



Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 25, 2011– *Christmas*

10:00 AM Intention of Celebrant

Monday, December 26, 2011

8:00 AM Theresa Catherine Noll

Tuesday, December 27, 2011

8:00 AM Angie Gusler

Wednesday, December 28, 2011

8:00 AM Colleen Strahota

Thursday, December 29, 2011

8:00 AM Anthony Bastardi

Friday, December 30, 2011– *Holy Family of Jesus*

8:00 AM Rachael Hughes

Saturday, December 31, 2011

8:00 AM Jean Bell

5:30 PM Donald Gallagher

Sunday, January 1, 2012– *Solemnity of Mary*

9:00 AM People of the Parish (nursery **NOT** available)

11:00 AM Intention of Celebrant



Parish Life

Sunday, December 25, 2011

Second Collection– *Christmas Offering*

Monday, December 26, 2011

No School, classes resume Tuesday, January 3rd

Parish Office, Closed

6:00 PM Legion of Mary, Cry Room

Tuesday, December 27, 2011

3:30 PM Junior Legion of Mary, Cry Room

No RCIA, *Christmas Break*

Wednesday, December 28, 2011

No Religious Education Classes, *Christmas Break*

Thursday, December 29, 2011

7:00 PM Bingo/Kitchen opens at 6:00PM, Cafeteria

Friday, December 30, 2011

6:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal, Church

Saturday, December 31, 2011

2:00 PM Teisher/Wert Wedding, Church

6:30 PM *All Night Adoration, Chapel*

Sunday, January 1, 2012



In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Monsignor Leo Bierster. May God grant him a peaceful rest with the Saints and the reward of his good and faithful life. Pray for the consolation of his loved ones.

MISSAL READINGS FOR December 24th & 25th
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OPENING HYMN~ # 81
PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS~ # 85
COMMUNION HYMN~ # 79 (vs 3, 4, 5) & # 91
RECESSIONAL HYMN~ # 82



NURSERY: Infants and preschoolers are welcomed to the Church Nursery located in the Church Basement every Sunday during the 9:30AM Mass.



Daily Scripture Readings



Mon	Dec 26	Acts 6: 8-10, 7: 54-59	Mt 10: 17-22
Tue	Dec 27	1 Jn 1: 1-4	Jn 20: 1a, 2-8
Wed	Dec 28	1 Jn 1: 5-2:2	Mt 2: 13-18
Thu	Dec 29	1 Jn 2: 3-11	Lk 22-35
Fri	Dec 30	Sir 3: 2-7, 12-14	Lk 2: 22-40
Sat	Dec 31	1 Jn 2: 18-21	Jn 1: 1-18
Sun	Jan 1	Nm 6: 22-27	Lk 2: 16-21



SCRIPTURE STUDY~ As we begin the new year, we will gather again for a great series to help guide us. The lesson, entitled "**Pilgrim People,**" is five sessions. **Series Description:** God's people have always been sojourners, pilgrims on a journey, open to God's call and direction. In the modern world,

nothing is so vital as understanding this identity and finding models of faithfulness to bolster us on our own journeys. The Bible's sacred stories unfold in a way that reminds us we are not on our own. The series starts **Monday, January 9th** and ends on **Monday, February 6th**. We meet every **Monday at 7PM** in the **Cabrini Room**. If you are interested, please contact Terry and Matt Whelan at 566-1239 or m.t.whelan@comcast.net. There is **NO DEADLINE** for signing up, but please let us know by January 3rd, so we can order study materials.

In the same manner in which we clean and prepare our homes in the anticipation of welcomed guests and family members this Christmas season, let us also prepare our hearts in anticipation of the Lord's coming. Christ, our most honored and eagerly anticipated guest, desires to meet with us in a heart prepared for his arrival. So eager is he to meet with us that he offers to help us with our spiritual housekeeping, working with us; creating a resting place for Himself within our hearts.

