

## MASS INTENTIONS

Mass intentions are a standing custom of our Catholic Christian faith. A Mass can be requested as a means of extending prayerful support to a family whose loved one is deceased. Additionally, a Mass Intention can be an appropriate way of prayerfully celebrating the life-giving moments of an individual, couple or family - including such occasions as birthdays and anniversaries. To request a Mass Intention, please come by or contact TC Blust our receptionist during normal Parish office hours: 9:30 am - 3:00 pm, Monday through Friday at 770-253-1888.

**WEDNESDAY, December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

7:00 pm Communion Service

**THURSDAY, December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

9:00 am Communion Service

**SATURDAY, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011**

9:00 am Parishioners of SMM (SI)

**SUNDAY, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011**

9:00 am Bernice Gesualdo (+)

12:00 pm Chon-Ja Moore (+)

## PRAYER INTENTIONS

If you know of someone who needs to be added to our prayer list, please contact the Parish Office. We ask that you pause a moment and offer a prayer for the sick of our community, especially: Barbara Ruttinger, Jack Maier, Barry Bruder, Phillis Craig, Melissa Kroll, Gill, Joseph & Lillian Nault, Bill & Joan Martinell, James McCabe, Jack Madden, Marie Mulvenna, Patrick Nugent, Jan Taylor, Carlos Villar, Helen Passantino Jerry Cunningham, Toni Lewis, Jennifer Lewis, Joan Vinnecombe, Al Bergh, Herb Sires, Andre Sires, John Tansey, Tim Egan, Dr. Jack Jackline

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### For December 26, 2010

Sunday: Sir 3:2-7, 12-14/Col 3:12-17/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5---2:2/Mt 2:13-18

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40

Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18

Saturday: Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

## PRAYERLINE

The Private Prayerline Ministry is separate and requests are not printed in the bulletin. We have several dedicated volunteers that pray daily. Prayer requests will go under: Health and Healing, Spiritual and Physical, General (not stated) and Deceased (recent within 3 months for repose of the soul). In need of prayers or know someone who is? You may contact a minister wearing a badge at Mass or please call Karen at 770-502-8918. Please leave your phone number if leaving a message, to confirm the request.

## SMM STAFF CONTACT INFO

Susan Baker	Youth Minister	9987
Paul Bauer	Music	--
TC Blust	Receptionist	3813
Keith Collins	Maintenance Director	9985
Billie Duyka	Bookkeeper	9982
Toni Egan	Middle School Coordinator	9988
Monique Haskins	Elementary Co-Coordinator	9989
Linda Hughey	Elementary Co-Coordinator	9990
Kathy Kelly-Huey	Dir. of Religious Education	5668
Diane Jones	Business Manager	9982
Mary Hennie-Roed	Nursery Coordinator	--
Barbara Stevens	Pastoral Associate	9984
Lisa Thamert	Pastoral Secretary	9981

### Saturday January 1, 2011 - 5 PM - Vigil Mass

<u>Sacristan</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Servers</u>
Mary McCabe	Paula Alley	Bo Heatherman
Pat Nugent	John Randolph	Jack Heatherman
		Aiden Magee

EM's - Shirley Towle, Carol Angelo **In need of assistance, please see signup sheet in the sacristy**

### Sunday January 2, 2011 - 9AM - The Epiphany of the Lord

<u>Sacristan</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Servers</u>
Leigh-Ann Mayes	Iris Peychaud	Zach Becker
	Tom Beier	Sean Helmezczy
		Lauren Hagert

EM's - **In need of assistance, please see signup sheet in the sacristy**

### Sunday January 2, 2011 - 12 Noon The Epiphany of the Lord

<u>Sacristan</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Servers</u>
Julie Stamps	Bill Tucker	Victoria Diaz
	Lisa Kula	Natalie Dyer
		Mason Dyer

EM's - Osmari Fernàndez, Gayle Pizzitola, Midge Beals, **In need of assistance, please see signup sheet in the sacristy**

## THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Parents desiring the Sacrament of Baptism for their child(ren) must be registered in the parish and are required to attend a mandatory Baptism seminar. All Godparents residing in the Metro Atlanta area are also expected to attend the seminar. Please contact Brad and Toni Dyer at 770-683-3414 or [dyer5@live.com](mailto:dyer5@live.com) to schedule your attendance at the next seminar. If it has been more than 3 years since you last attended a seminar you are required to attend a new seminar. Baptism seminars are held on the fourth Sunday every other month in the education wing at the church. The next one is Sunday January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1:30 p.m. Baptisms are a communal celebration and as such, are conducted within the liturgy at all Masses.

