

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS – ST. ANTHONY



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626 S. Olden Ave.

November 30, 2008

Worship & Sacramental Life
OLS: Our Lady of Sorrows Church
SA: St. Anthony Church

Weekend Masses

Saturday:

4:30 p.m. (SA), 5:00 p.m. (OLS)

Sunday:

7:30 (OLS), 8:00 (SA), 9:00 (OLS)

10:00 (SA), 11:00 a.m. (OLS),

6:30 p.m. (Creole) (SA)

Holy Days of Obligation

Vigil:

7:00 p.m. (SA)

Daytime:

7:00 a.m. (OLS), 12:15 p.m. (SA)

7:00 p.m. (OLS)

Weekday Masses

7:00 a.m. (OLS)

8:00 a.m. (SA)

Holidays as announced

Sacrament of Baptism

11:15 a.m.: 1st Sunday (SA)

12:15 p.m.: 2nd & 3rd Sundays (OLS)

11:00 a.m.: 4th Sunday (Mass) (OLS)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday and by appointment

3:15-4:00 p.m. (SA), 3:45-4:30 p.m. (OLS)

Parish Staff

Rev. Msgr. Thomas N. Gervasio, Pastor

Rev. Eugene K. Savarimuthu, Adjunct

Rev. Pierre M. Alabré, Haitian Ministry

Rev. Oscar Sumanga, In Residence

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James Challender

Joseph Jaruszewski

Timothy Moore

Kevin O'Boyle

Dennis Slavin

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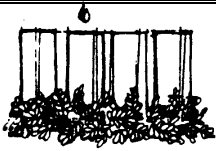
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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 30, 2008

Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved."

Psalm 80

Mass Intentions for the Week OUR LADY OF SORROWS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29
 5:00 p.m. Isadore Martinetti *Wife & children
 Marie Stillitano *Emily Sciarrotta

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30
 7:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish
 9:00 a.m. Louis & Madelyn Ragucci *Family
 Albert Delle Grotte *Family
 11:00 a.m. Joseph Ratigan * Barbara Schreier
 Frances Schiener *Chuck Murphy

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1
 7:00 a.m. Carmella Costa *M/M Keith Zimmerly
 Clementine Nowak *John Halloran & family

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2
 7:00 a.m. Marie DeVitis *Diane Runowicz
 Palma Ristaino *Anne & Louis Pascucci

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3
 7:00 a.m. Margaret Boozan
 *Kathleen & Peter McGlinchy
 John Rose, Sr. *Thomas Pyle

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4
 7:00 a.m. Shirley Harrison *Ann & Mark Beyer
 Margaret Boozan *Joe & Judy Malloy

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5
 7:00 a.m. Karen Maltese *Carannante Family
 Francis J. Leone *Joe & Joann Hejda

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6
 5:00 p.m. James Militig, Jr. *Mother
 Elizabeth Mack *Virginia & William Kelly

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7
 7:30 a.m. Charles Kachur *Family
 Russell & Elma Amico *Family
 9:00 a.m. Mary Cook *Rosary Altar Society
 Marion Bates *Rosary Altar Society
 11:00 a.m. Joseph Nocera *Mother & family
 The DiMaio Family *Len DiMaio & Shirley

Liturgical Celebrations This Week

Wed., December 3 St. Francis Xavier
 Thu., December 4 St. John of Damascus
 Sat., December 6 St. Nicholas

Rectory Office Hours

Mon – Thu: 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.; 1:30 - 8:00 p.m.
 Fri & Sat: 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.; 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Closed Sunday

Mass Intentions for the Week SAINT ANTHONY

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29
 8:00 a.m. Bernard Ridolfino *Sharon, Kenneth, & family
 Amelia Saint Phard *Yolande Vilsaint
 4:30 p.m. Catherine Dow *Sisters
 Levio J. DiCesare *Wife & daughters

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30
 8:00 a.m. Sally & Tony Mancuso *Family
 Theresa Witkowski *Nieces & nephews
 10:00 a.m. Cunningham, Pierfy, & Burroughs Families
 *Family
 Mary Ialacci *Susan & Dana Ricci

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1
 8:00 a.m. Ann Marie Dickson *Estate
 Lucy Verdi *Eileen DeSantis

