



Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 17 & 18, 2011

This Week in our Parishes

Saturday, December 17th

2:15 pm, Parish Penance Service and
First Reconciliation - OLMC
4:00 pm, Mass - SAS (L&D Parishioners)

Sunday, December 18th **Advent 4**

7:00 am, Mass – SAS (+Thelma Michael)
8:00 am, Mass – OLMC (+Felixa Zienda)
9:00 am, Religious Education Classes – TMS
9:00 am, Confirmation Class - TMS
9:30 am, Mass – SAS (+Willis Douglas Samples)
11:00 am, Mass – OLMC (+Mabel & Elmer Durbin)
4:00 pm, Christmas Pot Luck Supper – OLMC
5:00 pm, Live Nativity – OLMC front lawn
5:30 pm, Music Program/Refreshments - OLMC
7:00 pm, Y.M. Music Practice - OLMC

Monday, December 19th

8:00 am, Communion Service – OLMC
9:30 am, Mom's Group Meeting – SASH
2:00 pm, Eucharistic Adoration – OLMC
6:30 pm, Choir Practice - SAS
7:00 pm, AA Meeting – SAS Upper Hall

Tuesday, December 20th

8:00 am, Communion Service – OLMC
6:30 pm, KofC Social Night – OLMC

Wednesday, December 21st

No Morning Mass
FRM Casseroles Due

Thursday, December 22nd

8:00 am, Mass – OLMC (+James & Mary Bunyan)
6:30 pm, Yoga – SAS Upper Hall

Friday, December 23rd

7:30 am, Morning Prayer - OLMC
8:00 am, Mass – OLMC (+Hilton & Anna Kissner)

Saturday, December 24th **Christmas Eve**

4:00 pm, Mass – SAS (L&D Parishioners)
4:15 pm, Mass – OLMC (L&D Parishioners)
9:30 pm, Mass – SAS (+Leo Little)

Sunday, December 25th **Christmas Day**

Second Collection – Christmas
9:30 am, Mass – OLMC (+Beverly Zienda)

Feast of the Christmas

December 24 & 25

Scripture Readings for Mass

First Reading ~ Isaiah 9:1-6/14
Responsorial ~ Ps. 96:1-2,2-3,11-12,13
Second Reading ~ Titus 2:11-14
Gospel ~ Luke 2:1-14

Our Ministry of Prayer

Please remember in prayer the intentions written in our Book of Prayer located in each Church and the Parish Center entrance area. We also remember those persons who have requested prayers through the prayer chain.

Please remember in prayer the following parishioners who are homebound:

<i>Frances Bittle</i>	<i>Dorothy Burkard</i>
<i>Ethel Fitzgerald</i>	<i>Peggy Kauffman</i>
<i>Rita Priest</i>	<i>Mary Reckley</i>
<i>Agatha Sicilia</i>	<i>Alice Springer</i>

Also, please remember the following parishioners in prayer:

<i>Francis Bittle</i>	<i>Scott Bush</i>
<i>Paul & JoAnn Cannada</i>	<i>Kathleen Cekic</i>
<i>Dick Cool</i>	<i>Dan Durski</i>
<i>Denise Ferguson</i>	<i>John Fink</i>
<i>Jimmy & Doris Glass</i>	<i>Diane Hawkins</i>
<i>Mary Jack</i>	<i>Lloydann Kauffman</i>
<i>Cate Krietz</i>	<i>Jeanette Massena</i>
<i>Dolores Munafo</i>	<i>Tony Newman</i>
<i>Luke Joseph Portier</i>	<i>Ed & Helen Reaver</i>
<i>Mary Reckley</i>	<i>Rev. Paul Redmond</i>
<i>Jennifer Ruttinger</i>	<i>Harley Ruttinger</i>
<i>Diane Shockey</i>	<i>Francis Smith</i>
<i>Margaret Smith</i>	<i>Robert Smith</i>
<i>Alice Springer</i>	<i>Carroll Wivell</i>
<i>Lorraine Wivell</i>	<i>Al Zienda</i>



For Prayer Requests

please call the Parish Office at (301) 447-2367 or Linda McCauley at (301) 271-7561.



Baptismal Preparation Classes

Congratulations to all new parents

If you are planning to have your baby baptized, please contact the parish office to register for the baptismal preparation class. Parents and godparents are invited to attend.

The next class will be **Sunday, January 8, 1:00 pm** at **St. Anthony Shrine** in the **church**.

S A M C! Youth Ministry News

All 6th, 7th and 8th grade parishioners are invited to the **SMAC! Meeting** on **Friday, January 20th** from 7:15 to 8:45 pm at the St. Anthony's Schoolhouse. Don't miss the fun, food and friends! *For information call Dale Phillips at (301) 712-7082 or email dalerader@gmail.com.*

S A M C! Upcoming Events

Fri, Jan 20 SMAC! Mtg. 7:15-8:45 pm SASH

Youth Ministry Music Practices

for students in grades 6 – 12 are held Sunday evenings 6:30 - 8:00 pm in the OLMC Parish Center.

