

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20—FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:30 a.m. Alice Moore
9:30 a.m. Joseph Manduchi
11:30 a.m. People of the Parish



MONDAY, DECEMBER 21— ADVENT WEEKDAY

6:30 a.m. Edward J. Matey
8:30 a.m. Filomena Napoli

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22— ADVENT WEEKDAY

6:30 a.m. Rev. Francis M. Coady
8:30 a.m. Mary Anne Stasko

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23—ADVENT WEEKDAY

8:30 a.m. Pro-Life

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24—ADVENT WEEKDAY

6:30 a.m. Earl & Ethel Lawrence
8:30 a.m. Catherine Houck
5:00 p.m. Thomas R. Balaban
7:30 p.m. Howard Rovito



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25—NATIVITY OF THE LORD/CHRISTMAS

9:00 a.m. Silvio Cribari
11:00 a.m. Deceased Parents of Chris & Jerry Grimme

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26—STEPHEN, FIRST MARTYR

5:30 p.m. Deceased Troiani & Connor Family Members

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27—HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY

7:30 a.m. Ted Kovalchick & JOSEPH
9:30 a.m. Elizabeth Brazen
11:30 a.m. Deceased Fox & Grimme Family Members

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY this week are in loving memory of Duane P. Kent, donated by his Family.



DATES AVAILABLE FOR FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY: January 10, 17, 31; February 7; April 18; May 2, 16, 23, 2010. (Offering \$50).

FLOWERS AT THE BLESSED MOTHER SHRINE this week are in loving memory of Francis Donovan, donated by the Storm Family.

DATES AVAILABLE FOR FLOWERS AT THE BLESSED MOTHER SHRINE: January 10, 31; February 7, 14; April 18; May 16, 23, 30; June 6, 13; July 4, 11, 25, 2010. (Offering \$30).

FLOWERS IN THE CHAPEL this week are in loving memory of Catherine Houck.

DATES AVAILABLE FOR CHAPEL FLOWERS: January 10, 17, 24, 31; February 7; April 11, 18, 25; May 2, 9; June 6, 13, 20, 27; July 4, 11, 18, 25; August 1, 8, 2010. (Offering \$30).

CANDLES AT THE BLESSED MOTHER SHRINE are lighted this week in loving memory of Mary Anne Starke, donated by Pamela J. Stefanov.

DATES AVAILABLE FOR CANDLES AT THE BLESSED MOTHER SHRINE: March 7, 14; April 18; May 2, 16, 23, 2010. (Offering \$20).



CANDLES AT THE ST. JOSEPH SHRINE are lighted this week in loving memory of Mary & Martin Crawford, donated by Ann Hall Crawford.

DATES AVAILABLE FOR CANDLES AT THE ST. JOSEPH SHRINE: February 14, 28; March 14; April 11, 18; May 2, 16, 23; June 6, 13; July 4, 11, 18, 25, 2010. (Offering \$20).

The Week Ahead

SUNDAY

ANGEL TREE GIFTS RETURNED AND SORTED

9:30 a.m. Pre-School Religious Education—Parish Hall
9:30 a.m. Nursery—All Purpose Room
10:30 a.m.. Coffee & Donuts—Knights— Parish Hall
5:00 p.m. Music for Advent—Church
5:30 p.m. Evening Vespers—Church
6:00-8:00 p.m. Youth Group Mtg. (grades 7-12) All Purpose Room
7:00 p.m. Penance Service—St. Theresa, New Cumb.

MONDAY

2:00 p.m. Mass at Manor Care
6:30 p.m. NO Religious Education Classes
7:00-9:00 p.m. RCIA Classes—All Purpose Room

TUESDAY

9:00-10:30 a.m. QUEST Study Group—All Purpose Room
7:00-9:00 p.m. Compassionate Friends

WEDNESDAY

7:00 p.m. G.S. Parish Penance Service—Church

THURSDAY

PARISH OFFICE CLOSSES AT NOON

8:30 a.m. Mass
9:00 a.m. Decorate the Church for Christmas
5:00 & 7:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Vigil Masses

FRIDAY—Christmas Day

9:00 a.m. Mass
11:00 a.m. Mass

SATURDAY

5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass—Church



SUNDAY, December 27, 2009

9:30 a.m. NO Pre-School Religious Education
9:30 a.m. Nursery—All Purpose Room

**TODAY'S READINGS
(December 20, 2009)**

Mi 5:1-4a
Ps 80:2-3,15-16,18-19
Heb 10:5-10
Lk 1:39-45

**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS
(December 27, 2009)**

Sir 3:2-7,12-14
Ps 128:1-5
Col 3:12-21
Lk 2:41-52



IN YOUR CHARITY, please pray for the repose of the soul of **VIVENCIO DEL ROSARIO**, a parishioner and husband of Carmen Del Rosario and father of Elena Prophet; **PHILLIP COSTABILE**, uncle of Jennifer Lafferty.

