

# THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS – ST. ANTHONY



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**December 6, 2009**



**626 S. Olden Ave.**

## 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, 9:00, & 11:00 a.m. (OLS Upper Church)  
7:45, 9:15, & 11:15 a.m. (OLS Lower Church)  
8:00 & 10:00 a.m. (SA)  
6:30 p.m. (Creole) (SA)

### Holy Days of Obligation

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

### Weekday Masses

7:00 a.m. (OLS); 8:00 a.m. (SA)  
*Holidays as announced*

### Sacrament of Baptism

11:15 a.m.: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday (SA)  
12:15 p.m.: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays (OLS)

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

## 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**

## Monthly Rosary & Weekly Novenae

Rosary: 1<sup>st</sup> Sun of Month, 8:30 a.m. (OLS)  
Miraculous Medal Novena: Mon, after 8 a.m. Mass (SA)  
St. Anthony Novena: Tue, after 8 a.m. Mass (SA)

## Parish Staff

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Rev. Pierre M. Alabré, Haitian Ministry  
Rev. Oscar Sumanga, In Residence

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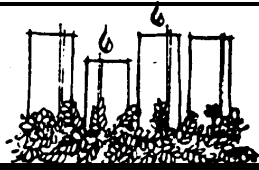
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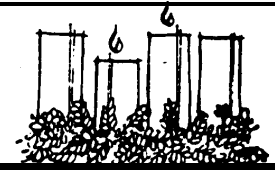
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## Second Sunday of Advent December 6, 2009

*Prepare the way of the Lord Luke 3:1-6*



### Mass Intentions for the Week OUR LADY OF SORROWS

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

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6**  
7:30 a.m. Jane C. Adams \*Lee Martinetti  
Vera J. Rago Chiacchio \*Marilyn & Sal Salvatini

9:00 a.m. Kathryn Bronnell \*Rosary Altar Society  
11:00 a.m. Hazel Pierfy \*Kathy & Dave Pierfy  
John Brennan \*M/M Robert Bennett

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 7**  
7:00 a.m. Mary Kondash \*Patty Richter & family  
Dennis Sullivan \*Wife, Mary Ann

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8**  
7:00 a.m. Deacon Joseph Peissner \*Wife  
Frank Zemcik \*Wife  
7:00 p.m. Agnes Mount \*M/M Robert Bennett  
Jane Adams \*Don & Maria Kosul & family

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9**  
7:00 a.m. Deceased Members \*Senior Club 3  
Lynn Tritremmel \*Linda Grice

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10**  
7:00 a.m. Frank Louis Silvestro \*Wife  
Deceased Members \*Holy Name Society

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11**  
7:00 a.m. Patricia Havardansky \*Howell Family  
Elizabeth Garton \*Tom & Melanie Pihokken

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12**  
5:00 p.m. Frank Fuccello, Sr. \*Jacqueline & George Massina  
Anthony F. Marasco \*Emily Sciarrotta

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13**  
7:30 a.m. Peter Pierleonardi \*Peggy Cook  
William Munn \*Margie Nocera  
9:00 a.m. Arthur J. Jones \*Nick Chomicki  
Gennaro Angelino \*Ida & Charles Leo  
11:00 a.m. Vincenzo Amantia \*Michael Amantia & family  
Joan Hooker \*Joan Bennett

### Mass Intentions for the Week SAINT ANTHONY

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5**  
8:00 a.m. Msgr. Michael P. McCorristin \*Parish  
Mildred Grocott \*Carol & Joe Notta  
4:30 p.m. Livio Troiani \*Daughter  
Stephen Plumeri \*Lee Petitto

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6**  
8:00 a.m. For the People of the Parish  
10:00 a.m. Carmela & Carmen Inverso \*Family  
Vincent Graziano \*Onorati-Pascucci Family

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 7**  
8:00 a.m. Dorothy Bresnen \*Family  
Steve Beczo, Sr. \*Mike Fonde  
7:00 p.m. Linda Jane Watters Byrne \*Tim & Jane Sweeney  
Thomas J. Licari M/M T. Sweeney

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8**  
12:15 p.m. Lucy Dutko \*Richard & Judy Piotrowski & family  
Roberta E. Warford \*Mike & Mary Ouskin

