

PASTORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

Archangel Council #7429, Knights of Columbus and the St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVDP) in conjunction with the Parish Community of St. Simon Stock, are, once again, sponsoring a Christmas Giving Tree. We do this in an attempt to insure as many in our community as possible may be able to share in the blessings of the Christmas Season.

We have sent letters to all the schools in our area asking them to distribute white index cards to families in need. Each child has been asked to request a present. We ask them to limit the cost of the present to around \$40. You will see the first name and the sex of the child along with a control number. The St. Vincent de Paul Society is doing the same with their clients. We hope to give a gift to every child in the family from infant to the end of elementary school.

This year we are also adopting **Greta's House** and **Veteran's Haven**. Both of these organizations deal with adults in need of help.

On the weekend of Nov. 30/Dec.1 cards will be placed on the bulletin boards at the entrances to the church. Most of the **white** cards will have the first name and sex of a child along with a specific request. Some will have the name and sex of a child without a specific request. We will also post some **green** cards with request from **Greta's House**. For **Veteran's Haven**, we request gift cards from various stores. In this manner the veterans can buy what they need. We will post some **yellow** index cards representing **senior citizens**.

Please come to the bulletin boards, select a card for the person for whom you wish to obtain a gift and **attach the index card to the outside of the wrapped gift and return it on the weekend of Dec. 14/15. We need to collect the gifts by this date in order to insure proper delivery. Each family will also receive a food basket.**

If you would like to make a monetary contribution, we can turn it into a gift. Please make checks payable to "**Archangel Council #7429**". And place it into an envelope marked "**Giving Tree**" and drop it into the collection basket. We thank you in advance for your generosity.

PINE HILL CHRISTMAS PARADE

The Boro of Pine Hill Christmas parade has been **rescheduled to this Sunday, December 15th at 6 PM** Come out and enjoy an evening of decorated Fire Trucks and Christmas Floats with the lights and sounds of the Holiday, Christmas caroling and, of course, Santa. It will go along Erial Road. One of the stops along the route will be the St. Edward's Church Campus of St. Simon Stock. It will be a perfect spot to view the parade.

Holy Days 2013-2014



Christmas Carol Festival

Sunday, December 15th

3:00 PM Church

Advent Reflection Evening

"Be Still and Know that I am God:"

"The Extravagance of Being 'Unbusy'"

Presented by Michelle Franci-Donnay

Monday, December 16th 7:00PM Church

Tuesday, December 17th 7:00PM Church

CONFESSIONS

Wednesday, December 18th 7:00 PM

Thursday, December 19th 7:00 PM

Christmas Eve Masses

(No morning Mass)

4:00 PM Children's Mass

(Junior Choir)

6:00 PM Youth Ministry

(Contemporary Music Group)

11:00 PM Adult Choir Mass

Christmas Day Masses

9:00 AM Mass

11:00 AM Mass

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

(Vigil: New Year's Eve)

4:00 PM

(Day: New Year's Day)

8:00 AM

9:30 AM



READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10

Isaiah tells us that when Christ comes, the weak will be made strong, the deaf will hear, the blind will see, and, above all, "sorrow and mourning will flee."

Second Reading: James 5:7-10

As the farmer waits patiently through winter and spring for the "yield of the soil" so, too, must we wait patiently for the coming of the Messiah.

Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

While in prison, John sends a messenger to Jesus to ask, "Are you He who is to come or do we look for another?" Jesus replies by citing the miracles he has performed for the blind, the deaf, and the crippled. He concludes by identifying John as the messenger He has sent to prepare the way.

Daily Readings for this Week
Third Sunday of Advent

Monday	Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday	Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17
Wednesday	Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25
Thursday	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25
Friday	Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38
Saturday	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45

SACRAMENTAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



SANCTUARY CANDLE

In Memory of: **Jim Hildenberger**
Requested by: **Theresa DeSpirito**



BAPTISMS

We welcome into the Catholic Christian Community:
Aurora Rose Scipione



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Jason Roberts and Crista Ziccardi

Please pray for those who have continued on their journey to the Kingdom of God:

Frank Crivaro Sr.

