

PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN HOME!

Sunday, November 29 ♦ First Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m. Sheila Shirey (Ruth & Youssef Youssef)
 11:00 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Cross
 Jer 33:14-16; 1 Thes 3:12-4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Monday, November 30 ♦ No Mass

Tuesday, December 1 ♦ Advent Weekday

11:30 a.m. Unborn Child of Gould Family – Pytor
 (William & Ina Gould)
 Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday, December 2 ♦ Advent Weekday

11:30 a.m. Msgr. Lawrence Corcoran (Patty Jones)
 Is 25:6-10; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday, December 3 ♦ St. Francis Xavier

11:30 a.m. Robert Scholl (Elliott Family)
 Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday, December 4 ♦ Advent Weekday

11:30 a.m. Unborn Child of Gould Family – Stanislas
 (William & Ina Gould)
 Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31

12:00 p.m. Novena to Our Sorrowful Mother

7:30 p.m. All-Night Eucharistic Vigil
 (Intention of Presider)

Saturday, December 5 ♦ Advent Weekday

7:30 a.m. All-Night Eucharistic Vigil Closes
 with Benediction

11:30 a.m. Intentions of Seminarians Dan Dury,
 Ty Tomson, Michael Connaughten
 (Jack Balogh & Veronica Wolfe)

Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5, 6-8

Sunday, December 6 ♦ Second Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m. Msgr. Lawrence Corcoran
 (Kyle & Toni O'Reilly)

11:00 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Cross
 Bar 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

+ Please remember in your prayers our home-bound parishioners, and those who are ill: Mary Cordesco, Sara Fingerlin, Marianne Garrison, Dorothy Gaus, Elsie Haninger, Mary Kay Keefer, Mary Knapp, Ellen McMillen, Mary McNellis, Cathy Miller, Rita Neff, Jim Scanlon, Mary Scholl, Marilyn Scott, Frank Shirey, Margaret Trainor, Helen Violet, Elizabeth Wanamaker.

FLU!!!

Due to the national H1N1 emergency, we have temporarily discontinued the optional hand shake Sign of Peace and Communion from the cup during both Sunday and Weekday Masses. We will continue this precautionary measure until the virus season is over.

Please pray for the sick and their caregivers.

THANKS!	
November 22, 2009 Offerings	
Designated Collections (Funds forwarded directly to the Diocese) Human Dev. = \$533.32	Offering\$1,913.25 Votives29.10 Eucharistic Vigil.....0.00 Repair0.00 Less 5% Tax(97.12)
Mass Attendance 9:00 a.m. = 113 11:00 a.m. = 104	Net to Parish\$1,845.23

Rite of Welcoming

Last Sunday at the 11:00 a.m. Mass, we celebrated the Rite of Welcoming as we officially acknowledged Susan Sloan as a candidate for the Easter Sacraments. Susan's sponsor, Eileen Kiersh, is accompanying her in this process.

Advent Prayer

Spirit of God, You stir our hearts in the Advent season to awaken us from the spiritual doldrums. You urge us to be alert to the coming of the Lord, whether now or at the end of time. You invite us to embrace our longing for the fullness of a life without end. Enlighten our hearts with Your holy wisdom so that we might seek and find You, especially in the needs of the poor. Give us the courage and perseverance to look for the Holy One, who offers us more than the world can ever give.

AMEN

Thanksgiving Sharing

Once more, the Wollenberg Family thanks us for assisting their outreach to some very needy families. We supplied seven baskets of food with \$25.00 in gift certificates for each. In addition, we were able to help some of our own parishioners and several of our "needy friends." **Thank you so much for your generosity.**

Christmas Flower Donations

Donations toward the altar flowers for the Christmas season in the memory of deceased family members or friends can be put in upcoming Sunday collections with the person's name you wish to remember. A donation of \$10.00 is suggested. Please utilize the special envelopes available for this purpose.

Advent and Christmas Music Preparation

Choir practice continues today following the 11:00 a.m. Mass in preparation for Advent and Christmas. All those interested in singing are invited to join us as we meet in the balcony to rehearse music for the Nativity of our Lord for approximately one hour. We will also be learning a new Mass setting, Missa Emmanuel, for the season of Advent and will spend time learning that in order to properly lead the congregation. Please know that all are welcome each Sunday around 12:00 noon through December 20th, as we meet to prepare our voices and our hearts for the coming of our Savior's birth.

