

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**December 20, 2009**

**FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK**

Mon., Dec. 21 St. Peter Claver  
 Wed., Dec. 23 St. John Kanty  
 Fri., Dec. 25 **The Nativity of the Lord**



**Msgr. Karl's Korner**

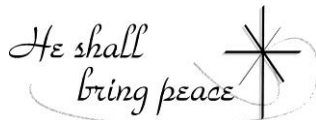
"Prepare the Way of the Lord, make straight His pathways!" I can say as Pastor, we have done so this past week, in the beautiful mission given by Father Jude Winkler, OFM Conventual. For those who made the effort in being at the mission, whether in part or the entire mission, received the direction toward Christmas in the magnificent light of Sacred Scripture and pastoral joy. Our Mission director led us from the Old Testament prophets to the New Testament evangelists demonstrating "Christ's Coming Foretold" (our mission theme) and Christ Coming into our lives now.

Preparing the way of the Lord was seen within the mission, in the many opportunities of receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation not only every single day of the mission, but at our Penance service on Tuesday evening. We concluded with the mass and healing service which followed, sending us off feeling good physically and spiritually.

I want to again sincerely thank those who came out to the mission, because I feel that as your pastor, you were fed a "gourmet" spiritual meal which the great spiritual-specialist, Fr. Jude, provided in his inspirational talks. The dessert Father provided was his spectacular books and tapes which he produced himself! This took care of many Christmas gifts which are far more meaningful than one can imagine.

Yes, I am proud of the turnout and grateful to Father Jude that he had found a place in his busy schedule to minister to us on the great third week of Advent – Gaudete Sunday or "rejoice Sunday". We all left this mission well informed about Christ coming in Scripture, but most of all everyone left most joyful and yes, prepared for the coming of Jesus Christ in this holy season of Christmas.

Peace and joy,  
*Msgr. Karl*



**From our mailbox . . . .**

"Dear St. George's Catholic Church,

I would like to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers for all deployed troops. It was a very challenging deployment, but having the support you gave, raised morale among the troops.

I would especially like to thank the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation class and the parishioners for their collection of toiletries. It may have seemed like a small gesture, but it meant the world to the troops serving on the front lines.

I would like to close by restating how appreciative I was for your prayers and all the support you gave.

Thank you, *Cpl. Tyler Alt*"

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Mon., Dec. 21 9:00 AM Zee Kerwin  
 Tues., Dec. 22 9:00 AM Herbert Mattingly  
**Thur., Dec. 24 4:00 PM St. George Children & Parents**  
**Thur., Dec. 24 9:00 PM St. George Parishioners**  
**Fri., Dec. 25 8:30 AM St. George Island Residents**  
**Fri., Dec. 25 11:00 AM St. George Parishioners**  
 Sat., Dec. 26 5:30 PM John and Rosine Hodges  
 Sun., Dec. 27 8:30 AM Geraldine Gross, Thomas Gross and Gilbert Lawrence.  
 Sun., Dec. 27 11:00 AM David Mattingly

**PARISH FINANCE**

**Offertory December 13, 2009**

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| General Collection                       | \$3,904.56 |
| Vestibule Fund                           | 181.00     |
| Thanksgiving                             | 40.09      |
| Feast of Immaculate Conception           | 262.00     |
| Retirement Fund for Religious            | 1,345.00   |
| Christmas Food Baskets                   | 250.00     |
| C.C.D. Cookie Sale                       | 225.00     |
| Poor Box                                 | 47.35      |
| Identifiable Gifts                       | 133        |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of December, 2008 | \$3,730.14 |

***Tithing--Sacrificial Giving-- Joyfully giving thanks to God. Gratitude for your faithful parish support.***

**PRAYERS**

**Please remember the sick of our parish:** especially Franklin Adams, Louise Adams, Thomas Barnes, Agnes Geneva Blackwell, Catherine Briscoe, Ann Clayton, Alice Countess, Paul Dickens, Joan Dorsey, Mary Dyson, Kristin Hibbs, Gail Holden, Dorothy Lampkin, Alverta Lawrence, Mary Nellie Lawrence, Frances Morgan, Hilda Mowery, John Mundie, Gloria Robinson, Marian Slade, infant Christian Joshua Taylor, Arianna Tiger.

