



# 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 7, 2008

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### SATURDAY - DECEMBER 6

**5:00PM Edna Jesse Lowe**  
r/b Carole & Bill Harrer  
**Joseph LaBella**  
r/b Barbara & Walter Lane

### SUNDAY - DECEMBER 7

**7:30AM People of the Parish**  
**9:00AM Mary Ann Reel** r/b John & Patti Morris  
**11:00AM Dr. A. Joseph & Margaret Hughes**  
r/b Margaret P. Hughes  
**Irene Fessler** r/b husband, Bill

### MONDAY - DECEMBER 8

**8:00AM Theresa Shustack**  
r/b Ann Tomlinson  
**Sam Grove** r/b wife, Cathy  
**12NOON Mae Smegler**  
r/b The Bond Family  
**Intentions of Sharon Reel-Fuhrmeister**  
r/b Marian Garrison  
**5:30PM People of the Parish**



### TUESDAY - DECEMBER 9

**8:00AM Virginia Cappello** r/b husband, Nicholas

### WEDNESDAY - DECEMBER 10

**8:00AM Alice McCarthy** r/b Family  
**Dorothy V. Collier**  
r/b Christ the King Parish & Staff

### THURSDAY - DECEMBER 11

**8:00AM Anthony & Ruth Repici**  
r/b The Repici Family

### FRIDAY - DECEMBER 12

**8:00AM Graciano T. Cruz** r/b Eriberto T. David  
**Michael J. Chiarappa**  
r/b Susanne Chiarappa

### SATURDAY - DECEMBER 13

**8:00AM Louis J. Grant** r/b a friend  
**5:00PM Mary T. & John P. Rochford**  
r/b Elizabeth E. Rochford  
**James & Marie Ralph** r/b Family  
**James Masterson**  
r/b The Coleman Family

### SUNDAY - DECEMBER 14

**7:30AM Victorio T. Cruz** r/b Eriberto T. David  
**9:00AM John Higgins** r/b Jim & Jackie Carty  
**11:00AM Sheila Jayne DelRoccili Springer**  
r/b her mom, Marie DelRoccili  
**Thomas David Pope** r/b J.J. Lafferty



Elaine Celenza · Tom Cetrone · Dick Colle · Tom Darragh · Katherine Decell · Marykate Edgette · Maryclaire Edgette · William Fessler · Doris Forebaugh · Marian Garrison · Pat Herdelin · Catherine Koenig · Barbara Lane · Mary Lundon · Janet Montegna · Theodore Munkacsy · Frank Panzone · John Plunkett · Paul & Eleanor Raake · Renee Rogers · Stephanie Rogers · Marge Smith · Pat Stewart · Evie Treganowan · Mary Walsh · Candy & Jim Yurkonis

If you wish to add someone to the bulletin prayer list, please call the Parish office 856-429-1600.

### FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Today's gospel raises many questions: Was the Baptist's family embarrassed by his lifestyle, diet, clothing and message? Did they avoid or ignore him or advise him to come home and be 'normal?' Advent, a time to change our hearts, raises another question: Who in your family needs your acceptance

### INTERCESSIONS FOR LIFE

For the members of our Supreme Court, that the principles upon which this nation was founded might lead them to save the lives of all children from the moment of conception. We pray to the Lord.



### ADORATION CHAPEL CANDLES



In loving memory of  
**The Lafferty & Hessert Families**  
requested by Eleanor Lafferty



In loving memory of  
**Joseph F. & Simone M. Liberti**  
requested by daughter, Patricia Liberti



Please pray for repose of the soul of  
**Madeline DuPre**  
who passed away November 30<sup>TH</sup>.



Please remember the military members of our parish and all who are currently serving on active duty.



Keep them and their families in your prayers, most especially during this holiday season.