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2
 8:00 a.m. Sr. M. Michele, R.S.M. *Mollye Carroll
 Esther Bryce *Family

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3
 8:00 a.m. Margaret Flood *May Doyle
 Elmer Bartolomei *Rectory Staff

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4
 8:00 a.m. James M. Kerlin * Mary Kerlin
 Reno Paglione * Family

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5
 8:00 a.m. Msgr. Michael P. McCorristin *Parish
 James O'Rourke *Eileen Murphy

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6
 8:00 a.m. Frank Pelliterri *G. & J. Beres
 James E. O'Rourke *Parish
 4:30 p.m. Hazel Pierfy *M/M David Pierfy
 Livio Troiani *Daughter, Eleanor

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7
 8:00 a.m. For the People of the Parish
 10:00 a.m. James Muscato *Wife & children
 Mario Passerella *Wife, Tina

Weekly Sanctuary Lamp Intentions

The lamps that burn before the Blessed Sacrament in St. Anthony Church this week are offered in loving memory of Mary Ialacci at the request of Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Paccillo and Mr. & Mrs. Gene Palumbo.

Please Pray for Our Beloved

Deceased
 Mary Stephan

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners:

Happy New Year...Liturgical year, that is! We begin a new year that will unfold for us the mysteries of our redemption. **Advent** is often a neglected season in the sense that its beauty and message is "crowded out" by the hectic season of shopping and group "Christmas" parties that anticipate the holy day! Let's not allow Advent to slip away! Do your best to observe it through daily Mass and some time for personal devotion. We are pleased to provide once again a "little blue book" of daily reflections to help us.

Thanks again to all those who contributed to the **Thanksgiving Food Appeal** and to all those who are generously "**adopting a family or child**" for Christmas! Our parish can be proud of this beautiful tradition of love and concern for our brothers and sisters in need.

As we mark the end of November, the month dedicated to prayer for the faithful departed, I thank all those who carry out in various ways the **ministry of consolation** in our parish. Thanks to Mrs. Joan Bartolomei, who oversees this ministry. She is assisted by our deacons, who faithfully preside at the many vigils at the area funeral homes, the adult servers and liturgical assistants, the music ministers, and funeral choir. All provide a measure of consolation and solidarity for our parishioners at the most difficult time of life.

With affection,
Msgr. Gervasio

Rosary Altar Society News

Monthly Meeting – Monday, December 1

The evening will begin at 7 p.m. with an Advent Prayer Service in the Upper Church at the OLS Campus. All parishioners are invited to join us. Following the prayer service, our general meeting and Christmas Social will be held in the Church Meeting Room. Betty Adamczyk and her committee will provide refreshments.

Our Annual Christmas Luncheon will be held on Sunday, January 4, 2009 at Tessara Restaurant. The cost is \$25 per person and will be collected at the meeting.

Corporate Mass – 9 a.m., Sunday, Dec. 7, at OLS

Everyone is welcome to join us for the Rosary at 8:30 a.m. as we pray for world peace, an end to terrorism, abortion, the intentions of the Holy Father, and our own special intentions.

Rosary Makers and Prayer Shawl Groups

The Rosary Makers and Prayer Shawl Groups will not meet in December.

Important Notice

If you ordered candy from the Pre-school, please remember to pick it up from the Church Meeting Room on Saturday, December 6, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. or Sunday, December 7, between 8:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

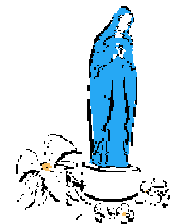
Pray for the Sick

We commend to your prayers all the sick in the parish. While not every name can appear in the listing below, we remember all those who are ill and pray that they may know the Lord's healing presence.

Dr. Robert Ambrose, Frank Anama, Amy Boros, Katherine D'Angelo, Paula Donahue, Tom Dzuibek, Cora Guerin, Ann Janulewicz, Edith LaBella, Mary Latella, George Loh, John Longo, Judy Miller, David Parziale, Kathleen Parziale, Richard Pizzuti, Rita Plant, Vivian Saxby, Ian Scheurman, Jennie Scott, Kimberly Smith, Dave Thoennes, Mary Masick Timian, and Anthony Tonzini

Due to limited space and our desire to include the names of others, absent special circumstances, names will remain on our list for one month only. Please call the parish office (587-4372) to have a name removed earlier.

