

MASSES THIS WEEK

SUN	November 28th - First Sunday Of Advent
9:00 AM	Mary P Frank & Ruth McKenna (Frank & Devine Families)
11:00 AM	Venerando & Vittoria Costa & Family (Family)
MON	November 29th – Advent Weekday
7:00 AM	Rosemarie Knapp & Rosaline Veronica (Knapp & Smith Family)
TUE	November 30th - St Andrew, apostle
7:00 AM	Mary Grace O'Connor (Maryfrances Mastromatteo)
10:30 AM	Villa Mass - Maryann Mannella (Husband & Family)
WED	December 1st - Advent Weekday
7:00 AM	Julia Maione (Robert & Nancy Guistine)
1:30 PM	Villa Mass - Annunziata Labate (Antonella & Paul Gabriel Family)
6:00 PM	Holy Hour
7:00 PM	Domenico & Annunziata Labate (Filippo & Eleonora Scolieri & Family)
THU	December 2nd - Advent Weekday
7:00 AM	Anna Locks Schmidt (Aunt)
11:00 AM	Villa Mass - Jimmy Valentine (Aunt)
FRI	December 3rd - St Francis Xavier, priest
7:00 AM	Robert Hirst & Deceased Family Members (Children)
10:00 AM	Antonino & Gregorio Scolieri (Scolieri Family)
11:00 AM	Villa Mass - Teresa Manno (Filippo & Eleonora Scolieri & Family)
SAT	December 4th
5:00 PM	Vigil Mass - William Medica (Medica Family)
SUN	December 5th - Second Sunday Of Advent
9:00 AM	Maria Marcello (Anthony Marcello & Family)
11:00 AM	For The People Of The Parish

Sanctuary Candles

November 28th	Robert Hirst (Children)
November 29th	Joseph & Eleanor Panza (Children & Grandchildren)
November 30th	In Thanksgiving (Violet Fullerton)
December 1st	Vilma Cook (Cook Family)
December 2nd	Deceased Family Members (Lucy Begandy)
December 3rd	Deceased Hirst & Spampinato Families (Barbara Hirst)
December 4th	James Mastromatteo (Maryfrances & Family)
December 5th	Joseph Panza (Children & Grandchildren)

We Welcome into the family of God the following newly Baptized child:

Vito Joseph Santucci

Remember In Your Prayers the following who have been called to the Lord and their families:

*Tressa Martinelli
William "Bill" Lyons
Lois Parks*

Lift Up Your Hearts

Of all the liturgical times of the Church Year I've always had a special appreciation for the season of Advent. As the days grow shorter and colder we are reminded daily that winter is settling in. Yet the warm lights of the Advent wreath and the beautiful prayers of the liturgy lift our spirits up in anticipation of the Lord's coming. It's an opportunity for us to look at where the Lord is in our lives. It's our time to prepare our hearts to marvel at the humble birth of Jesus our Savior with the simple joy and faith of young children. This time God wants to be the one to give us a gift. He wants to renew our faith

Maybe this is where we need to ask ourselves —Are we taking the time to receive the Lord's gift? Am I preparing myself to welcome Jesus himself this Christmas, or am I just busy preparing for the holiday?

I think we can do both! Without letting our Christmas shopping or cookie baking or holiday decorating suffer, we can set a little time aside each day to be with the Lord in prayer. We can take the time to enjoy a holiday prayer and carol service, to go to the sacrament of penance (or confession), to hand on our religious traditions to our children and grandchildren. Rather than allowing ourselves to be overwhelmed with the demands of our Christmas celebration, we can choose to truly celebrate Christ's birth each day of this Blessed time.



Beginning at our Masses next weekend, December 4/5, we will begin to distribute Holy Communion a little differently. For those seated in the main part of the church (the nave), ***Communion will now be distributed only at the head of the center aisle***, by two ministers (usually the priest and one lay minister). Please come forward *in two lines* toward the altar and then return to your seat using the side aisles. For those who sit in the chapel on the Hampton St. side there will be no change.

I'm sure many of you are asking—Why change anything? This change is just the first step toward offering Holy Communion under both species—that is as both the Host and the Precious Blood. As we become comfortable with this new pattern of coming forward to receive the Eucharist, and recruit and train some additional Lay Eucharistic ministers, my hope is that we will be able to offer the Precious Blood at the beginning of Lent in March 2011.

yours in Christ,
Fr. Joe

This Week:

Sunday, November 28th

- Loose Change Sunday for the Piarist School.
- Advent Bible Study in the school library from 2:30 - 4:30 PM.

