

November 29, 2009
First Sunday of Advent
“ To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.”

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

Mass Intentions

Weekend of December 6, 2009

November 29, 2009

5:00 PM (ENGLISH)

LECTOR– B. Fong Lee

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

F. Augustave F. Defay M.L. Lebon
 Y. Bellevue P. Droessler G. Maffettone

ALTAR SERVERS– N. Smith, S. Linton

7:30 AM.(ENGLISH)

LECTOR– K. Graham

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

C. Bargeron M. Gonzalez E. St. Louis
 V. Costello D. Lee M. St. Louis

ALTAR SERVERS– D. Beachamp, J. Fray

8:45 AM (SPANISH)

LECTORS– G. D’Atri, L. Valladares, O. Mejia

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

V. Maldonado A. Patino V. Ampie
 D. Suray A. Ticas B. Powell

ALTAR SERVERS– E. Miranda, V. Cosme,
 R. Cosme, J. Hernandez

11:00 AM (ENGLISH)

LECTOR– M. Austrie

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

M. Bediako W. Delpesh M. McGuigan
 M. L. Charles M. Fray T. Sanders-Davis

ALTAR SERVERS– K. Sowkey, A. Charlot

12:30 PM (HAITIAN)

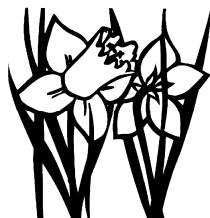
LECTORS– E. St. Louis, A. Lebrun, Y. Lebrun

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS–

F. Defay, Y. Bellevue

ALTAR SERVERS—

If there is any difference between the above and your individual schedule, the individual one is to be considered correct.



Monday
8:30 AM

November 30– St. Andrew
Elvire De Pal Peroa

Tuesday
8:30 AM

December 1
Marie Pierre

Wednesday
8:30 AM

December 2
Reverend Edward J. Sullivan

Thursday
9:00AM

December 3– St. Francis Xavier
In Thanksgiving for
The Sanacore Family

Friday
8:30 AM

December 4– St. John of Damascus
Kirk Glover

Saturday
5:00 PM

December 5
In Thanksgiving for Noble Charles

Sunday

December 6
Second Sunday Of Advent

7:30 AM
8:45 AM
11:00AM
12:30 PM

John W. Mahoney
Rafael Guerrero
Molly Brenn
In Thanksgiving

The Bread and Wine for the Week of
November 29 to December 5, 2009
are offered

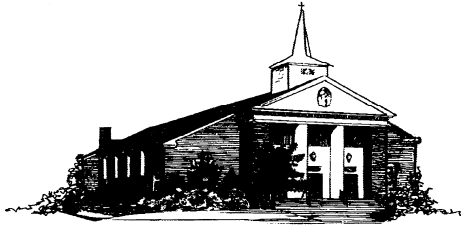
In Thanksgiving for Laurette Sully
Requested by
Laurette Sully

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR

Second Sunday of Advent
December 6, 2009

Baruch 5:1-9.
Psalm 126:1-6.
Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11.
Luke 3:1-6.





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THE PASTOR'S WEEKLY LETTER – November 29th 2009

First Sunday of Advent – Year C

Dear Parishioners, Queridos feilgreses, Chers Paroissens:

ADVENT: Today we begin a new liturgical year and perhaps the busiest season of the year. It is important for us not to skip Advent and jump to Christmas. These twenty-six days are needed for preparation and focus. If we neglect to spiritually get ready for Christmas, it is likely that we will only attain the experience and not the meaning of the Incarnation.

LESSONS & CAROLS: The Liturgy Committee of the Parish has suggested a different venue for our annual Lessons & Carols gathering. This coming Saturday we will incorporate the “carols” into the liturgical “lessons” of the Second Sunday of Advent at the 5 P.M. Mass. All are invited and encouraged to attend.

ADVIENTO: Hoy comenzamos un nuevo año litúrgico y tal vez la época más ocupada del año. Es importante para nosotros que no eludamos Adviento y no nos saltamos a Navidad. Se necesitan estos veintiséis días para prepararnos y enfocarnos. Si descuidamos prepararnos espiritualmente para Navidad, lo más seguro es que sólo tendremos la experiencia pero no el significado de la Encarnación.