CONFESSIONS: Confessions are held every Saturday from 3:15 – 3:45 PM in the Church. There will also be Confessions on **Wednesday, December 18th** at 7:00 PM and **Thursday, December 19th** 7:00 PM.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: is held every Wednesday in the rectory Chapel following the 8 AM Mass until 5 PM with the Miraculous Medal Novena at 4:30 PM.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK
3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT – Dec. 15th, 2013

SAT 12/14

4:00 PM **Mildred Krause** Req. by Her Family
Jim Hildenberger Req. by Theresa DeSpirito
Salvatore A. Cellucci Req. by Foo Olek
Lisa Valentine Hall Req. by Michael & Cindy Zook

SUN 12/15

8:00 AM **William Lynch & Donald Alexander** Req. by Alexander & Lynch Family
Deceased Caporelli Family Req. by MaryAnn Dugan
Rose Martin Req. by Sandy & Allan Smith
Victor Torres Req. by His Wife, Lydia
9:30 AM **Frank Poper** Req. by Jean Poper
Abbie Sprow Req. by Judy Alexander
Deborah Hollawell Req. by The Somers Family
11:30 AM **Colleen Jaxel** Req. by The Warrington Family
Steve Smith & Family Req. by The Warrington Family
Gerald Humphries Req. by Marie Leyden & Family

MON 12/16

8:00 AM **Marie York 1st Anniversary** Req. by Jane & Rick Danser
Paul Falconiero Req. by His Wife, Helen, and Willie & Joan
Perpetual Remembrances/People of the Parish

TUES 12/17

8:00 AM **Raymond McGee** Req. by His daughter, Dolores

WED 12/18

8:00 AM **Anne Motluck** Req. by Her daughter, Dolores

8:30 AM **Perpetual Remembrances (St. Edwards)**

THURS 12/19

8:00 AM **People of the Parish**

FRI 12/20

8:00 AM **Donald Johnston** Req. by His Wife, Elba

SAT 12/21

8:00 AM **James Cleary** Req. by His sons, Jim and Dan
Arthur M. Brown Req. by His son, Dennis
James Porter Req. by His Wife & Family
Edward & Catherine Warchol Req. by Cindy and Michael Zook
Ida Boccella Req. by Her husband Michael
Jimmy Scurti Req. by Dolores Caporelli & Family

SUN 12/22

8:00 AM **Anna Petrongolo** Req. by Her Husband and Children
Carmella Dahdah Req. by Joan & George Batten
Amy Voorhees Req. by Deanna & John Schuenemann

9:30 AM

Stacy David Req. by her Mom & Family
Amy Voorhees Req. by Rene Dagostino and Children
Richard Jeral Req. by Wednesday morning Bible Study

11:30 AM

Natalie Arnold Req. by Santone & Swift Family
Mario Germano Req. by His Wife Terri & Family

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 2013 (12/10)