*"Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen."* -2-

*Dear Parishioner,*

As we enter into the blessed season of Advent our souls and hearts brim with expectant hope for the coming season of joy marked by the birth of the Child of destiny foretold by the prophets. This season is also a time for us to spiritually prepare by opening our minds and hearts to the empowerment that Christ's coming brings to our lives and the life of our Church.

We have begun a great journey to renew our parish by attempting to grow an engaged Church here at Christ the King. The process of Living our Strengths gives us an opportunity to discover our God-given talents and joyfully recognize our gifts, so that we can contribute them in renewing ourselves and our beloved parish family.

One of the first steps in this journey is the recognition that we do not "do" Church but that we "are" Church. As members of this community of hope we aspire to become the person God made us, free from fear and negative views of self or others. We are presently in the process of helping our pastoral leaders and ministers here at Christ the King to discover these talents by taking the STRENGTHSFINDER test and encouraging them to probe more deeply the call to service given by God through these God-given strengths.

May this Advent be a new season of Grace for all of us as we discover God's plan by revealing and living our strengths!

*Fr. Wallace*

*"Advent should admonish us to discover in each brother or sister that we greet, in each friend whose hand we shake, in each beggar who asks for bread, in each worker who wants to use the right to join a union, in each peasant who looks for work in the coffee groves, the face of Christ. Then it would not be possible to rob them, to cheat them, to deny them their rights. They are Christ, and whatever is done to them, Christ will take as done to himself. This is what Advent is: Christ living among us."*

*-Oscar Romero*



### CHRISTMAS FLOWER ENVELOPES

Please return flower donation envelopes by December 14<sup>TH</sup>. Thank you.

### UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

#### GREATER SOUTH JERSEY CHORUS *A grand celebration of Holiday Music*

Sunday, December 7<sup>TH</sup>  
3:00PM - Christ the King Church  
\$18 AT THE DOOR

**\*\*PARISH OFFICE\*\***

**WILL CLOSE AT 12NOON  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>**

#### FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup>  
MASS SCHEDULE: 8:00AM ~ 12NOON ~ 5:30PM

#### RELIGIOUS ED CHRISTIAN SKATE NIGHT

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>  
6:30-8:30PM - CHERRY HILL SKATING CENTER  
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES CANCELED

#### JOINT PARISH PENANCE SERVICE

Thursday, December 18<sup>TH</sup>  
7:00PM at St. Rose of Lima - Haddon Heights

#### PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR/MOMS GROUP

Friday, December 19<sup>TH</sup> 10:00-11:00AM-MORGAN HALL

#### CTK BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

Saturday, January 10, 2009  
9:00-11:00AM - Morgan Hall  
PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO REGISTER

### CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME TO OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED



Kateri Marie Cordasco  
Juiletta Rose Bernudez Cruz  
Lucas Milo Cueff  
Mark Anthony DiMedio, Jr.  
Christian Sean Starin Lopes



### STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

*"It is like a man traveling abroad. He leaved home and places his servants in charge, each with his work, and orders the gatekeeper to be on the watch."*

*-Mark 13:34*

God has left us as His servants in charge here on earth. We are "collaborators in creations." Each Steward has unique talents and positive potential which can be used to accomplish this work.



## 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Gospel: Mark 1: 1 - 8

*"I will baptize you with water:*

*He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."*

**THEME** I trap myself by living in the past. I cling to moments when life went my way, when I felt in control. The older I get, the more I realize that as a youth I thought life should be a certain way. I thought everyone had what they needed - education, family, housing, and health. Now I understand I am not in control of my life or other people's lives. I experience now more than ever, working among the poor, that there is no certainty in life. My Advent prayer needs to dig into the reality of life, to be grounded in truth. I cannot live on the grace of yesterday. My friends with addiction wait for the new day of sobriety. I wait with others who search for housing and who long to let go of past abuse. Advent radically breaks into our chaotic lives and teaches us that God still brings love, and we all stand together with the prophet John, who clears away our illusions.

