



Mass Intentions

- MON., 12/7 - IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**
6:00 P.M. - Alice Kurt (Birthday) (Robert Pastor)
- TUE., 12/8 - IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**
8:00 A.M. - Greta Prenatt (Ken & Gerry Kightlinger)
- THU., 12/10 - ADVENT WEEKDAY**
8:00 A.M. - Charles Thellman (Julia & Jim Garnet)
- FRI., 12/11 - ST. DAMASUS**
8:00 A.M. - Catherine Bost (Anniv) (Husband & Sons)
- SAT., 12/12 - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
5:00 P.M. - Ralph Carapellotti (Birthday) (Greco family)
- SUN., 12/13 - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
8:00 A.M. - The Parishioners
10:30 A.M. - Ochoa Family (Amy McKinley & family)



Last Sunday's offertory, \$2,387.00 (368 envelopes mailed and 156 envelopes received) and loose, \$594.11. Children's offering, \$18.36. Average gift of envelope users: \$15.30. **And also from our children . . .** "I prayed for the souls of priests in Purgatory . . . I read about St. Elizabeth . . . I made the varsity basketball team . . . I cleaned my bedroom . . . I babysat for the neighbor—and didn't take any money . . ."

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL
Diocesan Goal: \$31,729
Pledged to Date: \$60,617
191% of Diocesan Goal
Amount Received to Date: \$49,360
269 contributors = 67% of Parish

Jim Mushrush won last week's "**300 Club**" drawing for \$100—#256 for week 16. Congratulations! And don't forget that there will be **TWO** drawings next weekend (December 13) for **\$250** each for the Christmas season! Good Luck!!

Please notice that there is an envelope in your monthly packet for "**Christmas Flowers**". Please be sure to mark the other side of this envelope with the names of those you wish to remember with this memorial. The Masses on Christmas Eve and Day will be celebrated for these individuals. Please be as generous as you always are. If you do not have envelopes and still wish to memorialize someone with a donation, you can do so in any envelope and just mark what it's for. Thanks so much.

Reminder that the pledges for this years Catholic Services Appeal should be paid by the end of December. Thank you for your generosity.

The Week Ahead

- MONDAY** Mass will be celebrated at 6 PM for the Immaculate Conception.
- TUESDAY** 55+ Club will meet at 12:30 PM for a Tureen Luncheon in the Hall. All are welcome. The Anointing of the Sick will take place after the lunch—around 1:15 PM.
- WEDNESDAY** Rosary makers will meet at 1 PM in the PEC.
- SUNDAY** Confession for students in Grade 7-9. Grade 10 class mass today at 10:30 AM. Liturgy of the Word for children during the 10:30 Mass. Feast Day Celebration today! Tureen luncheon in the Hall after 10:30 Mass.



Bible Quote: "**Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight.**" *Luke 3:4*

* Monday, December 7th the Elementary program will celebrate Mass at 6 PM for the *Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*. Please join with our students as we celebrate this special Mass. * Sunday, December 13th, the tenth grade will lead us in the *Youth Mass*. * Next weekend, December 12th and 13th, I will be selling raffle tickets for a reserved pew for the Christmas Eve 5:00 Mass.

"**Test Your Catholic Knowledge**" - The feast day for this Saint is December 6th. He will celebrate his day by placing gifts in your shoes! (a) St. Michael; (b) St. Gabriel; (c) St. Nicholas. Write your answer along with your name and phone number on a piece of paper and place it in the collection basket for a chance to win our monthly drawing. **GOOD LUCK TO ALL!**

Bishop Trautman has announced that he will be coming to confer the **Sacrament of Confirmation** on our junior class on Thursday, April 22nd, at 7 P.M. The celebration will take place at St. Philip's in Linesville. Please keep these young men and women in your prayers at this special time.

If there's any man in the parish who is seriously considering the **permanent diaconate** program, applications must be submitted to the diocese by the end of this month in order to be part of the formation program beginning in September of next year. Please pray to the Lord asking for guidance in discerning this in your life.

Tuesday of this week (December 8th) is the **Feast of the Immaculate Conception** and is a **Holy Day of Obligation**. Please remember that this means we treat this day as if it were a Sunday: celebrating Mass together and making it a special day of prayer. The dogma of the Immaculate Conception teaches us that Mary was conceived sinless within the womb of her mother. She had no need of conversion or Baptism: she was immaculate from the start. She is the patroness of the nation. Masses will be celebrated here on Monday evening at 6 and Tuesday morning at 8. Please note that at the Monday evening Mass, our Religious Education students will be present. All are invited to this Mass.