LECCIONES Y VILLANCICOS: El Comité Litúrgico de la Parroquia ha sugerido un lugar diferente para nuestra reunión anual de Lecciones y Villancicos. Este sábado que viene se incorporaran los “villancicos” a las lecciones “litúrgicas” del Segundo Domingo de Adviento en la misa de las 5 p.m. Todos están invitados y se les anima a que participen.

AVENT: Aujourd'hui nous commençons une nouvelle année liturgique et peut être la saison la plus active de l'année. Il est important de ne pas sauter l'Avent pour tomber à la Noel. Nous avons besoin de ces vingt six jours pour nous préparer et nous concentrer. Si nous négligeons de nous préparer spirituellement pour la Noel, nous risquons d'atteindre l'expérience sans pénétrer le sens de l'Incarnation.

LECONS ET CARILLONS: Le Comité Liturgique de la Paroisse a suggéré que notre assemblée annuelle pour les leçons et carillons de Noel se réunisse différemment. Samedi prochain, nous allons incorporer les « carillons » dans les « leçons » liturgiques du Deuxième Dimanche de l'Avent durant la Messe de 5 :00 PM. Vous êtes tous invités et encouragés à participer.

Fr. Frank Padre Frank Pere Frank

~ The Pastor's Homily – Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ The King ~

Weekend of November 22nd 2009 – 34th or Last Sunday of the (B) Liturgical Year

This past week, Mr. Obama created a little controversy when he met Emperor Akihito in Japan. The President made a 'profound bow' to the Emperor as he greeted him – which caused some protocol problems – with the U.S. State Department. Some commentators accused the Commander-in-chief of groveling before a foreign leader.

That news item is a good *segway* into today's Solemnity of Christ the King, which leads to the question – *to whom do we bow before?* In the Gospel we just heard, Jesus of Nazareth is *not* about to *bow* before Pontius Pilate – no matter how much earthly power Pilate possesses. Christ the King is only interested in seeking the truth, for which he "came into the world." Jesus seeks the "kingdom of truth," [*Preface for today's Mass*] and everyone who belongs to the truth – "listens to [his] voice." And that leads to a fable told in the Orient:

The legend is about a young Oriental man named Ling. Ling was summoned, along with all the young people of the land, to a special assembly with the Emperor. Each child who arrived at the gates of the *Grand Palace* was given a small seed and escorted to the Great Hall. When all was ready, the Emperor entered the hall and addressed the children: "The successor to my throne stands among you. Each one of you has been given a seed. This seed will determine your future. You are to plant the seed, water it every day, and return here in one year – with the fruits of your labor."

Ling rushed home and planted the seed in a pot full of soil. Everyday he faithfully watered the soil and placed the pot where it would receive the most sunlight. Days passed but nothing grew! Ling fertilized the soil. However, after many months of care, his pot stood barren. Finally, the day arrived when the young people of the kingdom were to *return* to the Palace with the harvest of their seeds. Ling had nothing to show! However, his mother insisted that he *go* to the Emperor's palace: "Ling, you have nothing to be ashamed of. You have done what was asked of you. Go to the Palace and be honest about your results."

When Ling arrived at the Palace, he was amazed at the dazzling flowers and plants grown by other children. Ling was very embarrassed and stayed in the back of the crowd. The Emperor swept into the room, and when everyone bowed before him, he surveyed the plants. Ling held his breath as the Emperor spotted him. "You in the corner – come forward." Ling reluctantly approached the Emperor. Some of the other children began to snicker as he passed by with his puny pot of dirt.

"What is your name?" the Emperor asked. "My name is Ling, Your Majesty." The Emperor bowed to Ling. "One year ago I gave each of you a *boiled* seed that could not possibly grow! Yet today, I see every kind of plant that grows in our land. Master Ling is the only one among you with the honesty and integrity to bring back an empty pot and face possible ridicule and reproach. Such integrity! Such respect for the truth! – That is the sign of nobility. Bow to Ling the next Emperor of the Kingdom."

The Kingdom of Christ is centered in truth: truth that challenges us; truth that disappoints us; and truth that calls us to access the depth and integrity of our beliefs and values. As Ling confronts the truth about the seed despite the ridicule and rejection he’ll face, Jesus demands that we confront the Gospel **truth** – to whom (or what) do we bow before?