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9**  
8:00 a.m. Josephine Fox \*Son  
Daniel Posluszny \*Catherine Guarino

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10**  
8:00 a.m. Robert Herrera \*Wife & family  
Jean Capewell Waranis \*M/M George Burton

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11**  
8:00 a.m. Jane Marie Chamberlin \*Carl & Stacey Nami  
Stephen Beczo \*Carol Naples

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12**  
8:00 a.m. Frank Pellitteri \*G. & J. Beres  
Dennis Bryce \*Family  
4:30 p.m. Janice Glassman \*Eleanor  
Mario Passerella \*Wife

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13**  
8:00 a.m. For the People of the Parish  
10:00 a.m. Joseph & Monica Adamowitz \*David & Florence  
Lucy Cooper \*Mollye Carroll

#### *Please Pray for Our Beloved Deceased*

Ellen Liedtka	Florence Maccaroni
Thomas Matthews	Arthur Michon
Rita Plant	Henry Schuler
William Stillwell	

#### Liturgical Celebrations This Week

Mon., Dec. 7	St. Ambrose
Tue., Dec. 8	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (holy day of obligation)
Wed. Dec. 9	St. Juan Diego
Fri., Dec. 11	St. Damasus
Sat. Dec. 12	Our Lady of Guadalupe



## Renovation Update

### Our Lady of Sorrows Church

Work is continuing on the nave. The floor is nearly completed and painting has been extensive. The principal concern has been the installation of the ceiling system. Work on this aspect of the project has been delayed owing to delays in receiving the product from California. Adjustments had to be made to each panel as well. Once installation is completed, the scaffolding will be removed for the installation of the pews. Owing to the delays, whether the pews will be ready for Christmas is questionable. We *may* have to tolerate a bit longer the use of folding chairs.

### St. Anthony Church Elevator & Hall

We are witnessing the raising of the elevator structure at long last! The foundation work was formidable and quite expensive. Kudos to the contractors, VJ Scozzari and Sons, for the fine work they are doing. We are also seeing the final touches on the painting of the church hall and the upgrades to the restroom facilities. Floor repairs are underway as well. Yet to be completed are the stage floor and the installation of new lighting fixtures.

The upgrade to the church sound system was recently completed by Monte Bros. of Dobbs Ferry, NY. It is our hope that it helped in our ability to hear and discern the spoken word.



## The Tradition of the Advent Wreath

The Church is celebrating the season of Advent, a time to anticipate the birth of Christ, the Light of the World. Our parish continues its tradition of inviting families to carry the lighted Advent candle in procession at the beginning of each weekend Mass. If your family is interested in participating in this special tradition, please arrive at church 20 minutes before Mass starts and let the deacon know that you are interested in carrying in the Advent candle.

## Adopt-a-Family

We have found donors for over 500 children so far in the Adopt-a-Family Christmas gift sharing. Please remember that next Sunday, Dec 13<sup>th</sup> is the drop off day for Adopt-a-Family gifts. Please bring the wrapped gifts to the cafeteria of the Parish Center, located in the basement of Our Lady of Sorrows School, from **1:00 PM to 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 13. Please be sure to have the donation number and the child's name on each item.** Thank you so much for your generosity!

## The Blessed Mother's Dream

I had a dream, Joseph. I don't understand it, not really, but I think it was about a birthday celebration for our Son. I think that was what it was all about.

The people had been preparing for it for about six weeks. They had decorated the house and bought new clothes. They had gone shopping many times and bought elaborate gifts. It was peculiar, though, because, the presents weren't for our Son. They wrapped them in beautiful paper and tied them with lovely bows and stacked them under a tree.

Yes, a tree, Joseph, right in their house. They had decorated the tree also. The branches were full of glowing balls, and sparkling ornaments. There was a figure on the top of the tree. It looked like an angel might look. Oh, it was beautiful!

Everyone was laughing and happy. They were all excited about the gifts. They gave the gifts to each other, Joseph, not to our Son. I don't think they even knew Him. They never mentioned His name. Doesn't it seem odd for people to go to all that trouble to celebrate someone's birthday if they don't know Him? I had the strangest feeling that if our Son had gone to this celebration he would have been intruding.

