

Fourth Sunday Of Advent

18 December 2011

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 8:00 AM December 17
Anthony Aversa & Family Intentions req. by Larry & Theresa Ferringo
5:00 PM
The Living and Deceased Members of Mater Ecclesiae

Sunday 8:30 AM December 18
† Mary Glowacki req. by Chet Glowacki
11:00 AM
† Wanda Siemiontkowski req. by Julie & Christopher Ross

Monday 8:00 AM December 19
† Mary Fazio req. by Gloria & Michael Sabato

Tuesday 8:00 AM December 20
Theodora Constantino req. by Mrs. Lucia Marini

Wednesday 7:30 PM December 21
† Peter Sabato req. by Frances Sabato

Thursday 8:00 AM December 22
† Wanda Siemiontkowski req. by Julie & Christopher Ross

Friday 8:00 AM December 23
Mary Rose Meglio req. by Rose Meglio

Saturday 8:00 AM December 24
† Peter Sabato req. by Frances Sabato
11:00 PM
Special Intention req. by Clare Bamberski



THE HOLY SEASON OF ADVENT

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“...As it is written in the book of the words of Isaias, the prophet: A voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare ye the way of the Lord: make straight His paths: Every valley shall be filled: and every mountain and hill shall be brought low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways plain: And all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

Luke 3, 4-6



THIS WEEK'S LITURGICAL CALENDAR AND READINGS FOR MASS

Sunday December 18 I Class
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Readings: 1 Corinthians 4, 1-5 & Luke 3, 1-6
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!

Monday December 19 III Class
Greater Feria of Advent
Readings: 1 Corinthians 4, 1-5 & Luke 3, 1-6
O Root of Jesse, You stand for an ensign of mankind; before You kings shall keep silence, and to You all nations shall have recourse.
Come, save us, and do not delay!

Tuesday December 20 II Class
Greater Feria of Advent
Readings: Philippians 4, 4-7 & John 1, 19-28
O Key of David and Scepter of the house of Israel: You open and no man closes; You close and no man opens.
Come, and deliver him from the chains of prison who sits in darkness and the shadow of death!

Wednesday December 21 II Class
Saint Thomas, *Apostle*
Readings: Ephesians 2, 19-22 & John 20, 24-29
O Rising Dawn, Radiance of the Light eternal and Sun of Justice;
Come, and enlighten those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death!

Thursday December 22 II Class
Saint Francis Xavier Cabrini
Readings: 1 Corinthians 1, 26-31 & Matthew 11, 25-30
O King of the Gentiles, and the Desired of all, You are the cornerstone that binds two into one.
Come, and save poor man whom You fashioned out of clay!

Friday December 23 II Class
Greater Feria of Advent
Readings: 1 Corinthians 4, 1-5 & Luke 3, 1-6
O Emmanuel, our King and Lawgiver, the Expected of nations and their Savior:
Come, and save us, O Lord our God!

Saturday December 24 I Class
8:00 AM Mass
Vigil of The Nativity of Our Lord
Readings: Romans 1, 1-6 & Matthew 1, 18-21

NATIVITY OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST — HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION

Saturday December 24 I Class
FIRST MASS OF CHRISTMAS AT MIDNIGHT
Confessions: 10:00 PM – 10:45 PM
Christmas Carols begin at 10:30 PM
First Mass of Christmas begins at 11:00 PM and ends after Midnight
Readings: Titus 2, 11-15 & Luke 2, 1-14

Second Collection for Repairs

As we begin our second decade, we find ourselves once again facing the need to make vital repairs to our aging buildings and to replace broken systems. The following repairs and replacements are slated to be undertaken:

- Boiler Replacement for Education Wing: \$4,000.
- Heat Pump System for Office: \$4,000
- Heat in Kitchen: \$1,000.
- New Energy-efficient windows in office: \$2,000.
- Finish Computer Server/Network upgrade: \$3,000.

CCD News



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!

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.

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 13.



The Mater Ecclesiae Pro-Life Apostolate

Meets on the third Thursday of each month, 7:30-9:00 PM. The Pro-Life Newsletter is available in the Narthex and online at our Website www.materecclesiae.org.

HELP SUPPORT THE FOOD BANK

Stromboli Sale

(JUST IN TIME FOR SUPER BOWL SUNDAY!)

To support Christopher Kahler's Eagle Scout Project

Stromboli orders will be taken after each Mass on

Saturday 12/17 & Sunday 12/18.

There will be a table in the back of the Narthex for the orders.

Strombolis are 12 inches long, 7.5 oz. each and DELICIOUS!

Available in 3 Varieties:

Pepperoni & Cheese

Broccoli & Cheese

Steak & Cheese

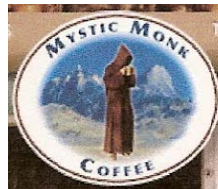
Cost: \$8.00 Each

All proceeds will go to help build permanent wooden shelves for the Church's Food Bank & to stock them with food.

Delivery will be WEEKEND OF February 4 & 5.

They will be delivered in time for Super Bowl Sunday.

Payment is due at time of order.



Support Our Knights Council and an Order of Traditional Carmelite Monks!

Now you can order coffee from the Mystic Monks through the Knights of Columbus web site. Get great coffee and support the knights. Flavors include Premium Blend, Dark, Medium and Light Roast, Decaf Arabica, Hazelnut, Chocolate Cherry, Irish Cream, French Vanilla, and Royal Rum Pecan.

To learn more or place an order go here:

<http://www.kofc12833.org/coffee.html>



SAVE THE DATE!!



Mark your calendars for another night of fine food and lots of laughter! Join the Mater Ecclesiae Dinner Theater Troupe in their hilarious production of **"ME AND MY SHADOW"** to be presented Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings February 9th, 10th and 11th, 2012. Tickets are \$20.00 and include a dinner buffet and the show. Ticket sales will begin in January. Watch the bulletin for details! Come out and support this important fund raiser for our church and enjoy a night of fun and laughter with your friends and parishioners! **Snow dates will be Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings, February 16th, 17th, and 18th, 2012.**



Remember the Sick:

Please pray for Bishop Joseph Galante, 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, Sally Clemente, Bill Coillot, John Robert Conner, Patrick Corrigan, Marie DeCarlo, Dakota DiLoreto, Joseph DiSanto, Gerard Dowdall, Vincent Durso, Larry Ferringo, Luke Ferringo, Theresa Ferringo, Kathy Field, Rob Field, Joan & William Foley, Diane Foster, Gus Friedel, Joseph Gerage, Gordon C. Gladden, Wayne R. Glenn, Tadeusz Grancowski, Ann Graziano, Barbara Hale, Frank Hasson, Kathleen Hess, Nancy Hilbert, 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, Montanna Marchesani, Daniel McCusker, Delores McElroy, Tina McGinnis, Donald Miller, Barbara Murphy, Clayton Myers, John Nadrigale, Nancy Numair, Michael Nuzzi, Pam O'Brien, Doug Pallidino, Diane Passarello, Michael Pozanski, Carol Rader, Luis Rodriguez, M.A.T. R., Marion Rosetti, Marea Rossino, Tom Rothermel, Jo Anne Ruff, Annabella Salvucci, Bea Schiavo, Justin Schiavo,

Christmastide Events at Mater Ecclesiae

Sacred Music & Liturgical Events

- December 17 to 23 – O Antiphons
- December 18 – Fourth Sunday of Advent
- December 24 – 11:00 PM – Mass Through Midnight
- December 25 – Christmas Day
 - 8:30 AM Low Mass
 - 11:00 AM High Choral Mass
- January 1, 2012 – Octave of the Nativity of Our Lord
- January 6, 2012 – Epiphany of Our Lord
 - 7:30 PM High Choral Mass

Parish Events

- December 18 – CCD Sunday Grades 5-12
- December 18 – Third Sunday Knights Breakfast



Join us on the second Sunday of each month
after both Masses for Breakfast!!

Second Sunday Breakfast

January 8



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 & juice.

Tickets available at the door:

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

All proceeds benefit Mater Ecclesiae.

Save the Date!

**39th Annual March for Life
January 23, 2012**

Sign up in the Book Store



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

**Mater Ecclesiae
Council #12833**
meetings are held on
the 2nd & 4th 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.

The New 4th Degree Knights of Columbus Assembly **Anima Christi No. 3294** meets on the 3rd Monday of the Month at 8:00 PM following the recitation of the Rosary at 7:30 PM. The Assembly is the 4th degree arm of the Knights of Columbus and performs the color corps duties at Father Pasley's bequest. All the 4th degree members of Anima Christi are members of our K of C Mater Ecclesiae Council and this Parish.

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 or follow the link from the Mater Ecclesiae website.



CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

CONFESSIONS

The normal schedule will be followed,
with the following additions:

Saturday, December 17

7:15 AM to 8:00 AM

4:15 PM to 5:00 PM

Sunday, December 18

7:45 AM to 8:30 AM

10:15 AM to 11:00 AM

Tuesday, December 20

7:30 PM to 9:00 PM

Saturday, December 24

Christmas Eve

7:15 AM to 8:00 AM

10:00 PM – 10:45 PM

Sunday, December 25

Christmas Day

7:45 AM to 8:30 AM

10:15 AM to 11:00 AM

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24

8:00 AM Daily Mass
(No 5:00 PM Mass)

10:30 PM Christmas Carols

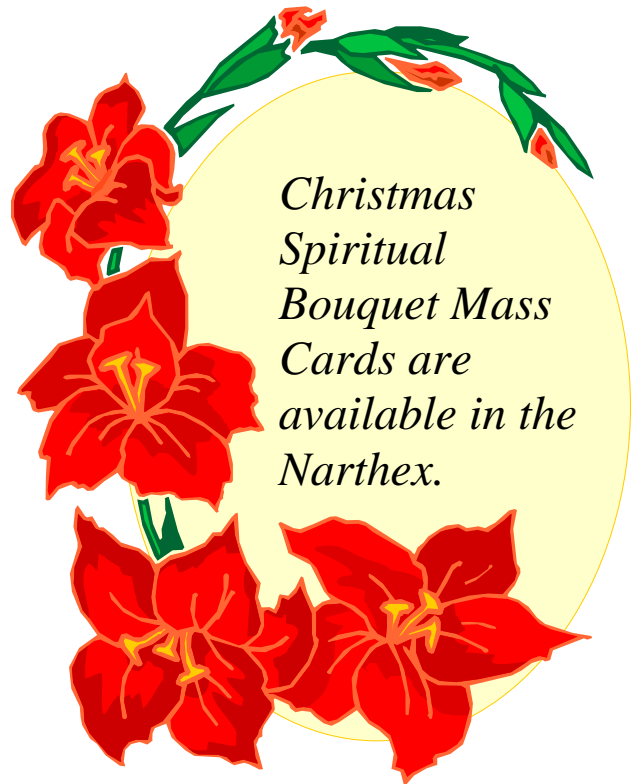
10:50 PM Blessing of Manger
and Christmas Proclamation

11:00 PM – Mass through Midnight

Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25

8:30 AM Low Mass

11:00 AM High Mass



*Christmas
Spiritual
Bouquet Mass
Cards are
available in the
Narthex.*

Tuesday Night Confessions

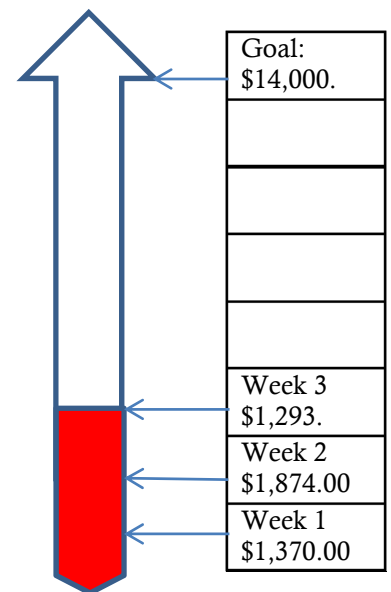
The Sacrament of Penance is available every Tuesday evening from 8 PM to 9 PM. This extra hour each week is provided for the convenience of many and is in addition to the availability of Confessions before every Mass. Since the church will now be open on Tuesday nights from 8 to 9 PM you may wish to 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. **On December 20, Confessions will be heard 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM.**

BUILDING FUND UPDATE

Total
donations:
\$4,537.

**32% of
Goal**

Amount
Needed to
Reach
Goal:
\$9,463.





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.



AND THERE WERE in the same country shepherds watching and keeping the night watches over their flock. And behold an Angel of the Lord stood by them, and the brightness of God shone

round about them, and they feared with a great fear. And the Angel said to them: Fear not; for behold I bring you good Tidings of great joy, that shall be to all the people...



Mater Ecclesiae Giving Tree



This year we will once again have a "Giving Tree" for food donations.

Our Food Pantry fulfills a vital role in our community by providing food to families in need.

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 in December.

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.





Please Note:

As you know, most parishes do not have Confessions during Christmas week. During each Christmas Holiday Season, we schedule additional Confession times. Please take note of the times and make every attempt to go to Confession before Christmas.

Do not wait until the last minute!



SACRED MUSIC OF CHRISTMAS

The Sacred Music for the Christmas Midnight Mass is dedicated in Loving Memory of Robert Francis requested by Cathy, Maria, and Mary Bridget Francis.



A Special Donation was also made for the Midnight Mass.

The Sacred Music for the Mass of Christmas Day is dedicated to the Living and Deceased Members of the Tronieri Family requested by Harry Tronieri.



*For this day is born to you a Savior,
Who is Christ the Lord, in the city of David.
And this shall be a sign unto you: You shall
find the Infant wrapped in swaddling clothes,
and laid in a manger.*

(Luke 2, 11, 12)