Expectant Mothers Blessing



"Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb."

A special blessing will be given to all expectant mothers in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Dec. 14. This blessing will take place at the 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Anthony and at the 11:00 a.m. Mass at Our Lady of

Sorrows. If you are expecting and would like to receive this special blessing, please call Doreen at the rectory office (587-4372) by Dec. 5, and leave your name. Please arrive 15 to 20 minutes before Mass on Dec. 14 and tell the deacon you're there for the blessing.

Many Hands Make Light Work



The Church Decorating Committee at the OLS campus is looking for volunteers to help decorating our church environment for the special holy seasons of the liturgical calendar. Tasks range from making bows to climbing ladders in order to hang decorations on the church walls. We will need volunteers for the upcoming season of Christmas. If you are interested being a part of this special committee, please call Mary Ellen Sullivan at 587-4732.

Bible Study Groups

Monday Night Bible Study

OLS Lower Church at 7:30 p.m.

Information: Len Commini—800-365-9656 x6561

Wednesday Morning Bible Study & Faith Sharing

OLS Church Meeting Room at 9:45 a.m.

Information: Mary Napolitano—586-2203

Women's Scripture Sharing

1st & 3rd Sunday each month from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

2nd floor of Mary's Haven, OLS Campus

New members & guests welcome.

Information: Pat—587-6838

Bingo Assignments

Saturday: 8 p.m. – Parish Center Cafeteria

The Bingo worker schedule appears below. If there is a scheduling conflict, please contact Karen Brisson (587-4141) or Susan Dolan (324-3985) well in advance so that other arrangements can be made. Workers are asked to arrive by 6:45 p.m.

Dec. 6 Baker, Burek, Genicola, Jefferys, Kelly

Dec. 13 Laurente, Longo, Marion, Martin, Okupski

AROUND THE DIOCESE

OLS School Fundraiser at Carella's



"The Brown Dog"



Monday, Dec. 8

2:30 p.m. to Closing

No coupon needed, just tell the cashier that you would like your purchase to benefit OLS School. It's that easy!



Trenton Diocesan Spiritual Center

Mount Holly, NJ

609-877-0509

FHOP@verizon.net

www.FHOP.org

Celebrate Advent

Tuesday, Dec. 2, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. or 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Donation: \$15 (Tell us a.m. or p.m. when you register.)

Lectio Divina

Thursday, Dec. 4, 9:30 a.m. – Noon; Donation: \$15

Preparing Spiritually for Christmas

Tuesday, Dec. 9, 9:30 a.m. – Noon; Donation: \$15

Advent Evening Prayer

Wednesday, Dec. 10 7:00 - 8:00 PM; Love offering

Seniors' Activities

Senior Club #1

There will be no meeting or bus trip in December.

The Holiday Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 9, at Roman Hall, from Noon to 4:00 p.m.

For reservations, please call Lucy (587-3273) or Gloria (587-1151).

Senior Club #2

Meeting: Tuesday, December 2

1:00 p.m. in the Church Meeting Room

Trip to Showboat Casino on Dec. 17

Bus leaves the OLS church parking lot at 9:30 a.m.

Call Bea (298-5559) for reservations.

Senior Club #3

Meeting: December 9, 1:00 p.m.

Church Meeting Room – Table 5 Hosts

Bingo and cards played after all meetings

Christmas Party: December 19, 1:30 p.m.

Rosa's Pizza Star (3442 S Broad St, Trenton)

Call Marie Rizzuto (586-7127) for reservations.

Our Seniors Clubs welcome new members! You do not have to be a parishioner to join the Seniors Clubs.

Youth Group News

High School Youth Group

Nov 30: Meeting 7-9 p.m. at Mary's Haven

Annual St. Francis Concert

St. Francis Medical Center is holding its annual Holiday Concert featuring the Orchestra of St. Peter by the Sea, conducted by the Reverend Alphonse Stephenson, on Monday, December 1, at 7:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church (Broad St, Trenton). Tickets are \$40 per person; corporate packages are available. Tickets for a 5:00 p.m. pre-performance cocktails and buffet dinner at Monsignor Toomey Hall in Sacred Heart Church are \$100 each, which includes a reserved seat at the concert. All proceeds will benefit St. Francis Medical Center. For more information or tickets, please call the Foundation Office at 599-5659.

