

Praised Be Jesus Christ!

How is your Advent going? Have you been spending time each day reading and meditating on God's Holy Word or those booklets that we gave you? If not, why not? Let God instruct you on how to live your life! The Bible is the owner's manual to our lives, written by the one who created us! When we live by God's Word, then life starts to click in place, and we have peace. If all of us as a parish community started spending time with God and His Word just think what we could do! So if you have not yet committed to daily Bible reading, today is the day to start!

Next Sunday after the 11:00 Mass we will have another Town Hall Meeting. As always, I encourage you to come and let your voice be heard. I really do care about what you think the Lord is calling us to do. This is what is most important here at our parish—that we do God's will. That is all that matters! So together we can discern His will, and you can help me make sure that I am only doing His will and not my own. The Town Hall Meeting only takes one hour. During the first half, I give a "state of the parish" message, where I talk about what we have been doing and where I think that God is calling us. The second half of the meeting is when you have the opportunity to ask questions, voice concerns, and put forth ideas. This is God's parish, and together we can do His will.

Thank you also for your great response for the oil candles for the altar – all of those that we already ordered are taken! So, we like them so much that we are also going to get more for the ones on the walls of the church and for our weekly Adoration and Novena by getting them for the candelabras. So for those of you who still want to get them in memory of someone, now is your chance! Again they are \$100 each and are great ways to remember loved ones before our Lord.

Another thing is that again I need your help with our 6th Annual Priest Party at the rectory on December 27th this year, which is the Sunday after Christmas. You were all SO GENEROUS the past five years, so we ask you again to be able as a parish to show all the priests how thankful we are for them. So I ask you to please make cookies, or pies, or cakes, or meatballs, or send sandwich trays, or anything that we can put out for the priests to eat. We also will take any kind of "libations" to help make the "spirits bright!" I want to be able to show all our priests that the people of our parish care for them and support them in a very real way—that means we feed them! Please, if you can help out, call the parish office and tell what you will send. ALSO THIS YEAR, I am asking for some help to set up and clean up once again – I just can't do it all myself.

The party starts at 4:00 PM and so we would need some people to set things up at the rectory and then they could leave; and then we need some people to come back on Monday morning to help clean up. I know you will help – you always do – I am so glad that I can count on you! Thank you all SO much!

Remember I love you –

God Bless+++

In His love,

Fr. Larry

THE NEXT TUESDAY'S TEA is scheduled for THIS coming Tuesday, December 8th from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM at the Frezza residence. Please give Margie a call 868-3253 to let her know if you will be coming, and to get directions.

THE FOLLOWING HOURS ARE OPEN IN THE ADORATION CHAPEL: Sunday 12 AM, 1 AM, 3 AM, 11 AM, 4 PM and 5 PM; Monday 3 PM, and 6 PM; Tuesday 1 AM, 3 AM and 5 ; Wednesday 10 PM and 11 PM; Thursday 12 AM, 1 AM, 2 AM, 8 AM and 11 PM; Friday 12 AM, 2 AM, and 12 PM, 2 PM & 6 PM; Saturday 12 AM, 3 AM, 5 AM and 2 PM, 3 PM, 4 PM, 5 PM, 8 PM, and 11 PM. We are also still in need of a Division Coordinator for the hours from 6 PM to 11 PM; and Hour Coordinators for 1 AM & 2 PM Call Sherry at 864-0283 or Ruthann at 868-0308.

THIRTY-ONE CLUB: The following parishioners will be offering Mass for vocations during this week: December 6th – Trish Johnson; December 7th – Dale Jennings; December 8th – Dan Schaaf; December 9th – Dawn Schaaf and Dolores Smith; December 10th – Lillian Tonelli; December 11th – Mary & Maria Neville; December 12th – Sally Carrig.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!: Our New Member Classes conclude this Sunday, December 6th – beginning at 10:00 AM in the Community Center Gym. All family members are welcome to come. New Members will be welcomed at all the Masses the weekend of December 12th-13th. If you cannot attend one of the classes, please call Nancy in the parish office to get a copy of the VHS or DVD to view at home. All new members must attend or watch all three classes.

ST. JOSEPH NOVENA AND HOLY HOUR: Our St. Joseph Novena & Holy Hour is back on Wednesdays, at 7:00 PM in the church. Please note that there will be NO Novena & Holy Hour on Wednesdays, December 23rd and 30th, due to the Christmas and New Year schedules. All are welcome! Come worship the Lord!