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

ADVENT VESPERS this weekend, **December 20** (the 4th Sunday of Advent), will take place at 5:00 p.m., in the Church. Prelude featuring **The Shamroig Ringers from Trinity High School**. Evening Prayer will follow at 5:30 p.m.



Stewardship, A Way of Life
"Tithing—God's Plan for Giving"

Tithing Income	December 13, 2009	\$27,366.00
	December 14, 2008	\$26,200.00

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

From a Parishioner: "Thank you for teaching us about tithing. I learned that we can do this and do it better!"

Good Deed for the Week:

From a 7th Grader: "I walked the dogs because my Dad was away."

Immaculate Conception Collection	\$3,622.00
Religious Retirement Collection	\$8,765.00

THANK YOU to our many parishioners who will be "angels" to many needy families this Christmas Holiday. Your generous response to our Angel Tree Project was overwhelming and certainly displays the "true Spirit of Christmas."



We warmly welcome all who have come to celebrate this glorious season in Good Shepherd Parish.

We welcome the stranger, the traveler and the guest!

We welcome parishioners who moved away, but join us during this season with family and friends.

We welcome all who have not been active of late in the practice of their Catholic Faith. We trust you will find new hope and inspiration this Christmas to come back again and again.

We welcome our faithful parishioners, loyal and true; may the Lord bless you for all you do!

Welcome to all! May our gathering this day gladden our hearts and deepen our faith. After all, we are God's people bound together by His gifts of faith, hope and love.

From the Desk of the Parish Manager

End of Year Statement for 2009 Contributions All Good Shepherd parishioners who made contributions in 2009 will receive an end-of-the-year tax letter in the mail starting the week of January 18, 2010.

There is no need to contact the Parish Office for an end-of-the-year tax letter. The letter will automatically be mailed to you.

As a reminder, the Diocese of Harrisburg will provide tax statements for 2009 Lenten Appeal contributions.

Senior Luncheon Thank You



A huge "Thank You" goes to the many parish volunteers who helped with the delicious Senior Luncheon, on December 9. It was a great time of friendship and it provided an excellent opportunity to share some social time together. Special thanks to Theresa and John Harrison and Anna Marie Post for their leadership with setting up this wonderful luncheon.

Parish Office Hours – Christmas and New Years



Please note that the Parish Office will close at **12:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 24.** The Parish Office will be closed on **Friday, December 25, and Monday, December 28,** for the Christmas holiday.

The Parish Office will close at **12:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 31.** The Parish Office will be closed on **Friday, January 1,** for the New Year holiday.

We would like to thank

TURNER AUTOMOTIVE

this week for sponsoring an AD in our weekly bulletin.

PENANCE SERVICES *Prepare Yourself spiritually for the celebration of OUR LORD'S BIRTHDAY!* The Sacrament of Penance (confession) will be celebrated **at 7:00 p.m., Sunday, December 20**, at St. Theresa Parish in New Cumberland. Good Shepherd Penance Service will be held on **Wednesday, December 23, at 7:00 p.m.** If you haven't done so yet, take this opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Penance in preparation for Christmas.



CHILDREN'S CHOIR will be singing at the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve.

SAVE THE DATE: The Good Shepherd Council of Catholic Women and Knights of Columbus Council 10685 will again sponsor an **Italian Dinner on Saturday evening, January 30**, in the parish hall. Plan now to attend an evening of good food and wonderful fellowship.



GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL NEWS

National Catholic Educational Association Distinguished Graduate Award — The Good Shepherd School Board of Education is seeking nominations for a new annual recognition entitled the **National Catholic Educational Association Distinguished Graduate Award**. This award will acknowledge a graduate of Good Shepherd School whose lifestyle and accomplishments exhibit an upright character, an appreciation of Catholic Education, Christian values and examples of selfless acts of service to Church and community.