- Katherine Walden

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Dear Friends In Christ,

On behalf of Father Lavelle, Deacon Lang and I, we wish you a very happy and holy Christmas! It is our prayer that the New Born Savior and His Blessed Mother shower you with every grace and blessing during this sacred time, and in the New Year 2012! May the peace and joy of these days fill your heart throughout the entire year. I would also like to express our heartfelt thanks for all your many kindnesses shown to us as your Parish Clergy. Words are simply inadequate to tell you how very grateful we are for all your goodness. Your prayers, gifts, food and good wishes are all appreciated more than you can know. Please know that we pledge to remember you in all our prayers and Masses during this Holy Season while asking the same of you.

As well, a special word of thanks for all those who have generously given of their time and talent in making the Christmas celebrations so spiritually uplifting. The Church decorations are beautiful and our Liturgies are dignified and enriched to give the highest honor to the New Born Christ Child! It is sheer joy for your parish clergy to see so many families return to their "spiritual home" to celebrate the Lord's birth. A warm welcome to our military and college students who have come back home! One of the most powerful words in our language is the word "home." It conjures up a sense of security, acceptance, belonging, and love. Even those who do not experience these things in the place where they live, dream of finding a true home, where they will be loved and accepted. In Christ, the New Born Savior, we can then close the doors of our hearts to hate and sin, and open them wide to the love of both our God and of our neighbor. This too is a time for people to become more aware of a need for a spiritual home as well. Let us take the time to encourage friends, relatives, and neighbors who have been away from the Church to come back- to come home.

In your preparations for the coming days, recall that as it has been our long-standing tradition, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on the Altar in the Rectory Chapel on New Year's Eve, Saturday, December 31st, following the 5:30PM Mass. It will remain there for your private prayer and adoration until 8:30AM on Sunday, January 1st, at which time Benediction will occur in the Chapel. During those early hours of the New Year, may we come to our Eucharistic Lord in devotion, gratitude and praise for all His goodness to us! Please note that there are only two Masses on New Year's Day: 9AM and 11AM, not the usual three Sunday Masses.

Each Christmas, many Parishes around the world will begin with these simple words from a much loved song: "In the little village of Bethlehem was born a Child one day and the sky was bright with a golden light o'er the place where Jesus lay." There is a hush in the Parish as the song is sung. It is both familiar and reassuring as we all sing together as one family. The words bring forth an image that is imprinted in our minds, the humble place where The Blessed Virgin Mary gave birth to the Infant Jesus, our New Born King!

Throughout the Advent season we have been immersed with new "words" of the Revised Translation of the Roman Missal for the Mass. Words that give us great images of the Holy Scripture and the essence of our faith. For many of us the change brought us closer to Christ and a deeper spiritual enlightenment.

For those who may have missed a few of the instructions or perhaps those who would like to reread some of the instructional leaflets that were in past bulletins during the Advent Season, please visit our Diocesan website (www.hbgdiocese.org) and become better acquainted with the actual changes in the Mass texts, especially the people's parts.

All these changes are positive and they help to convey many of the rich biblical images and allusions in the original Latin text. These changes help to emphasize God's unconditional love, His goodness, His power and His glory for us. When we become immersed with the meanings of the revised text, we can better understand the Eucharist as the Sacrificial Memorial of Christ's death, and the Real Presence of Jesus in the Most Holy Eucharist.

The more we grasp the meaning of what we say and do at Mass, the better our encounter with Christ will be. The Liturgy will then be familiar and imprinted in our minds and hearts with the great images of Holy Scripture and the very essence of our faith. Then a month, six months or a year from now, when we come together as the Body of Christ, as a family celebrating the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, we will be fully immersed as active participants.

Blessings,



BAPTISM CLASS

The **NEXT** baptism class will be held on **Wednesday, January 4th, at 7:00PM** in the rectory meeting room. All first time parents and those who have not attended a class within the last three years are required to attend. **ALL PARENTS MUST BE REGISTERED WITH THE PARISH** or have written permission from their own pastor to have the child baptized here. Call the parish office at 944-3133 to register for the class.