Upcoming practices are scheduled for:

December 18 and January 22 & 29

A Pizza social will follow the practice.

iT Sr. High Youth Ministry Calendar

Sun, Jan 8 WorkCamp Mtg 7:00 pm SASH

Sun, Jan 13 Snow Tubing

Sun, Jan 15 iT Core Meeting 7:00 pm SASH

Sun, Jan 22 iT Meeting 7:00 pm SAUH

Sun, Jan 29 WorkCamp Mtg 7:00 pm SASH

For information call Mike Miller at (301) 271-9871.

Help Support WorkCamp Teens

*Are you looking for a great gift and want to support our parish teens' summer service trip at the same time? If so, please consider purchasing a **wreath**, **centerpiece** or **garland** on their behalf through www.lynchcreekwreaths.com (or call 1-888-426-0781). Our teens will get **25%** of your purchase, and you get a beautiful wreath delivered anywhere in the country (with free shipping) on the day you select. Products start at \$20. Please mention our group ID (43224) when you make a purchase. Thank you!*

Villa Maria of Frederick County

Please consider designating **Villa Maria of Frederick County**, our local **Catholic Charities** program, if you contribute to the **United Way** (designate **08**), Combined Federal Campaign, or Maryland Charity Campaign. With declining revenues and a new funding system, it is especially important this year to designate your contribution. Your generosity provides counseling and psychiatric services for low income families without insurance. For questions, please phone Ray Rather, Ph.D., LCSW-C, Program Supervisor (301) 694-6654 x101.

Peace & Social Justice Committee

an education and action ministry

December

21st **Casseroles** for **FRM** due date

Frederick Rescue Mission

Bread of Life Community Kitchen

Lunch served on the 4th Saturday of each month.

Volunteers must be at least 12 years old. If interested in volunteering, please call Pat and Ed Superczynski at (301) 271-2217.

To volunteer or participate in any activities, please contact Deacon John Hawkins at (301) 271-2194 or JHawkins@archbalt.org.

"This is my commandment: love one another as I love you." John 15:12

Eucharistic Adoration

Every Monday at OLMC from 2 - 6 pm.

Holy Hour with Benediction 7:00 pm on the 3rd Monday of each month at 7 pm. The **intention** for **December 19** is **vocations** to service in the church (priesthood, religious life, lay ministers)

St. Vincent de Paul

We are asking if you would consider *assisting fellow parishioners/"neighbors"* in any capacity you are able and/or to let us know if you know anyone *in need of services*. Please look for cards in the back of church and return your completed cards by placing them in the offertory basket. Please contact Sr. Salvatrice Murphy at the Seton Center Outreach at (301) 447-6102 for further information.



World Marriage Day Mass with Archbishop O'Brien

All married couples are cordially

invited to join Archbishop Edwin O'Brien for the special World Marriage Day Mass and Reception at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen, 5200 N. Charles Street (*not the Basilica downtown*), **February 12, 2012 at 3:00 pm**. The Mass will be bilingual in English and Spanish and interpreted for the deaf.

Couples celebrating 25 or more years may register for recognition by sending email to: BaltimoreAnniversaries@gmail.com or phone Committee Chairs, Chris and Darla Phillips, at (410) 987-4210, or online at <http://wwme.net>.



Christmas Memorials

If you wish to remember your loved ones during the Christmas season, donations for our Christmas decorations can be made by using the envelope provided in our packet of offering envelopes. Additional envelopes are in the back of the church. Please return the envelopes via the offertory collection by **Sunday, December 18th**. A listing of those remembered will be published in our bulletin for December 24 & 25. Thank you.

Decorating for Christmas

Stay **after** the **9:30 am Mass** this Sunday to help decorate St. Anthony's Church for Christmas. Many are needed and invited to help to prepare our worship space for this holy season.



Christmas Pot Luck, Live Nativity and Carols

All are invited to our
**Christmas Pot Luck, Live Nativity, and
Concert/Sing-a-long
Sunday, December 18,
at OLMC Parish Center**

4:00 pm For the **Pot Luck Supper**, please bring a dish indicated by the initial of your last name: **Entrée Q – Z / Vegetable I – P / Salad A – H**

5:00 pm **Live Nativity**

5:30 pm Our **Bell Choir** will present several selections and **Albie Little** will play **Christmas Carols for all of us to sing-a-long**. Hot chocolate and cookies will also be served.

This will be a great time for children of all ages (even those of us over 30!)

(Help will be needed in the kitchen and to set up tables and chairs before the program.)

