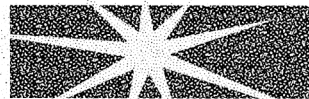


MEETINGS AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Sun 12/6 10:00 AM PreK Rel. Educ. - EW
11:15 AM HS & Conf. Rel. Educ. - EW
Sharing Tree
- Mon 12/7 7:00 PM Liturgy Committee
- Tue 12/8 Immaculate Conception
8:00 AM Mass (No Mass at Manor)
7:00 PM Mass
- Wed 12/9 9:00 AM Staff Meeting - P
- Thu 12/10 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal - WS
- Sat 12/12 9:00 AM Elem Rel. Educ. - EW
9:00 AM Festival Choir - WS
10:30 AM Kids of the Cross - WS
5:30 PM Baptism of Matthew Marchetti
- Sun 12/13 10:00 AM Pre K Rel. Educ. - EW
11:00 AM Coffee & Donuts - RC
11:15 AM MS Rel. Educ. - EW
Sharing Tree



COME
LORD, JESUS

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Help Decorate the Church for Christmas!!

Volunteers are needed to help decorate the Church on December 20th after the 10:00 AM Mass. If you are able to offer some time, please join us around 11:00 AM that day.

Community Caroling at Welcome Park (Rtes. 98 & 20) Sunday, Dec. 13 at 6:30 PM. Enjoy hot chocolate, cookies, and a visit with Santa free of charge! Organized by the Fairview Presbyterian Church with the co-operation of Fairview Township and The Fairview Community Council.

ALL HIGH SCHOOL-AGED HOLY CROSS YOUTH are invited to participate in the Box Village event



taking place at Our Lady of Peace Parish grounds from 1:00 PM Saturday, December 12 through 1:00 PM Sunday, December 13. Participants will enter into an un-plugged "physical poverty" and rely on

God to provide anything they need. This event is not meant to be just another opportunity for service hours. It is – primarily – a spiritual event. Release forms for this event can be found in the Gathering Space and are due in the parish office before December 11. For more information call OLP at 833-7701.

Advent Penance Service will be celebrated at Holy Cross on **Tuesday, December 15th, at 7:00 PM.** Several priests will be present for individual confession. If you are unable to attend the service, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered on Saturday from 4:15 PM until 5:00 PM, or by appointment.

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK -
Second Sunday of Advent**

Prepare the Way of the Lord

Adult: How can I become a better herald for Christ, one who announces his coming?

Child: What can I do to better prepare for the celebration of Christmas, the birth of Jesus?

Annual Appeal for the Retirement Fund for Religious will be held next weekend, Dec. 12 & 13. This fund furnishes immediate support for aging religious and helps their religious institutes implement long-term retirement strategies. Please give generously, and most importantly, please pray for all religious, that they may continue to be beacons of faith and hope who lead others to Christ.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2009

	5:30 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
PRESIDER:	Fr. Scott Detisch	Fr. Scott Detisch	Fr. Scott Detisch
LECTOR:	Barbara Walk and Mary Conti	Mary Breckenridge and Tim Wachter	Joseph Slezak and Dave Waples
CO-ORD:	Jan Agnello and Peg Mallin	Chuck Smith and Chris DeSantis	Rose Maas
EUCH. MINISTERS:	John and Pat Timon, Judy Gido, Mary Agnello, Jennie Agnello, Ellen Schauerman, Shirley Loeslein	Linda and Rick Graziani, Raymond Smith, Michelann and Pat McGowan, Sylvia Smith, Dan and Opie Wuenschel	Don and Fran Buseck, Paul DiFuccia, Paul Deberow, Ken and LuAnn MacIsaac, Ann Moore, Joe Maas, Betty Healy, Suzanne Sitzler, Martha Wetick
SERVERS:	Thomas Connell, Michael Connell, Jeremy Schroeck	Melissa Schneider, Katie Michael, Grant Stoltz	Michael Sitzler, Andrew Walker, Anthony Bacik
MUSIC:	Cantor	Cantor	Crossroads
MINISTERS OF CARE:		Dan and Marianne Levstek	
NURSERY:	<i>Nursery is available at the 10:00 a.m. mass only</i>		