12/7-8 EMs	4:00 PM (1) B. Tresca, K. Talucci (2) G. Grabowski, A. Cullin B. Piontkowski, L. Tartaglia	8:00 AM (1) S. Tartamosa, M. O'Brien (2) R. Tartamosa, L. Bunoza C. Kohler, J. Kohler	9:30 AM (1) C. Mitchell, C. Rainey (2) F. Mitchell, P. Miller C. Sheridan, R. Gosik	11:30 AM (1) S. Leyden, P. David, (2) J. Smith, T. Powers, B. Hansen, J. Ralston
Lectors	A. Contrevo, P. Tresca	J. Rigolizzo, S. Villa	C. McCullough, C. Bernardi	J. Liss, M. Leyden
Altar Servers	M. McPeak (MC), J. McPeak J. Erickson, B. Johnson	B. Pallante (MC), B. Heinz E. Pallante, M. Millenbach	Z. LaBarth (MC), J. Carty J. LaBarth, L. Bernardi	S. Leyden (MC), J. Howell N. Garcia, L. Wachowski
12/14-15 EMs	4:00 PM (1) M. Fahringer, K. Talucci (2) R. Fahringer, J. Talucci A. Martini, T. Garrity	8:00 AM (1) B. Vadino, M. Werner (2) J. Martin, P. Miller A. Primo, S. Markiewicz	9:30 AM (1) C. McCullough, F. Flood (2) C. Rainey, D. Flood D. Druding, R. McGee	11:30 AM (1) T. Brisbin, K. Maronski, (2) R. Manes, B. Maronski, C. Warrington, S. Rosenbaum
Lectors	J. McKay, K. Nicoletta	J. Douress, J. Hill	J. McCall, C. McCall	A. Marchesani, B. Handy
Altar Servers	A. Spinosi (MC), Z. Dean F. Spinosi, M. Cunanen	V. Vadino (MC), B. Heinz J. Rigolizzo, M. Millenbach	J. McCall (MC), N. McCall J. Carty, M. Edwards	J. Liss (MC), O. Horan A. McKeon, L. Pizzileo
12/21-22 EMs	4:00 PM (1) C. Reilly, G. Grabowski (2) T. Bongiovanni, A. Cullin M. Fahringer, R. Fahringer	8:00 AM (1) M. O'Brien, S. Villa (2) L. Bunoza, W. Piatek J. Martin, K. Johnson	9:30 AM (1) D. Flood, B. Hansen (2) F. Flood, C. Wright C. Sheridan, D. Bilella	11:30 AM (1) S. Leyden, R. Gosik, (2) J. Ralston, J. Smith L. Tartaglia, C. Warrington
Lectors	A. Spinosi, M. Spinosi	J. Rigolizzo, Need 1	A. Hess, T. Alibrando	M. Leyden, S. Leyden
Altar Servers	A. Ingram (MC), Z. Ingram J. Ingram, F. Spinosi	B. Pallante (MC), K. Clayton E. Pallante, H. Fultano	C. Hess (MC), E. Hess Jam. Bilella, Jos. Bilella	B. Michaelis (MC), O. Horan M. Michaelis, S. Bradley
