

Dear Parishioners,



The First Sunday of Advent signals the beginning of a new liturgical year. During the joyous season of hope and expectation, our church is quiet and subdued. Indigo (blue-purple), the color of the season, is intended to remind us of the darkness before dawn, and the advent wreath standing in our sanctuary serves as a symbol of God's enduring presence among us.

Our Advent preparation and Christmas celebration acknowledge that Jesus' presence has neither come to an end nor is starting all over again. Instead, they emphasize that God's concern for humanity is no less real, no less evident, today than it was more than two thousand years ago.

As Christians, we proclaim "the Day of the Lord" as an event already accomplished in human history, and as an event moving toward its fulfillment in the future - our future! Subsequently, the purpose of Advent is to direct attention to "the last things." That is why, on the very first Sunday of Advent, the Evangelist Luke records Jesus' warning about reading the signs of the times, lest we find ourselves unprepared for our inevitable encounter with the Lord at "the end of days."

Advent issues a wake-up call, reminding us that our business is more than business as usual. Our worship together announces that the Christ is near, as close as the person sitting next to us. The Messiah comes in surprising ways, but also in ordinary ways and on ordinary days. Vigilance and attention are the watch-words of Advent living.

Dwelling in darkness we eagerly await the coming of God's holy light. And may Emmanuel find welcome in our hearts, take flesh in our lives, and be for all Christian people the joyous advent of redemption and grace.

Fr. Edward J. Golding,
Administrator

Thank you to all who attended last week's Generations of Faith Sessions, and to all who volunteered their time and talents!

College Ministry: Call Carrie Kennett #727-2496

Seeking donations for the upcoming December "Care Package" mailing to students before final exams!

Needed: Granola Bars, microwave popcorn, hot cocoa packages, fruit chews, non-chocolate candy, cookies (without nuts for allergies) etc. **These items may be left in the Gathering Area (parish office building) between Nov. 28 - Dec. 1.**

PLEASE LABEL: For College Ministry.

Upcoming Events For the Week:

November 30-December 6, 2009

Monday

6:00pm: Mother Mary's Rosary Grp. in Res. Chapel

6:00pm: C. G. Class in Room 2

6:30pm: P.C. ExCom. In Rms 7-9

7:00pm: BSA in the Hall/Kitchen Rms 4,5

Tuesday

Anointing Masses 9:00am and 7:30pm in DMC

6:00pm: C.R. H. in Room 4/5

7:00pm: K of C in Rooms 2/3

7:30pm: College Ministry-Hall

Wednesday

7:30pm: 10:30 Music Ministry Rehearsal

Thursday

Masses offered at 7:00am and 9:00am

1:00pm: Proverbs 31 in Room 8

7:00pm: 11:00am Music Ministry

Friday

7:30pm: Stations of the Crib -Church

Saturday

8:00am: C.G. Class in Room 2

9:00am-11:00am KofC Breakfast w/Santa in Hall/Kitchen

2:30pm: 4:00pm Music Ministry

Sunday

8:00am: C. G. Class in Room 2

8:30/10:30am LOWC

4:00/6:00pm: Visit from St. Nicholas

Catholics Returning Home (C.R.H.)

A team from Corpus Christi, St. Edward's and St. Mary's (Crescent) will be inviting inactive Catholics to consider returning to a fuller involvement in their faith, starting in January. If you'd like to be involved in this rewarding effort, call 877-8506 (ext. 215) now.

First Eucharist or Reconciliation Those in 2nd grade or above that wish to receive these sacraments, please contact Joan Haviland at 877-8506 x 373

Thank you for your support of last week's Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development!

Because of your generosity, more low-income people in the United States will be able to break the cycle of poverty and improve their communities. In these times when everyone's budget is stretched, we are especially grateful for your support

Scripture Readings for the Week Ahead

Second Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

Gospel Reading: Luke 21-25-28, 34-36

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Upcoming Corpus Christi Events:

Christmas "Giving Tree": Will be displayed this weekend 11/28/29. Gifts are due back by Dec. 8.

Questions, call Carolyn DeSantis, #877-8480.

Breakfast with Santa sponsored by the K of C

Sat. Dec 5, from 9am to 11am: Cost is \$5 p.p. \$15. max per family. Children 3 and under are free. Santa is Coming!

Advent Stations of the Crib

Friday, December 4th at 7:30pm

Join us for an evening of Reflection in preparation for Christmas.

St. Nicholas is coming to town on his Feast Day, December 6th at 4pm! All are welcome to join us in the Daily Chapel

**Annual Blue Christmas Service
Sunday December 13, at 3:00pm**

All Are Welcome!

Is the holiday season difficult for you? Do you struggle with grief, loss, unemployment, isolation? You are invited to come and join in sharing prayers, scriptures, and music that shine light into our darkness and bring us hope.

Confirmation Spring of 2010

Anyone in grades 10-12 who have not made Confirmation and would like to be confirmed in the Spring of 2010, please call Joan Haviland, #877-8506 X373.

Please Help Our Youth Ministry/ "GO GREEN"

Please continue to bring your **paper and cardboard** to our recycling dumpster for green fiber. Used clean bottles/cans may be left by the coat rack in parish office building.