Everything was so beautiful, Joseph, and everyone so glad. But it made me want to cry. How sad for Jesus, not to be wanted at His own birthday party. I'm glad it was only a dream. How terrible, Joseph if it had been real.

*Author Unknown*

## Thanksgiving Thank You!

Thank you to all who donated to the Thanksgiving Food Drive. We were able to provide over 150 turkeys, approximately 75 bags of groceries, and over \$1,000 in food gift cards and cash donations to needy families at the Martin House and Mount Carmel Guild in Trenton.

The generosity we witnessed from our parishioners was nothing short of awesome!



## Here's the SCOOP!

Come join us for our next  
Carella's Brown Dog  
Ice Cream Fundraiser

December's Super-Duper Scoopers:  
Mrs. Sheppard & Mr. Kelley!  
They'll be scooping ice cream  
on Monday, December 7,  
from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

**2009—CHRISTMASTIDE—2010**

**Sacrament of Penance**

**Area Penance Service - Tuesday, December 15**

7:00 p.m.: St. Gregory the Great Church, Hamilton

**Saturday, December 19**

3:15 – 4:00 p.m.: St. Anthony

3:45 – 4:30 p.m.: Our Lady of Sorrows

**Solemnity of Christmas**

**Vigil: Thursday, December 24**

**St. Anthony**

4:00 & 6:00 p.m. (*English*); 9:00 p.m. (*Creole*)

Solemn Mass at Midnight

Church doors open at 11:15 p.m.

**Our Lady of Sorrows**

4:00 p.m. (Church & Gym) & 7:00 p.m. (Church)

**Friday, December 25**

**Our Lady of Sorrows**

9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

**St. Anthony**

10:00 a.m. (*English*) & 5:00 p.m. (*Creole*)

**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

**New Year's Day**

**Vigil: Thursday, December 31**

**Our Lady of Sorrows & St. Anthony**

4:00 p.m.

**Friday, January 1**

**Our Lady of Sorrows**

9:00 & 11:00 a.m. only

**St. Anthony**

10:00 a.m. (*English*) & 5:00 p.m. (*Creole*)

**Rosary Altar Holiday Luncheon**

The Rosary Altar Holiday Luncheon will be held at 12:00 noon on Sunday, January 10, at Tessara's Restaurant (Route 33 in Hamilton). The cost for dinner is \$25. Please make check payable to OLS-SA Rosary Altar Society. Complete the following registration form and place with your check in an envelope marked Holiday Luncheon. Place the envelope in the collection plate, or return to the parish office no later than Monday, January 4. If you have any questions, please call chairpersons Joyce Berryman (587-8791) or Melissa Demko (695-5359).

**Rosary Altar Holiday Luncheon**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Choice of entrée:

\_\_\_\_\_ Broiled Tilapia

\_\_\_\_\_ Chicken Parmesan

\_\_\_\_\_ Grilled 10-oz. Steak

Amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

**Eat, Shop, and Make Money**

Yes, it's that easy! Just join us when we have our "FUN"draisers at local restaurants and ice cream shops, and a portion of the profits come back to Our Lady of Sorrows School. From September 2008 to August 2009, we raised more than \$1,200 to be used toward our playground. All money raised this year will be used for upkeep, maintenance, and any new additions to the playground.

This year we have added *Super-Duper Scoopers* to the fun of our monthly ice cream "FUN"draisers at *Carella's Brown Dog*. We will be joined by Mrs. Sheppard and Mr. Kelley as our scoopers on Monday, December 7, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Also, be on the lookout for coupons for our upcoming *Five Below* and *Red Robin* fundraisers. With Christmas coming, *Five Below* has invited us to shop the week of December 5-11, and if you shop on the night of December 9, you can stop in at Red Robin to eat. Both companies will be giving profits back to OLS. Just be sure to bring your coupons with you, and remember to share coupons with family and friends.



**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. 13. 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. 7, and leave your name. Please arrive 15 to 20 minutes before Mass on Dec. 13 and tell the deacon you're there for the blessing.

**Rosary Altar News**

**Monday, December 7**—Deacon Jim Buchanan will conduct a Prayer Service in the Upper Church. The monthly meeting will follow at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Meeting Room. Pat Veintimilla and her committee will provide refreshments for our Christmas Social.