12/24 EMs	4:00 PM (1) G. Grabowski, D. Quinn (2) R. Manes, K. Kohler C. Warrington, J. Kohler	6:00 PM (1) M. Leyden, R. LaBarth (2) K. Johnson, M. Werner C. Sheridan, S. Rosenbaum	11:00 PM (1) A. Tuttle, J. Ralston (2) C. Reilly, P. Miller B. Hansen, T. Brisbin	
Lectors	A. Contrevo, C. Bernardi	K. Nicoletta, V. Gock	C. McCullough, B. Vadino	
Altar Servers	B. Michaelis (MC), M. Tees M. Michaelis, J. Carty	S. Leyden (MC), J. LaBarth C. Hess, J. Ingram	V. Vadino (MC), Cam. Katkocin Chr. Katkocin, K. Clayton	
12/25 EMs	9:00 AM (1) P. David, Need 1 (2) M. O'Brien, Need 1 D. Bilella, Need 1	11:00 AM (1) F. Mitchell, T. Bongiovanni (2) C. Mitchell, A. Martini L. Tartaglia, B. Piontkowski		
Lectors	L. Bunoza, J. Rigolizzo	A. Marchesani, P. Mitchell		
Altar Servers	B. Pallante (MC), Jam. Bilella E. Pallante, Jos. Bilella	A. Spinosi (MC), Need 1 F. Spinosi, S. Bradley		
12/28-29 EMs	4:00 PM (1) B. Tresca, A. Martini (2) P. Tresca, T. Garrity J. McKay, A. Contrevo	8:00 AM (1) K. Kohler, M. Werner (2) J. Kohler, A. Tuttle K. Johnson, A. Primo	9:30 AM (1) R. Tartamosa, P. David (2) S. Tartamosa, D. Quinn R. Wright, C. Wright	11:30 AM (1) K. Maronski, T. Brisbin, (2) B. Maronski, R. Manes, M. Leyden, S. Rosenbaum
Lectors	T. Bongiovanni, P. Piontkowski	V. Vadino, B. Vadino	B. Wright, R. Schaefer	R. Voltaire, A. Mitchell
Altar Servers	K. Clayton (MC), Z. Dean H. Fultano, K. Gadzinski	J. Rigolizzo (MC), Need 1 M. Tees, J. Erickson	Cam. Katkocin (MC), A. Visco Chr. Katkocin, D. Visco	S. Leyden (MC), S. Bradley N. Garcia, L. Wachowski
12/31-1/1 EMs	4:00 PM (1) S. Leyden, S. Rosenbaum (2) K. Johnson, A. Contrevo S. Markiewicz, L. Tartaglia	8:00 AM (1) R. Manes, Need 1 (2) Patti David, Need 1 Need 1, Need 1	9:30 AM (1) P. Miller, A. Martini (2) R. Gosik, D. Quinn Need 1, Need 1	
Lectors	K. Nicoletta, M. Leyden	L. Bunoza, M. O'Brien	C. McCullough, T. Bongiovanni	
Altar Servers	A. Visco (MC), J. Liss D. Visco, S. Bradley	B. Pallante (MC), J. Rigolizzo E. Pallante, M. Millenbach	K. Clayton (MC), B. Michaelis H. Fultano, M. Michaelis	