Tuesday, November 30th

- Market Day pick-up from 5:00 to 6:00 PM in the Multi-Purpose Room.
- Traditional Choir practices in Church at 7:00 PM.

Wednesday, December 1st

- Girls Scouts meet in the school auditorium at 6:30 PM.
- Cub Scouts meet in the Multi-Purpose Room at 6:30 PM.

Thursday, December 2nd

- Young at Heart meets in the Multi-Purpose Room at 1:00 PM.
- Contemporary Choir Practice in Church at 7:15 PM.

Friday, December 3rd

- Santa's Workshop/Craft Show in Gallagher Hall from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

Saturday, December 4th

- The Rosary will be recited in church at 8:00 AM.
- Santa's Workshop/Craft Show in Gallagher Hall from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

Sunday, December 5th

- CCD Classes from 9:30 to 10:45 AM in the school building.
- Breakfast with Santa in the Multi-Purpose Room from 9:00 AM to 12:30 pm.
- Santa's Workshop/Craft Show in Gallagher Hall from 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM.
- Advent Bible Study in the school library from 2:30 - 4:30 PM.

ALL SANCTURAY CANDLES ARE BOOKED FOR THIS YEAR 2010.

Holy Hour on Wednesday, December 1st, at 6:00 PM with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. The remainder of time is provided for private prayer. The Holy Hour will close with the 7:00 PM Mass. Please plan to be present & honor our Eucharistic Lord.

Ora Di Adorazione - L'ora mensile d'adorazione del Santissimo avra' luogo il 1 dicembre alle 6:00 PM. Segue la S. Messa. Venite ad adorare il Signore eucaristico.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Dec 8th, is a Holy Day of Obligation: The Vigil Mass is Tuesday, Dec 7th at 6:30 PM. Masses on Wednesday, Dec 8th are at 7:00 AM, 10:00 AM, & 6:30 PM.

Advent Penance Services

Thursday, Dec 14th - St Raphael Church - 7:00 PM.+

No scheduled confessions after 18th at St Raphael

Monday, Dec 20th - Sacred Heart Church - 7:00 PM.

Tuesday, Dec 21st - St Bede Church - 7:00 PM.

Mass Schedule for the Christmas: Christmas Vigil, Friday, Dec 24th, at 5:00 PM & 12 Midnight. Saturday, Dec 25th at 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM.

The Rosary will be recited on **Sunday, December 12th at 7:00 PM** in the chapel. Doors open at 6:30 PM.

The Next Pre-Baptism Class will be held on **Sunday, January 9, 2011 at 11:00 AM** in the school library.

Retirement Fund - Religious give thanks. Women & men religious throughout the country offer heartfelt thanks for your donation to the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your gift makes a tangible difference in the lives of thousands of senior Catholic sisters, brothers, & religious order priests.

October Count for 2010 - The following are the results of the count sent to the Diocese of Pittsburgh:

Total Number of Persons Registered in the Parish - 3271

Average Weekend Mass Attendance during October - 705.6

Percent of Parishioners attending Mass during October - 22%.

Loose Change Sunday this weekend Nov 27-28, for the Piarist School in Kentucky & Fr Tom Carroll (a priest-son of our parish). Thank you for your generosity.

Thanks to the Outdoor Christmas Stable setup volunteers & the Cub Scouts who came to rake up leaves, decorate our front lawn & the Parish House for the holidays. We don't know what we would do without the generosity of volunteers. Thank you one & all.

Giving Tree - Please take the cards (leaving the Giver portion with your name, address, & phone number, in the baskets provided). **Gifts should be returned by Monday, Dec 6th.** This will give everyone time to purchase & return gifts for sorting by Monday, Dec 13th. **Anyone knowing a person or family who could use some extra help at Christmas is asked to call Sr Jane (412) 441-4361 to submit names as soon as possible.**

Breakfast with Santa - Enjoy a delicious breakfast! Sunday, December 5, 2010 from 9:00 am - 12:30 pm, St Raphael School Multi-Purpose Room. Adults \$5.00, Children \$4.00, Children under 3 (Free). Pre-Ticket Sales only. **Deadline to purchase tickets is Tuesday, November 30, 2010.** Tickets are being sold after Mass, in the school office and the parish office. Get your picture taken with Santa Claus! Pictures taken by *Photos by Lisa*, and available for purchase.

