

**Third Sunday of Advent**  
**Gaudete Sunday**  
**12 December 2010**

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>December 11</b>
† Dorothy Tkacs req. by Hank & Monica Lenthe		
	<b>5:00 PM</b>	
The Living and Deceased Members of Mater Ecclesiae		
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>December 12</b>
† Carol Maddaloni req. by Mark Cavallo		
	<b>11:00 AM</b>	
A Special Intention		
<b>Monday</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>December 13</b>
A Birthday Intention		
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>December 14</b>
Jim & Ginny Batchelor Intentions req. by The DiLoreto Family		
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>	<b>December 15</b>
† Richard W. Clothier req. by Antoinette Dogostino		
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>December 16</b>
† Edward Kirwin req. by Father & Mother		
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>December 17</b>
† Leonardos M. Karlos req. by Mark Cavallo		
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>December 18</b>
† Judith Febo req. by Joseph & Victoria Febo		



**THE HOLY SEASON OF ADVENT**

**G**AUDETE in Dómino semper:  
 iterum dico, gaudéte.  
 Modéstia vestra nota sit  
 ómnibus homínibus: Dóminus  
 enim prope est.

**R**EJOICE in the Lord always:  
 again I say, rejoice. Let your  
 modesty be known to all men: for  
 the Lord is nigh.



**THIS WEEK'S LITURGICAL CALENDAR**  
**AND READINGS FOR MASS**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 12</b>	<b>II Class</b>
<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>		
<b>GAUDETE SUNDAY</b>		
<i>Readings: Philippians 4, 4-7 &amp; John 1, 19-28</i>		
<b>Monday</b>	<b>December 13</b>	<b>III Class</b>
Saint Lucy, <i>Virgin &amp; Martyr</i>		
Comm. Feria of Advent		
<i>Readings: 2 Corinthians 10, 17-18; 11, 1-2 &amp; Matthew 13, 44-52</i>		
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>December 14</b>	<b>III Class</b>
Feria of Advent		
<i>Readings: Philippians 4, 4-7 &amp; John 1, 19-28</i>		
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>December 15</b>	<b>II Class</b>
<b><u>EMBER WEDNESDAY – DAY OF FASTING</u></b>		
<i>Readings: Isaias 2, 2-5; 7, 10-15 &amp; Luke 1, 26-38</i>		
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>December 16</b>	<b>III Class</b>
Saint Eusebius, <i>Bishop &amp; Martyr</i>		
Comm. Feria in Advent		
<i>Readings: 2 Corinthians 1, 3-7 &amp; Matthew 16, 24-27</i>		
<b>Friday</b>	<b>December 17</b>	<b>II Class</b>
<b><u>EMBER FRIDAY – DAY OF FASTING</u></b>		
<i>Readings: Isaias 11, 1-5 &amp; Luke 1, 39-47</i>		
O Wisdom, You came forth from the mouth of the Most High, and reaching from beginning to end, You ordered all things mightily and sweetly. <b>Come, and teach us the way of prudence!</b>		
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>December 18</b>	<b>II Class</b>
<b><u>EMBER SATURDAY – DAY OF FASTING</u></b>		
<i>Readings: Isaias 19, 20-22; 2 Thessalonians 2, 1-8 &amp; Luke 3, 1-6</i>		

O Adonai and Ruler of the house of Israel,  
 You appeared to Moses in the fire of the burning bush, and on Mount Sinai gave him Your Law.  
**Come, and with outstretched arm redeem us!**



**Ember Days**

Ember Days are on the Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday following the First Sunday in Lent and Pentecost Sunday, during the third full week of September, and after the Third Sunday of Advent.

They are days of fasting for the special sanctification of the four seasons and for obtaining God's blessing on the clergy, for whose ordination the Ember Saturdays are specially set apart.

The propers of the Masses reflect the Season in which they occur and include additional Lessons said before the Gospel.