Mark Your Calendars

- Dec 18 – Christmas Potluck – 4:00 pm OLMC
- Dec 18 – Live Nativity – 5:00 pm OLMC
- Dec 20 – KofC Social Night – 6:30 pm OLMC
- Dec 24 – Christmas Eve Mass – 4:00 pm SAS
- Dec 24 – Christmas Eve Mass – 4:15 pm OLMC
- Dec 24 – Christmas Eve Mass – 9:30 pm SAS
- Dec 25 – Christmas Day Mass – 9:30 am OLMC



All You Can Eat Italian Night

Friday, January 13, 5:30–7:30 pm

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish Center

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

2 Types of Pasta with a variety of sauces

Several types of Pizza to please your appetite

Salad, Drinks and Dessert are included

Cost: Adults: \$10, Ages 4-12: \$4, 3 & Under Free

*** Cash Bash tickets will be available for sale. ***



All-You-Can Eat

Community Country Breakfast

Sunday, January 15, 7:00 am to 12:30 pm

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Center

Menu: Scrambled Eggs, Pancakes, Sausage, Hash Browns, Toast, Fruit cup, Orange/Apple Juice, Coffee/Tea.

Cost: \$7 for adults, \$3 ages 4-10, Free 3 and Under

Note: *The 11:00 am Mass will be held in Church.*

*** Cash Bash tickets will be available for sale. ***



Our next **Blood Drive** will be held on **Monday, January 23**

in Our Lady of Mt. Carmel's

Parish Center from 2:00-8:00 pm.

Call Terri Allen at (301) 271-7872 to

make an appointment. Walk-ins are also welcome

FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekend of December 10 & 11, 2011

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

Attendance		199
Envelopes	(73)	1,948.00
Loose		2,216.25
Total		4,264.25
Poor Box		55.28
Immaculate Conception		275.00
Retired Religious		813.82
December EFT		298.00

St. Anthony Shrine

Attendance		331
Envelopes	(00)	1,761.09
Loose		442.31
Total		2,203.40
Poor Box		185.14
Immaculate Conception		259.63
Retired Religious		781.18
December EFT		205.00

From Barbara . . .

How many of us made life changing decisions at the age of 12 or 14? Scripture scholars tell us that Mary was around this age when she was visited by the angel Gabriel and told that she was going to give birth to the Savior of the world. Wow! Mary was so connected to God she was able to say “yes” knowing that God’s will was paramount in her life. I don’t know if she had doubts or if she was afraid (my guess is she did and she was) but she trusted in God enough to know that God’s presence would bring her through whatever her future held. Take time this week to say “yes” to what God is calling you to do. If you’re not sure what that might be, pray for guidance.

Our capital campaigns have been very successful thus far. If you haven’t had a chance to participate please take time to look over the materials you were mailed and make a decision as to how you can help us complete the very necessary projects that have been identified. There are additional materials in the back of our churches. All gifts are appreciated and will contribute to the overall good. Thanks in advance for your generosity.

I hope to see you Sunday evening at Our Lady of Mount Carmel for our Christmas Pot-Luck, Live Nativity and Christmas concert. It’s going to be a great time and a wonderful way to kick off the last week before Christmas.

May God continue to bless us all.



Thanks from the Knights of Columbus

The Membership Drive that we conducted this past weekend was very successful. I enjoyed talking to each and everyone of you. The interest in looking into our organization was very overwhelming. For any of you that missed the opportunity, and would still like some information on The Knights, we are having a special presentation on December 20th at OLMC Parish Center starting at 6:00 pm. If you would like us to reserve you a couple of seats, please feel free to contact me at (301) 524-9666. We will be serving a spaghetti dinner with salads, garlic bread and deserts. I would love to meet with any one interested. Knowledge is power, and you just may like what you learn about what we do on a national level as well as right here in Thurmont and Emmitsburg. Thanks again, Jesse Stansbury, Grand Knight, gk@kofc-11975.org.

Cash Bash

Saturday, February 18, 3 – 8 pm
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish Center

4 Drawing per Hour

1 st drawing	\$400
2 nd drawing	\$300
3 rd drawing	\$200
4 th drawing	\$100

8:00 pm Grand Prize \$3,000
(based on the 3-Digit MD Lottery)
You need not be present to win



Also available:

Games of chance & Tip jars
(No one under 18 can play the games)
Music by the Backroads

Tickets: \$25 per person
(includes food & refreshments)
Only one person admitted per ticket.
No tickets will be sold at the door.

CASH BASH TICKETS make
wonderful **Christmas Gifts**

Tickets are on sale at the parishes’ office (located at St. Anthony’s) for \$25. Either stop in the office or give us a call at (301) 447-2367. Tickets are also available before and after the weekend Masses.

All tickets sold and returned by 3:30 pm, January 18th, will be eligible for the \$100.00 Early Bird Drawing – to be held that day!

We need people to help sell tickets. Please call the office (301) 447-2367 if you are able to take a packet of 5 to sell or if you would be willing to sell tickets after the weekend Masses. Thanks we need your help to make this benefit a success for our parishes.

Saint Timothy Catholic Church

St. Timothy Catholic Church Organist, Bill Powell, along with Alex Mitchell, Tim Kueberth and the Glade Tower Handbell Choir will be presenting “**O Holy Night**” for a festive evening of holiday music at St. Timothy Catholic Church, 8651 Biggs Ford Road, Walkersville, MD on **Tuesday, December 20, at 7:00 pm**. Fellowship and refreshments to follow. Please join us for an enjoyable holiday presentation! A donation for the Walkersville Food Bank would be greatly appreciated.