



**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30—1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

7:30 a.m. Francis Donovan  
9:30 a.m. All Souls  
11:30 a.m. People of the Parish

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 1—WEEKDAY**

6:30 a.m. Edward J. Matey  
8:30 a.m. Sandra McClay

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2—WEEKDAY**

6:30 a.m. Peter Canh Van Tu  
8:30 a.m. Albert F. Thomas

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3—WEEKDAY**

8:30 a.m. Martin McGuffin

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4—FRANCIS XAVIER, PRIEST**

6:30 a.m. Giselle Corde  
8:30 a.m. Spec. Int. of the 60<sup>th</sup> Wed. Anniv. of Dick & Joan O'Brien

**FIRST FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5—WEEKDAY**

6:30 a.m. Gertrude Fox  
8:30 a.m. Rose M. Kogut

**FIRST SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6—WEEKDAY**

5:30 p.m. Richard Boyle

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7—2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

7:30 a.m. People of the Parish  
9:30 a.m. Eugene Anastasio, Sr.  
11:30 a.m. David Hagerich

**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** this week are in loving memory of Guy DePasquale, donated by his wife and children.



**DATES AVAILABLE FOR FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY:** January 4, 11; February 22; May 3, (1<sup>st</sup> Communion) June 14, 21, 28; July 5, 12, 19, 26; August 2, 16, 23, 30, 2009. (Offering \$50).

**FLOWERS AT THE BLESSED MOTHER SHRINE** this week are in loving memory of Richard Farrell, donated by his wife.

**DATES AVAILABLE FOR FLOWERS AT THE BLESSED MOTHER SHRINE:** February 22; May 24; June 7, 14, 21; July 5, 19, 26; August 2, 9, 16, 23, 2009. (Offering \$30).

**FLOWERS IN THE CHAPEL** this week are for A Special Intention.

**DATES AVAILABLE FOR CHAPEL FLOWERS:** November 30, 2008. January 4, 11, 25; February 1, 15, 22; May 3, 10, 17, 31; June 7, 14, 21, 28, 2009. (Offering \$30).

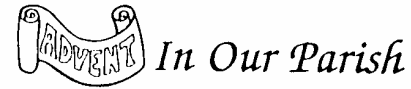


**CANDLES AT THE BLESSED MOTHER SHRINE** are lighted this week in loving memory Richard Farrell, donated by his wife.

**DATES AVAILABLE FOR CANDLES AT THE BLESSED MOTHER SHRINE:** February 22; March 29; April 5, 19; July 5, 26; August 2, 9, 16, 23,30; September 13, 20, 2009. (Offering \$20).

**CANDLES AT THE ST. JOSEPH SHRINE** are lighted this week in loving memory of Stephen J. Pastorkovich, donated by his Family.

**DATES AVAILABLE FOR CANDLES AT THE ST. JOSEPH SHRINE:** January 11, 18; February 8, 22; April 5, 19; May 10, 31; June 7, 14, 21; July 5, 19, 26; August 2, 16, 23; October 4, 11, 18, 2009. (Offering \$20).



**TODAY**

ANGEL TREE ORNAMENTS AVAILABLE  
NO PRE-SCHOOL TODAY

9:30 a.m. Nursery—All Purpose Room  
10:30 a.m. Coffee & Donuts—K of C—Parish Hall  
11:30 a.m. Rite of Acceptance & Welcoming—RCIA  
5:00 p.m. Organ Prelude followed by Evening Prayer

**MONDAY**

NO SCHOOL

2:00 p.m. Mass at Golden Living Center—Camp Hill  
6:00-7:00 p.m. Cub Scout #197 Den Meeting—Parish Hall

NO CCD CLASSES

NO RCIA CLASSES

**TUESDAY**

9:00-10:30 a.m. QUEST Study Group—All Purpose Room  
11:40 a.m.-12:05 p.m.—Jr. Choir—Grades 3 & 4—School Music Room

**WEDNESDAY**

9:00 a.m. Women's Prayer Group—All Purpose Room

**THURSDAY**

6:50 a.m. Men's Prayer Group—Parish Hall Lobby  
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal—Choir Loft  
7:30-9:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop #58—All Purpose Room

**FRIDAY**

8:30 a.m. Mass at School  
6:00 p.m. Baptismal Class—All Purpose Room

**SATURDAY**

4:00-5:00 p.m. Confessions—Chapel  
5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass—Church

ANGEL TREE GIFTS RETURNED

**SUNDAY, December 7, 2008**

ANGEL TREE GIFTS RETURNED

9:30 a.m. Nursery—All Purpose Room  
9:30 a.m. Pre-School CCD—Parish Hall  
12:30 p.m. Baptisms—Church  
5:00 p.m. Organ Prelude followed by Evening Prayer



**TODAY'S READINGS**

(November 30, 2008)

Is 63:16b-17,19b;64: 2  
Ps 80:2-3,15-16,18-19  
1 or 1:3-9  
Mk 13:33-37



**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS**

(December 7, 2008)

Is 40:1-5,9-11  
Ps 85:9-14  
Pt 3:8-14  
Mk 1:1-8

**IN YOUR CHARITY**, please pray for the repose of the soul **JOAN O'BRIEN**, sister-in-law of Lou O'Brien. **FRANCES S. BUSCH**, a parishioner.