## FIVE BELOW

The best place to get hot stuff, cool prices and raise money for **Our Lady of Sorrows!** fiVe BEL<sup>OW</sup> carries stationery, school supplies, computer software, books, electronic accessories, sporting goods, games, t-shirts, jewelry, hobbies, collectibles, bath and body, candy, snacks and beverages, room décor, storage, seasonal items plus much more. And everything is priced at \$5 or less!

Our event will be held on:

Date: December 5 – December 11  
 Time: During Store Hours  
 Where: Five Below located at  
 300 Marketplace Blvd, Hamilton  
 585-2652

And 10% of the dollars spent by our organization will be donated to Our Lady of Sorrows!

**Please don't forget to bring this flyer to the event so that we get credit for your purchase!**

**(pre tax) Purchase Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_**  
*To be completed by Five Below Associate*

**Register: 1 2 3 4 5 6 (circle one)**

**Associate Name \_\_\_\_\_**

At fiVe BEL<sup>OW</sup>, whatever you got will buy a lot!  
 Visit us at [www.fivebelow.com](http://www.fivebelow.com)

# WELCOME, BURGER FRIEND.

BRING THIS FLYER TO  
**RED ROBIN- ON**  
**WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 9**  
**BETWEEN 5-8 P.M.**  
**AND WE'LL DONATE 15% OF OUR**  
**PROCEEDS BACK TO**  
**OLS**  
 HAMILTON MARKET PLACE  
 TAKE-OUT ORDERS WELCOME  
 MAY NOT BE COMBINED WITH ANY OTHER  
 COUPONS OR OFFER.



## UGGS RAFFLE



**Uggs Classic Cardy**



**Tickets: \$2**



Drawing December 13, 2009 @ 4PM  
 at OLS-SA Basketball Home Game



Sponsored by:  
 OLS-SA Parish Sports Fundraising Committee  
 (Need not be present to win)



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## 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.*

Evelyn Bella, Peggy Seiler Brand, Ted Dolci, Paula Donahue, William Doolan, Victoria Elley, Richard T. Foley, Jim Holman, Joseph Kalinowski Sr., Edith LaBella, Leon LaBella, John A. Lenhardt, Jr., Stanley Marecki, Anna Marozzi, Barbara McClanahan, JoAnn McGuinness, Charles Scarna, Josephine Terlecki, Dave Thoennes, Virginia Urlick

*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. Call the parish office (587-4372) to have a name removed earlier.*

## Holy Name Society News

We will meet on Wednesday, December 9, at 7:30 p.m. in the Church Library. We will hold our traditional Christmas program instituted by, and in memory of, Fr. Anthony Buchcik. This consists of hymns and scriptural readings of the season.

To those who cannot be with us, we extend our heartfelt wishes for a very Holy and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



### **Campaign Update**

Thanks to parishioners who responded generously to the recent capital campaign request, a number of liturgical items and furnishings have been donated.

As of this writing (December 3), the following items are still available:

- Ø Restored Pews      Altar Candlesticks (5)
- Ø Chairs (9)      Altar Cloth
- Ø Funeral Pall      Chasuble (white)
- Ø Chasuble (violet)

If you would like to donate any of the above items, or would like more information, please call Clara at the Parish Office (587-4372).

## **AROUND THE DIOCESE**



### **Trenton Diocesan Spiritual Center**

Mount Holly, NJ

609-877-0509      FHOP@verizon.net

[www.FHOP.org](http://www.FHOP.org)

#### **Centering Prayer Evening**

Tue, Dec 15; 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.; love offering

We meet one Tuesday a month for 20 minutes of Lectio Divina and 40 minutes of Centering Prayer. These evenings really help to keep your Centering Prayer practice alive.

#### **Preparing Spiritually for Christmas**

Thu, Dec 17, 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. \$20 (lunch included)  
Give a morning to preparing your heart and soul to celebrate the Mystery of God's coming into our world at Christmas and into your life every day.

#### **Directed Retreat Weekend**

7:00 p.m. Fri, Dec 18, to 1:00 p.m. Sun, Dec 20;  
\$125/\$40 non-refundable deposit; please register early.  
The Directed Retreat Weekend offers you the opportunity to experience the graced rhythm of life in which rest restores your body and God revives your soul. Liturgy, Spiritual Direction and optional Centering Prayer periods are included.

