



# St. Mary's Cathedral Parish

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## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 29, 2009

### Mass intentions for this week

**Monday, November 30 - Andrew, apostle**

10:50 (SJ) Intentions of All Souls

7:15 *Novena Prayers*

7:30 Shirley Perry by Sharon and Sheila

**Tuesday, December 1 - Advent Weekday**

10:50 (SJ) Benefactors of Catholic Charities

12:00 Charles Spencer Fisher by his mother, Gert Rothenberg, and his sister, Paula Wallace.

**Wednesday, December 2 - Advent Weekday**

8:00 AM - Katherine Tournon by, her sister, Pat

10:50 (SJ) Benefactors of St. Joseph's Home

**Thursday, December 3 - Francis Xavier, priest**

10:50 (SJ) *Notre Dame*

12:00 Richard J. Taylor, Anniv., by the Taylor family

**Friday, December 4 - Advent Weekday**

10:50 (SJ) Janet Erwin by Ronald Driscoll and Dr. Ryan and Kim Tyler and family

12:00 William Dawson by Steve and Deb Henry

**Saturday, December 5 - Advent Weekday**

4:00 (Antic.) Marie Sholette by the McLellan family

**Sunday, December 6 - Second Sunday of Advent**

8:00 AM - For the People of the Parish and the Diocese

11:00 AM - Mona Timm by Janice Seeley

**Next Sunday's Scripture Readings:** Baruch 5:1-9; Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11; and the Gospel of Luke 3:1-6.

### Coffee House

The St. Mary's Cathedral Music Ministry will, once again, host a very special evening of entertainment provided by Barbara Heller Rogers and friends in the Bishop Brzana Memorial Hall next **Sunday, December 6, from 6-8 PM**. There will be a wonderful selection of coffees, teas, cocoa, and sweet treats. Several raffle items and door prizes will be available throughout the evening. Cost is \$5 per person, and children under 12 are free. See you there!



### Prayer Partners

You should have received the name(s) of your Advent Prayer Partner(s) in the mail this week. Please remember to keep them in your prayers during this holy season. May knowing that someone else is praying for you as well help to make this a peace-filled season for you!

### Sanctuary Candles - In Memory Week of November 29

**Main Cathedral** - Charles Calcaterra by his family

**Deacon Winter Chapel** - Robert Guimond by his family

### "The Lord our Justice"

Advent is a time of peace and quiet as we prepare to remember again that the gift of our salvation comes through the gift of the Father's Love, His Son, the *Word Made Flesh Who Dwelt Among Us!* We also prepare for Jesus our King who will come again at the end of time. But in the meantime, we want to be "present" to the already "presence" of Jesus who dwells in our hearts. He wants to come into our homes and dwell there in a special way during this season of Advent. Then, the celebration of Christmas will have a special meaning of "gift-giving", the giving of ourselves to another, our real presents (presence) of love and forgiveness. Let us listen and pray well during this season of Advent. How can you structure "listening time" to hear God's call during Advent? Realizing that Jesus is present in the people and places we least expect, what can you do for someone less fortunate?

### Advent Penance Service

Again this year, St. Mary's Cathedral will join Notre Dame Church for an Advent Reconciliation Service. The Service will be held at Notre Dame Church on **Sunday, December 13**, at 2:00 PM. There will be several priests from our area hearing confessions at that time. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a reminder of Jesus' unending mercy. Receive His forgiveness. Meet Him at Christmas with a clean conscience and joyful heart. All are invited to participate.

### Christmas Children's Choir

Elementary school children who would like to sing in the Children's Choir at the 4 PM Mass on Christmas Eve are asked to practice with us after the 11 AM Mass this weekend.



### Shine the Light

When you string lights or light Advent candles, let them be a reminder to you, throughout the Advent and Christmas season, to share the light of your faith with others through your words and actions.

### Nocturnal Adoration

Won't you join us on **Thursday, December 3**, for Nocturnal Adoration? We begin this special time, in the Deacon Winter Chapel, with Holy Hour for Vocations from 8:00-9:00 PM. Adoration then continues throughout the night, concluding at 7:00 AM on Friday, December 4. As part of our observance of First Friday, there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, in the Deacon Winter Chapel, beginning after the noon Mass until 5:00 PM. Come, spend some time with Our Lord. Feel His love and care for you.