**May the Lord comfort all those who have suffered the loss of a loved on.**

**ADVENT VESPERS** will be held this evening, **November 30** (the First Sunday of Advent), at 5:00 p.m. in the Church. Prelude featuring Walter Stiller, organist and Music Director at Wesley United Methodist Church in Middletown, PA.

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### Stewardship A Way of Life "Tithing – God's Plan for Giving"

**Tithing Income:** Nov. 23, 2008 \$ 17,977.41  
Nov. 25, 2007 \$ 17,438.07

**From the Pastor:** "Many thanks to those who have responded to the tithing appeal. Your generosity is deeply appreciated."

**From a Parishioner:** "Tithing has been my salvation. Returning to God a part of my income made me realize that I must return more of my time to those around me. Doing this has been rewarding both here and hopefully hereafter."

#### Good Deed for the Week:

**From a 1<sup>st</sup> grader:** "I shared a snack with my friend."

### *From the Pastor*

*If we knew the day on which the Lord would be coming to call us home, we would probably ask God for a time of Advent during which we could prepare for His coming. Each year we are given this opportunity as we celebrate the holy Season of Advent. Spiritual practices can help us assess and restore our readiness to welcome the Lord – readings from the scriptures, prayers and works of charity are ways that help to orient (reorient) our life's priorities toward God and the stewardship of His gifts, which He has entrusted to each of us.*

*It's not hard to do: an Advent wreath at home, use the devotion scripture guide enclosed in last week's bulletin, as well as in the chapel narthex, take advantage of the Angel Tree Project or one of the other community outreach projects, attend Evening Prayer on the four Sunday's of Advent. There are many possibilities. May this season be a special time of blessing that will enhance your celebration of Christ's coming at Christmas, but especially when He comes to call each of us home personally. We should be prepared.*

With *Advent* starting up, please take a few minutes a day, maybe five minutes, and use *The Word Among Us* to grow closer to the Lord before Christmas. Spending just five minutes a day reading *The Word Among Us* magazine will dramatically change your experience during *Advent* from one of commercialization to spiritual openness. Copies are provided by the parish and are located in the Church Narthexes. Please pick one up for your family and start a new Christmas tradition!

**RCIA RITE OF WELCOME** The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) calls for parish communities to celebrate a Rite of Welcome on the First Sunday of Advent as an official reception of people who have expressed an interest in

becoming members of the Catholic Church. Accordingly, this weekend, at the 11:30 a.m. Mass, 2 catechumens and 8 candidates participated in this ceremony. Keep these brothers and sisters of ours in your prayers, that the journey they have begun will come to a successful conclusion at the Easter Vigil on April 11, 2009.

**ADVENT VESPERS** Next Sunday, December 7, our Sacred Music will begin at 5:00 p.m., featuring Father James Lease, Parochial Vicar at St. Theresa Parish, in New Cumberland. Evening Prayer will follow at 5:30 p.m. Please join us!

**2008 GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH ANGEL TREE PROJECT** The Angel Tree Project is a gift-giving endeavor that will ensure that families and individuals in need from our parish and community will have gifts for the Christmas holiday. Please consider participating in this worthy effort.



### What do you need to do to participate?

On the weekends of **November 29 & 30** and **December 6 & 7**, ornament tags will be available on Christmas Trees in the narthexes of the church. Parishioners are invited to take an ornament, print your name and phone number on the attached slip AT CHURCH, leave the slip in the basket by the tree, and return the gift listed on the ornament to the church by **December 14**. The gift should be wrapped with the tree ornament attached to the outside for identification and distribution. It is as simple as that.

Each gift is coded for a particular recipient. Therefore, it is important that all the ornaments that are taken be returned with the gift that is described on the ornament. Several ornaments list a money donation that will be converted into a gift certificate for food. Some ornaments ask for gift certificates to particular local stores. **You can save yourself shopping time by buying it through the Good Shepherd Scrip Card Program after Mass in the Parish Hall.**

Everyone knows the joy of receiving gifts. Many of us can only imagine the disheartening feeling parents experience when they are not able to provide a gift for their children. Please join in this worthy project and help bring the joy of giving and receiving alive during this blessed season.