TO ORGANIZATIONS: PARISH CALENDAR/BULLETIN

We would like to ask all organizations to send their meeting dates to the Parish Office so they can be put on the 2012 Church Calendar. **It is imperative that all organizations submit their desired meeting dates in a timely manner.** Please provide us with updated names, phone numbers and/or e-mail addresses for your current officers or contact people. Please also remember that **information to be published in the weekly Church Bulletin should be received by the Parish Office no later than Monday afternoon to be published in the following Sunday's bulletin.**

-Thank you, Parish Office Staff

Stewardship is a way of life. Tithing is
God's Plan for Giving:



Weekly need for 2010-2011 Budget: \$20,077
Collection Comparison for the 25th Sunday of the Fiscal Year:
 (2011) Adult \$ 14,343.00 (2010) Adult \$ 14,610.00
 Loose \$ 220.00 Loose \$ 228.00
 Children \$ 12.00 Children \$ 00.00
TOTAL: \$ 14,575.00 TOTAL: \$ 14,838.00

Comments from the pastor:

"I do not lend. I give." ~ St. John Vianney

Comments from a parishioner:

"God has provided for my needs. I know He does this so that I can help others. I feel that this is the least I can do."

Did you know? If your employer participates in the United Way Campaign, you can designate your contribution to go to Seven Sorrows School. Just write in Seven Sorrows School on your United Way contribution form.

2011 Tax Information

Many people use Christmas and the year's end as a special time to positively impact on their state and federal taxes and lessen their tax liability. There are a number of forms of Christmas and year-end giving all of which are tax deductible: giving securities, depreciated securities, property, life insurance, business gifts and of course, cash. Your broker or tax consultant can give you details on how to do this. Cash contributions need to be in the Parish Office no later than **DECEMBER 28th** in order for your contribution to be considered as a deduction for the 2011 tax year.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

May the SPIRIT of Christmas and the LIFE OF JESUS be in your hearts this holiday season.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
Lisa



Council of Catholic Women 's News

CCW Officers wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Thank you to everyone for baking and helping with the Christmas cookie sale!

Next **CCW meeting** will be held on **Monday, January 2nd at 7:00 PM** in the Cabrini Room. **Weather permitting!**



**MINISTER, LECTOR, ALTAR SERVER
SCHEDULE**

Schedule- December 31st & January 1st

EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS:

5:30 PM L. Lightner, T. Lightner, D. McNulty, R. McNulty,
C. Tringali, R. Tringali, M. Whelan, T. Whelan
9:00 AM M. Brodnick, L. Christner, K. Jones, T. Jones, L. Shank,
T. Shank, K. Shreiner, S. Spadone
11:00 AM R. Angelucci, R. Angelucci, S. Bell, D. Benko,
P. Bradford, J. Fernback, P. Fraley, N. Nezovich

LECTORS:

5:30 PM J. Loeper
9:00 AM F. Shreiner
11:00 AM J. Stene

ALTAR SERVERS:

5:30 PM B. Fails, K. Fails, Z. Fails, L. Herneisey
9:00 AM K. Breisch, K. Hartwell, L. Hartwell, M. Hartwell
11:00 AM R. Arendacs, P. Bertovic, J. Brady, L. Brady

Remember His Will In Yours

You can express your commitment to our Church by making a bequest to Seven Sorrows Parish or School. Simply have the following statement included in your will: I LEAVE TO THE SEVEN SORROWS B.V.M. PARISH, BUILDING FUND or SCHOOL, MIDDLETOWN, PA, THE SUM OF \$ ___ (or ___ percent of the residue of my estate) for its religious, educational and charitable works.



GOD'S HOUSEKEEPERS THIS WEEK

Linda Breisch, Dee Finck, Nancy Salazar,
Suzanne Thear, Vicki Zolenski, Karen Seador,
Rebecca Solimeo

**SCRIP SALES-VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE:
BEFORE & AFTER MASSES:**

SCRIP SALES WILL RESUME ON JANUARY 7TH & 8TH

All 8th graders considering Bishop McDevitt for the fall 2012 school year are required to take the High School Placement Test (HSPT). Students may chose either Saturday, January 14th or February 4th, 2012 with respective deadlines of January 6th and January 20th. As part of the feeder program, students enrolled in Catholic school should have received the HSPT registration form. Students from public, other private and home schools are welcome to take the test. The HSPT registration form can be downloaded from our website, <http://www.bishopmcddevitt.org/admissions/parent-information>. If you need a further assistance, please contact Mrs. Jill Hanes, Director of Admissions, 236-7973 ext. 211 or admissions@bishopmcddevitt.org.