Please Note

St. Mary's Cemetery at Cedar Lane and Olden Ave. welcomes your visits to pray for and honor your beloved deceased. To help maintain the dignity and good order of the cemeteries under our care, we will not allow grave blankets to be placed in any of the cemeteries (i.e., St. Mary, Holy Sepulcher, St. Nicholas, St. Stephen, or St. Francis) for the Christmas season. **Christmas wreaths may be placed in cemeteries.** We appreciate your cooperation. Thank you.

Msgr. James H. Dubell, Director, Diocesan Cemeteries

Adult Faith Enrichment at St. Ann's

Martin Arsenault, director of the Diocesan Office of Catechesis, will present *A Reflection on the Life and Work of Thomas Merton* from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 10, at the Church of St. Ann (1253 Lawrence Road, Lawrenceville). Merton, who died 40 years ago, was an American Writer and Trappist monk at Our Lady of Gethsemani Abbey in Trappist, Kentucky. One of the most prolific writers on Christian spirituality during the 1950s and '60s, he authored more than seventy books. This session will reflect on the man and his work, what he left us, and how he continues to influence the American Church. All are welcome! If you have any questions or need additional details, please call Gary Maccaroni at 882-6491, ext. 116.

You're Invited

Are you a member of a parish group, committee, agency or community organization involved in the works of Charity and Justice?

If so, you are invited to the 4th Annual Gaudium et Spes Mass, the diocesan Mass for Ministers of Charity and Justice, on Saturday, December 6, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Gregory the Great Church. Bishop John M. Smith will preside. To register, check with your parish office or contact Mary Ellen Blackwell (394-5182, ext. 162; mblackwell@cctrenton.org).

Christmas Carol Festival

Everyone is invited to attend a Christmas Carol Festival on Thursday, December 4, from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m., at St. David the King (1 New Village Rd, Princeton Junction). Sing traditional Christmas carols and enjoy a wide array of delicious homemade cookies and baked goods, Wassail, coffee, or juice. Step back from the hectic pace of the holiday season, and enjoy this special evening. Call 275-7111 for further information.

Christmas Season Benefit Concert

The Philadelphia Boys Choir & Chorale is coming to Divine Mercy Parish to perform a Christmas Season Benefit Concert. All proceeds from ticket sales will benefit Mercy House, the parish's social concerns outreach program to the poor and needy of the parish and community.

The concert will be held from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 4, at Holy Cross Church, 201 Adeline Street in Trenton. Additional free parking will be available one block away at the Mercer County Administration parking lot (entrance on South Broad Street).

Tickets for the event can be obtained at the Parish Office (393-4826), after weekend Masses at both worship sites—Holy Cross and St. Stanislaus (on Randall Avenue)—or by using the order form on the parish's website, www.divinemeracyoftrenton.org, where full information is available. The ticket cost is \$20.

Ecumenical Blue Christmas Service

When evening comes, there will be light. Zechariah 14:7

Christmas is the season of hope, love, joys, peace, and the great anticipation and celebration of the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ. For many, however, this is a depressing season, a difficult season. The reasons may vary: unemployment, financial problems, a recent death, stress, loneliness, illness, addiction, family gatherings with "difficult" relatives or in-laws, and more. Some may wonder why event try to celebrate.

For that reason, the Hamilton Ecumenical Fellowship will have a Blue Christmas Service on Monday, December 15, at 7:00 p.m. at Hamilton Square Baptist Church (3752 Nottingham Way). Come out and join in sharing and hearing prayers, Scripture, candle lighting, and music that acknowledges God's presence is for those who mourn, for those who struggle—and that God's Word comes to shine light into our darkness.

Everyone, regardless of church background (or lack of it), is welcome. The short service will be followed by a brief time for light refreshments and fellowship.

Priceless Promise

28th Season Program of the

Community Christian Adult and Children's Choirs

Sunday, November 30, 6:00 p.m.

Robbinsville Seventh Day Adventist Church, Robbinsville

Sunday, December 7, 4 p.m.

America's Keswick Conference Center, Rt. 530, Whiting

Friday, December 12, 7:30 p.m.

