



Weekend of 1/10/2010

Regular Collection Goal Per Week - **\$15,000**

Actual amount received - **\$9,087**

Savings - **\$1,858**

Christmas - **To Date - \$26,779**

Envelopes sent to registered parishioners - **1,209**

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**

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 17, 2010

610-789-2950 OR 610-352-2782

WEEK OF January 24, 2010

610-352-7080 OR 610-352-7104

ST. LAURENCE PRAYER COMMUNITY

meets every Tuesday evening in Church at 8:00PM.

RECITATION OF THE HOLY ROSARY

every Monday evening at 7:00 PM in church.

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.

2009 INCOME TAX CONTRIBUTIONS

If you would like a copy of your **2009 Income Tax Contributions**, please contact the Rectory at

610-449-0600, ext. 12

and leave your name, address and phone number and it will be mailed out to you.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF January 17, 2010

Mon.	8:30	James Barnhart
Tue.	8:30	Kenneth A. MacDonald
Wed.	8:30	Thomas & Catherine Cox
Thu.	8:30	Deady, Fortune, Leary & Condran Families
Fri.	8:30	End of Abortion
Sat.	8:30	Anthony Angelucci
	5:00	Mary G. Deady
Sun.	7:30	Clarence & Dora Cucchi
	9:00	Debbie Leahy - <i>1st Anniversary</i>
	10:30	Florence Rishel - <i>3rd Anniversary</i>
	12:00	Anna Nancy Gallagher
PM	6:00	Parishioners of St. Laurence

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Linda Gensberg, Mary Moran, Penny Orr, Agnes DeLacy, Angelica Sheeler, Marie Innaurato, Frances Kaminski, Patricia Spicer, Margaret Lesniak, James Delaney, Rose Bonsera, 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 Scorson, 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

James Noble, Jr., Joseph Snarski,

ST. LAURENCE

BROWNIE TROOP 5115

will be **selling cookies** in the tower after masses on the following weekends. Please help support the troop.

1/30 5:00, 1/31 9, 10:30 & 12

2/6 5:00, 2/7 9, 10:30 & 12

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 17, 2010



A NOTE from the Pastor

The Wedding Feast at Cana: John 2:1-11

Marriage is a most beautiful gift. This is a blueprint for relationship that comes from God our Father. Truly wonderful, marriage celebrates romance, family and those structures of commitment that bring trust and the most practical companionship in life that we refer to as “back-up.” We believe that God is a safety net. We believe too that we are called to imitate God. We are called to be a safety net to one another. This gift is beautifully lived out in the love union called marriage between a man and a woman. Today’s Gospel point is this: When we do what Jesus tells us to do, there are miracles. When we do what we want to do, closing Jesus out of the conversation, it is never pretty. “Mary says to the waiters in charge: Do whatever he tells you.” John 2:5

MARCH FOR LIFE

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2010 Theme: **Stand Up Now! Unite for the Life Principles
No Exception! No Compromise!**

Each year on January 22, the Anniversary of Roe v. Wade, Americans rally in Washington DC and exercise their freedoms of speech and petition. *Roe v. Wade was a Supreme Court decision decided in 1973 making abortion legal in the United States.* The issue of abortion and a woman’s right to choose has remained controversial and politically charged ever since. The **annual March for Life**, a gathering of pro-life Americans begins at noon on **Friday, January 22, 2010 with a rally at the National Mall and 7th Street and then proceeds with a march down Constitution Avenue, ending in front of the Supreme Court.** Various pro-life organizations hold events before and after the March. **Many events will be televised on EWTN.** For more information, visit www.marchforlife.org. Additional resources at www.priestsforlife.org

BirthRight Pregnancy Care Centers

VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK

Saturday, January 9 to Sunday, January 17, 2010.

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

Prayer for Vocations

Loving God, You call us through our baptism in the Spirit to continue the mission of your beloved Son, Jesus.

Open us to listen attentively for your invitation.
Empower us to respond to your call.

Inspire women and men to follow the path of service.
Together may we build up the Church to be a vibrant sign of your presence in our world.

We offer this prayer in the name of your Son, Jesus,
through the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

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

NOVENA OF REPARATION FOR ROE V. WADE

God and Father of Life,
You have created every human person,
And have opened the way for each to have eternal life.

We live in the shadow of death.
Tens of millions of your children have been killed
Thanks to the Roe vs. Wade decision legalizing abortion.

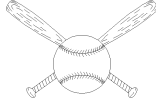
Father, have mercy on us.
Heal our land
And accept our offering of prayer and penance.
In your love for us,
Turn back the scourge of abortion.

May each of us exult in hearts full of hope
And hands full of mercy
And work together to build a culture of life.
We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrate Sanctity of Human Life Sunday

January 24, 2010

Birthright offers a safe place for girls and women in distressed pregnancies to come for information and practical help. Volunteers are needed who can commit to 3 hours weekly. For information, contact our local office in Bala Cynwyd at: **610-660-0344**.



HPKAA BASEBALL/SOFTBALL REGISTRATION

HPKAA will hold baseball/softball registration at Highland Park Elementary School from **6:30 to 9:00 pm on January 20, 21 and 25**. Boys ages 4 through 13 and girls ages 4 through 14 are eligible. Fees are \$45.00 for T-ball; \$65 for one player and \$150.00 family max for baseball/softball. Tickets for our **50th Reunion Celebration** will also be available at registration. Tickets are \$30.00. For more information call **610-853-6630**, or visit our website at www.hpkaa.com

ST. LAURENCE SCHOOL
Celebrating 90 Years of
Catholic Education!

* Happy New Year to all our faithful parishioners.
May 2010 bring you many blessings.

*Many wonderful Catholic Schools Week activities are in the planning stages. Save the date: 2/4 - 7:00PM.
Check back for details in the coming weeks.

* Congratulations to our principal, *Sister Helen Thomas*, on being selected as Teacher As Hero Award.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Sister Helen Thomas, principal of St. Laurence School, has been selected to receive the **Teacher As Hero Award** sponsored by the **National Liberty Museum**. Sister is one of 10 educators receiving this award and the *only educator from the Archdiocese of Philadelphia to be selected*. Sister Helen will be honored on **Thursday, January 21 at the Museum at 5:00PM**. The St. Laurence School Community is extremely proud of Sister and all she has accomplished in her 6 years at SLS. We are blessed and proud to have Sister Helen as our principal. May God continue to bless her for her tireless dedication to the children of our school.

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

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.

SEPARATED & DIVORCED CATHOLICS SUPPORT GROUP (SDC)

Our programs enable separated/divorced Catholics to understand their experience and to start or continue the recovery process. Come to our next meeting on **Wednesday, Jan. 20th at 7:30 PM**. Meetings are held in the Catholic Social Services Building located behind Holy Cross School. The presentation/discussion focuses on "Making Plans in 2010". Those coming for the first time should arrive at 7:15 for information and handouts. Park behind the church and follow the red signs for Catholic Social Services. For more information, contact:

Alice at 610-259-9336.

RETROUVAILLE OF DELAWARE COUNTY
Marriage help - Retrouvaille is a Catholic based program to help marriages that are stressed or in trouble. Retrouvaille has helped countless married couples in all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. Retrouvaille can help your marriage too. The next program will be held at **St. Joseph in the Hills Malvern Retreat Center, Malvern, PA on February 13-15, 2010**. All calls are confidential. **For info call: 1-800-470-2230**

or

302-832-8044 or visit the website at
www.HelpOurMarriage.com