### Advent Retreat

Our Lady of the Adirondacks House of Prayer, Ellenburg Center, will be holding an Advent Retreat entitled, ***Make Your Home in Me, as I Make Mine in You - An Advent Journey***. The retreat will be held on **Saturday, December 5**, from 10:30 AM to 4:30 PM.

Father Roger McGuinness will help us prepare and open our hearts to examine the desire of Jesus to be born into us as we live in anticipation of being born fully into Him. It will be a day of reflection on the mystery and wonder of the Incarnation. An anticipated Mass, Reconciliation, and meditation time will be incorporated into the day. Lunch will be provided. Please make your reservations by December 3 by calling 518-594-3253.

### Cleaning of the Church

The members of the Altar Society will be gathering on **Thursday, December 17**, at 9:00 AM for a general cleaning of the Church. If you are available, your help would be very much appreciated!

### Many Thanks to Miss Irene Dodge



Miss Irene Dodge donated a beautiful Yamaha piano to St. Marguerite D'Youville Academy. Her generosity will inspire students of piano for many years to come. It is people like Miss Dodge that show our children how special our Church and school family really is. She cares that much about the students that she was willing to donate her piano. What a wonderful gesture. We, at St. Marguerite's, thank Miss Dodge from the bottom of our hearts. Pictured above are SMDA students with their piano teacher, Mrs. Rosemary Neal.

### Keep watch. Jesus is coming

We know this because we celebrate His coming every Christmas. He will also come again in glory but we don't know when that will be. Advent reminds us to always be prepared for the coming of Christ. *"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight His paths"* (Matthew 3:3).

**Give the gift of yourself.** This year prepare the one gift for Jesus that He truly wants: YOU. Jesus thought each of us was worth love and His life. To Him, we are a gift from the Father (John 17:24). Prepare yourself during Advent so that when He unwraps your gift on Christmas morning, it is the very best you have to offer - your love.

**Break down barriers.** Let go of anything that stands between you and your faith. Perhaps you have a bad habit or a companion who is a poor influence. Take this opportunity during Advent to make things right. Ridding yourself of opportunities for sin will help you be ready to greet the Savior when He comes.

**Give gifts from the heart.** Instead of buying gifts, give from your heart. If you're a good baker, make treats to share with others. If you sing or play an instrument, create CD's of your favorite songs for friends and family. Jesus showed us that the greatest of gifts come in the simplest form. Remember, a gift given with love is the best gift of all.

**Clean House.** Just as you would clean your home to prepare for an honored guest, clean your soul of sin through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Remember to forgive those who have hurt you, too. *"Create me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me"* (Psalm 51:10, RSV).

### Secretary for the Department of Education

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Ogdensburg has an immediate opening for the full-time position of **Secretary for the Department of Education**. The Secretary must possess strong secretarial, bookkeeping, and computer skills. Knowledge of Microsoft Word and Excel is required. Strong interpersonal skills and good oral and written communication skills are also required. Submit letter of interest, resume, and three professional references to: Human Resources Office, P.O. Box 369, Ogdensburg, NY 13669. Deadline for application is November 30, 2009.

### Inspirational CD's and Books

Please take a moment and stop by our display board, in the Cathedral vestibule, where you will find an assortment of inspirational CD's, books, and brochures. For only \$3 you can obtain a CD and learn more about our Catholic faith or for 50 cents each you may purchase a brochure.

Many new Advent and Christmas titles are now available. These would make wonderful Christmas gifts!

### SMDA Annual Benefit Auction

Our Catholic school is in the planning stages of their Annual Benefit Auction to be held **Saturday, April 24**, at the school. If you have any items you wish to donate, they may be dropped off at the school or at Dr. Angela Rufa's office at 610 Cedar Street. They are also in need of baskets to be used for theme baskets for the auction. If you have any questions, please contact the school at 393-0165.



