

Mass Intentions**Saturday, December 5– Advent Weekday**

5:00 P.M. - Louis & Jeff Franco (Violet Franco)

Sunday, December 6– Second Sunday in Advent

7:30 A.M. - Charles Holl (M/M Guy Mattola)

9:00 A.M. - Robert George & Robert James
(Wife & Mother)

10:30 A.M. - William Jurgevich
(Wife, Betty & Family)
- People of the Parish

12:00 Noon - Deceased Piciucco Family
(Flo & Elisa Doyle)

Monday, December 7– Ambrose, bishop

7:00 P.M. - Frank Tapolci
(Thomas & Colleen Lally)

Tuesday, December 8– Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 A.M. - Raymond Ily
(SJA Tuesday Library Volunteers)

7:00 P.M. - Doris O'Hare (David Barnhart)

Wednesday, December 9– Saint Juan Diego

8:00 A.M. - Thelma Boyd (Carl & Alice Wirtz)

Thursday, December 10– Advent Weekday

8:00 A.M. - Jean Yurich (Gallagher Family)

Friday, December 11– Damasus

8:00 A.M. - Thomas & Helen Coe
(Carol & Clem Lacher)

Saturday, December 12– Our Lady of Guadalupe

3:00 P.M. - Wedding: Marci Young to
Robert Reiland

5:00 P.M. - Tom Mahr (Tom & Carol Nath)

Sunday, December 14– Third Sunday in Advent

7:30 A.M. - Della Ambrogi (Roscoe Family)

9:00 A.M. - Rosemarie Powers (Frank Powers)

10:30 A.M. - Mary Kubis (Paul, Husband & Family)
- People of the Parish

12:00 Noon - Henry Marzina (Marilou & Family)

Please remember in your prayers those who are sick:

Judy Zabkar, Dottie Kennedy, Bob Bittner, Anna Pierce, Jericho Fedor, Pat Rae, Al Furno, Ed Stetar, Jan Roberts, Carl Humphreys, Frank Mathews, Camryn Surman, Chuck Vasco, Aileen Spamer, Donna Helbley, Patricia Rice and Ethan Loney, Mel Binge . Help, save, pity and defend your servants O God by your grace!

Sanctuary Lamp will burn for one week for the Blessed Mother in Memory of Frank & Deloris Sewchok, Requested by Joan Opferman. **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn for one week for John the Baptist in Memory of Hector Verstraeten, Requested by his Wife, Helen. **Altar Bread & Wine** for one week in Memory of Charles Holl, Requested by M/M Guy Mattola.

Christmas Oplatki available in Rectory \$3.00 a package.

Christmas cards available in Rectory. Box of 20/ \$5.00.

From the Pastor's Desk

We had a beautiful Thanksgiving Day Mass and reception following, a sincere thank you for those who participated and to Mona Mussner, Mel Lucas, and Robbie Harris for handling the prep and clean up work...thanks also to the family of Sandy Schwenning for donating the missalettes for the coming year, and thanks also to Judy Martin, our Re-cycling Minister for recycling the used missalettes...our School Booster Club is still looking for someone to handle the certificate table before the 5:00PM Mass on Saturdays!...please think of purchasing certificates for gift baskets this season! Giant Eagle cards are available at school office DAILY....

Father Pribonic

Second Collection Next Week for Repairs & Replacements.

Tuesday, December 8, Feast of the Immaculate

Conception of Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses: Monday at 7PM, Tuesday at 9:00AM and 7PM.

St Joan of Arc Christmas Schedule:

Confessions in preparation for the Feast of the Nativity of the Lord will be held on:

Monday: December 21 from 1:30-3:00PM

(extra priest will be available at this time)

Tuesday: December 22 from 4-5 PM and 7-8 PM

Wednesday: December 23 from 4-5 PM and 7-8PM

Confession of sins is an essential part of preparing to celebrate the Nativity of the Lord.

Masses:

December 24, Vigil of Christmas 4:00PM, 6:00PM, and Midnight.

December 25, Christmas 8:00AM, 10:00AM, and 12:00 Noon . *Come Christmas Day and Get a SEAT!*

St Joan of Arc wishes one and all in the community a Very Blessed Christmas!



Altar Flowers - To purchase a poinsettia "In Memory of our Loved Ones," please use the Christmas Flower Offering Envelope enclosed in your December packet of envelopes. Cost is a minimum of \$10. **Deadline for ordering is MONDAY, December 14, and please Print.** Names will be published in the December 20th bulletin, and will be remembered through the Christmas Season at all masses.