St. Anthony Church, Olden Ave., Trenton

Sunday, December 14, 3:00 p.m.

Villa Victoria Academy, Rt. 29, West Trenton

For additional information about the concerts and the Community Christian choir, please contact Pat Weitz (587-7076) or visit www.ccchoir.com.

Knights' News

Pancake Breakfast with Santa

The Knights of Columbus will host a Pancake Breakfast with Santa from 8:00 to 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, December 7, at their Council Home (1451 Klockner Road). Enjoy a full breakfast with eggs, bacon, sausage, hash browns, rolls, Danish, juice, and coffee. Tickets cost \$7.00 for adults and \$5 for children. Bring along a canned food for the poor, to be placed at Jesus' manger.

Remember the Needy

The Knights will be assembling food baskets for the needy in mid December. Would you consider donating your grocery store bonus turkey or ham? If so, please call us at 890-6213 or email gk6213@kofc.org.

Winter Wonderland

Hamilton Township's Winter Wonderland, a fun-filled time for the entire family, but especially for children, is a two-night extravaganza held at Kuser Farm Park. This year, it will take place on Friday, December 5—the tree will be lit at 6:00 p.m.—and Saturday, December 6, from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. Attendees can take a ride on the Holiday Express Train; stroll through Santa's Village and see Santa's helpers; visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus; get a free picture with Santa (personal cameras also permitted); stop at the petting zoo; write a letter to Santa; tour Kuser Farm Mansion; visit the Jersey Valley Model Railroad Club display; and much, much more!

The cost of admission is a new unwrapped toy for "Toys for Tots." Non-perishable food items also are being collected for a Holiday Food Drive. For additional information, please call Hamilton Recreation at 890-4028

Messiah

The Boheme Opera will present a special staging of the Christmas portion of Georg Friedrich Handel's *Messiah* on Saturday, December 6, at 7:30 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Church (540 Chestnut Avenue, Trenton). Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

You have never experienced a *Messiah* quite like this. Enjoy a truly memorable start to your holiday season. Witness gorgeous projected art masterpieces, innovative interpretation of a legendary story, and the familiar Baroque score resounding in one of Trenton's oldest and most beautiful churches.

Please call the Boheme Opera box office (581-7200) for both single and group reservations. General admission is \$30; Visa, MasterCard, Amex, and Discover are accepted.

Breakfast with Santa

The Fathers' Club of Trenton Catholic Academy is hosting Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 6, from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. Enjoy pancakes, sausage, pastries, and beverages in TCA's dining hall. Also featured are Santa's Secret Workshop, professional photos with Santa, and face painting in the Kids' Corner. Register by Dec. 1 and pay only \$7/adult and \$4/child. Tickets purchased after that date will cost an additional \$2. To pre-register, complete and return the form below (with cash or a check or money order payable to the school) to Trenton Catholic Academy, 175 Leonard Ave., Hamilton, NJ 08610 by December 1.

Name _____

Phone _____

Tickets: Adults: _____ @ \$7 Children: _____ @ \$4

Total enclosed: \$ _____

Holy Father's December Prayer Intentions

General: That in the face of a spreading of a culture of violence and death the Church through her apostolic and missionary activity may promote with courage the culture of life.

Mission: That especially in mission countries Christians may show with acts of fraternal love that the Child born in the stable at Bethlehem is the luminous Hope of the world.

You're Invited

Our Lady of the Angels Parish Community invites you to:
Our Advent series, ***Christ Is Coming: Are We Prepared?***

Dec. 6, 13, and 20 at 4:00 p.m.
Saint Joachim Church, 20-56 Butler St.

Homilist: Deacon Richard Arcari
From St Raphael - Holy Angels Parish

Come prepare your souls and minds
for the Nativity of the Lord.

Our Advent Penance Service

Monday, December 22, at 7:00 p.m.
Immaculate Conception Church, 540 Chesnut Ave.

Whether it has been a few weeks or a few years, celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation this Advent Season. A number of priests will be available to hear confessions in English, Spanish, Italian, and Polish.

