

**Mass Schedule**

8:30 a.m. Mass—Monday—Saturday in in the Chapel  
**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
 4:00 p.m. (Sat.)- Rita ( Sciulli) Manfredo - Req. by M/M Ed Eggert  
 9:00 a.m.— Birthday/ Anniv. - Rose & Igngzio and Marie & John Merletti - Req. by Shirlee Porro and son, Jeff  
 11:00 a.m.- Martin, Jane & Edward Conroy - Req. by Chuck & Agnes Riley  
**MONDAY, DECEMBER 24 - VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS**  
 8:30 a.m. – Communion Service  
 4:00 pm - For the Parish  
**TUESDAY, - DECEMBER 25 - NATIVITY OF THE LORD**  
 9:00 a.m– For the Parish  
 11:00 am - For the Parish  
**WEDNESDAY, – DECEMBER 26 - STEPHEN, FIRST MARTYR**  
 8:30 a.m. - Cecelia & Ralph Schlachter - Req. by Children - Paul, Richard, and Patricia  
**THURSDAY, - DECEMBER 27 - JOHN, APOSTLE, EVANGELIST**  
 8:30 a.m– Paul Sullivan - Henry & Rose Deffner  
**FRIDAY, - DECEMBER 28 - HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS**  
 8:30 a.m. - James Hanlon - Req. by Rita Spratt  
**SATURDAY,– DECEMBER 29 - FIFTH DAY IN OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS**  
 8:30 a.m. - Birthday - Anthony Mastandrea - Req. by Sister, Grace  
 4:00 p.m.– Charles Theobald - Req. by Rita Spratt  
**SUNDAY, - DECEMBER 30 - HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**  
 9:00 a.m. - Reiss Family - Req. by Mrs. Schöll  
 11:00 a.m. – Viona Brunner - Req. by Mr. Gene Little

**Ministers at the Altar Dec. 24– 25**

4:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
<b>Lectors:</b>		
R. C. Koenig	D. Ellis	J. Sheehan
<b>Ministers of the Eucharist:</b>		
D. Goyak	E. Barone	I.M. Bichler
M. Hughes	S. Dusch	S. Bichler
<b>Altar Servers:</b>		
	B. Rieland	A. Wilharm
	Brad Mauser	S. Wilharm

**VOLUNTEER REQUEST** from Elderly Outreach of Catholic Charities, for an elderly woman living in the Overbrook area. She is asking for assistance for shopping. Please consider shopping for this person as you shop for yourself. Call Sr. Rosemary at 412-881-1933 if interested.

**Pastor's Notes**

**WELCOMING JESUS --** We need to know that we still belong to the people who share life with us. It's so easy to grow apart, to take others for granted, and never to express our love in words or gestures. At times the pace of life with all of its worries, problems and tasks, pushes us right by the ones we belong to. If this can happen so easily with those whom we can see, then the danger exists that we will eventually take for granted the one whom we can't see – Jesus, Our Savior. We need to extend our welcome daily to Our Lord.

Christmas is a time to gently ask ourselves if we are still extending our welcome to Jesus. Does he still have a place in all of our decisions, plans, and dreams? Or do we just invite him into our lives when it seems like the right occasion, like a wedding anniversary or a baptism, or some such occasion where we are in a good mood and ready to give thanks to God? We need to be more than a fair weather friend when it comes to our relationship with the Christ.

If we develop the practice of prayer each day, and many times through each day, we will be welcoming Jesus into our lives. When, through prayer, we open ourselves to having Christ touch our thoughts, our feelings, our decisions, we will know what it means to let another into the deepest part of our lives.

Sometimes we smile at a child who has been asked to say the grace before a meal. The little one asks God to take care of his pet cat or his little hamster, to keep the rain off of the picnic that's being planned, to give food to the poor people. Everything gets thrown into the prayer because the child knows that God cares about everything, not just about what we think are important items. Perhaps that is the way you and I should learn how to pray.

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE** — Each Christmas, Jesus asks to be born in your home and within the hearts of your family. It is our hope that we may all be gathered together to praise our Savior on Christmas Day, and to receive His unending gift of love. On behalf of the Parish Staff, we invite you to join with us in celebrating the great gift of God's presence among us.

**CHRISTMAS MASSES—SAINT NORBERT**

**Christmas Eve** 4:00 p.m.  
**Christmas Day** 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

**CHRISTMAS MASSES—SAINT SYLVESTER**

**Christmas Eve** 4:00 p.m.  
 6:00 p.m.  
 10:00 p.m. Choir Mass  
**Christmas Day** 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 Noon

## SANTA'S PRAYER

The sleigh was all packed, the reindeer were fed;  
But Santa still knelt by the side of the bed.

“Dear Father,” he prayed, “be with me tonight;  
There’s much work to do and my schedule is tight.

“I must jump in my sleigh and streak through the  
sky, while knowing for certain that reindeer can’t  
fly.”

“I will visit each household before the first light;  
I’ll cover the whole world in this very night.  
With sleigh bells a-ringing, I will land on each  
roof, amid the soft clatter of each reindeer hoof.

“To get into the house is the difficult part, so I’ll  
slide down the chimney of every child’s heart.

“My sack will hold toys to grant all their wishes;  
The supply will be endless, like the loaves and the  
fishes.

“I will fill all the stockings and not leave a track;  
I will eat every cookie that is left for my snack;

“ I can do all these things, Lord, only through You;

I just need Your blessing, then it’s easy to do.

“All this is to honor the birth of the One who was  
sent to redeem us, your most holy Son.