Please contact Kelly Doman, Choir Director (keladom@insight.rr.com or 920-4443), if you would like to participate or if you have any other questions.

THE WORD

How do you prepare a heart for Christmas? It is not all that different from how we prepare any room for the season. We move some things out and bring others in: lights, candles, and appropriate decorations. We can also apply this to our hearts, both our individual heart and our community heart. Today, four voices offer direction.

Jeremiah calls us to remember God who worked on the house of Israel and Judah, bringing "a just shoot" (Jeremiah 33:15) to flower from the old stump that Israel had become, replacing lifeless leadership with a new branch of the house of David. Justice would flourish for all the people. Jeremiah calls us to trust God's design that goes beyond the surface.

Jesus' words, however, seem to contradict all this, predicting signs that will dismay and perplex, with people dying of fright. What happened to security and justice? But all this frightening activity is not for those waiting on the Lord. Jesus' words are strong: Don't cower; stand erect. Don't let your heart sink into sleep, dive into drink, or be corrupted by carousing. Redemption is in the room, a heartbeat away.

Paul reminds us that we best renovate our hearts by filling them with God's love for others. We do this by how we treat each other. A new year offers time to bring healing to damaged relationships, to reach out to someone we have neglected. And God works along with us, pouring the Holy Spirit into our hearts.

– from "Living the Word"

† November 29, 2009 †	
First Sunday of Advent	
❖ Hymns are <u>not</u> announced ❖	
The first reading begins on page 24.	
9:00 and 11:00 a.m. – Kelly Doman, organist	
"Missa Emmanuel"	
Gathering Hymn	<i>People, Look East</i> [verses 1-3] (# 456)
Responsorial Psalm	<i>To You, O Lord</i> , Psalm 25 (#388)
Gospel Acclamation	(Misselette p. 25, #12)
Offertory Hymn	<i>Song of Good News</i> (# 759)
Communion Hymn	<i>Emmanuel</i> (# 460)
Closing Hymn:	<i>People, Look East</i> [verses 4-5] (#456)

Special Parish Dates

Mark your calendars for the following important dates for the parish:

- 1) Sunday, December 6, 2009 – following 11:00 a.m. Mass – "Lil Larry" sandwich making – Cum Christo Center.**
- 2) Tuesday, December 8, 2009 – Immaculate Conception – Holy Day – Mass at 11:30 a.m.**
- 3) Sunday, December 13, 2009 – 4:00 p.m. Deanery Reconciliation Service at St. Dominic Church.**

Immaculate Conception – Holy Day!

The Immaculate Conception of Mary is a Holy Day with obligation to attend Mass. Holy Cross will have one Mass on Tuesday, December 8, at 11:30 a.m.

Deanery Reconciliation Service

You are encouraged to participate in our Deanery Reconciliation/Penance Service at St. Dominic Church on Sunday, December 13th, at 4:00 p.m. Fr. Jerry will join the priests from our Deanery Churches to hear Confessions. This is a good opportunity for us to pray together as a Deanery community.

CCHD Results

Thank you for your generosity and support of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, which was collected on November 22. \$533.32 was contributed.

Advent Booklets

Booklets for Advent reflection and prayer are available at the door – one per household.

Repair Fund Collection – December 6th

A second collection will be taken for the repairs on the church and Rectory next Sunday. We thank you in advance for your continuous support of this program.

Celtic Christmas Show

The 2009 Celtic Christmas Show featuring The Columbus Celtic Chorus is on Friday, December 4th and Saturday, December 5th, at 7:00 p.m., Shamrock Club. Many other special groups. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults (18 or over), \$20.00 for family with children under 18. Call Marita Surry (614-836-4898).

St. Joseph Cathedral Music Series

On December 6th, at 3:00 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral presents its Advent and Christmas Concert featuring the Cathedral Choir and Brass. This annual performance features the singing of traditional seasonal music with the Cathedral organs and brass, readings, motets, and anthems that tell the story of the birth of Christ. \$10.00 suggested donation.