SPIRITUALITY & PRAYER

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED FOR OUR PRAYERS

Our Military: Staff Sgt. David Sigwart; CTI 2 Russell Hagner; Sgt. Christopher Wright; SS John M. Ciaccio, USMC; 1st Lt. Robert John Perales, Army; PV2 Amanda Sylvester; Nadeem Sarwar, US Army; Pvt. Steven York; AMN Jeff Warrington, US Navy; US Army SPC Jason E. Healey.

omebound & Sick... Ellen Matteo; Regina Maxwell; Wylene Sandro; Stephen Malloy; Richard Beppel Jr; Nancy Mauriello; Anthony Campagna; Helen & Henry Swanson; Rita Farina; Krista Sheehan; Patricia Tighe; Logan Stepler; Dennis Druding III; Kaitlyn Miller; Mike Murray; Sofia Lewis; Douglas Hatch; Barbara Murray; Bea Ervin-Hughes; Aida Perales; Leon Rossi; Dorothea Cheslock; Maria Pavone; Genevieve Gallagher; Chris O'Rourke; Antoinette Metzger; Evelyn Hatch; Edward DiFillipo; Regina Nicoletto; Gladys LaLena; Grace Kelley; John Paul Zulueta; Cody Sears; Samuel Lisa; Jamie Rulon; Patricia Lauleta; Laming Family; Maria & Sigg Honrychs; Bob Horn; Joe VanDyke; Hans Lang; Jim D'Alessandro; Ilaine Maxwell; William Stone Jr; Kathleen Deitz; Jason Flood; Madeline Strong; Patrick Hennessy; Margie Caldarolo; Ann King; Lee Velardi; Roisin Lovett; Andrew Burke; Joseph Fahringer; Lynne Sindoni; Joanne Joy; Amanda Simone Kisielnicki; Scott Batcho; Gail Meersand; Anthony Braig; Harold Hotznagel; Carole Conner; Judy Herlihy; Larry Meo, Jr; Terri Vega; Heather Griffin; Bea Jackson; Joanne Miosi; Daniela Smith; Bob Chambers; Ron Miller, Jr; Peter Caruso; Cassia Zulueta; Patricia Haines; Sherri Derringer; Joanne Wescott; Chuck Jones; Linda Stepler; John Manes Jr.; Bruce Prichard; Teresa DeSilvio; Jessica Briggs; Stanley Mrczkowski, Sr; Kathy Watkins; Jacob Conley; Sam Renzi; Mark DiPasquale; Samuel Genna; Thomas Ellison; Frank Keyser; John A. Keller Jr.; Chris Minerva; Michael Morrell; Jennifer Felice; Christa Mento; Barbara Knoerzer; Frank & Carolyn Crivaro; Linda R.; Jeff Bobjack; Savannah McSorley; Margaret Conatser; Clare Johns; Paul Perales; Mike Bradley; Bryce Dixon; Patricia Ralston; Mathew Mulhern; Kathy Sincavage; John McLaughlin; Rose Fraioli; Betty Jo DiFrank; Rita DiSabatino; Lorraine (Bunoza) Dowidowicz; Hannah; Patricia Moseley; Max Santiago; Nancy Conover; Lillian Lovenduski; Robert Moseley; Carolyn J. Higgins; Trudi Edwards; Donald Keller; Deacon John Rich; Gertrude McElroy; Helen Rial; Sammy and Sophia; Powers Family; Judy Stokes; Patti David; Elizabeth Faragasso; John Zuccarello; Giaconda Lovolo; Barbara DePalma; Rosalie Perrone, RoseAnn Pirolo; Wayne Smith; Bob Bevan; Phil Clunk; Rosemarie Dalbow; Paula Diodato; Rosemarie Sammartino; Barbara Dooley; Rita Werner; Cathy Carey; Rich Grabowski; Jeannie O'Pella, Cheryl Lucas-Bash; Regina Arey; Theresa MacElrath; Ed Roughton; Dave Bandish; Nick D'Agostino; Dorothy Stevens; Fr. Jim Dabrowski; Linda Lesser; Louis Rodrigues; Dolly Weeks; Beatrice Wilz; Theresa Hughes; Kathy Martinez; Catherine Perkins; Doris Matlack; Sister Marcille, IHM; Sister James Grace, IHM; Marlene Tidman; Dolores Fahringer; Adrienne Howard; Dorothy Bannar; Rita Tevis; Marie Liberto; Edward Hess; Florence Love; Rita Batten; Charles Horta; Kelly and Baby Lambert; Christopher Minerva; Denise Martin; Dot Perry; Angie DeCecco; Quinn Rathjen.



Christmas Customs From Around The World The Breaking of the Oplatek

One of the most beautiful and most revered Polish customs is the “breaking of the oplatek.” The use of the Christmas wafer (oplatek) is practiced not only by native Poles in Poland, but by people all over the world whose ancestors came from Poland. The “oplatek” is a thin wafer, made of flour and water. It is white and often embossed with Christmas related religious images, varying from the nativity scene, especially Virgin Mary with baby Jesus, to the Star of Bethlehem. Its tradition comes from Poland and Eastern Europe.

On Christmas Eve, the whole family gathers and waits impatiently for the appearance of the first star. With its first gleam, they all approach a table covered with hay and a snow-white table cloth. A vacant chair and a place setting is reserved for the unexpected guest.

It comes in a decorative envelope that explains the custom. If you would like an Oplatek they will be available in the Church or Parish Office after December 15th.

Lifelong Faith Formation – Children, Youth & Young Adult

Mrs. Bea Raiker, CRE BROLMC@comcast.net
Betty Cipolone, Admin. Assistant:
bcipolone@comcast.net 856- 767-1537

Child Lures Prevention Program

Will begin in December in Faith Formation Sessions

The Diocese of Camden has selected Child Lures Prevention as a safe environment program for our religious education programs in the parishes. The basic premise is that an individual who intends to harm a child uses a “lure” to get the child away and to do harm. So, children are taught how to recognize lures and how to protect themselves.

Each year your child will be taught a different lure. The Diocese of Camden is committed to ensure that the children entrusted into our care are safe and that we provide them with the tools they need to guarantee their safety.