**Others in need of our prayers** (requested by parishioners): All members of our military and their families, Charles Andrews, Kyle Bennett (in Iraq), Richard Bowen, Sarah Burch, Betty Coffman, Shannon Copp, Benjamin Countess, Caroline Countiss, Phyllis Davis, Ronald Dews, Fran Dicus, Ray Dicus, Julie Marable Donaldson, Diane Dorsey, Sister Louise Dowgiallo, OSB, George Fairfax, Ruth Farr, John Gateau, Mary Gavarinski, Paul Greenwell, James Gross, Judy Guffie, Jack Gumtow, Margaret Hankla, Sue Hoag, Mary Ann Hulth, Wendy Jackson, Cathleen Johnson, Bill Keeton, Vivian Keeton, William Kelmickis, Lois Krzeski, Cathy LaBelle, Lee Lancaster, Ann Lancot, Dr. Claude Lancot, Lovetta Lawrence, Danny Mahoney, Joseph Martin, Doris Mattingly, Dee Mauer, J. P. McCord, Barbara McDonnell, Maria McGuigan, Beverly McKay, Beth Meister, Vicki Moak, Margaret Murray, David Peixeira, John Pierce, Donna Poudrier, Tom Puckett, Eleanor Raley, Sharon Redman, Tony Reeves, Mary Sue Robinson, James Ronan, Loretta Rule, Nancy Schmidt, Raymond Schmidt, Hunter Scott, Ami Shah, Evaon Shroeder, Palma Sileo, Sister Mary Rebecca, RSM, Sister Rose Bernard Tarleton, Dwayne Thompson, Jennie Umas, Rose Varela, Tom & Liz Warren, Bette Werner, Eugene Wright, Bob Ziebold.

Note: Please let us know when a name should be removed from our Prayer List. We are happy to know when prayers have been answered.



**PARISH CALENDAR**

Sun., Dec. 20 CCD and RCIA/Adult Update, Comm. Ctr.  
 Sun., Dec. 20 Pageant Rehearsal, 12 PM, Comm. Ctr.  
 Sun., Dec. 20 Children's Choir Rehearsal, 1 PM, Church  
 Mon., Dec. 21 Morning Prayer, "Matins", 8:30 AM & 12/22  
 Mon., Dec. 21 Choir Rehearsal, 7 PM  
 Tues. Dec. 22 Children's Choir Rehearsal, 5:30PM, Chur.  
 Tues., Dec. 22 Pageant Rehearsal, 6:30 PM, in Church  
 Wed., Dec. 23 Decorate Church for Christmas, 10 AM  
 Wed., Dec. 23 Cantor/Choir Rehearsals, 6:30 & 7 PM  
 Dec. 24-25 See schedule, next column  
 Sun., Dec. 27 No CCD or RCIA/Adult Update this date.

**Extending our Blessings to the Community**

The St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Aloysius Parish will be providing Christmas Dinner on Christmas Day (Friday, December 25, 2009) at Father Andrew White School in Leonardtown for those desiring a good meal and fellowship, as well as the homebound of our community. Dinner will be served between 2:00 PM – 6:00 PM.

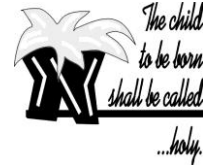
It is our desire to provide transportation to those that would like to attend and deliver dinners to those that are unable to come to the school. We are appealing to you for assistance with:

- Names of needy persons or families in your parish community
- Volunteers to transport those in need of a ride from your parish community
- Volunteers to deliver dinners to the homebound in your parish community (if preferred)
- Volunteers to prepare, set up, make decorations, serve and/or clean up at Father Andrew White School hall

If you have questions, wish to provide information, or sign up to volunteer, please contact Regina at SVdP (301-481-2942) or at her home number 301-475-9096.

We appreciate your support in this effort to display God's love and express the true meaning of Christmas!

*CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE*



Thur., Dec. 24 4:00 PM Children's Liturgy  
 Thur., Dec. 24 9:00 PM Solemn Christmas Liturgy  
 Fri., Dec. 25 8:30 AM Christmas Liturgy, St. Francis Xavier, St. George Island  
 Fri., Dec. 25 11:00 AM Christmas Liturgy, St. George

**LITTLE FLOWER SCHOOL AND AREA NEWS**

**L.F.S, Easy Money Raffle - Grand Prize \$2,500.** Only 1200 tickets will be sold! Donation: \$25 per ticket. Drawing will be held at **LFS Italian Night, February 12, 2010.** Other prizes include \$500, \$250 and four \$125 bonus prizes. For information or to purchase ticket, call Nancy Szewczyk, 301-863-2840 or Michelle Levin, 301-373-2907.