All the readings today speak about *dominion*. The Gospel of John speaks specifically of the kingship of Jesus in a sense of moral dominion. “Sin-fullness” also speaks of dominion because sin is basically a sinful dominion of the heart.

What dominates our hearts *determines* the kind of persons we are. Therefore, what dominates our hearts is more important than what we do. Most of us don’t reflect on this very often. We look more at our *actions* rather than our *basic attitudes* for evaluation of our personal morality. In other words, we’re more aware of *what we do* rather than the truth of *what we have become*.

It often takes the observations of others to *reveal* to us what we’ve become. At times someone may ask us “whatever possessed you?” Or we may be challenged, “what’s come over you?” These questions address *dominion*. Others may notice: that we’ve become: “cold and inhuman,” “ill-tempted and argumentative,” “a chronic complainer,” “self-centered and abusive,” or an “arrogant/cynical” person. These are descriptions of attitudes, and characteristics that seem to *dominate* our personalities.

The Feast of Christ the King not only venerates Jesus as Lord of *creation*, but also, as *our Lord*. It suggests that we evaluate what (or who) has *dominion* over our lives. We can be governed by good will for everyone by openness, trust, kindness and love. But we can also be dominated by hatred, suspicion of people, fear, guilt, unresolved anger and all that kind of ‘baggage.’

Jesus can rule over our lives or we can be *ruled* by a vain and arrogant ego.
Are we living in grace or sin? Are we interested in seeking the truth?
Who or what has dominion over us?

This past week the President bowed before a *global peer*. To whom do we offer a profound bow? *If* we say Jesus is our king, then our kingdom must go – or at least be diminished. Today’s feast is an invitation and a challenge to seek the truth, testify to the truth, belong to the truth, and to listen to the truth – that our brother and friend, our Lord and King, the Alpha and the Omega sets before us.

Jesus is the “*faithful witness*,” and the “*ruler of the kings of the earth; the one who is and who was, and who is to come!*” [Revelation 1:5] But is He the One – to whom we pay attention; the One whom we pledge our allegiance; the One we bow before? Or is there some other ruler?

RINCON HISPANO

INTENCIÓN DE LA MISA: Por el eterno descanso de Clementa Mora.

GRUPO DE ORACIÓN: Cada miércoles, a las 7:00 de la noche en el Gimnasio.

ULTREYA: Cada domingo, a las 11:00 de la mañana en la Capilla.

GRUPO JUVENIL: Cada jueves, a las 7:30 de la noche en el Salón Parroquial.

YA SE ACERCAN : La fiesta de Navidades. El Centro Social depende de su generosidad y ayuda para proveer comida mediante las canastas que se entregan a los necesitados durante esta temporada. Sean generosos.

APARTEN LA FECHA: Para nuestro gran baile anual, el próximo domingo, 6 de diciembre en el Salón Verdi de Westbury, comenzando a las 6:00 PM. Ya los boletos de la rifa y del baile están a la venta. Los interesados deberán ponerse en contacto con la Sra. Esther Williams, inmediatamente después de la misa.

INGLÉS COMO SEGUNDO IDIOMA: Cada martes y jueves, a las 7:45 de la noche en el salón 213 de la Escuela.

RIFA DE BICICLETAS DE NIÑA Y NIÑO: A \$1.00 el número de la rifa. Los boletos estarán a la venta después de cada misa y la rifa se llevará a cabo el sábado 12 de diciembre después de la misa de la Virgen de Guadalupe. Cooperen con este evento.

POSADAS NAVIDEÑAS: Como de costumbre se realizarán las posadas este año, a partir del 15 de diciembre. Hoy, domingo 29 de noviembre se anotará el nombre de las familias que desean ofrecer sus casas para las posadas. Por favor, bajen al salón para ofrecer sus nombres.

NUESTRA SEÑORA DE GUADALUPE: Esta fiesta se celebrará el sábado 12 de diciembre con una misa solemne aquí en la iglesia, a las 7:30 de la noche con Monseñor Cabezas como celebrante y la presencia del Coro. Traigan sus banderas nacionales y se espera la presencia de los niños y niñas con sus vestidos típicos. Esta es nuestra misa y se espera la participación de todos.