If you do not wish your child to participate in the session, please let Mrs. Raiker know immediately. If you have any questions about the program, please do not hesitate to call me at 856-756-7900 ext. 6010. Rod Herrera LCSW
Director, Office of Safe Environment for Children

YOUTH OF THE PARISH

Jr. High (Grades 6-8) will meet in the Gym
Sr. High Students (Grades 9-12) - will meet in the Parish Meeting Center **Meets Sunday Evenings + 6:30-8 PM**

St. Simon Stock offers opportunities for 6th through 12th grades to become more involved in the parish. I encourage you to take advantage of all our parish has to offer you. You have the opportunity to learn, to live and to love your faith. All are welcome: bring your friends! If coming out for meetings on Sunday night is not your thing, Volunteer. Stay connected by joining in different activities going on in the Parish. Do you like to sing, play an instrument, enjoy reading or greeting people? We have a special place for you! Please contact me by email BROLMC@comcast.net.

XYZ



We have tried to create an environment here for you (Xclusive Youth Zone) where you can encounter God. This is a place where you can share your youthful energy and enthusiasm and your contagious faith, and live in a peaceful community with one another regardless of what school you attend. We are all St. Simon Stock Parish. May the Holy Spirit continue to touch your heart and Christ's call compel you to a deep faith and willingness to serve others.

COLLEGE STUDENTS

Welcome Home for Christmas break! We hope the first semester this year has gone well for you. Please feel free to check in for your liturgical and service ministries while you are home. Our high school Senior Youth will be writing you in January asking you to share information about your college experience. Don't forget to check out your Campus Ministry at College next semester. Merry Christmas and a Happy 2014!

YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE

- December 15** Caroling at Laurel Oak & Virtua Nursing Homes – **Bus leaving SSS at 4:30 PM MUST SIGN UP.**
- December 21** Breakfast at Ronald McDonald House 8:30 am – 12:00 pm
* Volunteers need to sign up
- December 24** 6:00 PM Christmas Mass



CHRISTMAS DANCE

All 6, 7, & 8th Grades
Friday, December 20th 7-10PM
\$10.00 donation

All Students must have signed permission slip and may not leave the building before 10:00 PM without being signed out.

Senior High Students are needed to help with the event.

“MEN IN BLACK” Series

YOUNG ADULTS THEOLOGY ON TAP

Theology on Tap is a discussion series for Catholic young adults and their friends, married and single, in their late teens (18-19), 20s & 30s.

IS THAT YOUR FINAL ANSWER?

Practical Ways to Make Monumental Decisions

Presented by: **Fr. Michael Romano**
Date and Time: **Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2014 at 7:00 PM**
Location: **Lazy Lanigans, 139 Egg Harbor Rd., Sewell, NJ**

Fr. Romano is the current Director of Vocations for the Diocese of Camden. He was ordained a priest of the diocese in 2007. Fr. Romano attended the University of Scranton and the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome.

SAVE THE DATES: 2/11/14 Dooneys, Delran; **3/11/14** Dubh Linn Square, Cherry Hill; **4/8/14** Chickie & Pete's, Egg Harbor.

COURAGEOUS

Do not Conform to the Standards of this Age (Romans 12:2)
New Jersey Catholic YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE

Saturday, January 25, 2014

9am-6pm St. John Neumann Pastoral Center
146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway, NJ

FREE BUS leaving St. Charles Borromeo

Registration \$30 includes lunch

For more information or to register, visit:

www.diometuchen.org/yaconference

Music provided by: **New Name.** New Name is a Catholic lay apostolic community of worship leaders, preachers and intercessors who challenge people to a more intense relationship with the Lord through prayer, contemporary praise and worship, and a prophetic proclamation of the Gospel.

Special Guests: Most. Rev. **John Flesey**, Auxiliary Bishop of Newark; Most Rev. **Dennis Sullivan**, Bishop of Camden; Most Rev. **David O'Connell**, Bishop of Trenton; Most Rev. **Paul Bootkoski**, Bishop of Metuchen; Keynote: **Marcel Quinones**, Covenant House, Newark.