**Seven Sorrows School
Lottery Ticket Fundraiser Results**



Date	Amt	#	Name and Address
WEEK OF 12/11/11 - 12/17/11			
12/11/11	\$100	585	Jan Smalstig- Middletown
12/12/11	\$25	070	Carolyn Astfalk- Hummelstown
12/13/11	\$25	789	Ricardo Harris- Camp Hill
12/14/11	\$25	355	Tracy Yuslum- Middletown
12/15/11	\$25	941	Jen Schengrund- Palmyra
12/16/11	\$25	961	Tracy Christini- Etters
12/17/11	\$25	186	Connie Egenrieder- Middletown

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SCHOOL NEWS



The following students received **artist awards** for the month of **November**: Kindergarten- Claire Munnely, Brandon Stark; 1st grade- Carina Farber, Madison Rehm, Apryl Hess-Moore, Samuel Vargas, Ayden Zimmerman; 2nd grade- IZIAHA Carney, Gabriela Przybylski, Anthony Stains, Marcus Bornman, Nicolas Carbon, Nicolas Corradi, 3rd grade- Ava Corradi; 4th grade- Hannah Arnold, Colin Nemshick, Marie Schopf; 7th grade- Noah Bamert, Serena Seltzer, Emily Barb; 8th grade- Adrian Ledebom, Sarah Carson, Alexis McElwee, Virginia Kern, Peter Rankin.

Wednesday, December 21st, the Maranatha Production Company from Lancaster presented "A Christmas Carol" at 1:00 PM in the Church.

The **National Junior Honor Society** is sponsoring a Food Drive to benefit the Middletown Food Bank.

Eighth grade students helped pre-K thru 2nd grade students write letters to Santa.

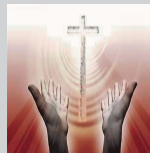
Awards for **High Academic Distinction** for the first trimester were presented to: 4th grade- Anthony Larry, 6th grade- Maureen Hartwell, Madison Nemshick, Adam Peifer, 8th grade- Carolyn Ciccocioppo, Kathleen Hartwell.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Christmas Vacation: Classes will resume on **January 4th**. Please email me at religioused@sevensorrows.org if you have any questions or concerns. **Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from our Catechists and Staff.** -Ray Kerwin E.L.M., Coordinator of Religious Education

Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Harrisburg is offering a mini-retreat, "**Women of Grace, Morning of Grace**" January 21, 2012 from 9 AM to 12 Noon in the Social Hall. Mass is available at 8:30 AM. The program will include a DVD presentation, prayer, and speaker Fr. Edward J. Quinlan, Parish Administrator and Secretary of Education for the Diocese of Harrisburg. Donation is \$7, includes light breakfast. RSVP to Chris Arnold at 717-671-9256 or chris.arnold@gmail.com. or Vicki Crispo at wog325@gmail.com or 717-757-4295.

Volunteer Opportunities ~ WHYF AM 720 Catholic Radio for Central PA needs your help. Volunteers are needed for a variety of tasks from clerical to on-air. If you have time to donate to this ministry, please call (717) 525-8110 or email; Contact@yourhollyfamilyradio.com. Schedules are flexible.



On Tuesday, **JANUARY 3rd**, at 7:30 PM, there will be a **Charismatic Mass** with prayers for healing at St. Theresa Church, 1300 Bridge St., New Cumberland. Reverend ANTHONY RAJA, will be the celebrant. All are welcome. For more information, please call: John 737-2927 or Mary Ann at 564-7709.

HOSPICE OF CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA are looking for volunteers in **Patient/Family Support, Special Events** and **Projects and Administrative Support**. For more information on volunteer opportunities and training, please contact Barbara Hardy at 732-1000 or BHardy@HospiceofCentralPa.org.