## Tuesday Night Confessions

The Sacrament of Penance is available every Tuesday evening from 8 PM to 9 PM. This extra hour each week is provided for the convenience of many and is in addition to the availability of Confessions before every Mass. Since the church will now be open on Tuesday nights from 8 to 9 PM you may wish to stop in for a brief visit to Our Lord in the tabernacle, pray a rosary, or even make a personal Holy Hour, even if you are not going to Confession.



## Sunday Collections

Thank you for your generosity.



### CCD Classes



CCD Classes meet on the second and third Sundays of each month, September to May at 9:45 AM – 10:45 AM. Grades K-4 meet on the second Sunday and Grades 5-12 meet on the third Sunday

of each month.



## CCD FUNDRAISER

*Thank You for Your Continued Support!*

**Don't throw away those empty printer cartridges and old cell phones!**

Help us get cash for your trash! Drop off your empty inkjet & laser cartridges, used cell phones, and PDA's in the "Cartridges for Kids" Collection Basket in the St. Martha Room. Tell your family, friends, and Businesses. All proceeds benefit the CCD Program.

This is a great fundraiser for CCD because it requires ZERO investment and is a total profit for Mater Ecclesiae.

\*\*\*Look for our wicker basket in the St. Martha Room!\*\*\*



### Calling All Singers

The Choir which sings at the 8:30 AM Low Mass is in need of new members. Please consider sharing your love of singing. The practice is held every Tuesday evening at 7:00 PM and Sundays a half an hour before the Low Mass. The repertoire includes English and Latin hymns in four parts.

*He who sings prays twice!*



## Convert /Revert Classes

The classes are held weekly on Monday nights at 7:00 PM and are taught by Father Pasley.



# Mater Ecclesiae Giving Tree



This year instead of a Mitten Tree we will have a "Giving Tree" for food donations.

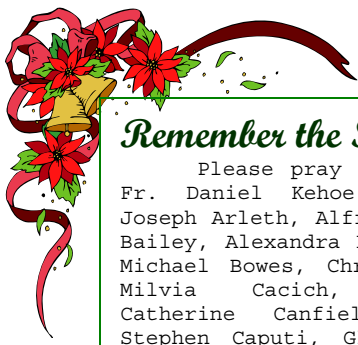
We have been giving bags of food to two families in need each week and our pantry is now empty.

We ask that each CCD student, if possible, bring a can or box of non-perishable food to place under the tree on their CCD Sunday.

We are also asking all of our parishioners to please consider donating a can or box of non-perishable food. Place donations beneath the giving tree in Bishop Di Marzio Hall.

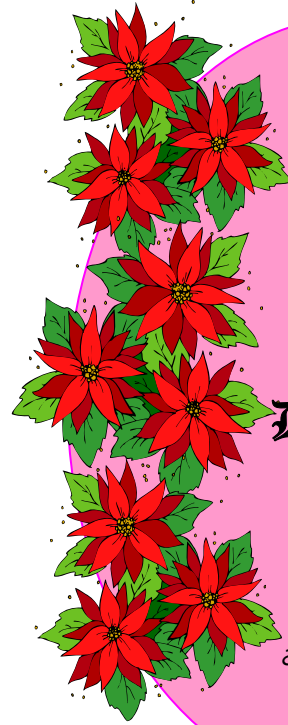
Thank you.