If you have any questions about this project, you are welcome to call the Religious Education Office at 737-8216.

Our thanks to the Religious Education Office and the Youth of the parish for coordinating and executing this worthwhile project. Thank you for **YOUR** interest and generosity.

**DEADLINE FOR GIFT RETURNS: DECEMBER 13 – 14**

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**SERVICE OPPORTUNITY** Students in grades 7-12 are invited to help after all the Masses this weekend, November 29/30. Students will assist parishioners in choosing an angel tag from the Angel Trees and filling out the corresponding

paper slip. This is a great way to enter in the hopeful spirit of Advent and receive service hours. If you have questions or wish to sign up, call 737-8216 or email [tevans@gsschpa.org](mailto:tevans@gsschpa.org).

**NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES** Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday and Feast of the Immaculate Conception, there is **NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES ON DECEMBER 1 AND DECEMBER 8**. Classes will resume on Monday, December 15 at 6:30 p.m.

**CHRISTMAS CARD SALE** The Good Shepherd Knights of Columbus will be holding their annual "Keep Christ in Christmas" card sale in the Parish Hall after all Masses this weekend. The Christmas cards depict the Holy Family in a variety of designs, and are offered on a first come, first served basis. There are cards priced to fit everyone's budget. Also available are "Keep Christ in Christmas" auto or fridge magnets, priced at \$3.00 a piece. Please stop by the Parish Hall after any of the aforementioned weekend Masses and pick up a box of cards. Let us together strive to keep "Christ in Christmas."



**DIocese OF HARRISBURG – HERSHEY BEARS NIGHT** Due to the overwhelming success of last year's attendance by the Catholic Schools, youth groups and the members of the Diocese, Hershey has given us our very own night to celebrate. We are inviting everyone in the diocese to help us celebrate the beginning of Catholic Schools Week by attending the BEARS game on **Saturday, January 24, 2009, at 7:00 p.m.**, at the Giant Center. Forms are available in the Chapel narthex and should be returned to the parish office by **January 9, 2009**, with your check made payable to Good Shepherd Church, enclosed for payment of the tickets. Tickets will arrive in our office the week of January 19, 2009.

**MARKET DAY NEWS** Our next Market Day delivery will be **Thurs., Dec. 11**. The December order features cookie dough for your holiday baking. Order online at [marketday.com](http://marketday.com) until noon on December 5. No money is due until pickup, but if you would like to use a credit card, you can prepay your order online. Order forms are available after all Masses. Call Noreen Kelly at 732-3862 for more information.

**MONTHLY SENIOR LUNCHEON** All parishioners 60 years and over are cordially invited to the next Senior Luncheon held in the Parish Hall, on **Friday, December 5, from 11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m. (Please NOTE change in day)**. Come join fellow parishioners for food, fun and friendship. Please RSVP by **Monday, December 1**, using the form below, which can be dropped in the collection basket or at the parish office. The fee is \$5.00 per person. Let the office know if you can share a dessert.

**MONTHLY SENIOR LUNCHEON** (please print)  
**(Friday, December 5)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

# Attending \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**THE MIDDLE STATES COMMISSION ON ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS** is pleased to announce that Good Shepherd Catholic School has been awarded accreditation by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. The award was announced by Dr. Thomas L. Seidenberger, Chair of the Commission and Superintendent of the East Penn School District (Emmaus, PA), following the Commission's November 2008 meeting. Good Shepherd Catholic School was one of over 60 schools so honored by the Commission.

Accreditation also signifies that Good Shepherd Catholic School has met the MSCES Standards for a quality school. These Standards reflect current research and best practices from throughout the education profession. Accreditation by MSCES is recognized around the world as an indication of trustworthiness, educational quality, and a commitment to on-going school improvement. F. Laird Evans, Ed. D., President of the Commission, offered his congratulations to the entire Good Shepherd community, adding: "MSCES accreditation is a recognition of both prior achievements and a commitment to greater future accomplishments."

**GOOD SHEPHERD HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' BASKETBALL SIGN-UPS** The fee for this year's season will be \$80; the fee includes a reversible jersey that each player will get to keep. Checks should be made payable to "Good Shepherd Athletic Fund." Registrations must be in by December 8th. Doug Smith will be the coach for the team. Please contact Mary Balaban for the registration form and any questions you may have about this year's season/team. Mary can be reached at: 731-9819 (home) or at [mbalaban@comcast.net](mailto:mbalaban@comcast.net).