LECCIONES Y VILLANCICOS: El próximo sábado, 5 de diciembre, tendremos la celebración de Lecciones y Villancicos dentro de la misa de las 5:00 de la tarde con los tres Coros presentes. Esta celebración es antigua y es como una anticipación de las fiestas navideñas, mediante cantos de Adviento y villancicos. De nuevo, se espera la participación de los que puedan asistir.

EL HOGAR DISMAS: Hoy, después de nuestra misa, los miembros del Hogar Dismas, un programa de la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl, estarán presentes pidiendo su contribución. Es un programa para ayudar a los ex encarcelados a volver a la vida normal.

AVIS A LA COMMUNAUTE HAITIENNE

MESSE DOMINICALE: Chaque dimanche à partir de 12h30, la communauté haïtienne se réunit à l'église pour célébrer la messe. Le mercredi soir à partir de 7 h30 PM nous avons une prière charismatique à la chapelle. Vous êtes tous invité(e)s.

ADORATION: Chaque lundi après la messe de 8h30 AM à la chapelle il y a exposition du St Sacrement jusqu'à 4h PM. Il nous faut une présence à tout moment durant l'exposition. S'il vous plait ne laisser pas le St Sacrement seul.

MILLE AVE : Le samedi 5 Décembre 2009, comme tous les premiers samedis du mois, vous êtes invité à nous rejoindre à la chapelle pour la récitation des mille Ave à partir de 12h30 PM.

COURS D'ANGLAIS : Les cours d'anglais comme 2eme langue ont commencé depuis le mois de Septembre et beaucoup de personnes veulent en profiter pour améliorer leur connaissance de l'anglais. Cependant, nous n'avons pas assez de professeur et nous avons besoin de votre aide. Si vous voulez participer à cette œuvre de bienfaisance appeler au 481-2550 ext 301. Les classes ont lieu les mardis et les jeudis de 7 :45 – 9 :15 PM à la salle 213 de l'école St Martin de Porres Marianist.

SERVICE SOCIAL: Les bureaux du service social de Ste Martha sont à votre disposition si vous avez besoin de nourriture, habits, service d'immigration etc. Contactez les au 292-1603 du lundi au vendredi excepté les mardis de 10h AM – 2h PM.

Si vous cherchez du travail ou si vous avez du travail à offrir adressez vous à Gilaine les mercredis et jeudis.

Nous comptons sur votre générosité pour aider les démunis, donner ce que vous avez : céréals, riz, mambas, boites de conserve, poulet, viande, de l'argent, couchette pour bébé. Dieu vous le rendra au centuple

DINER DANSANT : Cette année notre dîner dansant annuel se tiendra à Verdi's de Wetsbury le dimanche 6 Décembre 2009 de 6-10h PM. Les billets sont en vente au prix de \$65.00 par personne, la rafle 50/50 est aussi prêt pour la vente alors appelez au 481-2550 pour information.

CAMPAGNE CAPITALE : Pour continuer les travaux de restaurations de l'église nous vous demandons de ne pas oublier les enveloppes jaunes et de mettre des pièces de monnaie dans la grande bouteille placée à l'intérieur de l'église.

Une autre façon de contribuer à la Campagne Capitale c'est de vous inscrire aux classes de yoga les samedis matin de 9 :30 – 10 :45h au James Collins Hall. Frais de participation \$15 par classe, 4 classes pour \$50 (rabais de \$10) et 6 classes pour \$75 (rabais de \$15).

CADEAUX POUR NOEL-RAFLE DE BICYCLETTE : Rafle de deux bicyclettes de 20 pouces, une pour fille et une pour garçon au prix de \$1 le billet. Le tirage aura lieu après la messe de 5h PM le Samedi 12 Décembre 2009, jour de la fête de Notre Dame de la Guadeloupe. Les billets sont en vente chaque week-end jusqu'au 5 et 6 Décembre après chaque messe..

BULLETIN DU DIMANCHE: Prenez avec vous le bulletin du dimanche et lisez le. Vous y trouverez des informations importantes sur votre communauté et votre paroisse.