#### **Personal Retreat Day**

Wed, Dec 30; 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.; \$10 or \$40 with Spiritual Direction; please bring a bag lunch.  
Take a day away from the busyness of your life to rest a while in the Lord. The day includes silence, personal prayer and optional Spiritual Direction.

#### **End of the Year Retreat**

Thu, Dec 31; 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.; love offering; please bring a bag lunch.  
Since God gives us life and time and is Lord over all, it seems appropriate to end the year in prayer. Francis House offers time, space and quiet for naming the graces of 2009 and expressing gratitude to God. The afternoon will focus on our goals, hopes and desires for 2010.

### **Xavier Retreat & Conference Center**



2 Convent Rd  
Convent Station, NJ 07960  
(973) 290-5100  
[xaviercenter@scnj.org](mailto:xaviercenter@scnj.org)

#### **Wednesday for Women**

Dec 9, 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.; \$35

*Meet the Mystics: Catherine of Siena* - Mystic of the 14<sup>th</sup> century, she was called by God through one of her visions to speak out about the many concerns of her day. As Catherine found her desire and its transformative energy to be a voice for God, how might she be a mentor to us in finding our voice for God in our world and its concerns of the day?

#### **Eight-Day Vincentian Directed Retreat**

7:00 p.m., Wed, Dec 9 to 1:30 p.m., Thu, Dec 17; \$560  
St. Vincent DePaul inspired a rich spiritual legacy. Join us for shared prayer and reflection on the experience of meeting Christ in persons who are poor and hallmarks of the Vincentian way.

#### **Advent Retreat: About Comings and Goings—Christ's and Our Own**

Sat, Dec 12, 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.; \$45

We Christians, without seeing him, believe that he comes again and again, season by season, minute by minute, sending us as he was sent. We are ready, eager to go, not without occasional fear and uncertainty, but wanting to go. We ask to be shown the way.

#### **Advent Penance Service**

Whether it has been just a few weeks or a few years, celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation this Advent Season. Our Lady of the Angels Advent Penance Service will be held at Immaculate Conception Church (540 Chestnut Ave. Trenton) on Tuesday, December 22 at 7:00 p.m. Priests will be available for confessions in English, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese, & Polish

#### **Looking for Work?**

The U.S. Census Bureau is currently recruiting census workers. If you're looking for a temporary job with good pay, flexible hours, paid training, and the chance to work independently in your own community, call 866-861-2010 or visit [www.2010censusjobs.gov](http://www.2010censusjobs.gov) for details.

#### **Breakfast with Santa**

Please join us for our annual Breakfast with Santa, which will be held Sunday, December 13, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Tickets are \$12 for ages 12 and up and \$4 for ages 4 – 12; children under 4 eat free.  
Breakfast includes pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, hash browns, fruit, and dessert. Pictures with Santa will be available and a super 50-50 raffle drawing will be held at 1:00 p.m. Please call Rob Curran (324-0191) for more information. Hope to see you there!



## The Upper Room Spiritual Center

3455 W. Bangs Avenue, Building 2  
Neptune, New Jersey 07753  
732-922-0550  
[office@theupper-room.org](mailto:office@theupper-room.org)

### Advent: Silence and Solitude Day

Thu, Dec 10, 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.; \$25

You are invited to put aside your busyness and be alone with God for a day. The time is yours to pray and reflect in the comfortable, quiet atmosphere of the Upper Room. The day will include a gathering and closing prayer, liturgy and a simple meal.

### Women of Faith – A Women's Gathering

Sat, Dec 12, 10:00 a.m.; \$10

Join us as we explore the lives of women of faith through the ages. The monthly Saturday morning gathering for women offers a time of reflection, prayer and nourishment of body and spirit. A light brunch is served following the gathering.

### Men's Gathering

Mon, Dec 14 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.; \$10

All men are welcome to our monthly meeting. This year the theme for each presenter is *Making Sense of My Life in Today's World – Where Does God Fit?* Presentations are followed by sharing, questions and discussion.