Please remember to return your "**Samaritan Angel**" gift to the hall by Monday of this week, December 7th. Thank you so much for making a child's Christmas this year. You do your part, and the angels will do the rest!

		ALTAR SERVERS	LECTORS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	USHERS	GREETERS
SAT	5:00 PM	Cody Slevin Kary Grieser	Jerry Waldron	John Lauffer, Bob & Linda Slevin	Tom Donegan (c) Bill Greco Bob Russell Mary Donegan	Mary Beth Jacobs
SUN	8:00 AM	Rebecca & Amanda Novosel	Helen Biemer	Diana Conroy, Bob & Paula Hilton	Ken Novosel (c) Bob Burns Rich Starn Bob Harrison	Grace Bossard
SUN	10:30 AM	Rachel Verno Erika Krachkowski	Sandy Ragozine	Marlene Gross, Pete & Sue Simonetta	Dave Perfett (c) Ed Pieszak John Meyerhoff Mark Sobieski	Sue Keas



HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK TO:
DECEMBER 6, James McClelland, Mark McElhinny, William Newell, Lucille Parker, Annie Wurdock; **DECEMBER 7,** Virginia Anderson; **DECEMBER 8,** Grace Byler; **DECEMBER 9,** Mary Lou Kessler, Tammy Veverka; **DECEMBER 10,** Michelle Bartic; **DECEMBER 12,** Sue Keas. **ENJOY YOUR DAY!**

Husbands, searching for a special gift for Christmas this year? Give the gift of yourself for an entire weekend. Bring your wife to **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** and enrich your relationship. Next is February 19-21, 2010. For more information call (814) 823-4600.

There is a bus that has been reserved to attend the **March for Life** in Washington D.C. The bus will leave St. Philip's in Linesville. The March for Life is on Friday, January 22, 2010. Anyone interested in marching for life, please call Rebecca at 382-6363.

The **Anointing of the Sick** will be celebrated THIS Tuesday, December 8th, after the 55+ Club luncheon (around 1:15). Anyone who feels the need to receive this healing Sacrament is invited to be anointed. If you are experiencing some sort of chronic illness, anxiety, facing surgery of any kind, or feeling an illness (emotional, physical, or spiritual), you are encouraged to come and be anointed.

There will be a **second collection** at all Masses next weekend for our **retired men and women religious**. This collection assists those religious who served and gave so much of their lives in our hospitals, nursing homes, schools and orphanages. These men and women are now retired and living on very little in motherhouses, convents, and nursing homes staffed by their communities. This collection is not for diocesan priests, but rather for those who are members of religious communities and orders. Many of these sisters taught us in grade school. Please be as generous as you always are at this collection. Thank you!



O Root of Jesse and O Key of David. What beautiful titles for the Lord. We focus on these two "O Antiphons" this week on our banners and on our bookmarks. Jesse was the father of King David and it was from this lineage the Savior was born, a descendant of King David, and the Son of Joseph the Carpenter. Jesus then was of royal lineage! And truly, Jesus is a "key" that opens and frees us all from fear, sin, and even death! What beautiful names for our Savior. They inspire us to understand Him just a little bit more. O come, Lord Jesus, come . . . Come O Root of Jesse and Key of David. Come.

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Our **parish feast day** will be celebrated next Sunday at and after the 10:30 Mass. The feast of **Our Lady of Guadalupe** is this Saturday, and so on Sunday we will celebrate our feast with a special Mass and dinner. There will be piñatas and gifts for the children. Please try to come and be part of this parish event as we celebrate who we are as a parish family. This is always a wonderful time to begin all these holiday celebrations! Don't forget to sign up at the doors of the church so we know how many will be attending. Everything will be provided by the parish, just bring a large tureen dish of your favorite food to share with all. Hope to see you there! **Pat Marshall**, director of the Diocesan Mission Office, will speak at all Masses regarding the "**Sister Parish**" we hope to adopt in the near future. What a perfect occasion to speak about mission and extending our parish's helping hand toward Mexico . . . as we celebrate the Lady of Guadalupe!

Today's Readings

Reading I: Baruch 5:1-9. God will show all the earth the splendor of Jerusalem.
Reading II: Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11. He who has begun a great work in you will continue to strengthen you.
Gospel: Luke 3:1-6. The preaching of John the Baptist.
Question of the Week: Name one thing you can do to help prepare the way of the Lord?