Mass Intentions

Monday	December 7, 2009
8:00 AM	Allen Desko Req. by Frances Pregler
Tuesday	December 8, 2009
8:00 AM	Holy Cross Parish Family
7:00 PM	Alan Chulick Req. by Elaine Barner
Wednesday	December 9, 2009
8:00 AM	Matilda and Charles Tague Req. by Mary Duval
Thursday	December 10, 2009
8:00 AM	Communion Service
Friday	December 11, 2009
8:00 AM	Anne Marie Maresh Req. by Dan and Marianne Levstek
Saturday	December 12, 2009
5:30 PM	Deacon Edward Kurkas Req. by The Lee Family
Sunday	December 13, 2009
8:00 AM	Holy Cross Parish Family
10:00 AM	Ray and Kathryn Lacey Req. by Joe and Rosemary Murphey

Readings for the Week of December 6

Sunday:	Bar 5:1-9/Phil 1:4-6,8-11/Lk 3:1-6
Monday:	Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday:	Gn 3:9-15,20/Eph 1:3-6,11-12/Lk 1:26-38
Wednesday:	Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30
Thursday:	Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15
Friday:	Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19
Saturday:	Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a;12:1-6a,10ab/Lk 1:26-38 or 1:39-47
Next Sunday:	Zep 3:14-18a/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

Our sanctuary lamp will burn this week in memory of
ANTHONY PREGLER
 Requested by George and Judy Gido
(If you wish to request that the candle burn in memory of a loved one or for some other shared intention, please call the office.)

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

187/597 Adult Env. Received	Average \$25.21
15/257 Children Env. Received	Average \$0.81
Budgeted Average Weekly Expense	\$7,300.00
Actual Offertory Collection (\$141.47 Loose).....	\$4,726.71
Difference	-\$2,573.29
Year-To-Date Budget (22 weeks).....	\$160,600.00
Actual Year-To-Date Collection	\$147,047.31
Year-To-Date Difference	-\$13,552.69

Catholic Services Appeal

# Responses	260
Total Amount Pledged	\$90,416.00
Payments on Pledges	\$79,047.00
Balance Due on 2009 Pledges by 1/31/10	\$11,369.00

Your Thanksgiving Generosity

This time of year encourages us to pause and be thankful for all the blessings in our lives. We are especially grateful for the wonderful outpouring of support for the Thanksgiving Day offertory collection. Your generosity yielded 27 boxes of food that will be used to restock our emergency food pantry and support the Fairview Community Food Bank. The \$421.00 in cash donations will help sustain Holy Cross's participation in the Inter-Church Ministries' Voucher System for Emergency Assistance (VSEA). May God bless you for thoughtful gifts of giving to help those in need.

A Christmas Wish List

The holidays are a time of religious and moral reflection that inspire many people to reach out to those who are less fortunate. Less altruistically, but still just as important, donors need to make their end-of-year giving decisions by December 31 to qualify for a tax deduction in this calendar year.

If you are considering making such a donation, we invite you to consider making a financial gift that will assist our parish with purchasing some of the items on our wish list:

Wish List

- Motorized retractable solar shades (chapel) (\$4,500 value)
- Paper folding machine (\$2,500 value)
- Laminating machine (\$1,500 value)
- Laminator cabinet (\$500 value)
- Computer & printer for Music Ministry (\$600)
- Window treatments for office area (\$500)
- Oreck Commercial upright vacuum (\$450 value)
- Thermal Carafes (6) (\$120)

PLEASE NOTE:

We ask that you **do not** purchase the items on the wish list yourself, as your financial donation can do double duty with each dollar by Holy Cross Parish purchasing the items (at a reduced rate) through the Diocesan Purchasing Division, which serves the Dioceses of Buffalo, Erie, Rochester, and Syracuse.

With grateful appreciation,

Joan Kramzer
 Director of Finance and Operations