Christmas Flower Memorials - With your packet of envelopes for December you will find an envelope for Christmas Flower Memorials. You can make a donation in memory of a loved one. We will publish those names on Christmas Day. Additional envelope for this purpose are available at the exists of the Church. **The deadline for turning in flower memorial envelopes for the name to appear is the Memorial Booklet is Wednesday, December 8th.** Please **PRINT** the information for whom the memorial is being made. You will notice the line at the top of the envelope for this purpose. Unless you indicated otherwise, we will assume that the memorial is from the person whose name is printed on the envelope.

Christmas Program - St Raphael's Contemporary Choir will have its 32nd Annual Christmas Program on Sunday, Dec 19th at 7:00 PM in the church.

Attention All Parents Whose Children Do Not Attend A Catholic School. CCD religious instructions are available from grades 1st through 8th grade on Sundays from 9:30 to 10:45 AM in the old school building. These classes prepare your children for the practice of their Catholic faith & prepare them for their First Holy Communion, Confirmation & for the rest of their lives for a closer walk with the Lord. Please join us in their faith formation. All Students are welcome! You can register in advance by logging onto the St Raphael CCD website at [HTTP://mysite.verizon.net/vze326kk/](http://mysite.verizon.net/vze326kk/).

One Bread, One Body Booklets for Advent (Dec 1 to Jan 31) are available at the entrances to the Church.

Thank you to all my family, friends for the cards, prayers, & Masses sent to me during my recent operation. I'm on the road to recovery & greatly appreciate your kindness. God Bless you all & Happy Thanksgiving.

Shirley Liberto

ATTENTION: Regular office hours of the Parish Office are **Monday thru Friday from 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM & Monday, Wednesday, & Thursday Evenings from 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (NO TUESDAY OR FRIDAY EVENING HOURS).** If you have need for a key for an evening function, please pick it up that day during office hours, 8:30 am - 4:30 PM, Saturdays from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM & Sundays from 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM. Please try to conduct all parish business, including phone calls & door calls, during these hours. If you must “drop something off” at the office, please use the mail slot outside of the above hours.

Music Ministry - Please consider enhancing our liturgies by sharing your talents. Opportunities for playing an instrument or joining one of our choirs and/or becoming a cantor are described in the “Music Ministry at St Raphael” flyer that is posted on the bulletin boards at the church entrances. Thanks to all who respond.

Thanks - We are grateful to the companies, firms & individuals who advertise on the back of our parish bulletin. Their paid ads make this bulletin available to our parishioners at no cost to the parish.

The following students have achieved honor roll status.

Oakland Catholic High School

Highest Honor

Ashley Abdulovic Veronica Leffler
Marissa Liberto

High Honor

Leah Adams Laurel Donatelli

Central Catholic High School

High Honor

Nathan Fedzen Shaun Joyce
Lucas Mafria Francesco Vozza
Ryan Wetzel

Honor

William Faith Lucian Marcus
Daniel Obernauer

Mt Alvernia High School

High Honor

Miraena Ridley Taylor Wetzel

Honor

Alexis Bonifate Rebecca Holt
Anna Matia Lauren Sauerwein

Vincentian Academy

Honor

Zuri Hodge

Congratulations to Michael Francis Pompa who recently became an Eagle Scout with Troop 899 of St John the Baptist Parish in Plum Township. Michael, who is a Junior at Central Catholic High School is the son of Gerard & Susan Pompa of Plum Borough & the grandson of Jerry & LaVerne Pompa of Morningside. His Eagle Scout project consisted of erecting wooden directional signs around the St John the Baptist Parish campus. We are proud of you, Michael, for all your efforts in dedication & leadership in the Boy Scouts of America.

**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN
PROGRESS REPORT – 11/23/10**

Amount

Campaign Goal: \$ 750,000.00

Amount Pledged: \$ 582,951.65

Amount Collected: \$ 547,027.57

Percentages collected toward our goal: 72.94%

345 families have pledged

Capital Campaign Update:

The Capital Campaign Committee reminds all who have pledged to continue making your payments, made payable to St Raphael (in memo - write “Capital Campaign”).

Please remember that Capital Campaign Pledges are still being accepted. We appreciate your generosity in helping “Secure our Second Century.”

Note: Checks intended for PSP or Capital Campaign are made payable to St Raphael Church & in the memo area of your check, list what it is for. Thank you.