STEWARDSHIP

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"Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, and the dead are raised..." MATTHEW 11:4B-5A

When Jesus cured the sick we called it a miracle. Yet God has blessed us with many good things – our eyesight, our hearing, our talents, our health and so much more – and we often take it all for granted. The good **Steward** recognizes every blessing in life as a miracle from God and strives to use those gifts for God's honor and glory.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

December 7th & 8th, 2013

Sunday Collection: \$ 12,849.00

Retired Religious Collection: \$2,362.00

Capital Needs and Debt Collection: \$ 352.00

Candles: \$ 221.00

Poor Box: \$ 203.90

Thank you for your generosity!

Lenten Faith Festival

The second planning meeting for our Lenten Faith Festival will be held on **Tuesday, December 10 at 7:00pm** in the Parish Office Basement. If you want to help and missed the first meeting, we still welcome you with open arms! Contact SueAnn for more info.

WIN BIG DRAWING

The Win Big Drawing will be held **this Saturday, December 14th at 7:00 PM** in the Father Bourke Hall. (Doors open at 6:00 PM). The OLMC Athletic Association will be selling food and drinks. Additionally, people attending are permitted to bring their own food and drinks in with them. You must be 18 to be present at the drawing. You do not have to be present to win.



Early Morning Prayer & Yoga

Wednesdays at 6:30 AM * St Ed's, Pine Hill

Start your day feeling centered, refreshed, and more closely connected to God. It costs nothing to attend. Call Sue at 856-685-3638 for more information, or simply bring a yoga mat and join us!!!

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office will close at 12:00 Noon on Friday, December 20th and will reopen at 9:00 AM on Thursday, January 2nd.



UPCOMING EVENTS

ART AND ENVIRONMENT

The Art and Environment Committee will be decorating the church for Christmas after the 1130 Mass on December 22nd. We can always use your help. Please come and join us as we transform our environment in honor of the Baby Jesus.



CHRISTMAS EVE - 4PM MASS

This Christmas we will celebrate the story of the "Wandering Shepherd". As usual strange things are going on in Judea this night. A bright star shines in the east and all the sheep are acting a little strange. The Shepherd wanders around the countryside searching his way!

All children are asked to come dressed as shepherds and angels if they wish to participate in the story.

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Sponsored by the K of C Archangel Council 7429

Mark Your Calendars!

The Knights of Columbus Archangel Council 7429 will be sponsoring a blood drive on **Friday, January 17th from 3-8 PM** in the Parish Meeting Center.

iRace4Vocations



SAVE THE DATE: On Sunday, April 27, 2014, join Bishop Sullivan along with priests, religious, our seminarians and many other people from throughout the diocese at Rowan University (201 Mullica Hill Road, Glassboro) for our 3rd annual **iRace4Vocations**. Bishop Sullivan will celebrate a Mass for Vocations at **1:00 pm** followed by our 5k run/1 mile family stroll. Come out to pray and race! The day will end with some family fun. Help us enjoy the day as we raise awareness and offer prayers for an increase in priestly vocations for our diocese. We hope that parishioners of all ages will say yes to this intergenerational day. For more information, contact Fr. Romano at michael.romano@camdendiocese.org or 856-583-2858.



Please join us for Advent Recipes,
100% Guaranteed to be Awesome!



Adults & kids, don't forget your:



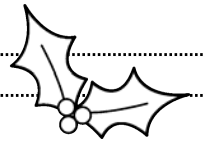
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BABY JESUS,
MITTENS etc.



1st Annual CHRISTMAS CAROL FESTIVAL

Come with family and friends to celebrate Christmas the old fashioned way, singing holy carols that are near and dear to us! Adults and children are invited to bring bells to play along. Also, kindly bring your Baby Jesus from your crèche/manger to be blessed if you wish. Please bring new scarves, mittens, hats or gloves (children or adult sizes) as a donation.

First Advent Carol Festival: Changed to this Sunday, December 15th
at 3:00pm in the church.