### Remember the Sick:

Please pray for Fr. H. L. Brignac, Fr. Daniel Kehoe, Fr. Robert Skurla, Joseph Arleth, Alfred J. Bailey, Louis N. Bailey, Alexandra Bilotti, Dan Bonacorsi, Michael Bowes, Chris Breen, Anne Byrne, Milvia Cacich, William Canfield, Catherine Canfield, Kelsey Canfield, Stephen Caputi, Gloria Cascino, Carolyn Casey, The Casey Family, James Cassidy, Bill Coillot, John Robert Conner, Patrick Corrigan, Dakota DiLoreto, Joseph DiSanto, Gerard Dowdall, Vincent Durso, Dan Estrada, Larry Ferringo, Luke Ferringo, Theresa Ferringo, Guido Fetta, Kathy Field, Rob Field, Matthew Flynn, Joan & William Foley, Diane Foster, Gus Friedel, Joseph Gerage, Gordon C. Gladden, Tadeusz Grancowski, Ann Graziano, Barbara Hale, Francis Kelley Heiland, Kathleen Hess, Velma Horcher, Mary Jablonski, Joe Johns, Joseph G. Johns, Barry & Mary Johnson, Robert A. Kauffmann, Pauline Keys, Merlyn Kinsey, Dorothy Kirwin, Gregory Kuczykowski, Jr., Jerry Levine, Grace Linkmeyer, Nancy LaMarche, Agnes B. Lamendola, Gay Lauria, Patricia Lennon, Guy Luongo, Emilio Marini, Daniel McCusker, Delores McElroy, Tina McGinnis, Donald Miller, Barbara Murphy, Clayton Myers, John Nadrigale, Nancy Numair, Pam O'Brien, Cole O'Drain, Doug Pallidino, Diane Passarello, Michael Pozanski, Carol Rader, Christina Razzano, Luis Rodriguez, Marion Rosetti, Marea Rossino, Tom Rothermel, Bea Schiavo,



**Gaudete  
in Domino  
semper:  
iterum dico,  
gaudete!...  
Dominus enim  
prope est!**

*Rejoice in  
the Lord  
always; again  
I say,  
Rejoice! . . .*



**KNIGHTS  
OF COLUMBUS**  
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

**Mater Ecclesiae  
Council #12833**  
meetings are held on  
the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays  
of the month at 8:00

PM in the Knights Room. The Scriptural Rosary and Prayer for Vocations are said at 7:30 PM in the Church. New members are welcome. Visit their website: [www.KofC12833.org](http://www.KofC12833.org).



### PRAYER CHAIN FOR SPECIAL INTENTIONS & INTERCESSORY PRAYER

*Mater Ecclesiae parishioners who have a need for intercessory prayers or who wish to commit to participate in our newly formed Prayer Chain should contact Lou DiLoreto at 609-304-4911 or [sifulou@comcast.net](mailto:sifulou@comcast.net).*



### NURSING HOME MASS

On the Second Friday of each month at 11:00 AM volunteers pray the Rosary and attend Mass said by Fr. Pasley at the Nursing Home and Rehabilitation Center at Virtua in Berlin. The next Nursing Home Mass will be January 14.



### Scriptural Rosary

The Mater Ecclesiae Knights of Columbus Scriptural Rosary is now available on the Knights' website. You can download the PDF file from the homepage or the "Prayers" page. You can go directly to [www.KofC12833.org](http://www.KofC12833.org) or follow the link from the Mater Ecclesiae website.





## Winter Events at Mater Ecclesiae

### Sacred Music

- December 19 – Sunday 1:30 PM
  - Vespers 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent
- December 24 - Friday 11:00 PM
  - Midnight Mass
  - Choral Mass
- December 25 - Saturday 11:00 AM
  - Christmas Mass
  - Music: Violin
- January 6, 2011 – Thursday 7:30 PM
  - Feast of the Epiphany
  - Choral Mass

### Parish Events

- December 12 - Gaudete Sunday Festival
  - Victorian Christmas Concert & Recitals
  - Blessed Imelda Bread Sale
- December 19
  - Pancake Breakfast



### Schedule of Vespers Services at Mater Ecclesiae December 2010 – March 2011

*Unless otherwise noted, all Vespers' services will be on a Sunday, start at 1:30pm and be followed by Benediction.*

- December 19, 2010 (4<sup>th</sup>. Sunday of Advent)
- January 16, 2011 (2<sup>nd</sup>. Sunday after Epiphany)
- February 20, 2011 (Septuagesima Sunday)
- March 13, 2011 (1<sup>st</sup>. Sunday of Lent)

*We are tentatively planning to have Prime with the chanted Martyrology on Christmas Eve morning at 7:30 AM to precede the morning Vigil Mass.*



### Second Collection for Retired Religious of Diocese Weekend of December 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>.