**Sun., Dec. 20 Christmas Open House and "Home for the Holidays" Exhibit, Piney Point Lighthouse Museum, 12-4 PM.** Admission: FREE. Holiday shopping in the Lighthouse Lens Museum Store. Info: 301-994-1471. **Dec. 26-Jan. 3,** open daily, Noon-4 PM.

**TEEN NEWS**

**Sun., Jan. 10 "The Teen Timeline"** New program to begin for high school teens (8 weeks) which will get you excited about God's Word in a fast-paced, relevant style of presentation. **Come to smile, laugh and learn!! 6-7:30 PM.** To sign-up, call Mr. Buckler, 301-994-1987 or church office, 301-994-0607.

| SCHEDULES:                        | ALTAR SERVERS  | ORGANIST/CANTOR                  | LECTORS                    | EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER             | GREETERS                         | SCRIPTURE READINGS            |
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| <b>Thur., Dec. 24<br/>4:00 PM</b> | R. Walter<br>R. Walter<br>D. Walter                  | B. Carpenter<br>Children's Choir | Children<br>Children       | J. Carpenter<br>L. Walter (Choir) | Children<br>G. Adams<br>J. Adams | Gospel:<br>Mt 1:1-25          |
| <b>Thur., Dec. 24<br/>9:00 PM</b> | A. Hills<br>K. Hills<br>M. Ojo                       | B. Carpenter<br>Choir            | R. Robison<br>J. Blackwell | Deacon George<br>N. Neel (Choir)  | J. Robison<br>T. Goddard         | Gospel:<br>Lk 2:1-14          |
| <b>Fri., Dec. 25<br/>8:30 AM</b>  | Mass at St. Francis Xavier Chapel, St. George Island |                                  |                            | R. Rose                           | Volunteer                        | Gospel:<br>Lk 2:15-20         |
| <b>Fri., Dec. 25<br/>11:00 AM</b> | J. Heisey<br>J. Shotwell<br>N. Shotwell              | J. Lenderman<br>J. Heather       | P. Heisey<br>E. Andrews    | Deacon L'Heureux                  | J. Mason<br>B. Thompson          | Gospel:<br>Jn 1:1-18          |
| <b>Sat., Dec. 26<br/>5:00 PM</b>  | C. Rodgers<br>B. Wathen                              | B. Carpenter                     | J. Heather<br>K. Owens     | Deacon L'Heureux                  | J. Rodgers<br>Volunteer          | First:<br>1 Sam 1:20-22.24-28 |
| <b>Sun., Dec. 27<br/>8:30 AM</b>  | J. Lynch<br>J. Shotwell<br>N. Shotwell               | B. Carpenter<br>D. Orwig         | H. Britton<br>N. Neel      | P. Bowes                          | B. Thompson<br>H. Young          | Second:<br>1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24  |
| <b>Sun., Dec. 27<br/>11:00 AM</b> | J. Heisey<br>J. Newman<br>E. Robison                 | B. Carpenter<br>C. Kolman        | P. Heisey<br>R. Robison    | J. Carpenter                      | R. Cutchember<br>J. Mason        | Gospel:<br>Lk 2:41-52         |

**Daily Mass Lectors, Dec. 21, 22:** M. Goldsmith, D. Adams

**Meals on Wheels, Dec. 22, 23, 24:** G. Crawford, K. Knott & M. A. Springer, L. & B. Beauverd

**Altar Preparation, Dec. 23:** Parishioners invited to help decorate the church, 10:00 AM



# ST. GEORGE PARISH FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY

FEAST OF THE  
EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, 2009

COVERED DISH DINNER

4:00 PM



PLEASE LET US KNOW THAT YOU WILL ATTEND  
AND WHAT YOU PLAN TO BRING!

( SIDE DISH, SALAD, DESSERT )

SIGN-UP SHEETS IN THE PEWS NEXT WEEKEND  
OR CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE  
301-994-0607