*Thank you for your generosity
to St. Martha's Parish !*

November 22, 2009

Sunday Collection \$9,590.81
Poor Box \$100.00
Campaign for
Human Development \$ 1,761.00

If you do not get your envelopes or misplace them please use a plain one and write your full names, address, number & amount. If you are changing your address or are going to be temporarily away please inform the bookkeeper about 6 weeks before.

Thank you.

Bulletin Reflection

November 29, 2009

First Sunday of Advent

“ Be vigilant at all times,” Jesus warns in today’s Gospel, “ and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent...”
Let us heed His warning and follow the advice of St. Paul,
conducting ourselves
in a way pleasing to God,
overflowing
with love for one another.



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BAPTISMS of NOVEMBER 2009

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Valentinna Daza Gomez

Juan Lopez Gomez

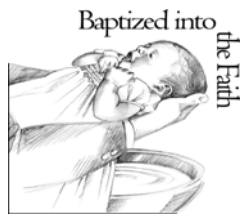
Valeria Sarai Mejia Zelaya

Katherine Nicole Marquez

Steven Rodolfo Marquez

Kevin David Vasquez

Camila Moya



PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please call in the names of those who are ill. Names of the ill will be published for one month, which then is renewable. Names of people can be placed on the Sick list only by the individual or family member.

Martha Alce, Elizabeth Augustyn, Jean Beekman, Ann Boden, Thomas Brislin, Sharon Burke, Veronica Byrnes, Fr. Zachary Callahan, Marie Caruso, Ann Celentano, Thomas Celentano, Anne Cote, Edward Cserny, Ann DeNicola, Kevin Derham, Karl Droessler, Brian Duffy, Malorie Dzienius, Roderich Evans, Josephine Elgonitis, Mary Famularo, Jean Ferraia, Jack Flynn, Kathleen Flynn, Humbert Garel, Harriet Ganas, Sr. Patricia Gimblett, RSM, Ann Gould, Bertha Griffin, Joan Gurge, Lorraine Hardy, Frank Hayde, Jeanette Healy, Marlene Hicks, Eleanora Hinton, Marianne Imperato, Jack Kightlinger, Barbara Kirsten, Kevin Lawlor, Monserrate Lebron, Rita Liotta, Edith Lucchi, Faith Lyons, Nancy Martinez, Joan Mariconda, Arthur McNeill, Thomas Mc Govern, John Mueller, Steven Nieves, Mary O'Leary, Florence O' Sullivan, Teodocia Perez, Samuel Peters, Frances Powell, Mary Prutzman, Mary Rodefeld, George Schmidt, James Spagnoli, Frank Torie, Rubena Waldron, Sr. Margaret Williams, CIJ, Sharon Wicke, Betty Griffin, Leonisa Rivera, John Villavicencio, Marge Weiss, Jennie Vilhauslas, Kay Brown, Laura Mauro, Fernando Rodriguez Lamberty, Robert & Pam Henry (husband & wife hurt in motorcycle accident), Alexander J. Wilamowski, Charles Droessler, Antoine Amie, and John Flanagan, Jr. .

TREE OF LIFE:



Memorialize a loved one with a leaf on our parish's *Tree of Life*, located in the Church Lobby. If you would like more information about this lovely memorial, Please contact **the Parish Office** at 481-2550 Ext 301

OUR FAITHFULLY DEPARTED

Elisea Romero +November 8, 2009

Gertrude Beaubrun-St. Rose
+ November 8, 2009

Caroline Wade + November 16, 2009

Nettie I. Jeter + November 16, 2009

Joseph A. Boltuc + November 20, 2009



Ron Rolheiser column— Week of November 22, 2009

A Nun's Story

When we think of a saint we tend to think only of someone who has been officially canonized by the church, but I have a few patron saints who have not been formally canonized.

One of these is a former teacher of mine who died five years ago. Her name was *Sister Shirley Christopher*, an Ursuline nun. I was fortunate enough to have had her as my homeroom teacher for three years of high school. She taught History, English, French, and Religion and was an extraordinary teacher, both in talent and in dedication, and she influenced me more deeply than any other teacher whom I have ever met inside a classroom.

She taught the content of her courses with wonderful clarity, but that was only part of her giftedness. She taught us how to learn, how to study, how to outline materials, how to memorize the parts of a French verb, how to teach, how to inspire a student, how to give yourself over as a teacher in a both a personal and professional way, and, most important, how to fix your life on what is important.