This Christmas,

Remember Our Troops and Their Families

The NJ National Guard, with Senator Bill Baroni and the Firemen's Mutual Benevolent Association, are collecting pre-paid phone cards for our troops overseas. Share the joy of Christmas with the men and women who are serving their country so far from home and their loved ones. Drop-off locations include Senator Baroni's office at 3691-A Nottingham Way and the following fire companies: Rusling, White Horse, Mercerville, Decou, Enterprise, Nottingham, Hamilton, Colonial, and Groveville.

The Guard and Senator Baroni will be distributing holiday gift baskets to the families of our troops overseas. If you would like to make a donation, they will be accepting newly purchased items in gift baskets or gift bags including: candles; picture frames; bath items (bath oils, lotion, powder, etc.); gift cards to Target, Wal-Mart, restaurants, movie theaters, supermarkets; small photo albums; and disposable cameras. Donations may be dropped off at Senator Baroni's office.

The donation deadline for both phone cards and gift basket items is Dec. 19. If you have any questions about either of these efforts, please call 631-9988.



Adopt-a-Family, Adopt-a-Child for Christmas

For many years, our parish was blessed with a wonderful model of Christian discipleship, Deacon Joseph Malloy. Joe preached many homilies on how to live as Christians, but his most powerful homilies were those he preached without using any words at all. Joe put his faith into action through his tireless work with Martin House and the Mount Carmel Guild, and each Christmas, he invited us to join him in living out our Gospel values by sharing with those less fortunate than ourselves. The Social Justice/Social Concerns Committee wants to keep Joe's memory and his example alive by continuing the Adopt-a-Family program.

St. Francis of Assisi said, "For it is in giving that we receive." Your participation in our program surely will bring the true meaning of Christmas into your life and brighten your sense of joy. May you and all your family be abundantly blessed at Christmas and throughout the coming year.

- Please fill out the form below and tell us the number of children to whom you can give. Please **PRINT** all information legibly. Place the form in the collection basket or drop it off at the rectory, **OR SIGN UP ONLINE** at the parish website www.ols-sa.org/2008adopt
- We will send you your "adopted" family, including the name, age and size of each child. We ask that you buy 1 toy and 1 item of clothing for each child.
- Please wrap the gifts and label them with the child's name and your assigned donation number
- The gifts are to be brought to the OLS School cafeteria on Sunday, December 14, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

For additional information, call Mary Vanderhoof at 609-731-8031.

ADOPT-A-FAMILY PROGRAM (PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION CLEARLY)

Name _____

Street Address _____

City, ST Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email _____

Size of Family you would like to share with

_____ Small Family (2-3 children)

_____ Medium Family (4-5 children)

_____ Large Family (6-8 children)

_____ Single Child

_____ I would like to save paper and postage – please **EMAIL** my adopted family information to me

_____ I prefer to receive my adopted family information by **US Mail**

This Week's Activities*

<u>Day, Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sat., Nov. 29	8:00 a.m.	CYO Sports Practice	Gym
Sun., Nov. 30	Noon	CYO Sports Program	Gym
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop 38 Meeting	Lower Church Front & Church Library
	7:00 p.m.	High School Youth Group Meeting	Mary's Haven, Gym, & Cafeteria
Mon., Dec. 1	5:30 p.m.	Jazzercise	Gym
	7:00 p.m.	Rosary Altar Soc. Prayer Service & Meeting	Upper Church & Church Meeting Rm
	7:30 p.m.	Bible Study	Lower Church Front
	8:00 p.m.	CYO Sports Practice	Gym
Tue., Dec. 2	1:00 p.m.	Senior Club 2 Meeting	Church Meeting Room
	5:30 p.m.	CYO Sports Practice	Gym
	6:30 p.m.	Serra Club Meeting	Lower Church Front
Wed., Dec. 3	9:45 a.m.	Bible Study	Church Meeting Room
	5:30 p.m.	Jazzercise	Gym
	6:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts Meeting	Lower Church Front
	7:00 p.m.	FOCCUS	Church Meeting Room
	7:30 p.m.	RCIA	Church Library
	8:00 p.m.	CYO Sports Practice	Gym
Thu., Dec. 4	5:30 p.m.	CYO Sports Practice	Gym
	6:30 p.m.	VIRTUS Training	Cafeteria
	7:00 p.m.	Communion & Liberation: School of Community	Mary's Haven
Fri., Dec. 5	5:00 p.m.	CYO Sports Practice	Gym
	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scout Den Meeting	Lower Church Front
	7:00 p.m.	Middle School Youth Group Meeting	Mary's Haven & Gym
Sat., Dec. 6	8:00 a.m.	CYO Sports Practice	Gym
	5:30 p.m.	Candy Sale Order Pickup (until 6:30 p.m.)	Church Meeting Room
	8:00 p.m.	Bingo	Cafeteria
Sun., Dec. 7	8:30 a.m.	Candy Sale Order Pickup (until 12:30 p.m.)	Church Meeting Room
	Noon	CYO Sports Program	Gym
	Noon	DOLS Meeting	Cafeteria
	1:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study	Mary's Haven
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop 38 Meeting	Lower Church Front & Church Library
	7:00 p.m.	High School Youth Group Meeting	Mary's Haven, Gym, & Cafeteria

