER)