

DECEMBER 17, 2006
Third Sunday of Advent

Local Penance Services

St. Peter, Waldorf, 12/17, 5:00 PM
OLHC, Waldorf, 12/19, 7:00 PM
St. Ignatius, Chapel Point, 12/19, 7:00 PM
Holy Ghost, Issue, 12/20, 7:00 PM
Sacred Heart, LaPlata, 12/21, 7:00 PM

OLHC Christmas Season Schedule

4th Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 23 – 5:00 PM
Sunday, December 24 – 8:30, 10:00, & 11:30 AM

Christmas Eve Masses

Sunday, December 24 – 5:00 & 8:30 PM

Christmas Day

Monday, December 25 – 8:30 & 10:00 AM

Baptism Class

You must pre-register, if you plan on attending a Baptism Class at Our Lady Help of Christians. In December, the Baptism Class is scheduled for December 20, 2006, at 7:00 PM. Please call the office to sign-up for the class.

Parents must be **registered members** of our parish to **schedule** a Baptism at OLHC.

Retirement Fund for Religious

The Retirement Fund for Religious asks us to recall those women and men religious whose ministry has nourished our own faith, served our church, and strengthened our nation. Today, more than 37,000 women and men religious are past age 70. Their institutes face critical economic challenges as the costs of health care escalate and as the need for handicapped-accessible housing increases. Please give generously.

Bulletin News

Due to the holiday season and shortened delivery week the bulletin schedule has changed. For the 12/24/06 bulletin, news must be in the office by Monday, December 18, 9:00 AM, and for the 12/31/06 bulletin, news must be in the office by Thursday, December 21, 9:00 AM. Thank you for your cooperation.

Mass Intentions:

12/17 Sun., 10:00 AM +Julie Somin

Parish Christmas Play

All parishioners are cordially invited to attend one of the following performances of our annual Christmas play to be held in our Social Hall:

Sunday, December 17, at 10:00 and 11:30 AM

Monday, December 18, 5:00 and 7:15 PM

Men's Retreat

The men of the parish should consider attending a weekend retreat at the beautiful Loyola Retreat House, just down Rt. 301, Faulkner, Maryland. The retreat begins the evening of January 12 and ends mid-day January 14, 2007. This is a great way to start off the New Year. Last year the retreat filled up so register. Forms are available at the rear of the church or for information call Dennis Holden (301) 870-4775, or Gerry Caron (301) 374-2354.

Great Stocking Stuffers!

Looking for a great gift will bring Christmas cheer? You can get a great *and* help a Gabriel Project mom at the same time! The Gabriel Project has produced an absolutely *beautiful* entitled "Welcome the Child". This CD features traditional Christmas songs and original songs by a talented array of recording artists. It's more than just music, though. There's a *narration of the story* from the Gospel of Luke and a short video included as a bonus track! Anyone who loves Christmas music will love this CD! Call Karen at 301-396-4979 to get one today! (Suggested donation \$15.)

Prayer Requests

Nina McCarthy, Garrett Cooksey, Evelyn Thompson, Scott Grimes, John Dixon, Gloria Carres, Larry Polzin, Maria Workman, Catherine Kent, John Parker, Bruce Smaldone, Shirley Peters, Leon Campbell, Harry Sharar, Ben Bales, Gloria Campbell, Chris Santigo, Raymond Yates, Angela Adelman, Theresa Bryner, Curtis Moss, Muriel Snyder, Verna Newton, Lauren Cockerham, Jessica Miller, Norm Ebach, Theresa Whitmore, and for all of our military and civilians who are serving in harm's way.

When a person has been treated for an illness and is as well as he/she is going to be, call to have the name removed from our list.

Youth Group

The Youth Group calendar for the remainder of 2006 is as follows:

December 17 - Meeting

Information regarding upcoming meetings will be sent via e-mail to all members. For additional information regarding the Youth Group, please contact Joe Meszaros (301)609-8761 or Mabelle Proctor (301)893-9410.

St. Peter's School News

Wednesday, December 20 is a \$2.00 red & green tag day.

Please join us on Wednesday, December 20, for our primary grades Christmas Program, at 7:00 PM in the school auditorium.

St. Peter's does not have school on Friday, December 22.

Medical Equipment

A parishioner has some lightly used medical equipment that they no longer need. If you are elderly or ill, and in need of a walker, a transfer bench (for getting in and out of tub) and a raised toilet seat, please call the office.

Poinsettias

Help the altar guild decorate the altar for Christmas by purchasing a poinsettia in memory of a loved one. Plants are \$15.00 each and may be ordered after Masses until December 17.

Our Lady's Little Christians

The Preschool has just learned that one of their four-year-old students will be moving out of the area over Christmas vacation. That means there will be an opening in the afternoon pre-k program. Your child must be 4 years old by September 1, 2006, to be eligible. If interested, visit the web site at www.olhoc.org for general information or call Barb Breighner at 301-645-7112 for information on registering for this opening.

Preschool Wishes Especially for You...

The Staff at Our Lady's Little Christians would like to take this opportunity to wish God's many blessings for you and yours. We appreciate your participation and support of all of our preschool activities

May your heart and home be filled with peace and happiness this Christmas and throughout the New Year.

Special thanks for the contributions made to our collection for Children's Aid. Mrs. Breighner was surprised every Monday morning to find bags of hats, gloves, mittens and scarves left by an anonymous parish elf.

Religious Education

There will be no classes on Sunday, December 24 and December 31 or Monday, December 25 and January 1. Classes will resume on Sunday, January 7 and Monday, January 8. May you and your families have a very Blessed Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Reconciliation Workshop

There will be a Reconciliation Workshop on Wednesday, January 3, from 7:00-8:30 PM, and on Saturday, January 6, from 10:00-11:30 AM. Parent and child may attend either session.

Family Life

God often sends angels into our lives in times of confusion. As the angel appeared to Joseph in his difficult time, he listened and did as the angel of the Lord commanded. Do we listen as intently to the angels that God sends into our lives?

Thank you OLHC !

We thank all of you for your year-long donations of health and beauty items that are given to Angels Watch Shelter in Hughesville.

We also thank Linda & Bill Striegel for coordinating our efforts to provide food baskets to those in need in our community for Thanksgiving and Christmas. We thank all those who helped deliver the baskets, provided the food, or donated money for the turkeys and others perishables.

OLHC is truly blessed!