Her influence in my life is incalculable. After leaving high school, I went on to seminary and college, then to graduate school, to post-graduate school, and then became a teacher myself. In all the classrooms I have been in since, I haven't met anyone who taught as clearly as Sr. Shirley. Moreover, the methods she taught me, way back in 9th grade, served me well right through my PhD studies and my doctoral dissertation. I did my research for and outlined my doctoral thesis using her method. Today I teach using her pedagogy. She knew Power-Point long before it was invented.

However, back in high school when I sat in her classroom, I was too young to have much sense of what all this must have been costing her. She was just my teacher; I didn't give much thought to her life, never for a moment thinking of what this might be asking of her: She was a gifted educator, but was spending the prime years of her life teaching in one of the most isolated, rural areas of Saskatchewan's prairies. Our high school, long since disappeared, wasn't exactly the place where academic careers were launched, nurtured, or discovered. We had access to her exceptional talent only because she was a nun, vowed to serving the poor, to teaching in areas like ours.

Moreover, as a high-school student, I had virtually no sense of what this might have been costing her in terms of her personal life, as a nun and as a woman. What's it like to sacrifice husband, children, and family in order to do this? What's it like to live within the strict community enclosures of pre-Vatican II religious life? What's it like to live with five or six other women inside of convent in a very isolated rural community where everyone treats you with a respect that also includes a radical distancing from you? What's it like to approach menopause and not have children?

As her student, I was only beginning to have a sense of the complexity of life and of how even the deepest faith doesn't necessarily take away your humanity with all its fiery needs and how inside of even the most dedicated nun there remains a woman who, every day, would want to take back from God what the nun gave over.

Whatever the cost, she paid it, and did so without ever losing her graciousness, her intelligence, her faith, and her sense that personal ambition is secondary to serving others.

I left high school at graduation and never saw her again until many years later. She was semi-retired by then, had grown grey, and had put aside her religious habit for simple lay clothing, but she was wonderfully happy, much happier than when I had known her as a teacher. She looked like an elder now, a magus, a wisdom figure, Sophia in an aging body.

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But she radiated the kind of peace that comes when we are enviably beyond the painful neediness of youth. She was a celibate, a nun, old enough now to have her own grandchildren, but, even without them, a fulfilled woman, happy, without the need to make some assertion with her life.

I visited her several months before her death, when she was already in palliative care. I told her what she meant to me and thanked her for her dedication. And she was ever the teacher I'd studied under 40 years before: gracious, professional, dedicated, self-effacing: "I just did my best."

When the military in El Salvador threatened Archbishop Romero with death, he responded by saying: "If you kill me, I will rise within the Salvadorian people." Sister Shirley Christopher OSU died on November 19, 2004, but she is alive still in many of us, her former students, who were blessed to have had so talented and selfless a teacher. Her life goes on.

Oblate Father Ron Rolheiser, theologian, teacher, and award-winning author, is President of the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, TX. He can be contacted through his website www.ronrolheiser.com.

DISMAS HOUSE

This weekend at all Masses, members of Dismas House, a program of The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, will be accepting donations at the doors of the Church. Dismas House is a transitional program for men recently released from prison. Your contributions will enable them to continue their work of sheltering, feeding and counseling post incarcerated men who are trying to change the direction of their lives. Please help them to help others.

TEEN EVENT

L. I. Teen Freedom presents Jason Evert speaking on "Raising Chaste Teens", Tues., Dec. 1, 7:30-9pm at Cure of Ars Church, 2323 Merrick Ave, Merrick.

No registration required.

For more info: (516-804-4820).

LIVING STEWARDSHIP

November 29, 2009

First Sunday of Advent

We are grateful
this week for all stewards
in our parish
who use the season of Advent
to take a step
to more deeply embrace Christ.

Social Ministry / Outreach News

Job Bank of Outreach: Gilaine, is overseeing the Job Bank.

Do you need a babysitter, home health aid, housekeeper or landscaper? Or can you provide these services? Register with St. Martha's Social Ministry Job Bank. Call 292-1603 on Wednesday or Thursday between 10 AM and 2PM.