**So to all of my friends...  
Lest Your glory I rob,  
Please, Lord, remind them  
Who gave me this job”**

**PRAY FOR OUR SICK** The sick and shut-ins are depending on your prayers to support them in their suffering and illness. Please remember in your prayers: Frank Violi, Tom Hipkiss, Theodore Wolovich, Christine Denk Reiss, Dori Sites, Rose Marie Misurda, Margaret Schotoff, Mary Waskowiak, Anna Cummings, Chuck Scheider, Ann Lapeccerella, , Ted Baranowski,, Jeanne O’Toole, Theresa George, Helen Kelly, George Long, Jared Carr, Sheila Hanna, Mary Cahill, Grace Conley, James & Alice Passanante, Anne Undereiner, Alphonse Grabowski, Pat Gilmore ,Robert W. Mitts Jr., Samuel Reston, Sharon Harmon, Ethel Thomas, Joseph Kiggins, Gordon C. Gladdon, Jimmy Johnston, Nora Kearney, John Shamitko, Germaine McCann , Virginia Jessop, Lee Ann Vietmeier, Jennie Casciani, Dorothy Brizek, Dolores Grimm, Buzz Mastandrea , Margaret Ranft Smith, Michelle Guckes—Storey, Dorothy Fitzgerald, Carolyn Kovac, Elizabeth Buller, Joe & Ruth Lazar, Richard Kozlowski, Jay Waters, Gabrielle Bair, Marion Safko, Douglas Kmonk, Rita Yozetich , Frederick Sanctis, Teddie Nahm, William King, Vicki McCue, John Nalepa and Gerald Englert.

**If you know** of anyone whose name should be added to the prayer list, please call the rectory. **Please also call if you know of any names that can be deleted from the list.**

### Readings for the Week of December 23, 2007

Sunday	Is 7:10-14; Ps 24; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24
Monday	Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89; Lk 1:67-79 Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
Tuesday	Midnight: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14 Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20 Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
Wednesday	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31; Mt 10:17-22
Thursday	1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Friday	1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Ps 124; Mt 2:13-18
Saturday	1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96; Lk 2:22-35
Sunday	Sir 3:2-7, 12-14; Ps 128; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23



<b>Stewardship</b>		
<b>For the Weekend of December 15-16</b>		
Mass Attendance: 366		
<b>4:00 p.m. - 151</b>	<b>9:00 a.m. - 111</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.-104</b>
<b>Sunday Offertory</b>	<b>\$3622</b>	
<b>Vigil Candles</b>	<b>86</b>	
<b>Parish Share</b>	<b>498</b>	
<b>Children's Envelopes</b>		
<b>Parish Maintenance</b>	<b>68</b>	
<b>Christmas Flowers</b>	<b>59</b>	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$4333</b>	
<i>Thank you for your generosity to our parish.</i>		

**Weekend Trip**

Saturday and Sunday, July 12-13, 2008. “**Shrines, Silos, Sightseeing & Shows**”.

Travel to Akron, Ohio and visit the Shrine of Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted, the Shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon, and the National Shrine of St. Dymphna., overnight stay with breakfast at Quaker Square Inn, Sunday mass at St. Vincent's, tour of Akron, and lunch at Carousel followed by a spectacular show “Viaggio”. Watch dazzling performances and unbelievable acrobatics. **Deposit of \$125.00 due by March 3, 2008** - \$219.00 double/\$199.00 triple/\$269.00 single. For information, call Patricia Graw at 412-521-3183. Sponsored by Catholic Business and Professional Women's Association. Men are always welcome.

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

**Live in such a way that if anyone should speak badly of you, no one would believe it.**

**Ministers at the Altar December 29-30**

4:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
<b>Lectors:</b>		
B. Burke	S. Kaduck	K. Cummings
<b>Ministers of the Eucharist:</b>		
M. Avery	S. Bichler	R. Woods
B. Coll	E. Barone	S. Wilharm
<b>Altar Servers:</b>		
	B. Rieland	A. Wilharm
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**Courtesy Announcements**

**Weekend Retreat for Post-Abortion Healing**

**Rachel's Vineyard**, a weekend retreat designed to heal the emotional and spiritual wounds of abortion, will be held on February 1-3, 2008. Open to both women and men, the retreat will take place at the Spiritan Center in Bethel Park. Rachel's Vineyard provides a beautiful experience of God's love, forgiveness, and compassion for those struggling with abortion's aftermath. There is a fee to cover the cost of food and lodging, but financial aid is available. Catholic Charities and the Diocese of Pittsburgh are co-sponsors. To register or for more information, call Ann Depner or Karen LaFrance at 412 456-6999 by January 25.

**COMING THIS WINTER.....** The Catechetical Administrators of the South Hills Deanery are planning a relaxing evening of soup and reflection. Mark your calendars and save the date...

**CHICKEN SOUP For the CATECHIST SOUL**

Monday, February 18, 2008  
7:00 pm

Clairvaux Hall at St. Bernard Church

We are looking for heartwarming and humorous stories from our catechists to be printed in our own special edition of Chicken Soup.

**HIGH SCHOOL** juniors and seniors and their families are invited to a Get Acquainted Day Open House at Saint Vincent College, Latrobe, on Saturday, January 19. Registration is from 8:45 to 9:00 am., followed by an introduction to Saint Vincent College, admission and financial aid presentations, a student panel, campus tours and opportunities to meet faculty, administration and coaches. The day concludes with an optional brunch at noon in the Community Center Dining Hall. Find out more about this top-ranked Catholic, Benedictine, liberal arts college. Listen to financial aid and admission presentations, meet faculty, administrators and coaches and take a campus tour. For information, or to reservations, phone 1-800-782-5549.