Do Your Christmas Shopping - Gift Cards are available at the Parish or School Offices. We have Giant Eagle (can be used at GetGo for gas), Community Market, Shop 'n Save, Macy's & JC Penney (Macy's & J C Penney gift cards cannot be used on your charge). These Gift Cards are something everyone can use.

Want a special unique Christmas gift for someone? Give them a Lottery ticket for the month (for birthdays, anniversaries, new babies, etc). It costs just \$5.00 but you could be giving a person up to \$500 if their number hits on the last day of the month. They also will have a chance to win \$50 each Monday through Saturday & \$100 each Sunday. Tickets are available at the Parish Office.

Stewardship/Memorial Contributions ~ When making out a will or updating/revising a will, please remember to make a provision for St. Raphael Parish/School in the name of the loved one when publishing the news obituaries. Thank you.

Eyeglasses Don't throw your old eyeglasses away! Our Knights of Columbus can use them for Missionary Distribution. Please bring them to the Parish Office or leave them in Church (mark them K of C). Thanks!

Calendar tickets based on the State Lottery picked at 7 PM are available from various sellers in the parish, or at the Parish Office.

Please inform your purchasers that we will pay on the FIRST State Lottery Number PICKED at 7 PM only, not the one picked in the day. December tickets are due. January tickets are ready for pick-up. Note: All tickets regardless if sold or unsold are to be returned to the parish office. Raffle Winners:

Date	Winning No.	Winner's Name	Amount
11/17	802	B Bates	\$50.00
11/18	659	Robert Zehnder	\$50.00
11/19	160	Unsold Ticket	\$50.00
11/20	345	Delthine Zdobinski	\$50.00
11/21	625	Unsold Ticket	\$100.00
11/22	424	Chuck Guiste	\$50.00

Give a hand; help support our school & help sell these tickets. Call 412-661-3100 and talk to Marcia.

SOCIAL MINISTRY NEWS

Food Bank Schedule ~ The Food Bank is on the first and third Thursdays of the month from 1 to 2 PM, in the auditorium of the original grade school building. The Food Bank is for all families living within the parish lines of St Raphael & Messiah Lutheran Churches. You are eligible if you are on a fixed income, are having financial difficulties, or on public assistance.

Parish Social Services: Sr Jane Fadgen is our parish Social Services Minister & advocate for persons with disabilities. Her role among others will be to work towards strengthening St Raphael Parish support for persons with disabilities. For more information, call (412) 441-4361.

Hospital & Nursing Home Stays - If you or a member of your family is hospitalized or enters a long-term care facility, assisted, independent living or residential facility & you want the parish office to know, please contact the parish office. Thank you.

Bereavement Support ~ It is recommended that one wait at least four months after a death of a loved one before joining a support group. For more information, please contact Sr Jane at (412) 441-4361 or one of our priests (412) 661-3100.

School News

School Office Hours
Monday to Friday
from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Parents, visit the school website for school calendar information at www.straphaelelementaryschool.net.

Looking for a quality educational experience for your child? Why not look into your parish school? St Raphael provides an excellent experience for your child from preschool-Grade 8. We offer a faith-filled environment with a challenging curriculum. Financial aid is available. Please contact the school office at (412) 661-0288 for more information or a tour. Visit our website at www.straphaelelementaryschool.net.

Box Tops Program - Please help St Raphael School in their fundraising efforts by supporting the Box Tops program. We can earn free play equipment, computer technology, etc. Please look for the Box Tops icon on the packages of many common household brands such as Cheerios, Yoplait, Ziploc, Hefty, Fiber One, Betty Crocker, Pillsbury, Kleenex, Juicy Juice. These are just a few of the brands. Before discarding the packaging look for the icon & then clip the Box Tops logo. Place them in the containers in the church. Thank you.

Empty ink cartridges, old cell phones, & we are now accepting old digital cameras, iPods, video systems, i.e. GameBoy, Nintendo, Atari consoles, PDAs & laptops. You may deliver these items to the school or parish offices.

GOODSEARCH IS MONEY FOR THE ANGEL FUND. Some of our parishioners have made it a point to support the school by searching the web or shopping online using www.GoodSearch.com & www.GoodShop.com. Thank you for the support. The amount is determined by 1.3 cents per search & 3% of purchases made. It's an easy & efficient way to receive funds from a source beyond ourselves.