Activities listed above represent requested facility reservations. Please contact your group's leader if you have any question about whether or not the activity is still being held.

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GOSPEL TODAY

Nov. 30, 2008

MARK 13: 33-37



BE AWARE – Always be ready for the day and hour when God comes again. No one knows when, not even Jesus or the Angels in Heaven.

FIRST WEEK OF

ADVENT

ARRIVAL OR COMING OF CHRIST

BLESS THIS WREATH Prayer said by father or head of household

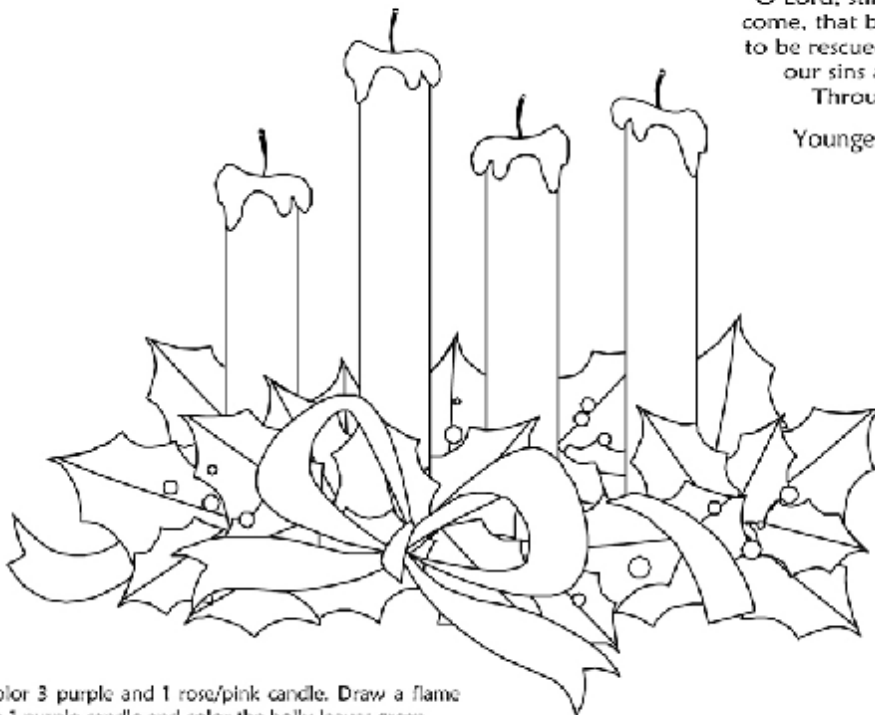
“O God, by whose word all things are sanctified, pour forth Thy blessings upon this wreath and grant that we who use it may prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ and may receive from Thee abundant graces. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.”

WEEK 1, evening lighting prayer

Prayer said by Father or head of household

“O Lord, stir up Thy might, we beg Thee, and come, that by Thy protection we may deserve to be rescued from the threatening dangers of our sins and saved by Thy deliverance. Through Christ our Lord, Amen”.

Youngest child lights 1 purple candle.



Color 3 purple and 1 rose/pink candle. Draw a flame on 1 purple candle and color the holly leaves green.

The base of our wreath is a **circle** with no beginning and no end. It symbolizes **THE ETERNITY OF GOD.**

We decorate the base with **EVERGREENS** which represent **CONTINUOUS LIFE.**