## ST. VINCENT DEPAUL HELP LINE

(770) 458-9607

## PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

Due to the bulletin deadlines our parish financial reports will not be disclosed for the next 2 weeks, but will return the weekend of January 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>.

*“Where your treasure is, there your heart shall be.” - Luke 12:34*

### NEED ANY TAX DEDUCTIONS FOR THE END OF THE YEAR?

This is a reminder that the end of the calendar year is rapidly approaching. If you would like your contributions credited in the 2010 year, please make sure all information is received in the office by Friday, December 31st. We are capable of accepting donations in the form of cash, checks, MasterCard, Visa, or stock options. Payments dated January 1, 2011 will be applied to next year's statement. If you plan on selling stock, please call Diane Jones at (770) 253-1888 or email [djones@smmcatholic.org](mailto:djones@smmcatholic.org) by December 16.



## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Joseph's obedience to God was not a one-time thing. His attention to the angel's warning kept Jesus from being murdered by Herod and led to the fulfillment of the prophecy that the Messiah would be a Nazorean. Fidelity to God's will assures the best use of my talents, too!

## SECOND COLLECTIONS

### DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup> & 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2010

Today's second collection benefits Catholic Charities Atlanta. Catholic Charities served more than 22,409 families and individuals in north Georgia last year. When families are barely keeping things together, one unexpected challenge can completely disrupt everything. Within a short period of time that "one" problem begins to impact nearly every facet of the family's life....

Your gift to Catholic Charities, will allow them to provide help and create hope to families in need. Please give generously to the 2nd collection today!

## BLESSINGS

### DURING THE DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

PLEASE NOTE: In an effort to be more inclusive during the distribution of Holy Communion, it is our practice, here at St. Mary Magdalene, to extend an invitation to those not receiving the Eucharist to come forward for a special blessing – this is indicated simply by crossing arms over the chest as the individual approaches the priest, deacon or extraordinary minister.

## HEALTH PRECAUTIONS



The Archbishop's office has suggested that all of us "please exercise appropriate precautions at Mass, especially if you have been ill ..." by refraining from personal contact during the Our Father and the Sign of Peace, as well by not receiving Communion from the cup or on the tongue. Anyone experiencing flu-like symptoms (fever, headache, tiredness, cough, sore throat, runny nose, etc.) should not attend Sunday Mass or other parish activities..." The possibility of spreading infection of influenza represents a sufficient reason not to attend Sunday Mass, and obviates the Sunday obligation. For more information please visit <http://uscgb.org/liturgy/swineflu.shtml>.

## NOTES FROM THE CATHOLIC FOUNDATION

**And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Col. 3:17**

As this year draws to an end, we give thanks to God for all He has done for us. In the coming year, let us remember to make a gift of our assets to our parish so that the ministries will be able to continue into perpetuity. There are many ways to do this through your Will or Estate plans. There are even ways for you to receive income for the rest of your life that will also provide a gift to the parish at the end of your life. For more information on all the ways you can use assets to make a gift to the parish, contact: Diane Duquette, Director of Gift Planning, at The Catholic Foundation of North Georgia: [dduquette@cfnga.org](mailto:dduquette@cfnga.org) or. To learn more about Wills and Estate Planning please visit [www.cfnga.org](http://www.cfnga.org)

### CHRISTMAS FLOWERS WERE DONATED IN LOVING HONOR/MEMORY OF:

Mr. & Mrs. Fred Linder, Elinor & Reine Martin, Forrest & Caroline Poole, Al & Betty Van Slyke, Carlton Pierce, Ronald & Beverly Plamondon, Parents of Noel & Una Magee, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Coholich, Dr. Orlando S. Cuevas, Carol Marchand, Parents & Daughter of George Cabral, Ross & Patricia Smith, Josef & Walburga Ruppert, Fritz & Karl Dumig, Cindy Smith, Brunelle Family Members, Palmer Family Members, Janet Bouthiller, Carrie Case, Flowe Trexler, Sandi James, Aniela Sawicki, Green Family, Kozyra Family, Catherine DeLoose, Elizabeth & Vincent Faggella, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Nitti, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Boyce, Diane Heftman, Mr. & Mrs. James Carroll, Mr. & Mrs. Tom Mallon, Jim Carroll, Anne Schroeck, Helen Elfien, Martha Hartein, Bill Zeise, Helen Valentine, Lloyd Valentine, Valentine Zeise, Villa Zeise, Richard McKellar, Helen V. Ferrari, Horace Merrell, Parents of Fred Lombardi, Wilfred Weber Family

## PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (PREP)

### SCHEDULE FOR 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR

Sunday	
Grades 1- 5	10:15 am - 11:30 am
RCIA/RCIC	10:15 am - 11:30 am
Grades 9 - 12	6 pm - 8:15 pm
Monday	
Pre-K - 5	5:30 pm - 6:45 pm
Tuesday	
Pre-K - 5	4:15 pm - 5:30 pm
Grades 1-5	6:00 pm - 7:15 pm
Wednesday	
Grades 6-8	6:45 pm - 8 pm

## ELEMENTARY NEWS / MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

NO PREP December 19 - January 5

PREP resumes the week of January 9 - 12

NO PREP January 16 - 19

PREP resumes January 23 - 28

## YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

**KEEP UP TO DATE** on youth information by going to [http://www.smmcatholic.org/Youth/youth\\_NEW.html](http://www.smmcatholic.org/Youth/youth_NEW.html)  
Check out our newsletter in the Narthex and on the website.

### UPCOMING PREP NIGHTS

- January 9<sup>th</sup> - Confessions

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Lock In: Starting Friday January 7<sup>th</sup> at 8pm and ending on Saturday January 8<sup>th</sup> at 8am. Please bring \$5 for dinner, friends are welcome, permission slips for all are required.

**THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WOULD LIKE TO WISH ALL OUR PARISHIONERS A VERY BLESSED CHRISTMAS**



## ADULT FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

### REGISTER NOW FOR ADULT CONFIRMATION SESSIONS

Registration forms can be found at the parish website or in the narthex. Sessions begin January 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am. Please obtain a NEW baptismal certificate from your church of baptism. This is mandatory. Register for the sessions with Kathy Kelly Huey [kkhuey@smmcatholic.org](mailto:kkhuey@smmcatholic.org).

### CATHOLICISM FOR DUMMIES

All joking aside we are not dummies, but seekers. Grab a cup of coffee and join us beginning Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Bring all your questions and let's look at the truths and myths of what we think we know. This fast paced fun review is a down to earth look at the faith with heavenly consequences. We will gather Sundays between masses in the social hall from 10:30 - 11:15 am.

### FAMILIES GROWING IN FAITH

Beginning January 23, 2011 from 1:15pm -2:15pm on Sunday afternoons.

Are you rusty in your faith? Want to learn more about the church as a family?

MOMS, DADS, AUNTS,UNCLES GRANDMA, GRANDPA, AND OF COURSE....THE KIDS!

A gathering of families coming together to begin or continue the family faith journey. Some are returning Catholics; some are simply ready to begin learning more. Whatever the reason just come and see. Contact Kathy Kelly Huey 770.253.5668 for more information.

### CHURCH HISTORY 101

Thursday evenings January 27-February 24<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 - 8:30pm Exploring some of the major movements and transitions of the Catholic Church. It's not exactly a straight line.

Not your regular ho hum history lecture, Led by Susan Baker this series will bring to life how we began and continue becoming the Church.

### WOMEN IN PRAYER AND FELLOWSHIP

Gathering Wednesday mornings, 9:30 am - 10:30 am. Focusing on prayer, fellowship and growth in our faith; we come together to share the story of God in the midst of our lives. As women of prayer we will pray for our church, our families, ourselves and each other. Our mothers, sisters and daughters may be elsewhere, but in our parish family we draw on the wisdom of the mothers, sisters and daughters here who come together to share. Whether new to the parish, still finding your way, or founding mother come join us. Children are welcome as part of our time together. Contact Stacey Blalock at [dcblalock@bellsouth.net](mailto:dcblalock@bellsouth.net) or Malinda Keith at [malkeith2@gmail.com](mailto:malkeith2@gmail.com).

### GOSPEL OF LUKE, BIBLE STUDY

Please attend an in-depth, faith sharing, commentary study on the Gospel of Luke. This penetrating study will cover 24 chapters beginning November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and will be facilitated by Frank Digiaco. The cost for the text is \$11.00. The study will cover historical accounts of the life of Christ. The blueprint of this Gospel is so powerful as it details the birth and preparation of Jesus, his ministry, his death and his glorious resurrection. I encourage each of you to take a closer walk with a deeper in-sight into this Gospel, sign up, have a good time, fellowship with others, and come as often as you are able to attend. You are welcome to join the study even if you have missed a few sessions. Please RSVP with Gloria Wilson at [wilsongk@bellsouth.net](mailto:wilsongk@bellsouth.net) or 770.502.9255

## AROUND THE PARISH

### FRESH FROM THE HEART!



As part of the Welcome Committee ministry, we hope to start a new tradition at SMM. We'd like to establish more formal ways to welcome new families into our parish community. A gift of freshly baked bread (any type) presented during Mass would be a lovely gesture. We need you! Please help us get this meaningful ministry off the ground! For more information, contact Terri Michalewicz, 770-254-9661.