Market Day - Market Day forms are available in the School & Parish Offices & at the entrances to the Church. Refer to order form for some special offers. Pick up orders on Tuesday, Nov 30 . ALL ORDERS MUST BE PICKED UP DUE TO LIMITED FREEZER SPACE. Helpers needed. We could really use some extra help unloading the Market Day truck on pick-up day, Tuesday, Nov 30, from 3:45 PM to 4:30 PM.

Confirmation - Our parish is honored that the Most Reverend William J Winter, will be the celebrant for the Sacrament of Confirmation at St Raphael Parish to be celebrated with our candidates on Thursday, April 14, 2011 at 7:00 PM . If any parishioner of St Raphael had not received the Sacrament of Confirmation & would like to be considered to be Confirmed in Spring 2011, please contact the parish of as soon as possible at (412) 661-3100.

Diocesan News

Cardinal Donald Wuerl will return to Pittsburgh to celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving at St Paul Cathedral on Sunday, Dec 12, at 2:00 pm. A reception will follow in Oakland Catholic High School. All are invited to attend the Mass & reception, as we give thanks to God for the honor that the Holy Father has bestowed on Cardinal Wuerl, & his home Diocese of Pittsburgh, by elevating him to the College of Cardinals.

The Church in Pittsburgh continues to reach out to those who may have been victims of clergy sexual abuse. Materials for victims are available through our parish, or on the diocesan website at www.diopitt.org. If you are a victim of abuse, you are also invited to contact the Diocesan Assistance Coordinator at (412) 456-3060 or toll free at 1-888-808-1235.

A New Web site, www.ForYourVocation.org, is being launched by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in conjunction with the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The Web site has two objectives: to help individuals hear & respond to the call by God to the priesthood or consecrated life, & to educate all Catholics on the importance of encouraging others through prayer & activities to promote vocations. The site offers resources for men & women who may have a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, aids for promoting a vocation-culture within the home & tools for educators, youth leaders & vocation directors including prayers, videos, best practices, lesson plans & vocation awareness programs.

The Feast of St Lucy will be celebrated with a Mass in Italian on Monday, Dec 13 at 7:00 PM at St Regis Church, 3225 Parkview Ave, in Oakland (off the Blvd of the Allies at the entrance to Schenley Park). Blessing with & Veneration of the relic of St Lucy will follow the Mass.

LA Festa Di Santa Lucia verra' celebrata il 13 dicembre, lunedì, alle 7:00 PM con una santa messa in lingua italiana nella Chiesa di San Regis a Oakland. La venerazione delle reliquie di S Lucia concludera' la funzione. Partecipate numerosi!!!!

Advent Reflections - St Joseph Spirituality Center will sponsor an *Advent Reflections* by Sr Kathleen Garde, CSJ, on Thursday, Dec 2, from 10:00 am - 3:30 pm. Sr Kathleen will guide reflection on Advent as a time of waiting & offers suggestions on how to prepare. A fee of \$20 includes lunch. To register, call (724) 869-6587.

Journey from Grief To Healing During the Holidays - St Joseph Spirituality Center will sponsor *Journey From Grief to Healing During the Holidays* conducted by Sr Mary Ann Thimons, on two Tuesday afternoons (Dec 7 & 14) from 1:30 - 3:00 pm. Sessions consist of input, sharing, & mutual support - helping to cope with loss during the holidays. There is no fee for this program. To register, call (412) 600-3247.

Oakland Catholic High School 3rd Annual Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, Dec 4, 9:00 am - 12 Noon. Oakland Catholic High School Dining Hall Limited Seating-RESERVATIONS REQUIRED by Nov 29. Adults-\$18. Children 5-10 - \$8. Children 4 & under/Free. Questions? Please call (412) 682-6633 ext 240 or e-mail development@oaklandcatholic.org.

Pittsburgh Area Pax Christi invites you to a prayer service commemorating the lives & witness of Srs Dorothy Kazel, Ita Ford, Maura Clarke & laywoman Jean Donovan killed in El Salvador 30 years ago, Dec 2, 1980. Prayer service on Thursday, Dec 2 at 7 PM, Duquesne University Chapel, McAnulty Dr at Bluff St. There will be a reception following the prayer service. For more information call (412) 831-8312.

