



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF January 10, 2010

Weekend of 12/27/09
 Regular Collection Goal Per Week - **\$15,000**
 Actual amount received - **\$12,134**
 Savings - **\$2,279**
 Envelopes sent to registered parishioners - **\$1,209**

Weekend of 1/3/10
 Regular Collection Goal Per Week - **\$15,000**
 Actual amount received - **\$17,294.50**
 Savings - **\$1,953**
 Christmas **To date: \$24,026**
 Solemnity of Mary - **\$3,031**

REMINDER
 All Parents who have children in St. Laurence School are required to give **\$10.00** each week in your church envelope. Catholic High School, **\$12.00**

Mon.	8:30	Michael Kenish - Living
Tue.	8:30	Leo B. Kelly
Wed.	8:30	James Barnhart
Thu.	8:30	Mary G. Deady
Fri.	8:30	Marie Pierce & Patricia Gruber
Sat.	8:30	Deady, Fortune, Leary & Condran Families
	5:00	Rose Marie Stinger
Sun.	7:30	Michael Savage
	9:00	Margaret & Anthony Fiore
	10:30	Eileen Blankemeyer
	12:00	Anna Augone
PM	6:00	Parishioners of St. Laurence

H.O.P.E.

If you have an emergency need for transportation (a doctor or dentist appointment, help with food shopping,) call our H.O.P.E. representative, as early as possible at the following numbers:

WEEK OF January 10, 2010
 610-353-3934 OR 610-789-3763

WEEK OF January 17, 2010
 610-789-2950 OR 610-352-2782

ST. LAURENCE PRAYER COMMUNITY
meets every Tuesday evening in Church at 8:00PM.
All are most welcome!

RECITATION OF THE HOLY ROSARY
every Monday evening at 7:00 PM in church.
All are most welcome!

HOLY HOUR

WOULD YOU SPEND ONE HOUR WITH ME?

The Adoration Society invites you to join them for a Holy Hour each Saturday, 3:45PM to 4:45PM. Holy Hour Remembrance Cards for someone special for whom you are praying are available with the sign-in sheets at the church entrances during Adoration Hour.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

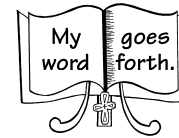
Agnes DeLacy, Angelica Sheeler, Marie Innaurato, Frances Kaminski, Patricia Spicer, Margaret Lesniak, James Delaney, Rose Bonsera, Jim Noble, Lois Cook, Lawrence Cardarelli, Joyce Cardillo, Danny Lane, Melody Dalrymple, Anthony Carr, Brenda Taylor, Paul Skipper, Veronica Kagen, Bernadette Palasch, Robert Grant, Vincent Alexander, Martin Garland, Joe Clifford, Marion Toffling, Jim Lynch, Albert Oliver, Gina Scorsone, Robert Clark, Peg Kearns, Rita Eckardt, Bob DeFino, John Morris, Dolores Baranick,, Concetta McMenamin, James O'Donnell, John Martin, Maria McClelland, Lorraine McCarty, John Duffy, Lynne Cahill, Anthony Costandino, Raymond Gannon, Catherine Gavin, Patricia Cashman, Lynn Smith, Joseph Kelly, Cynthia Harris, Lawrence Toto, Christine Kirlin, An Ngo, Ralph Celidonio, Sabrina DePrince, Michael Baker,

Deceased Parishioners of St. Laurence

Ann Kelly, Isabel Mahoney, Mildred Shields, Loretta Murphy, Beatrice Fridrick, Ezia Fedeli, Joan Seavy, Gertrude Palmerio,

The Baptism of The Lord

January 10, 2010



A NOTE from the Pastor

The Baptism of Jesus: Matthew 3:13-17

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John the Baptist to be baptized by him, John tried to prevent it, Jesus responded: "Allow it for now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness."

This scripture means that Jesus is in complete unity with the Father and the Holy Spirit. "To fulfill all righteousness is to submit to the plan of God for the salvation of the human race." (Page 907 commentary on Matthew's Gospel, THE NEW AMERICAN BIBLE, 1991.)

Our baptism carries the same meaning: first we are in union with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and secondly, we willingly submit to God's plan for our lives. That plan is a future full of hope (*Jer 29*), that future is an abundant life (*John 10*).



BAPTISM

Welcome to our newly baptized Member
of St. Laurence Parish
Parker James Hill
Son of Curtis & Kathryn

HONORING OUR MILITARY MEN & WOMEN THROUGH PRAYER & SUPPORT

Photos and information about our spouses, children, grandchildren, brothers, sisters, etc. in all branches of the service, are being collected weekly to be put in the bulletin boards in the Tower.