We do not patiently wait for a baby to be born in Advent. Jesus already came into our midst in the past, and the Eucharist today prepares our hearts for the second coming of the risen Christ. Our prayer does not give way to nostalgia but grabs us by the heart to wake us up so that we will listen again to the prophets' cries. We dig into the issues of our day, the darkness in our culture, and the lies of our society that keep us unaware that Christ first came humbly to those in need. This is the message of the Messiah, in every age, for every person.

### GUIDANCE

1. I catch myself living in the past when I expect \_\_\_\_\_
2. I long for God's grace this day so \_\_\_\_\_
3. John, I desire to hear your voice in my life so \_\_\_\_\_
4. Jesus, help me turn selfish priorities into love of others because \_\_\_\_\_

### PRAYER

Jesus, in the morning air I catch a whiff of my toxic illusions. I taste my words of bitterness and complaint. I hear the echoes of yesterday's unfulfilled expectations. In this Advent dawn, unveil the Spirit's delight. Catch me off guard. Break down my heart's defenses. Crack open my illusions. Level my resistance. Find me again and come to me. Remind me that I belong to you. Refresh my life and open me to love. Prepare in my heart a room for you to live. I ready my soul this day. You wait for me. I see you here. Amen.

-Ministry & Liturgy Magazine

	<b>HOSPITALITY</b>
JOIN US AFTER 9:00AM MASS TODAY IN MORGAN HALL	

### RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Please give generously to next Sunday's second collection which benefits the many deserving religious who served our diocese, past and present, and who now need our help meeting the overwhelming costs of elder care.

[www.retiredreligious.org](http://www.retiredreligious.org)



### HOLIDAY MUSIC CELEBRATION

The Greater South Jersey Chorus presents, *"In Merry Measure,"* today, December 7<sup>TH</sup>, 3:00PM at Christ the King Church.

**TICKETS \$18 AT THE DOOR**



### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REMINDER. . .

Feast of the Immaculate Conception - Family Mass, Monday, December 8<sup>TH</sup>, at 5:30PM. Please bring a baby gift to Mass. Presents will be brought up at the Preparation of the Gifts. After Mass, join us for a Christian Skate Night from 6:30-8:30PM at the Cherry Hill Skating Center - 664 Deer Rd. Admission \$3.00.

**Please note: All regular Religious Ed Classes are cancelled for December 8<sup>TH</sup>.**

### ATTENTION TEENS!

All teens are invited to a pizza party and fun evening! Meet new friends, meet our new Youth Minister, Steve Tumolo, and bring your suggestions and inspirations for Youth Group.

Join us on Wednesday, December 3<sup>RD</sup>, 6:30PM in Morgan Hall. For more information contact Steve at 856-429-1600 ext. 117 or send an email to [stumolo2@gmail.com](mailto:stumolo2@gmail.com). Will see you there!

### HAVE YOU UPDATED YOUR PARISH INFORMATION?

If you are a registered member of Christ the King Church and there has been a change in family status, name, address or phone number, or if you are moving, please call the Parish Office - 856-429-1600. Parish Registration Forms for New Families are available in the vestibule of the church and at the Parish Center. Thank you!

**CHRIST THE KING  
REGIONAL SCHOOL NEWS**

Students of Christ the King Regional School showed their thanks by sharing their great artwork with Camden residents this Thanksgiving. On Wednesday, November 19<sup>TH</sup>, 3<sup>RD</sup> and 4<sup>TH</sup> grade students made placemats for the Cathedral Kitchen to be used on Thanksgiving Day. The Cathedral Kitchen provides many meals to those in need throughout the year.

Christ the King students, Pre-K to 3<sup>RD</sup> grade, gathered with family and friends November 24<sup>TH</sup> to celebrate Thanksgiving through prayer, song and play. Students shared their many talents to express their gratitude to God for all they have received.