Vatican Splendors Feature Gift to Bishop Zubik from Pope & Extended Hours. A gold cross & gold embossed ring given to Bishop David A Zubik, D D, by Pope John Paul II, are among the new additions to the Western Pennsylvania section of Vatican Splendors: A Journey through Faith & Art at the Senator John Heinz History Center. Since Vatican Splendors opened, nearly 50,000 visitors have visited the exhibition. To accommodate record-setting crowds, the History Center has extended hours to see Vatican Splendors. The History Center will now be open one hour earlier, from 9:00 am until 5:00 pm daily. From Nov 26-28, the museum will remain open until 8:00 pm to accommodate anticipated crowds over Thanksgiving weekend. Extended hours will also be in place throughout the upcoming holidays. Large crowds are anticipated during the upcoming holiday season & those interested in seeing Vatican Splendors should purchase tickets early. For more information, please visit www.heinzhistorycenter.org or call (412) 454-6000.

Attention: Business People, Accountants, Lawyers, & Architects. Did you know you can give from your state taxes to our Catholic school? The Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program allows you to give up to \$300,000 a year to St Raphael School. You receive a 90% tax credit if you give for two consecutive years. The money goes to help needy families with tuition assistance. Call Dr Ron Bowes at the diocese, (412) 456-3090 & just mention tax credits. He will provide you with all the information you need. You can also go to www.newpa.com & click on Educational Improvement Tax Credits. Businesses fill out Appendix 1 SO & fax to 717-772-3581. With your help, students can have **"The Great Beginning That Lasts A Lifetime."**

2011 Enjoy Coupon Books Now Available from the Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill. The books make great holiday gifts for family, friends & business associates. Enjoy 2011 is available for only \$27. To reserve your copy or supply of books, please call (412) 243-4651, ext 644. Thank you for your support of the Sisters of Charity & their many ministries.

Calling All Young Adults (ages 21-39). Want to play volleyball & have some fun? We are considering establishing a Young Adult Volleyball Group that meets every 2 weeks in the evening to play volleyball for 1 1/2 hours & then get together afterwards. If you are interested, please email Ann-Marie at christo056@verizon.net & include the days of the week that work best for you.

Free Concert sponsored by the Central Catholic Alumni, Family & Friends - 2nd Annual Christmas Pops Concert on Sunday, Dec 12, 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm at Central Catholic's McGonigle Theater. Light refreshments will be offered after concert.

Luncheon "Deer" Bingo - The Christian Mothers & Rosary Society of St Juan Diego Parish is sponsoring a luncheon bingo on Monday, Nov 29 at 1:00 pm in the John Paul I Pastoral Center, Sharpsburg. Doors open at 11:30 am. The cost is \$9 for six cards & lunch. If you would like to purchase a ticket, please call Evelyn at (412) 781-9368.

North Catholic High School will offer Placement Testing for all 8th grade students on Saturday, Dec 4 at 10:00 AM. Pre-registration is required & seating is limited. Please call the Admissions Office at (412) 321-4823 Ext 127 to reserve your space today!

Mark your calendars for Sunday, Dec 12 from 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM for "Loretta's Christmas Cookie & Candy Walk" to benefit Sacred Heart Parish! Available for sale in the Sacred Heart School Cafeteria (Emerson St, Shadyside) will be different types of homemade cookies, candies & Christmas treats. Buyers will be given a box to fill with as many different kinds of cookies they would like. The cookies selected will be weighed & sold for \$8.00 a pound. A "Chinese Auction" will also be featured.

Schedule for Weekend of December 5, 2010

	Liturgical Readers	Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist	Altar Servers	Gift Card Sellers
5:00 PM	R McManus	A Mannella D McManus	A Greene B Greene L DeVito	J Adams
9:00 AM	J Gault	C Silvaggio J Ciramella	L Mafrica S Reckhouse J Caliguiri	K Wetzel
11:00 AM	R Jensen	M J Kelly R Kelly	N Bianco R Bianco A Corcoran	M Liberto

Diocesan News (cont'd)

What is Happening in December? The *Pittsburgh Catholic* Newspaper continues to keep track of the events happening throughout our six-county Diocese of Pittsburgh. The Nov 26, 2010 issue of the *Pittsburgh Catholic* your Catholic community newspaper, will include the monthly pull-out calendar listing a variety of events occurring throughout the diocese in December. The back section will highlight the students of the month from schools around the diocese.

St Peter Parish continues the Steelers Ticket Raffle. There will be a second drawing on Dec 5 for two tickets to the Steelers vs New York Jets game on Dec 19. Raffle tickets are \$5/1 or \$10/3. Tickets available at St Peter Rectory, 720 Arch St, Pittsburgh, PA 15212. For any questions please call (412) 321-0711.