Qualifications and a nomination form can be printed from the Good Shepherd School website (gsschpa.org) or by contacting the school or parish office. Completed forms must be received by **Thursday, December 31**. An announcement of the Distinguished Graduate will be made during Catholic Schools Week in January/February.

HERSHEY BEARS - DIOCESE OF HARRISBURG 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. Come celebrate the Bears and Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Harrisburg on **Saturday, January 23, 2010, at 7:00 p.m.** in Hershey. Saint Joseph School of York will be singing the National Anthem promptly at 7:00 p.m. The Hershey Bears will play against the Manitoba Moose. Tickets are \$11 each for all ages. Order Forms are available in the Chapel narthex. All orders should be returned to the Parish Office by **January 4, 2010**, enclosed with your check made payable to Good Shepherd Church. **Tickets will be distributed to the Parish Office the week of January 18, 2010.**

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE – 2009

CONFESSIONS

Sat., December 19..... 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Wed., December 23..... 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
(Parish Penance Service – 12 confessors)

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Thurs., December 24 (vigil).....5:00 & 7:30 p.m.
Fri., December 25.....9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Sat., December 26 (Vigil)..... 5:30 p.m.
Sun., December 27..... 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 a.m.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD (Holy Day of Obligation)

Thurs., December 31 (Vigil)..... 5:30 p.m.
Fri., January 1, 2010.....9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

Sat., January 2.....5:30 p.m.
Sun., January 3.....7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 a.m.

"TEEN DISCIPLES FOR CHRIST"

Youth Group Meeting Teens in grades 7-12 are invited to attend our Youth Group Meetings on the first and third Sunday of the month from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m., in the All Purpose Room. (No Meeting December 20.) There will be food, games, fun and spiritual events. **Contact Amanda Zechman at azechman@gsschpa.org or 737-8216.**

Shepherd Island Survivor Night Teens in grades 7-12 are invited to join Good Shepherd Youth Group for a "Survivor" themed night. The topic of discussion and fun will be "The Gifts of the Holy Spirit." Be prepared to survive the Shepherd Island Challenges. Think of the one thing you would need to survive on Shepherd Island and bring it. (If it shoots or is sharp, draw a picture of it!) **RSVP: Amanda Zechman at azechman@gmail.com or call 737-8216.**

Service Opportunities Pre-K Program—Lillian Sperry and Gillian Turner need your help with the Pre-K Religious Education Program. You will be working directly with the kids, assisting them with activities and helping Lillian and Gillian set up and clean up. The program takes place during the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Please schedule volunteer dates with **Amanda at 737-8216 or azechman@gsschpa.org.**

Help Decorate the Church on December 24th from 9:00 a.m. through 12:00 p.m. Show up at 9:00 a.m. in the Church. For more information **contact Amanda at 737-8216 or azechman@gsschpa.org.**

After Christmas Clean Up On January 10th from 1-3 p.m. help take the Christmas decorations down and clean up the church. **Contact Amanda at 737-8216 or azechman@gsschpa.org to sign up.**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS— **No** Pre-School Religious Education Classes on Sunday, December 27 and January 3. **No** Religious Education Classes on Monday, December 21 & 28.

7th Grade Enrollment Sunday will take place on Sunday, January 10, during the 11:30 a.m. Mass.

The Religious Education/Youth Ministry Office will **be closed** on December 24 at noon through December 27 and also at noon on December 31 through January 3.

"The Religious Education/Youth Ministry Staff wishes you much peace and prayers over the Christmas and New Year Holidays."

***Peace in Christ,
Amanda Zechman
and Doreen Rovito***

AND THE PARISH LOTTERY WINNERS for December 7—13 ARE: Terry Bates, Sophie Skoskie, Todd Rudy, Rosemary Busofsky, Dr. & Mrs. Ed Hilton, Dennis D. Foreman, Gene Anastasio. Pauline Tatara. Susan Stough. Keegan Cannon. Leasa Vaughn, Lauren Foley, Peggie McDonald. **Congratulations to all winners. winners!**

PLEASE NOTE:

The December 27 Bulletin was sent 12/18. Articles for the January 2/3 Bulletin are due no later than Noon, December 23. IF YOU HAVE AN ARTICLE FOR THE BULLETIN, PLEASE REMEMBER THESE DATES. Thank you for your cooperation!