HOLIDAY FOOD: Outreach Ministry is collecting funds and/or gift cards for local grocery stores every Sunday now through December 21st to provide a little extra help for Christmas for those in our community a little less fortunate. If you know of someone who is in need of food this holiday season, please contact Patty at 860-8083 or Theresa at 838-5019.

CHURCH DECORATING: We will be decorating the church for Christmas on Sunday, December 20th, beginning right after the 11:00 AM Mass. We need YOUR help! Please sign the list for volunteers in the vestibule of the church.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: Envelopes to make donations for Christmas flowers are on the table in the back of the church. Your donation can be made in memory of a deceased loved one, in honor of living family members and friends, or just because you want to donate for the beautiful poinsettias! Mark the envelope with your intention and place in the collection basket at Mass.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: Tuesday, December 8th, is the feast of the Immaculate Conception, a holy day of obligation. Masses will be celebrated on Monday, December 7th, at 5:15 PM and on Wednesday, December 8th, at 7:00 AM, 12:10 PM, and 7:00 PM – all of them IN THE CHURCH.

TOWN HALL MEETING: Mark your calendar today. Father Larry will hold a Town Hall Meeting on Sunday, December 13th, beginning at 12:30 PM in the Community Center gym. All are welcome to get an update on the ‘state of the parish’ AND to ask questions and make comments – ALL of them respectful, of course!!!! Come and welcome our newest members, as well!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS: Over the last few months, several people in liturgical ministry – ushers, greeters, altar servers, Extraordinary Ministers, and lectors – have not showed up for their scheduled times or arrive too late to serve. Please check your schedule carefully when you pick it up in the vestibule or print it from our website. If you cannot serve, and you are not able to get a substitute, please call Nancy in the parish office LONG before the “day of” your time to serve.

PLEASE JOIN OUR VERY OWN CHRISTIAN ROCK GROUP, STRAIGHT AHEAD for a very special evening on Saturday, December 12th at 7 PM at the Faith Café, 3520 Perry Street. Hope to see you all there!

Masses For the Week

- Saturday (12/5)** *Anticipated Mass for Sunday*
5:15 PM + Living & Deceased of the Parish
- Sunday (12/6)** *Second Sunday of Advent*
8:30 AM + Deceased Members of the Bulger Family
11:00 AM + Rita E. Wiesen Elliot (Pat & Linda Kemper)
- Monday (12/7)** *Ambrose, bishop & doctor*
7:00 AM + Ed Kloecker—Anniv. (Kay)
11:30 AM + John O’Malley (McGovern Family)
5:15 PM + Robert Tarkowski, Sr. (Gert)
- Tuesday (12/8)** *Feast of the Immaculate Conception*
7:00 AM + Fran Kloecker—Anniv (Family)
12:10 PM + Will Kennedy (Carol Mando)
7:00 PM + John Guido—Anniv. (Ann Guido)
- Wednesday (12/9)** *Advent Weekday*
7:00 AM + John O’Malley—Anniv. (McGovern Family)
11:30 AM + Will Kennedy—Birthday (Family)
- Thursday (12/10)** *Advent Weekday*
7:00 AM + Alice Knoll (Jean Schroeck)
11:30 AM + Patty Baumann (Lou Siliano)
- Friday (12/11)** *Damasus I, pope*
7:00 AM + Alice Knoll (Mary Lou Scottino)
11:30 AM + Pearl Gansberger (Frezza Family)
- Saturday (12/12)** *Anticipated Mass for Sunday*
5:15 PM + Josephine Trucco (Chris Kowalski)
- Sunday (12/13)** *Third Sunday of Advent*
8:30 AM + Mary Ellen Erhart (Birthday Girls)
11:00 AM + Living & Deceased of the Parish

Week of November 30, 2009

Offertory	\$ 4665.70
Stewardship	\$ 682.00
On-line Giving	\$ 945.00
Weekly Expenses	\$ 8542.00

Weekend of December 12th & 13th

- Saturday, December 12th** 5:15 PM Fr. Larry
- Sunday, December 13th** 8:30 AM Fr. Larry
- 11:00AM Fr. Larry

If you have a special prayer intention for the month of December, please call Lillian Tonelli at 825-8540 or Chris Smith at 459-2236.