Christina Bass, our Youth Minister is looking forward to hearing from anyone who has ideas and ways we can make the youth ministry a great success! Please call 877-8506 ext 306

Burnt Hills Oratorio: J.S. Bach Christmas Oratorio 3pm Sunday, Dec. 6, at St. Edward's in Clifton Park. Cost is \$14 in advance, \$26 at the door. www.bhos.us

St Edward's Parish invites you to Evening Prayer each Tuesday, 7:00pm, during Advent.

Your Sacrificial Offering:

November 21/22, 2009

Offertory: \$9,638.00

Mass Intentions

November 28 December 6, 2009

We remember in a special way, those who have died.

Saturday

4:00pm: Katherine Corbi by Ann/Bill White
Jackie Curiale by Helen Goodstein

Sunday

8:30am Michael Grogan by Family
Reg Kelly by Mary Spaulding
10:30am: Patrick and James O'Shea by Family
John F. Zobel by Robbin Manuel

Monday

9:00am: Marie Benac by the Havilands
Ellen & Bill Livingston by Lena & Joan Boan

Tuesday**Anointing Masses in Daily Chapel**

7:00 am: For the People of Corpus Christi
9:00am: Gerald Lubrino by Petra & Charles McGrath

Wednesday

7:00 am: For the People of Corpus Christi
9:00am: For the People of Corpus Christi

Thursday

7:00am: For the People of Corpus Christi
9:00am: Nellie & Tom Donoghue by Family

Saturday

4:00pm: Billy LuBrant by Mom
Harry & Stella Williams by Walt, Donna, Gregg
& Grandchildren

Sunday

8:30am: Reginald Kelly by Cathy Olsson
Mary J. Ryan by DeSantis Family
10:30am: Angelo DiSalvatore by Wife Elizabeth
Amy Seyboth Terodor by Tom Campbell

Peter G. Young Foundation Upcoming Benefit Events:
For information on all events, call Margie: #463-8386.

Sun. Nov. 29: Music of Tony Desare at Charles R. Wood Theater, Glens Falls 2pm.

Tues. Dec 1: Radio City Christmas Show/Cost is \$110p/p

Sat. Dec 5: Christmas at the Inn "Christmas Fair"

Emericks Funeral Home Annual "Creche" Blessing:

Friday December 4, at Noon: All are invited!

If you have lost a loved one [especially this past year], and plan to attend this personal remembrance, call #371-5454 by Nov. 27, in order for your personal remembrance to be prepared. Local Ecumenical Clergy will take part (including Father Ed.) Music provided by Mark and Paula Barrett

St. Mary's at Crescent will present an evening with **Fr. Joseph Girzone on Monday December 7th at 7:00pm** in the Parish Hall. A donation of a non-perishable food item to the Parish Food Pantry is suggested. To register, call Rich Lessard at 383-0978

K of C Selling 2010 Entertainment Books :Cost is \$30
Call John Finn #877-7134.

CLOTHING DRIVE BOX:

Please drop off **clothing of all types**: Shoes , sneakers, stuffed animals. Questions, call Angela, #877-8506 X 303.

EVANGELIZATION:

Would you like to work on a team welcoming new parishioners to Corpus Christi? Please contact either Judy Mullins (664-6938) or Walt Forney (877-8779).

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The following is the recap for the month of Oct. for the Debt Reduction Fund:Monthly Mortgage Payment/Princ and Int.

\$10,787.04

Minus Oct. Donations to the Debt Reduction Fund:

5,448.00

Minus Oct. "Other" Non-Env. Donations to D.R.F.

771.00

This is the balance used from the Operating Funds To pay the October mortgage \$4,568

CLOTHING DRIVE BOX:

There is a **CLOTHING DROP BOX** in the parking lot. We are working with *American Clothing*, located in Glens Falls, to provide this service as a fund-raising opportunity for our parish. Our church is paid four cents per pound and the average full box weighs approximately 800 lbs. Each full box would generate about \$32 in extra revenue for the parish, and the company will accept as many boxes as we are able to fill. We encourage you to drop off your unwanted clothing of all types, shoes/sneakers, curtains, sheets/blankets/bedspreads and stuffed animals. The items are distributed to needy individuals throughout the U.S. and to third world countries. Please remember this opportunity to help not only our parish but also those less fortunate than us. Please call Angela Stone @ 877-8506 ext. 303 in the parish office if you have questions. Thank you.

Corpus Christi has a brokerage account set up to accept donations of stock. If you have an interest in donating stock to the Church, please contact Angela Stone, Parish Manager, 877-8506, Ext 303.

Questions, please contact the Finance Committee: ccfinance@nycap.rr.com

When Scheduling Masses (Mass Cards):

(Reminder:)



Keep in mind that donations can be made in memory of a loved one with a donation going directly to the Parish Building Fund or a Christian Service Fund.

We do have specific cards for these two funds.

The 2010 Mass Book: is also now available for you to schedule Masses for your loved ones.

**Proverbs 31 Ministry:**

Members will meet on the first Thursday of each month In Rm 8 from 1-2:30pm We welcome other members of the Community who share an interest in knitting, crocheting or quilting. Call Chris Reivik, #383-3512.