Class for Parents of the First Child Baptism: Monday, January 25, 2010 at 7:00 PM in the Rectory. Please call to register.

Memorials Available: Ciborium (vessel for the hosts) at \$400.00 and Stole for priest at concelebrations \$250.00; if anyone would like to donate these items in memory of a loved one, please call the Pastor.

Scripture Reflection

READY OR NOT...more on the Second Coming in our culture...the doomsday story is being played again with the release of the film "2010" described by director Roland Emmerich as a "global cataclysm that brings an end of the world". This film does not treat faith in God in a positive way.

It will be triggered by the "Rapture", when "born-again believers" go airborne and are snatched up by Jesus, while the rest of the world (supposedly non "born-again" Roman Catholics) and others are left behind. There will be wars and battles for a seven year time called the tribulation. Then Christ comes after the tribulation to make things final (a third coming).

The Catholic Church has never taught this kind of "end-time" theology proposed by many fundamentalist Bible Churches. In fact, it has been very careful not to define anything from the Book of Revelation, because it is so steeply filled with symbols. Although many believe the thousand year reign of Christ was supposed to be ending on the year 1,000, obviously, it did not.

Jesus tells us to be vigilant and to pray at all times. The Church spells this out more clearly by encouraging us to participate in liturgical practice and a moral living of the Christian Life. Our approach to "2010" is best taken from the prayer at Mass: "Now we watch for the day, hoping that the salvation promised us will be ours, when Christ our Lord will come again in His Glory!

Dear Joan:

I was visiting a few weeks ago for Mass and I remember the priest saying something about widows lending their priests their condos, I just want to tell Father that he can have my condo in Hill Station if he'd like. It may not be Florida, but it's bright and airy!

Thanks: Brenda



Rest in Peace: William Bazak, Long Time Parishioner.

Financial Statement

Last Week's Income was:

Regular Collection..... \$8,895.00

Thank you for your generosity.

Altar Server Schedule

Saturday, December 12, 2009

5:00 P.M. - C. & J. Counihan, J. Riske

Sunday, December 13, 2009

7:30 A.M. - B. Sweis

9:00 A.M. - T. Brdar, J. N. Solomon

10:30 A.M. - N. & M. Leng, A. Davis

12:00 Noon - K. Messner

MASSES Are available for January & February 2010, Please contact Rectory for dates and times.

Be an Angel...Give a gift!

With your help, we will again be sending gifts to needy families in our area. Please pick an angel from our tree. On each angel you will find a "name", an age, and on some, a size. After you purchase the gift, securely attach the angel to your gift and leave the gift under the tree. Please do not wrap or seal the gift. (Christmas gift bags would be great!) And please, no perishable items, candy or snacks. Gifts can be left at the tree before or after Sunday masses, or before CCD or school. Because the gifts are distributed to the families before Christmas, please return all gifts to the tree by Sunday, December 13th. Thank you in advance for sharing the joy and love of Christmas with a "stranger". You truly are a Christmas Angel! The St. Vincent DePaul Society is asking for donations of wrapping paper, gift bags and tape. These donations can be left in the vestibule of the church until December 13th.



Calling all singers! Children/youth ages 8-15 interested in singing at this year's 4:00pm youth mass on Christmas Eve should contact Music

Minister Deana Muro: divakeys@gmail.com. Participants must attend two mandatory rehearsals on December 15 and 22 from 6:00pm to 7:00pm in the library, and then meet at 3:15pm (also in the library) on Christmas Eve for the 4:00pm mass. I look forward to hearing from you!

Prayer Shawl Ministry: The lucky winner of our quilt is Walt Hajduk. Thanks to all who supported us in this fund raising event. It was a great success. Prayer Shawl Ministry now can be reached by 412-833-2400 ext 40.

Come Join US- Monday Morning Bible Class begins at 8:30AM Monday Dec. 7th (even though there is no 8:00AM Mass) An Advent "Journey to Bethlehem" will be presented. All are Welcome!!!

On behalf of Owen Cernetic, words cannot express our sincere thanks and gratitude to Father Pribonic, and all those in the Church and Community that helped make the Blood Replenishment Drive for Owen, a huge success. The response was overwhelming. There were 184 people that showed up to give blood. The Blood Bank will keep Owen's account open indefinitely, so if at any time you wish to give again on his benefit it would be greatly appreciated. (Sponsor code:ZRTNO567). Again we thank you with all of our heart. Tom & Mary Cernetic

Father Ray's Quote: When you get to wit's end, you'll find God lives there.