**Parishioner, Horace R. Busch, Jr.** has published a book of poetry and writings entitled "*The Altar Boy: an Anthology of Poetry and Writings*". Mr. Busch will be in the Parish Hall to present and sign his book for those who would like to purchase a copy, on the weekends of **December 6/7 and 13/14 after the 5:30 p.m. & 11:30 a.m. Masses**. His book is also available at [amazon.com](http://amazon.com), Borders Books, and Barnes & Noble. Publisher: [www.outskirtspress.com/horacebusch](http://www.outskirtspress.com/horacebusch).

### Courtesy Announcements

**A New Book by Father Michael Rothan** is available! "61 Minutes": Reflections and Homilies from the Year of Mark is the title and it is described as follows: "This book is the fruit of holy hours and meditations on the readings for Sunday Mass throughout the year. The author journeys with us on the road to the 'Kingdom.' This book is not so much a map or a guide for the journey, as much as it is a rest stop along the way; allowing us to gather our own thoughts and reflections of what it means to be a 'child of God'."

**Marriage Annulments** The Tribunal of the Diocese of Harrisburg will be giving a presentation in your area concerning divorce and annulment from the Catholic perspective. This presentation will be helpful for divorced Catholics, those divorced who wish to marry Catholics, those parish leaders involved in the RCIA process and any others who may have a vested interest because of family or friends. This session will be held on **Thursday, December 11, at**

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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**7:00 p.m.**, in the Cardinal Keeler Center of the diocesan office building in Harrisburg. No prior registration is required. For further information, please call 717-657-4804, extension #304, or email: [tribunal@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:tribunal@hbgdiocese.org).

**Mass With Prayers for Healing** on **Tuesday, December 2, at 7:30 p.m.**, at St. Theresa Church, New Cumberland. Reverend John Bednarik, OFM CAP will be the celebrant. All are welcome. For more information, please call John at 737-2927 or Mary Ann at 564-7709.

**Rosary Rally** Pro-Life Mass will be celebrated at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament, 212 N. Third Street in Harrisburg. Please note time changes for the winter: **Saturday, December 6, 9:00 a.m.** (Feast of St. Nicholas, Month of the Divine Infancy). Father William Weary, Pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Danville will be the celebrant. Following Mass, we will pray the Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy in front of Hillcrest Abortion Center. All are invited to come and peacefully pray to end abortion.

**Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols** The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols will be presented on **Sunday, December 14, at 4:00 p.m.**, at St. Patrick Cathedral, 212 State Street, Harrisburg. The Cathedral Choir, parish lectors, and the Cathedral Sinfonia present the annual service of Lessons and Carols, which was begun at Kings College in England. This service is celebrated throughout the world, and consists of readings, prayers, anthems, and congregational hymns. A free-will offering will be taken at the door. \$10 per person is the requested donation, but your individual circumstances may allow you to give more or less. For more information, please call (717) 232-2169, ext. 224.

**Marian Apparitions** Ivanka Ivankovic Eliz, one of the six visionaries from Medjugorje will be visiting Prince of Peace Parish in Middletown, next **Sunday, December 7, at 2:00 p.m.** Following

a Holy Hour with recitation of the Holy Rosary and Benediction, Ivanka will share some of her experiences regarding the reported Marian Apparitions.

There will be an **Ecumenical, Inter-Religious Candlelight Remembrance Service** for anyone who has experienced the death of a friend, family member, loved one to suicide. It will be held on **Sunday Dec. 14, at 6:00 p.m.**, at Sacred Heart Basilica, Conewago, 30 Basilica Dr. Hanover, PA 17331. Light refreshments will be served in the Parish Hall following the Service. For more information contact Sue Poist at 717-624-2055 or email Sue at [smpoist@hotmail.com](mailto:smpoist@hotmail.com) All are welcome does not matter when the suicide occurred. No questions are asked. It is a time for us all to come together to let you know you are not alone.

**Retreat For Couples Experiencing Difficulty** Is Your Marriage Tearing You Apart? Rediscover the Joy in Your Marriage. RETROUVAILLE (Ret-tro-vy) is a French word meaning rediscovery. Retrouvaille is a program, which helps to restore communication and trust in a marriage. If you feel helpless or trapped by frequent conflicts, please know that hundreds of couples have been helped. Call us and give yourselves another chance. The next program will be held **January 23-25, 2009**, at the Precious Blood Spiritual Center in Columbia, PA. Let us reserve a place for you. For information call Tom or Patty (717) 938-8229 or 1-800-470-2230.

We would like to thank  
**CELTICHEALTHCARE**  
this week for sponsoring an AD in our weekly bulletin.