**No joy exceeds the joy of forgiving and being forgiven.**

**Remember in Prayer**

**We pray for loved ones who are ill:**

Davalene Layng, Leward Lucia, Ann Losurdo, Joan Cutway, Jean Seeley, Dennis Moore, Wanda Taylor, Randy Livingston, Stanley Seymour, Geraldine Sansoucy, Mike Cagler, Allen Bromling, Jeff Potter, Elmer Martel, Justin Roethel, Tori Elliott, Michele Cline, Marie Craven, Janet Knill, and Mary Jane LaFave.

**We also request your prayers for:**

Those who care for the sick and all our military men, women, and their families.

**This Week at a Glance**

**Sunday, November 29**

- No religion classes.
- Adult Choir rehearsal at 10:00 AM in the choir loft.

**Monday, November 30**

- St. Vincent de Paul Society meeting at 9 AM in the rectory.
- RCIA meeting in the rectory at 7 PM.

**Tuesday, December 1**

- Elizabeth Ministry Meeting in the Bishop Brzana Memorial Hall at 6:30 PM.

**Wednesday, December 2**

- Legion of Mary meeting at 3:30 PM in the rectory.

**Thursday, December 3**

- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Deacon Winter Chapel from 8 PM to 7 AM on Friday, beginning with Holy Hour for Vocations at 8 PM.

**Friday, December 4**

- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Deacon Winter Chapel after the 12 noon Mass until 5 PM.

**Saturday, December 5**

- Retreat for Confirmation I and Confirmation II students at Wadham's Hall from 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM.

**Sunday, December 6**

- Religion classes for all grades.
- Adult Choir rehearsal at 10:00 AM in the choir loft.
- Coffee House to be held in the Bishop Brzana Memorial Hall from 6-8 PM.

**NOTE:**

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the bulletin had to be transmitted early. Collection figures and updates on the Capital Campaign will be reported in next weekend's bulletin.

**Bishop's Fund Appeal**

Our sincere gratitude to those who have supported this year's Bishop's Fund Appeal. To date, 226 individuals/families in our parish have made a gift or pledge to this year's Appeal. As of November 20, we have received \$41,379.28 (81.96%) toward our parish goal of \$50,484.88. If you have not yet had an opportunity to do so, your gift can still be placed in the collection basket or mailed to the Bishop's Fund Office. On-line giving is also available at [www.dioogdensburg.org/development](http://www.dioogdensburg.org/development). Thank you, once again, for your generosity and support. Please remember - every gift makes a difference - every gift counts.

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**St. Vincent de Paul Society**

1115 Ford Street 393-6579  
Store Hours: 1:30 - 4:00 p.m. Monday - Friday  
12:30 - 3:00 p.m. Saturday  
Store is closed during July and August

**Weekend Liturgies**

Saturday 4:00 p.m. anticipated  
Sunday 8:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

**Reconciliation**

Saturday 3:00 - 3:45 p.m.  
Sunday 10:15 - 10:45 a.m.  
or by contacting Father Terry

**Nocturnal Adoration**

Thursday before the First Friday of each month in Deacon Winter Chapel beginning with Holy Hour for Vocations at 8:00 p.m. and concluding at 7:00 a.m. on First Friday.

**Eucharistic Adoration**

First Friday and Thursdays (except the Thursday before the First Friday of the month) in Deacon Winter Chapel beginning after the noon Mass until 5:00 p.m.

**Daily Liturgies/Holy Days**

As listed in the bulletin.

**Baptism**

First Sunday of the month at 11:45 a.m. Sponsors are to be at least 16 years of age, have received Holy Communion and Confirmation, and practice their Catholic faith. A baptized person who belongs to a non-Catholic ecclesial community may be admitted in the company of a Catholic sponsor, serving as a Christian Witness.

**Marriage**

As arranged with the parish staff.

**Project Rachel**

Alternatives to Abortion: 393-2255 or 393-2660

**Elizabeth Ministry**

Contact Sister Mary Teresa LaBrake, G.N.S.H., at 393-3930.

A **Craft Fair** will take place at St. James School in Gouverneur on **Saturday, December 5**, from 10 AM-3 PM. Santa will visit at 1:30 PM. Lunch will be available.

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