FIDELIS CARE HEALTH INSURANCE

Is in Social Ministry every Wednesday from 10 –12 PM. Ask to see Claudia.

CAN YOU HELP?

ITEMS NEEDED: Frozen hamburgers, one pound frozen chopped meat packages, small chickens, chicken parts, hot dogs/franks, tuna fish, beans, rice, oil, individual boxed milk (ie. Parmalat), jelly, peanut butter, yams/sweet potatoes, all kinds of juice (esp., small sizes), tea bags, any cold cereal, individual packs of oatmeal, bar soaps, toilet tissue, paper towels, napkins, diapers, diaper wipes, toothbrushes and other person care items or store gift certificates. Clean grocery store plastic or paper bags.

Although the Social Ministry department is starting to concentrate on the Holidays the above everyday items are needed.

Thank you for your generosity!

CHRISTMAS

It is time again for us to provide for the needy of our community.

The Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays are drawing close.

We depend on your generosity In helping us to provide food baskets to our clients to make their holidays enjoyable.

We welcome your donations of

sweet potatoes,

rice,

pasta,

gravy,

cranberry juice,

cranberry sauce,

beans,

soup,

Vegetables

and any other foods.

Professional Therapy and Counseling:

Family, marriage, and individual therapies, provided by New York State licensed therapists, are available to our parish . This program, provided by the Catholic Counseling Center is under the direction of Dr. George Giuliani. Most insurance policies, including Medicare, are honored. For confidential information and appointment, call Dr. Giuliani at 631-243-2503 or go to our website at <http://www.thecatholiccounselingcenter.net>



**PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR THOSE
IN THE UNITED STATES MILITARY**

A PRAYER FOR OUR MILITARY

YOU ARE MY REFUGE AND MY SHIELD. I PUT MY HOPE IN YOUR WORD.”

(Psalm 119:114)

Lord, bless the men and women of our military as they answer the call to serve our nation and defend our freedom.

Protect them, particularly those in harm's way. Most of all let them know your love: that you are with them, and that you will never forsake or abandon them. I ask this in the precious name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen. Partners in Evangelism Ministry to Service Men and Women

IN MEMORIAM — November 8 – November 14, 2009

IRAQ

CWO Matthew Heffelfinger 29 Kimberly ID
CWO Earl Scott III 24 Jacksonville FL
Sgt Stephen Murphy 36 Jaffery NJ

And
31+ Iraqis

AFGHANISTAN

Spc Benjamin Sherman 20 Plymouth MA
Pvt John Bassett 20 England
Cpl Justin Swanson 21 Anaheim CA
Spc Christopher Coffland 43 Baltimore MD
Cpl Shawn Hefner 22 Hico TX

And
189 Afghanis and Pakistanis

U.S. Air Force: Airman Francisco J. Velasquez,

U.S. Army:

Master Sergeant Jill Agront, Sgt. Hisnard Cadet, Jr., Staff Sgt. Misael Exantus, Spc. Danny Mendez, Sgt Aaron Fullerton, PFC Zaymery Villalobos, Special Force Kareem Inniss, Colonel Verb Washington, Major Elizabeth Werns-Romano, Flight Surgeon, LTC Christopher Jenkins, Spc. Richard Aquilar, 1st Lt. Gavin Campbell McMahon, LTC Douglas Boltuc.

U.S. Marines:

Sergeant W. Jason Ferris, L Cpl. Jason Fullerton, L. Cpl Alfonso Rodriquez, Cpl. Adam Griffin, L Cpl. Eaton Farrell, LCPL Alexis Vazquez

U.S. Navy:

Airman Herbert J. Alvarado, JE-4/CS3 Jesus Ron, P.O.1st Class John V. Sparkowski, Lt. Joseph A. Baugh, Cpl. Eric Omar Matos, U.S. Navy & Marines, Commander Kevin Seaton Canty.