Call: Irene Oliver at 610-352-1139

Notice to Vision of Hope Heritage of Faith

VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK

will be celebrated throughout the Archdiocese from **Saturday, January 9 to Sunday, January 17, 2010.**

Throughout the week, **THE NOVENA PRAYER** will be recited prior to all the Masses.

Our **PARISH HOLY HOUR** for an increase in priestly vocations will take place from **7:00 to 8:00 PM Monday, January 11, 2010.**

The **ANNUAL EVENING FOR YOUNG MEN AT THE SEMINARY** will take place on **Friday, January 15, 2010 from 7PM to 9:30 PM.** All priests, youth ministers, parish adult chaperones are asked to accompany young men ages high school and up to St. Charles Seminary for an evening of prayer with the Cardinal. The evening will include a Video, Procession and Eucharistic Adoration. For those participating in the Evening at the Seminary, please **RSVP via Fax (610-667-5936)** to the **Vocation Office by Tuesday, January 12, 2010** with the number of young men you will be bringing. All necessary resources for the celebration of Vocation Awareness week are available at our website: www.HeedTheCall.com

CLASSES AT SAINT CHARLES SEMINARY

Registrations are being accepted for Saint Charles Seminary Spring classes. **Undergraduate courses begin January 25, 2010.** Non-credit adult catechesis program begins in February. For more information, go to www.StudyCatholicTheology.com

UNITED WAY / St. Laurence

You can help support the different areas of CYO without doing anything extraordinary just by using the DONOR OPTION choice for UNITED WAY. Look for: CYO/St. Laurence/Upper Darby, PA in the United Way booklet. For Southeastern Pennsylvania, the Donor Option number is: **04348.** Other chapters may use a different code number. By your donation, you will be helping all areas of the St. Laurence CYO.

Campaign Contributors

Parishioners who have made a pledge to this campaign

should not send money or checks to the rectory or put it in the collection. The Archdiocese will be sending follow-up notices to you with respect to your pledges and the method of payment you requested.

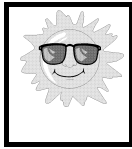
**A NEW SUPPORT GROUP FOR
SURVIVORS OF CLERGY
SEXUAL ABUSE**

is planned for **January 12, 2010.**

The meeting place will be near the Philadelphia Airport and be confirmed at the time of registration.

The group will be facilitated by Network of Victim Assistance of Bucks County (NOVA).

For more information or to enroll please call:
NOVA directly at **1-800-675-6900.**



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TRIP
TO OCEAN CITY, MARYLAND
4 days and 3 nights**

Friday-Monday, May 14-17, 2010

Cost per person: \$400 (double), \$622 (single).

Includes: transportation, stay at the Flagship Oceanfront Hotel, 7 meals, entertainment, Assateague's famous "Home of the Wild Ponies.", shopping, Nassau Valley Vineyard, Ocean City's Jamboree Theater Show, City of Berlin and Salisbury (where "Runaway Bride" was filmed), Beach & Boardwalk, Midway Slots Casino, and much more!

First payment of \$200.00 is due at registration by February 6th, and final payment is due by March 20th. Make checks payable to "Mater Dei Home Association" and mail to Jata Ghosh, 2213 Windsor Circle, Broomall, PA 19008 (610-353-0353). You certainly don't want to miss this fantastic trip. So, hurry up!

REGINA ANGELORUM ACADEMY

proudly presents "The Great Divorce", a one-man, one-act play adapted and performed by Anthony Lawton, based on the novel by C.S. Lewis. This play has received rave reviews from its electrifying performances. The performance will be on **Saturday, January 16 at 7:00PM** in St. Colman's Parish Hall.

For more information or to order tickets, please call: **Harry at 267-205-2758.** Tickets are \$25.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

The deadline for the Sunday Bulletin is Noon on the Monday preceding the desired publication date. All articles must be submitted in writing to the rectory.

**FOOD BANK - Collection
January 16 & 17**

The FOOD BANK is in dire need for food items. Boxes will be in the Tower for collection. Meat products (spam, beef stews,) tuna, baked beans, peanut & jelly, cereal (hot or dry), soups and fruit juices.

AID FOR A HOMELESS COUPLE

The St. Vincent dePaul Society has recently given assistance to a homeless couple in our area. The couple is in need of affordable housing (\$500 plus utilities). If you can help, or can assist them in their search for a home, please contact the rectory.

VIGIL FOR LIFE - January 16, 2010

HELP STOP THE MADNESS!

**St. John the Evangelist Church
13th & Market Sts. Philadelphia**

7:00AM Mass and Exposition of Our Lord, A Rosary procession to the abortion center, returning to Church for Adoration and Benediction, celebrated by **Father Peter J. Welsh & the Clergy.**

**ST. LAURENCE PARISH HEALTH
CARE MINISTRY**

**Blood Pressure Screening
January 9 & 10th in the Tower of the Church
after the Masses this weekend.**