### Winter Solstice

Mon, Dec 21; 7:00 – 9:30 p.m.; \$25

On this longest night of the year, we enter into a time of darkness. Darkness summons us into silence, interiority, mystery. This evening celebration of the Winter Solstice is an invitation to reverence the sacred dimension of winter through story, song, blessing, and a ritual of gratitude. The celebration continues with a wassail bowl and desserts.

### Holy Father's December Prayer Intentions

**General:** That children may be respected and loved and never be the victims of exploitation in its various forms.

**Mission:** That at Christmas the peoples of the earth may recognize in the Word Incarnate the light which illuminates every man and that the Nations may open their doors to Christ, the Savior of the world.

### Saints of Advent

Take a break from all the pre-Christmas commotion and celebrate the saints and colors of the Advent season with artist and author, Brother Mickey McGrath.

Join Brother Mickey on Saturday, December 12, from 9:00 a.m. to noon at St. Paul's Church in Princeton (214 Nassau St.; 524-0507).

### You're Invited

St. Gregory the Great Church will host the Community Christian Choir's Christmas Concert, *Light of Hope*, on Friday, December 11, at 7:30 p.m. The non-profit, ecumenical, Community Christian Adult and Children's Choir consists of more than 130 members of all ages from 45 churches throughout central New Jersey. It has performed benefit concerts each season for the last six years and has raised and donated more than \$135,000 to many local charities. Proceeds from the concert being given at St. Gregory the Great will benefit Mt. Carmel Guild, which provides a helping hand to children, ailing seniors, and impoverished individuals and families in the Trenton area.

For additional information about the entire Christmas Concert Series and the Community Christian Choir, please visit [www.ccchoir.com](http://www.ccchoir.com).

### Save the Date!

The Religious Teachers Filippini will be having a retreat New Year's Eve for women 18 to 35 years of age. Arrive at Villa Walsh (455 Western Avenue, Morristown, at 7:00 p.m. on December 31; depart at 11:00 a.m. on January 1. A free will offering would be appreciated. If interested, or for more information, please contact Sr. Mary Elizabeth (973-538-2886, ext. 124; [srmelloyd@gmail.com](mailto:srmelloyd@gmail.com)).

### You're Invited

The annual Notre Dame High School Christmas Concert will be held on Thursday, December 10, at 7:30 p.m. Enjoy a relaxing evening of entertainment by the concert choir, Madrigal choir, band, and jazz band. Admission is free, although a free-will offering will be taken to help defray the cost of the Florida trip to perform at Disney World.

### Is Christ Calling You?

Are you seeking "knowledge and full insight to help you determine" your vocation in Christ as a Religious Teacher Filippini? Call Sr. Mary Elizabeth Lloyd, MPF, at 973-538-2886, ext. 124, or email [srmelloyd@gmail.com](mailto:srmelloyd@gmail.com).

### Important Notice

Because of the shortened work weeks that allow employees of the company that prints our bulletins to celebrate Christmas and New Year's, deadlines for the late December – early January issues have been moved up. In order for us to submit bulletins on time, articles and information for these issues are requested by the following dates:

**December 14 for both the Dec. 20 and Dec. 27 issues**

**December 16 for the January 3 issue**

*Thank you for your cooperation.*



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# GOSPEL TODAY

DECEMBER 6, 2009

LUKE 3: 1-6



As written in Isaiah, John the Baptist proclaimed "Prepare the way of the Lord".

## WEEK 2, evening lighting prayer

Prayer said by Father or head of household

"O Lord, stir up our hearts that we may prepare for Thy only begotten Son that through His coming we may be made worthy to serve Thee with pure minds. Through Christ our Lord, Amen".

Oldest child lights 2 purple candles.

# SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

COLOR & CUT ON DOTTED LINES

ROLL & OVERLAP EDGES & GLUE OR TAPE TOGETHER

COLOR PURPLE

FOLD

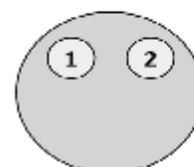
COLOR GREEN

CUT BASE

OVERLAP WITH OPPOSITE SIDE



This is what the finished candle should look like



**WEEK 2** Cut, color and fold our second advent candle - tape or glue to the 9" paper plate or cardboard circle that was used for the first candle. Place as shown on the diagram at right.