St. Martha's Parish cordially invites you to their 2009

Annual Dinner Dance

Sunday
December 6th
At Verdi's
of Westbury
680 Old Country Road



Honorees:
Telma, Veronica and
Alex Ticas

Tickets
\$65 per person
Tables of 10

Cocktails and
Hors d'oeuvres at
6:00 PM.
Dinner and Dance
Until
10 PM



50/50 Raffle
\$5 per chance
Or
5 chances for \$20
3 prizes to be
awarded



For reservations and other information

Call the Parish Center

516-481-2550



Events at St. Martha's— Nov. 29th, 2009**Key:**

A—Gym

B—Lower Church

C—Main Church

Events at St. Martha's— Dec. 6th, 2009

H—Social Ministry/Outreach

L—John Darcy Chapel

PC—Parish Center

S—School

Sun. 11-29-09 First Sunday of Advent

No RCIA / No Religious Education classes

9:45 – 10:45am Senior Choir L

10:15 – 11:30am Hispanic Gathering B

11am- 12:30pm Ultreya Movimiento
Cursillos Crisitiandad L**Mon. 11 -30-09**

7:30 – 9:30pm English Charismatic Prayer L

Tues. 12-01-09

7:30 – 8:30pm U Strong Youth Group B

7:30- 9:30pm ESL S (Rms. 210/213/214)

Wed. 12-02-09

6:30 – 9:45pm Carismatic Hispanic Prayer A

6:30-9:45pm Pace Group AA S (Art Rm.)

7:30-10:00pm Haitian Charismatic Prayer L

7:30 – 9:30pm RCIA Adult Sacraments
Session P.C.**Thurs. 12-03-09**

12:00 – 2:00pm Rosary Society Mtg. B

5:00 – 6:00pm Childrens' RCIA P.C.

7:00-9:00pm Juventud sin fronteras B

7:15-8:30pm Religious Education Classes
S (A and classrooms)

7:30 – 9:30pm ESL S (Rms. 210/213/214)

7:30 – 9:30pm Parent Baptism Prep Class in
Creole S (Rm.201)**Fri. 12-04-09**

10:00am – 1:30pm BINGO B

6:30 – 9:45pm Pace Group AA S (Art Rm.)

8:00 – 10:00pm Spanish Choir C

8:00 - 10:00pm Haitian Choir L

Sat. 12-05-09

9:30 – 10:45am YOGA S (St.Martin's Rm.)

11am – 12:30pm Legion of Mary Mtg. L

12:30 – 4:00pm Haitian Marian Prayer L

6:00 – 10:00pm BINGO B

Sun. 12-06-09 Second Sunday of Advent9:30 – 10:30am RCIA Adult Sacraments
Session in English S Rm.209

9:45 – 11:00am Rel Ed. Prog S(A –All Rms)

9:45 – 10:45am Senior Choir Practice L

10:15 – 11:30am Spanish Gathering B

10:30am – 12pm RICA Adult Sacraments

Session in Spanish H

11am – 12:30pm Ultreya Movimiento

Cursillos Cristiandad L

2:00 – 4:00pm Haitian Fellowship B

6:00-10:00pm St.Martha Parish Dinner Dance

Mon. 12-07-09

7:30 – 9:30pm English Charismatic Prayer L

Tues. 12-08-09 Feast of the Immaculate ConceptionSt. Martin dePorres & Parish Center **Closed**

7:30 – 9:30pm U Strong for Youth Group B

Wed. 12-09-09

6:30- 9:45pm Pace Group AA S (Art Rm.)

6:30 – 9:45pm Carismatic Hispanic Prayer A

7:30 - 9:30pm RCIA Adult Sacraments

Session in English P.C.

7:30 – 9:30pm Haitian Charismatic Prayer L

Thurs. 12-10-09

5:00-6:00pm Children's RCIA P.C.

7:00-9:30pm Juventud sin fronteras B

7:15-8:30pm Rel. Ed. S (A and classrooms)

7:30 – 9:30pm (ESL) S (Rms. 210/213/214)

Fri. 12-11-09

10am – 1:30pm BINGO B

6:30 – 9:45pm Pace Group AA S (Art Rm.)

8:00 – 10:00pm Spanish Choir Rehearsal C

8:00-10:00pm Haitian Choir Rehearsal L

Sat. 12-12-09 Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

9:30-10:45am YOGA S (St.Martin's Room)

11am – 12:30pm Legion of Mary Mtg. L

3:00-5:00pm 2009 Advent Penance Service C

5:00pm English Mass

6:00pm-10:00pm BINGO B

7:30 pm Spanish- Bishop Cabezas Main
Celebrant