School News

Brunch with Santa, Save the date: Enjoy the magic of the holidays through the eyes of your child at Santa's Brunch on Saturday, December 12, 2009 doors open at 9:45AM and brunch begins at 10:30AM in the Gathering Place. Children will have the opportunity to create holiday crafts, visit with Santa, read stories with Mrs. Claus and dine on a scrumptious kid-friendly brunch. \$8.00 per person (under 2 free). Photos will be available at an additional charge. For tickets call Deanna Seibert at 724-985-1519 or available at the certificate table before all masses.



GIANT EAGLE GIFT CERTIFICATES are available and may now be purchased in the school office. Please stop at the school office from 8:30 am - 2:30 pm to purchase. To order other certificates, your order will be ready for pick up the following day. You may use Giant Eagle gift cards to purchase other gift cards at Giant Eagle to add to your fuel perks. This is a WIN, WIN for everyone! Help support our parish school.

50/50 Raffle to Benefit Saint Joan of Arc School.

Tickets are \$1.00 donation and the drawing will be held on December 21 at the SJA School Christmas Program. Santa will be pulling the lucky number!!! Tickets are available at the certificate table, the Fish Fry, and are available in the School Office. Help support our school, and take a chance at some extra Holiday CASH!!!!

SJA School 2010 Lottery Tickets : Each ticket is \$25.00 for the full year for 365 chances to win off the 7:00 PM Lottery Contact Tamara Manion @ 724-348-9036

Saint Joan of Arc School Calendar of Events

December 8 - 9:00 am Mass for School / Parish - prepared by Grade 8 (Holy Day of Obligation)
 December 11 - All School Pajama Day
 December 12 - Breakfast with Santa
 December 12 - Market Day Pick up at Noon
 December 14, 15, 16 - Santa Workshop

The students here at Saint Joan of Arc have an Advent Project. We are collecting yarn, especially Wintuk and Red Heart, for our dedicated Prayer Shawl Group. Donations are being collected under the school Christmas tree until December 17. Also, on Friday, December 18 at 9:00 am, the Advent Mass (prepared by Grade 5) is in honor of Saint Joan of Arc Parish Prayer Shawl Group. Members of the Prayer Shawl Group will be in attendance with our school children. All Are Welcome!

Reminder: All volunteers, the deadline of December 31, is quickly approaching. Any applications that are not complete will be removed from the data base, and you will no longer be able to volunteer. Any questions, please contact the Rectory .during business hours.

Christmas Bake Sale: Delicious homemade nut, poppy-seed or apricot rolls. Each roll is 16" and filled with the finest ingredients. Also, the ever popular spiced walnuts, made with cinnamon sugar and a hint of clove. Makes a great gift! Rolls are \$12 each; walnuts are \$10 for a 1lb box. Orders must be received by Dec 13th and may be picked up Dec 19 and 20. Look for order forms in the bulletin or call: (412) 854-1089. Benefits Appalachian Work Camp.

Thank You to all those who made the visit from St. Nick possible. We are so lucky to have St. Nick come to our church and visit our children every year. It has become a wonderful Advent tradition. The surprises to fill the shoes continue in the memory of JoAnn Keyes. JoAnn loved the children of St. Joan of Arc. She taught CCD here and was one of St. Nick's very favorite helpers. Thanks to her very good friends, the Kennedy family and her husband and daughters, JoAnn continues to bring the spirit of Christmas to the children of St. Joan of Arc.

CCD Reminder... All Seventh Grade students are to report directly to the church on Monday December 7th for the vigil Mass of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Look for reserved seating by classrooms. You should be in your seat and ready for Mass at 6:55. Families are encouraged to attend this Mass with the students.

Youth Group

8TH GRADE YOUTH GROUP MEETING – All 8th grade students are invited to come to the first youth group meeting on Sunday, December 13 from 9:30 AM to 10:20 AM. Meet outside the Schuster Room. Students are encouraged to bring a parent to this meeting since one of our topics will be the Greene County Work Camp Weekend.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS – are invited to attend our Christmas youth group meeting on Sunday, December 13 from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM in The Gathering Place. Junior girls should plan to stay a bit longer to help with clean up.

Community News

Christmas Concert: Tuesday, December 15, 2009 7:30 PM by Siblin Trio "Season" at Westminster Presbyterian Church, USC, Admission FREE. www.seasonmusic.com

Stress in Your Marriage? – Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriage. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on January 8, 2010, please contact Retrouvaille at 412-277-3434. More information is available at www.helpourmarriage.com