*Thank you  
To everyone who  
worked so hard  
and helped to make the  
St. Nicholas Feast such a  
wonderful day!!*



### Christmas Season Bulletin Deadlines:

*Please note that as we approach Christmas, all Notices for Bulletins running through January 2, 2011 are due by **Monday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**. Any submissions received after this date will be too late to be included in the December and January Bulletins. Please plan accordingly.*



### Knights of Columbus Food Panty

A continuing Food Collection program to aid those among us experiencing "food insecurity" continues at Mater Ecclesiae. There is a wicker basket in the Saint Martha's Room. Please place whatever items of non-perishable food you can into that basket as often as you can. They will be distributed to those in need.





*Join us for a traditional Christmas celebration!*



December 12  
Gaudete Sunday  
1:30 PM

**Mater Ecclesiae's Victorian Christmas Concert and Festival**

*If you would like to join the Mater Ecclesiae Choir, rehearsal takes place every Tuesday night. Lift your voice in joyous song as we celebrate the Nativity of our Lord!!*



Featuring Recitals,  
Christmas Carols  
by  
Musicians  
and Choir,

and Presentations by  
the Children of our  
Mater Ecclesiae Drama Club!



Third Sunday of December  
Breakfast  
December 19, 2010

Breakfast will be served after  
Both Masses!



(We will return to our normal  
Second Sunday Breakfast in  
January!)



Come out and enjoy a great meal with friends! We will be serving pancakes, farm-fresh eggs, fresh oven-roasted potatoes, sausage, pastries, toast and more! Beverages include coffee, tea and juice.

Tickets available at the door:

Adults: \$6.00    Children to age 12: \$3.00  
Families: \$27.00

*We appreciate your support of this  
monthly fundraiser!!*

*All proceeds benefit Mater Ecclesiae.*





## THE HOLY SEASON OF ADVENT

### GAUDETE SUNDAY

As we reach the Third Sunday of Advent, the color of the vestments in the Sanctuary is Rose; as is the third advent candle that we light. This is a day of joy, as today's Introit tells us, "Rejoice in the Lord".

The time of waiting and anticipation is nearing an end; we are more than halfway through Advent, and the celebration of the Nativity of Our Lord is only nine days away!



### O ANTIPHONS BEFORE CHRISTMAS

December 17 – 23

The "O Antiphons" are the seven antiphons (responses sung in Gregorian Chant) that are chanted at Vespers (evening prayer) during the special period of Advent known as the Octave before Christmas, December 17 through 23.

Each of "O Antiphons" begins with a different name or title for the Messiah:

- O Sapientia* (O Wisdom)
- O Adonai* (O Lord)
- O Radix Jesse* (O Root of Jesse)
- O Clavis David* (O Key of David)
- O Oriens* (O Rising Sun)
- O Rex Gentium* (O King of the Nations)
- O Emmanuel.* (O Emmanuel)

Also of significance, each one refers to the prophecy of Isaiah of the coming of the Messiah.

The first letters of the titles taken backwards form a Latin acrostic of "Ero Cras" which translates to "Tomorrow, I will come", mirroring the theme of the antiphons.



## Rector Office Hours for the Christmas Holiday

The Rector Office will close on Wednesday, December 23 through Friday, December 31. The office will reopen on Monday, January 3. Please plan accordingly. Thank you.



### CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

#### CONFESSIONS

**Sunday, December 12:** ½ hour before each Mass  
**Monday, Thursday, Friday December 13, 16, 17:**  
 15 minutes before daily Mass  
**Tuesday, December 14:** 15 minutes before morning Mass  
 8:00 PM – 9:00 PM  
**Wednesday, December 15:** 6:30 – 7:30 PM  
**Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday December 18-23:** ½ hour before Mass  
**Tuesday, December 21:** ½ hour before Mass  
 8:00 PM – 9:00 PM  
**Friday, December 24**  
**Christmas Eve:** 10:00 PM – 10:45 PM  
**Saturday, December 25**  
**Christmas Day:** ½ hour before Mass

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#### CHRISTMAS MASSES

**Christmas Eve, Friday, December 24**  
 10:30 PM Christmas Carol Concert  
 10:50 PM Blessing of Manger and Christmas Proclamation  
 11:00 PM – Mass through Midnight

**Christmas Day, Saturday, December 25**  
 8:30 AM Low Mass  
 11:00 AM High Mass

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#### NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE 2011

**Octave Day of the Nativity of Our Lord**

*Holy Day of Obligation*

#### CONFESSIONS

½ hour before each Mass

#### MASS SCHEDULE

**Friday, December 31, 2010**  
 8:00 AM (Regular Daily Mass)  
 5:00 PM – Anticipated Low Mass

**Saturday, January 1, 2011**  
 8:30 AM Low Mass  
 11:00 AM High Mass

Please note: **No 5:00 PM Anticipated Mass On December 25 or January 1.**





## CALLING ALL ACTORS!!!

Auditions for the February 12th Dinner Theater production will be held on Monday evening, December 13th in the Saint Martha room beginning at 6 PM. There are two male roles (approx. 28-35 years old) and six female roles (approx. 75-80 years old). **These are the character ages only!**

If you have any questions, please e-mail Linda Hasson at [gulthar@comcast.net](mailto:gulthar@comcast.net) hope to see you then.



## Blessed Imelda Society



Homemade Holiday Bread  
Bake Sale This Weekend:  
Gaudete Sunday, December 12

Help to support the many activities  
Of the Blessed Imelda Lambertini  
Society by purchasing  
Homemade holiday breads on  
sale this weekend.

The Blessed Imelda girls are an active  
and vibrant group here at Mater  
Ecclesiae.



## December CAP Sessions Announced:

*We can be sure that we love God's children when we love God and do what He has commanded. 1 John 5:2*

The Office of Safe Environment for Children, Youth and Adults is announcing CAP (Child Assault Prevention) sessions. CAP is the safe environment training program for adults who have regular contact with minors. Attendance is required in order to comply with the USCCB's *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*. The policy of the diocese is that adults will attend CAP once every five years.

CAP 1 teaches attendees to recognize child abuse and neglect and how to report to the proper authorities. Adults are taught that children have the right to be safe, strong and free. CAP 1 is for new volunteers and employees.

CAP 2 is No More Bullies, No More Victims and is a workshop on bullying awareness and bullying prevention. Cyberbullying is also addressed. Both sessions are 90 minutes.

Adults must attend CAP 1 before attending CAP 2. After five years, adults have the option of attending CAP 1 again if they prefer.

The following sessions will be offered in December:

### CAP Phase 1

- Monday, December 13, 2010,  
7:00pm,  
St. Mary, Cherry Hill, Parish Hall
- Tuesday, December 14, 2010,  
7:00pm,  
St. Rose of Lima, Haddon Heights,  
School Cafeteria

To attend one of these classes, please call the CAP registration line in the Office of Safe Environment for Children, Youth and Adults at (856) 583-6165 or email [ddiggons@camdendiocese.org](mailto:ddiggons@camdendiocese.org) to register. **Please register at least five days before the session you would like to attend.** The CAP schedule, location phone numbers and directions may be found on the diocesan website @ [www.camdendiocese.org](http://www.camdendiocese.org).

In case of inclement weather please call the location of the CAP session you are attending.