Advent Chill Out Nights:

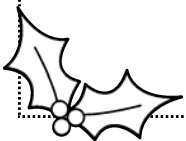
“Be Still and Know that I am God: The Extravagance of Being Unbusy”

These two nights will be presented by Michelle Francl-Donnay, spiritual writer as well as a professor of chemistry. Michelle gives retreats as well as blogs on life, laundry, prayer and God in the midst of being a wife, mom and teacher. She writes regularly for the Philadelphia Archdiocese's CatholicPhilly.com, and contributes to *Give Us This Day*, *The Liguorian* and Loyola Press' Ignatian Spirituality site.

Michelle's topic, *Be Still and Know that I am God: The Extravagance of Being “Unbusy,”* will help us catch our breath with God during our overflowing holiday calendars. Join us for one night or both nights!

Monday, December 16 and
Tuesday December 17 at 7:00pm
in the church.

(If you can't make both nights, just choose one night!)





Join us for any or all of St. Simon Stock's
SOUL FOOD RECIPES
 Created for Happier, Healthier Living!

(Contact SueAnn for questions: 856-767-1537 or sajolmc@comcast.net)

Recipes that Never Tasted so Fresh & Different

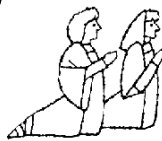
World Religions Series

You want a recipe that's fresh and new? Fix yourself up some different faith traditions! Join us in our excursion through the history of the world's major religions. Since religious beliefs and rituals are an integral part of every culture, it's inspiring to learn how religions compare, contrast and connect with one another. Through these insights, our faith can deepen and help us understand better the fact that all human beings long for God in one way or another!

Gatherings: Mondays (1-3pm) OR Wednesdays (7:00pm) in the Parish Meeting Center
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January 20, 27 (JUDAISM)
 February 17 (CHRISTIANITY)
 February 24 & March 24 (ISLAM)
 March 31 (HINDUISM)
 April 28 (BUDDHISM)

OR



Wednesdays (7:00pm):
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 February 19 (CHRISTIANITY)
 February 26 & March 26 (ISLAM)
 April 2 (HINDUISM)
 April 30 (BUDDHISM)

New Ways to Cook up Lent (HELP NEEDED, see below)

Lenten Festival of Faith

During LENT, we will host a special Lenten event for ALL parishioners—adults of all ages, youth and children (including all Religious Education families AND Catholic School families.) We'll come together to "cook up" Lent in a new way! Lent is a time to prepare for the joyous celebration of Easter, and that's just what we'll do together.

HELP NEEDED! We have put together a team of people together to make this event come to life! If you are a good leader, or organizer or are creative or just want to volunteer your time, please **contact SueAnn** now. Our next meeting will be: **Tuesday, December 10 at 7:00pm** in the Parish Office Basement

Lenten Festival of Faith: Sunday, March 16, 2014 3:30 – 5:30pm

Mothers Day Retreat

This is a recipe made simple with love for sure! Calling all mothers, grandmothers, great-grandmothers! Join us celebrating God's gift of motherhood! Please bring a picture of a mother in your family. **Gathering: Saturday, May 10 from 9:30am to 2:30pm. in the Parish Meeting Center.**

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**Just reminding you of our
Holiday Zumba Schedule**

**I am excited to see you on:
December 19th @ 7:30pm**



**There will NOT be a Zumba Class on:
December 17th
December 24th
December 31st**

**“Zumba with Vicky” Gift Certificates are available at each class
for purchase.**

**You can gift as many classes on each Certificate as you
wish.....**

**Also what would go great with the Gift of Fun Fitness is our
Zumba T-Shirt and Tanks available for purchase at each class.**

**One Class Certificate is \$8
Purchase \$80 Gift Certificate and Receive 12 Classes**

**If you need to purchase a Gift Certificate and/or Zumba T-shirt
or Tank (\$9 each) but can not make it to class you can contact
me at 856-768-9349 or email vsigwart@comcast.net**

Thank You and see you soon!!!