### CATHOLICS COME HOME!

If you are a Catholic or know someone who is and have been away from the church for awhile, this invitation is for you! Our Faith Community misses you and is incomplete without you!

No matter how long you have been away or for whatever reason, we invite you to consider renewing your relationship with the Catholic Church.

Come join us on Tuesday evenings starting January 11, in the Education Wing of St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church. For information call, Barbara Stevens, 678 854-9984, Liz Moore, 770 304-8219, or Tami Vickers 770 254- 0542.

### GRIEF SUPPORT GETTING THROUGH THE HOLIDAYS WHEN YOUR'VE LOST A LOVED ONE

We are never prepared for the death of a loved one, even when it comes after a long or serious illness. When it is sudden and unexpected the shock can be overwhelming.

Either circumstance you need time to heal and people to support you. Join St. Mary Magdalene Caring Ministries Grief Support Group on Tuesday evenings starting December 7 from 7:00 to 8:30 PM in Room 101. For more information call Patty Clark at 771 683-8383 or Barbara Stevens at 678 854-9984.

### FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY

Are you interested in becoming more involved in parish life? The Fellowship Ministry is regrouping and invites you to join. The time commitment is minimal and it provides a great opportunity to meet new people and serve the parish. For more information, please contact Tracy Zelczak at 770-328-7637 or [tzl85@numail.org](mailto:tzl85@numail.org).

### STEPHEN MINISTERS.

We wish to thank our Father in Heaven, The Holy Family and Church for a successful year of Compassionate, Full Of Faith, Skilled, Trustworthy, Christ Centered Stephen Ministers, who continue to offer their time and bring Christ's healing hope to our sisters, brothers and to one another in the event of crises. For care giving details, please make the call to Lynne Nonni: 770-631-3915 or Jerome Greenwell: 770-487-2752, as you travel the path that leads back to health.



### SVDP NEWS



Who reach out to SVDP for assistance are in need of food donations. Until recently we have shared a food pantry with St. George Catholic Church across town.

We are currently trying to expand our food pantry so that we can continue to meet the needs of our community. We have established temporary pantry space at off-site locations at the homes of a few of the volunteers, along the storing of food in their freezers. We would like to establish a more central location closer to our parish. We are also in need of upright freezer space for food storage.

Our friends at Kroger have agreed to start a regular donation of fresh meat to SVDP food pantries, which is why a central location and freezer space is so important. If you can help, or you would like more information please call Lois Bruning at 770-599-3106.

### ORNAMENTS ARE IN!!!

You can pick up your pre-ordered ornaments after all the Masses this weekend. If you did not pre-order one; we do have a few extra available for \$15. Also, we have some past year ornaments as well.

### DEVOTION OPPORTUNITIES

The Rosary is prayed in front of Mary's statue, 8:30 am and 11:30 am every Sunday.

Adoration is every Thursday from 4 - 7 pm and every First Friday from 7 - 9 pm.



## WELCOME

We extend a warm welcome to all our visitors; if you are new to the area we invite you to become a member of our growing faith community. Registration forms are available in the narthex and from any member of our Welcome Committee.

*Welcome*  
our new friends

Brandon & Stephanie Crous

### HELP WANTED - WE NEED YOU!!!!

Are you detailed oriented? Are you creative, a computer savvy word expert or graphic artist? The Liturgy Commission is looking to recruit this special group of talented individuals to help us develop several worship aid templates to be used in Special Liturgies such as weddings and funerals. Final templates will need to be developed in user-friendly software such as Word or Publisher. If you are interested please contact: Mayra Marchand at 770 463-0071 or [mayramarchand@gmail.com](mailto:mayramarchand@gmail.com).

**ONGOING INQUIRY CLASSES RCIA**

Do you have questions about the Catholic Church but never had the opportunity to explore those questions? There is a time and place for you to do that very thing. On the third Thursday of every month throughout the year from 7 - 8:30 p.m. in Room 106, Tami Vickers leads inquiry sessions for anyone with any kind of questions about the Catholic Church. If you are interested in attending the Inquiry sessions call Tami at 770-254-0542.