Grandparents and senior citizens are most welcome to attend the Christmas Pageant matinee performed by Christ the King Regional School on December 18<sup>TH</sup> at 10:00AM in the school gym. The evening performance is at 7:00PM.

**CKRS GROCERY SCRIP SALES**

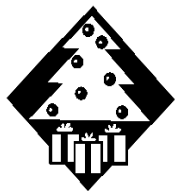
Grocery Scrip may be purchased at the School  
- MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY -  
9:00AM TO 2:00PM

**SHARE IN THE JOY OF GIVING**

Our parish has again "adopted" 75 children from St. Joseph's Pro Cathedral Parish in Camden. This is a wonderful way for our families to share with those less fortunate.

The Giving Tree is in the vestibule of church through the 4th Sunday of Advent, December 21<sup>ST</sup>.

**Please note:** the tags on the tree are color-coded:



- Gold** - \$50 gift     **Blue** - \$35 gift
- Red** - \$25 gift     **Green** - \$10 gift
- White** - \$5 gift

**Please remember to attach the original tag to your wrapped gift!**

Gifts need to be returned to the vestibule of the church on **Sunday December 21<sup>ST</sup> BEFORE NOON**. Our drivers will be delivering the gifts to the children's homes between 12:30 and 2:00PM.

***We can always use volunteers!***

If you would like to help us sort and bag the gifts for delivery, please call Pat Keegan, 856-310-9283 or email [pkeegan613@comcast.net](mailto:pkeegan613@comcast.net) or Mary Henry, 856-429-2981.

***Extra drivers are always welcome!***



**CHRIST THE KING REGIONAL SCHOOL  
450 RAFFLE**

First Prize - \$10,000 Cash\*  
Second Prize - \$1,250 Cash\*

Donation: \$50.00

Drawing Date: Thursday, December 18<sup>TH</sup>

Winners will be announced at  
Christ the King Regional School.

Winner does not need to be present at drawing.

-- Thank you for your donation --

\*Prizes based on sale of all 450 tickets.

Only 450 tickets will be sold.

1<sup>ST</sup> prize based on 44.5% of proceeds collected.

2<sup>ND</sup> prize based on 5.5% of proceeds collected.

PLEASE FILL OUT THE FORM AND RETURN TO SCHOOL:

**450 RAFFLE**, CHRIST THE KING REGIONAL SCHOOL,  
164 HOPKINS AVENUE, HADDONFIELD, NJ 08033

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**450 Raffle Application                      ID# 183-01-20461**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to:  
**"CKRS 450 Raffle"**

<p><i>For official use only</i> Date Received: _____ Ticket # Assigned _____</p>
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**RESPECT FOR LIFE CORNER**

At Christmas we contemplate God made man, divine glory hidden beneath the poverty of a Child wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger; the Creator of the Universe reduced to the helplessness of an infant. Once we accept this paradox, we discover the Truth that sets us free and the Love that transforms our lives. On Bethlehem Night, the Redeemer becomes one of us, our companion along the precarious paths of history. Let us take the hand which he stretches out to us: it is a hand which seeks to take nothing from us, but only to give.

Pope Benedict XVI  
Urbi et Orbi Message  
Christmas 2005



## BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

PRESENTED BY MOPS at St. Pius X  
(MOTHERS OF PRESCHOOLERS)

Come enjoy a delicious pancake breakfast with family and friends Kids can sit on Santa Clause's lap. Remember to bring your camera!

Saturday, December 13<sup>TH</sup> - 8:30-11:00AM  
Kids' Crafts & Fun · Basket Raffles · 50/50

For more information, please contact Deb Kassekert at 856-216-1689.