Courtesy Announcements

Trinity High School along with the Alumni Council is sponsoring the **Big Green Giveaway** on **Saturday, January 30, 2010, at 6:30 p.m.** The event will take place in the cafeteria of the school. Only 250 tickets will be sold for this event, which involves drawing tickets throughout the night for prizes; one in every 10 tickets drawn wins a monetary prize with the final grand prize of \$3,000. Each ticket costs \$100 and includes 1 entry in the drawing, 2 beef'n brew dinners, and a night of socializing with friends of THS. You do not have to be present to win. To purchase tickets, print a Big Green Giveaway Form directly from our website at <http://www.trinityhs.k12.pa.us/Alumni/special.php?ID=12> or call/email Jennifer Lafferty at the THS Development Office @ (717) 761-2228 or jlaffer@trinityhs.k12.pa.us.

Prison Ministry Dauphin County Prison recently provided additional hours for Catholic services for inmates on Saturdays. Volunteers are needed to say the Rosary or provide other religious support for prisoners on Saturday afternoon or evening, and for other services at various times during the week. Anyone interested should contact Jim Doyle (566-7244) or Carol Fagan (232-1003) to initiate the clearance process required for this ministry. This is an excellent opportunity to reach out to people truly seeking Christ.

Peace On Earth And Good Will To Men. Are you looking for peace? Come join us in prayer the third Sunday of each month as we pray the ***Divine Chaplet of Mercy*** in song as presented on EWTN during the week-end (CD used). We will be meeting this **Sunday, December 20, at 3:00 p.m.**, at St Theresa Parish in New Cumb. We look forward to having you join us as we worship in community and feel God's peace. Questions, call Elaine at 737-2238.

Annual March for Life St. Theresa's Parish in New Cumberland is sponsoring a bus to the annual March for Life in Washington, DC on **Friday, January 22**. The cost is \$20 per adult and \$10 per student. All students (under 18) must be accompanied by an adult. The group will be attending Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Please contact Jane Monaghan at 774-7296 to reserve your seats. This is our chance to stand up for those who have no voice. It's our faith, let's live it!

Liturgical Events for the Croatian Community will be celebrated on **Sunday, December 20**, with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in the Croatian language at 4:00 p.m.

Confessions will be in the Croatian language on **Tuesday, December 22**, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.



Midnight Mass will be celebrated on Christmas Eve in the Croatian language at 12:00 Midnight -

with Croatian Christmas Carols accompanied by local tamburasi. All services will take place at the Prince of Peace-Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church, 815 South Second Street, Steelton.

Foster Children A wonderful phenomenon is taking place in the foster care system. Foster Children are finding permanency and security in their new families and many are being adopted by their Foster Parents. Join us in our next training series with people just like you, who need to know more before they are ready to start the process. Will you join with us and help meet the parenting needs of kids with broken lives? We have a desperate need for more families for the many needy children. Please call (717) 564-7115 or (800) 777-7003 or visit www.hbgdiocese.org/Adoption&FosterCare.

Adult Education Courses Offered - Diocesan Institute 2010 Winter/Spring Session Course listings are now available. *If you are an adult interested in continuing your religious education and formation, go to the Diocese of Harrisburg's web page, www.hbgdiocese.org and click on the Diocesan Institute button on the left-hand side of the page. Once the Diocesan Institute page is opened, click on the Diocesan Institute Courses/2010 Winter/Spring link. You will find a variety of courses offered at the Diocesan Center, Harrisburg and elsewhere. Questions please contact Kathy Burger at kburger@hbgdiocese.org or 657-4804 ext. 229.*

RETROUVAILLE 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 22-24, 2010, at the Homewood Suites in Mechanicsburg, PA. Let us reserve a place for you. For information call Tom or Patty (717) 938-8229 or 1-800-470-2230.

Prayer Place Mats A great gift for children for this holiday season: Prayer Place Mats! Each placemat contains prayers commonly prayed by children and is laminated for easy cleanup. Available in English and Spanish. Cost is \$2. For more information, contact the Family Ministries Office at 657-4804, Ext. 317.

Season's Greetings

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Happy Christmas

and a Blessed New Year!



Father Helwig

Father Waltersheid

Deacon Gorman

Good Shepherd Parish Staff