**FABULOUS FATHERS PRIEST TALENT SHOW**

Don't miss the 5th annual Priest Talent Show, Friday January 28th 2011 at the Cathedral of Christ the King. We have a great line-up of priest talent including Fr. Neil Dhahliwals, Fr. Tim Hepburn, Fr. Jack Durkin, Fr. Augustine Tran, Fr. Henry Atem, and Fr. Joseph Peek. Tickets are on sale now at [www.reginacaeliacademy.org](http://www.reginacaeliacademy.org) for more information call Kari Beckman at 404-729-1795.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - COUNCIL'S WORLD WIDE**

The Sharpsburg Knights of Columbus would like to thank all parishioners who purchased the Keep Christ in Christmas cards.

Through your purchases we were able to donate \$600.00 to the Coweta Pregnancy Center, and 68 boxes were purchased and donate back to the troops departing from the Atlanta Airport. For more information on the Knights please contact Grand Knight Ed O'Connor at [eoconnor1@numail.org](mailto:eoconnor1@numail.org)

**VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK JANUARY 9-15**  
**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION FOR VOCATIONS**  
**TO ORDAINED MINISTRY AND CONSECRATED LIFE**

The Knights of Columbus, the Senior Group and Eucharistic Adoration are sponsoring a **week of Adoration** to the Blessed Sacrament during the week of January 9-15 for Vocations Awareness to Ordained Ministry and Consecrated Life. The designated monstrance, one of six available in the world, blessed by John Paul II in 2004 will be used. It has traveled over 140,000 miles and visited many different cities. These six Monstrances' were designated for Eucharistic Adoration for each major continent or geographical area as a symbol of the connection between the Eucharist and priestly vocations. Save the week, more to follow.

**LITURGICAL BITS & BYTES****THE INCARNATION**

The Incarnation is the mystery and the dogma of the Word made Flesh. In this technical sense the word incarnation was adopted, during the twelfth century, from the Norman-French, which in turn had taken the word over from the Latin incarnation: The Latin Fathers, from the fourth century, make common use of the word; so Saints Jerome, Ambrose, Hilary, etc. The Latin incarnatio (in : caro, flesh) corresponds to the Greek sarkosis, or ensarkosis, which words depend on John (i, 14) kai ho Logos sarx egeneto, "And the Word was made flesh". These two terms were in use by the Greek Fathers from the time of St. Irenæus --i.e. according to Harnack, A. D. 1

**GOD REVEALS HIS "PLAN OF LOVING GOODNESS"**

From the Catechism CCC 51 "It pleased God, in his goodness and wisdom, to reveal himself and to make known the mystery of his will. His will was that men should have access to the Father, through Christ, the Word made flesh, in the Holy Spirit, and thus become sharers in the divine nature." CCC 458 - 459 "Word became flesh so that thus we might know God's love: "In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him." "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. The Word became flesh to be our model of holiness: "Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me." "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me." On the mountain of the Transfiguration, the Father commands: "Listen to him!" Jesus is the model for the Beatitudes and the norm of the new law: "Love one another as I have loved you. This love implies an effective offering of oneself, after his example."

**ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS****MERCY NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS**

Our Lady of Mercy Catholic High School is accepting applications for admission for spring 2011 and for the 2011-2012 school year. Campus tours are available on Thursdays from 9 - 10 AM.

Call (770) 461-2202 to schedule a tour. Visit [www.mercycatholic.org](http://www.mercycatholic.org) and select "Admissions" for more information or to download the application. We look forward to meeting you and your family!

**OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC SCHOOL**  
**A National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence**



Tuition scholarships available. We are in the **Top Ten** percentile School in the nation. OPEN HOUSE: Friday, January 7th, and Friday, January 14th, from 7:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Saturday, January 29th, from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. Please join us. 211 Kirkley Road, Tyrone, GA. (770) 306-9026



Please accept our sincere appreciation for all that you have given to St. Vincent de Paul this year.

Here are the totals for the fiscal year ending 2010.

Our Vincentian volunteers spent 1223 hours visiting 290 homes. They drove 10482 in their own vehicles using their own gas and were able to help 1300 individuals. Thank you St. Mary Magdalene Parishioners for supporting our efforts to continue with God's work helping the poor, feeding the hungry. May God bless you all for your continued support because without it we could not help all these deserving families!

We ask that if you have any large donations of clothing or furniture that you would like to contribute to contact Clothes Less Traveled in Peachtree City at 770-486-8517 to arrange a delivery or One Roof at 770-683-7705 to make a donation. Both groups have been extremely helpful to our clients.

Thanks Again and Continued Blessing in 2011



# Thank You!