St. Pius X Parish Center- 344 Kresson Road, Cherry Hill  
Tickets: \$6 per person

## ST. PIUS X SPIRITUAL LIFE CENTER



The Spiritual Life Center invites you to their holiday celebrations: "A Diocesan Gospel Choir Christmas Concert" - Tuesday, December 9<sup>TH</sup> ~ 7:30-9:00PM; "A Christmas Open House" - Saturday, December 12<sup>TH</sup> ~ 4:00-7:00PM. (LITURGY CELEBRATED 4:30PM), with light refreshments and free will offerings at both events. All are welcome!

1840 PETER CHEESEMAN ROAD - BLACKWOOD ~856-227-1436

## HOLIDAY HOUSE TOUR

Six beautiful, diverse homes decorated for the holidays will be open on December 11<sup>TH</sup>, 10AM-4 PM and 5-9PM. Tickets, \$15 in advance, \$20 the day of the tour, may be purchased at the Haddonfield United Methodist Church Welcome Center (parking lot door) and the Haddonfield Information Center, 2 Kings Court in person, by mail or via e-mail at [infocenter@haddonfield.org](mailto:infocenter@haddonfield.org). A tour of the newly renovated Haddonfield United Methodist Church is included. Proceeds benefit Interfaith Caregivers.

## SACRED HEART CHURCH - CAMDEN

"ADVENT SAINTS," presented by Brother Mickey McGrath - Friday, December 12<sup>TH</sup> at 7:30PM. There also will be a table of his art work for sale and book signing.

ADVENT VESPERS - Sunday, December 14<sup>TH</sup> at 5:30PM. Come sing advent vespers with us. It is a prayerful break from the madness of the holiday rush. A time to Rejoice and Be Glad!

SACRED HEART CHURCH - 1739 FERRY AVENUE - CAMDEN  
856-966-6700 [WWW.SACREDHEARTCAMDEN.ORG](http://WWW.SACREDHEARTCAMDEN.ORG)

## KAIROS RETREAT

A Young Adult Retreat will be held at the John Paul II Center, Vineland, starting 9:00AM Friday, December 19<sup>TH</sup> and concluding with Mass on Sunday, December 21<sup>ST</sup>. The cost of this retreat is \$150, which includes meals & lodging. For more information, please call Pat Wirbick, at 856-583-2877 or send an email to [pwirbick@camdendiocese.org](mailto:pwirbick@camdendiocese.org).

## CHRISTMAS DINNER



FAMILY FAR AWAY?  
FRIENDS OUT OF TOWN?  
NEIGHBORS NOT HOME?  
LOOKING FOR A WAY



TO JOIN WITH OTHERS IN CELEBRATING  
THE MOST BLESSED DAY OF THE YEAR?  
THEN BE WITH US THIS CHRISTMAS DAY

FOR THE  
[WE ARE ONE FAMILY IN CHRIST] CHRISTMAS DINNER,

AT

OUR LADY OF GRACE CATHOLIC CHURCH  
IMMACULATA HALL

35 N. WHITE HORSE PIKE, SOMERDALE, NJ

DECEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup> 1:30PM

...DINNER...MUSIC...FUN...SPECIAL SURPRISES ...

....AND PLENTY OF CHRISTMAS JOY!

KINDLY RESPOND BY DECEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>

TO CONFIRM A PLACE AT DINNER.

PLEASE CALL:

OUR LADY OF GRACE PARISH OFFICE

856-783-2256

OR

CHRISTINE KIMLER

856-784-3713



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CORNER

We've had a busy few weeks with our Knights activities. Our Health Fair on November 20<sup>TH</sup> was well staffed by health care and civic agencies. Flu shots, police ID fingerprint cards, free massages and a host of medical well being information was available. We hope to expand on this activity in the future.

Also, our enthusiastic Knights provided the makings for CTK's Parish Pancake Breakfast on November 23<sup>RD</sup>. Twelve Knights were on hand to cook and serve, and we hope you all enjoyed.

We have more events in the works for the near future so please check our announcements.

Have a great week and continue to pray for our fighting forces and for those who are sick or in distress.

**Vivat Jesus!**