“Festival of Lessons & Carols” at St Matthew Parish pre-Christmas celebration on Sunday, Dec 5 at 2:00 pm. In St Mary Assumption Church on 57th St. This service of scripture readings, carols & hymns will be led by members of St Matthew Choir under the direction of Carol Ann Spehar. Please join us as we prepare our hearts to welcome Emmanuel — God with us. Refreshments will be served in the church hall following the service. We are looking forward to seeing all of you.

Celebrate the 5th Annual Nativity Display at Villa Maria Community Center on Dec 4, 5, 11, & 12 from 12:00 to 5:00 PM. No admittance fee. Free will offerings will be accepted. Light refreshments will be served. For more information call (724) 964-8920, Ext 3348.

Welcoming the Stranger in Advent: An Evening of Prayer & Reflection on Immigration at 7:00pm for prayer, reflection, & the stories of local immigrants as we journey in conversion, communion, & solidarity on the situation of immigration on Dec 1 at St Mary of the Mount (Mt Washington). Sponsored by the Diocesan Task Group on Immigration under the leadership of the Dept for Human Dignity, Secretariat for Evangelization & Social Concerns; & the Dept for Black Catholics, Ethnic & Cultural Communities, Secretariat for Pastoral Life & Lay Leadership. Call (412) 456-3170 for additional information.

Community News

MACC Meeting on Wednesday, Dec 1 at 7 PM at the Morningside VFW. Agenda: Election Of Officers. Pizza will be served & if you would like, bring cookies or an hors d'oeuvres. Come meet your neighbors.

“Maryfrances Tours” ~ 2011 - Lets Fast Forward - Feb 27—March 1 (3 days/2nights), Bally/Clariage, room, transportation & a beautiful bonus..\$60.00. \$169.00 per person, Dble Occup, start preparing. If interested, call & ask for a flyer. Call Maryfrances (412) 781-8952.

Sister’s Christmas Catechism: The Mystery of the Magi’s Gold - Nov 26 - Dec 19. Friday at 8 PM & Saturday at 5:30 PM - \$45 Single tickets - \$35 Groups of 10 or more. Saturday at 2 PM, Sunday at 2 PM - \$40 Single tickets - \$30 Groups of 10 or more. Contact John Darcy, Sales Manager, City Theatre, (412) 431-4400 x283 or jdarcy@citytheatrecompany.org.

Choral Sounds of the Season, Fall & Advent Concert on Saturday, Dec 4, 4:00 pm, East Liberty Presbyterian Church. Donation: \$5.00. www.pittsburghgospelchoir.org. For information, call: (412) 613-5825.

Christmas Trees “Jancey Street Trees” for sale - location - Morningside school, corner of Jancey & Greenwood Sts.

Morningside Senior Center Annual Christmas Party on Friday, Dec 10th from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM, Catered Dinner, Entertainment, Door Prizes, Friendship, Fun. **Register Members RSVP by November 30th** to (412) 665-4342.

Messiah Lutheran Women’s Guild Christmas Luncheon on Saturday, Dec 4th, 11:30 AM - 3:00 PM., at Messiah Lutheran Social Hall, 1736 Jancey St. For information: (412) 661-4788. Join us for a Christmas Celebration with Music by Mark Flaherty; Singer Barbara Corcoran & Children’s Christmas Pageant. Bingo, Chinese Auction & Door Prizes, Lunch Menu, Glazed Ham—Bake Potato—Vegetable —Coffee-Tea & Dessert. Adults \$7.00 Children \$3.50.

New Years Eve Party on Dec 31, at the VFW, Morningside Ave from 8 PM till ?. \$25 per couple & \$15 per person. Food, Draft Beer, Cash Bar, Entertainment, New Years Hats, & Noise Makers. For reservations call (412) 361-9614.

St Raphael Parish bulletin can be viewed on the school website straphaelelementaryschool.net.

Refer to insert in today’s bulletin.

Please note: Acceptance of an advertisement in this parish bulletin, while based on any assumption in integrity on the part of the advertiser, does not imply endorsement of a product or service. **Want Ads** are placed in the bulletin the first Sunday of the month only. A NOMINAL FEE is required when placing an ad. You must complete a want ad form obtained from the Parish Office before requesting bulletin space. The ads need to be in the Parish Office Tuesday, before 4:00 PM.