

GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH

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December 6, 2009 – Second Sunday of Advent



PARISH CLERGY

Fr. Michael Foley	Pastor
Fr. Christian Winkeljohn	Parochial Vicar
Fr. Will Ganci	Parochial Vicar
Rev. Mr. Marcus Hepburn	Deacon
Rev. Mr. Ed Melvin	Deacon
Rev. Mr. Jerry Haynes	Deacon
Rev. Mr. Tom McBrearty	Deacon
Rev. Mr. Mark Schneider	Deacon

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil 5:30 PM
Sabado Misa en Español 7:00 PM
Sunday 8, 10:15 AM, 12:00 Noon & 6 PM
Mon-Sat 9 AM
Mon-Tues-Thurs-Fri 5:45 PM (Sept-May)
Wed 7 PM
Mon-Fri 6:45 AM during Advent & Lent
Christmas, Easter & Holy Days Special Schedule

PARISH STAFF

Susan Pignataro	Parish Bookkeeper
Sandy McCusker	Parish Secretary
Bette Scaringe	Director of Religious Education
Paul Cacciatore	Director of Youth Ministry
Pat & Bill Beckett	Pastoral Associates

PARISH OFFICE Office Hours:
Mon-Fri 8:30 AM-4:30 PM

PARISH VISION

As a people of the Eucharist
Loved by God we gather
Formed and fed we grow
Loving God we serve

NURSERY available for all Masses in the lower level of the Parish Center.

HEARING-IMPAIRED Headsets available in sound room at the back of church.

HANDICAPPED Reserved seating in the two front & two back pews in center section.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 9:30 AM, 4-5 PM & Upon Request

ANOINTING OF SICK

Contact Parish Office 893-1837.

After Office Hours & Weekends, leave a message on

the Office Voice Mail and call 893-2381. youth group's spring retreat & summer trips to Steubenville Atlanta and Life Teen's Camp Covecrest.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat	Dec 5	5:30	Helen Mansell Sandra Fuselier
Sun	Dec 6	8:00	Good Shepherd Parish
		10:15	Martha Macicek Buddy Strauss
		12:00	Judy Jordan (L) Maureen Parker (L)
		6:00	Josephine Banas Chris Hanley
Mon	Dec 7	6:45	Kerin & Nagle Families
		9:00	Walter & Irene Migdal
		5:45	Mary Johnson (L) Mary Lafferty (L)
Tue	Dec 8	6:45	Andy Janda Jack King
		9:00	Justine Nobrega Bill Prime
		5:45	Chris Horkan Jacque Horkan
		7:00	Fr. Sean Garrett
Wed	Dec 9	6:45	Brigid Slattery (L) Lil King (L)
		9:00	Noel Harris Tommy Lucas
		7:00	Patricia Perryman Cook Frank Bahmann
Thu	Dec 10	6:45	Greene & Foley Families
		9:00	Bonnie Ghetti Bernard Lucas
		5:45	Henry J. Carney Jimmy Harris
Fri	Dec 11	6:45	Lafferty Family Byrne Family
		9:00	Austin & Mary Canavan
		5:45	Howe Family Staunton Family
Sat	Dec 12	9:00	Doherty & Considine Families
		5:30	Marco Joseph Ginaldi Helen Mansell
Sun	Dec 13	8:00	Mary Ranjitham & Arokia Swamy
		10:15	Good Shepherd Parish
		12:00	Bobby Laird Madge Marino
		6:00	Joseph Bellarmine (L) Brigid Slattery (L)

STEWARDSHIP – A WAY OF LIFE

Thoughts on Stewardship

“And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value...” Philippians 1:9-10

Glittery holiday ads can blind us to our stewardship values and distort our needs and wants. It is important that during this season of endless buying we remember that each of us also has the need to give back to God.

Stewardship of Time & Talent

Good Shepherd Builds. Volunteers from Good Shepherd provide renovation and construction services to those in need. Services are coordinated with Habitat for Humanity & the Fuller Center for Housing. Thanks to all who serve in this ministry!

Stewardship of Creation

The average American generates 4.5 pounds of trash every day, which is almost twice the amount of trash the average American produced daily in 1960. Over the course of your life, that will total 600 times your average adult weight...in garbage.

Treasure: Thank you for sharing!

ADULT MINISTRY

PARISH HEALING SERVICE Sunday, Dec 6 at 7:30 PM.

If you or someone you know is in need of prayer for physical, spiritual, emotional or mental healing, or just to be strengthened, please come.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA Sunday, Dec 6 after the 8 & 10:15

Masses, come welcome Santa to Good Shepherd at our annual Pancake Breakfast with Santa. Enjoy a homemade breakfast of eggs, bacon, and pancakes. Cost: \$5 for adults \$3 for children with a \$19 family cap. Proceeds will help support Good Shepherd

GOOD SHEPHERD CHRISTMAS PARTY The parties are Sat, Dec 12 at 6:30 PM and all adults & children are invited. Adults please bring a finger food to share and join your fellow parishioners for a fun evening. The Adult Party is in the Community Center and will feature music & dancing. For info on the Adult Party, contact Andy Heimbecher 544-8974. Santa will be at the Children's Party in the lower level of the Parish Center. Space is limited! Contact Rene at 893-3437 or 345-0453 to reserve space for your children.

LESSONS AND CAROLS The Good Shepherd Music Ministry presents a service of Lessons and Carols on Tuesday, Dec 15 at 7 PM in the Church. The Men's Chorus, Spirit

Singers, Youth Chorale, Chamber Choir and Hand Bell Choir will present this uplifting worship service. In this service, Christ's prophecy and birth are recounted through readings, music & congregational singing. Bring your family and join us for this Good Shepherd Christmas tradition.

CHRISTMAS ANGEL PROGRAM Angel gift tags are available after all Masses. Your support benefits Gretchen Everhart School, Refuge House families, Lord's Helping Hand ministry, Good News Outreach, migrant families from St. Thomas the Apostle in Quincy, & Catholic Charities Christmas Connection. Each tag contains information to help with your gift buying, and you can also add something extra to the gift requested. Gifts should be new & unused. Please attach the angel tags securely to your **unwrapped** gifts. Return items to Community Center by Dec 13. Thanks for your generosity. For more information, call Bill Wyman 212-6975.

CHRISTMAS FOOD BOXES Once again we have been asked to provide food boxes for approximately 350 families. This can only be accomplished with your support. Please accept a paper bag after Mass Dec 5/6 and return the bag with your food donations to the Community Center no later than Wed, Dec 16. Help is also needed: Tuesday, Dec 15 at 7 PM to assemble boxes & set up the Community Center. Wed, Dec 16 at 7 PM to sort food and help unload purchased food from trucks. (Bring a hand truck, if you have one.) Thursday, Dec 17 at 9:30 AM (Dec 18-if needed) to pack boxes. Saturday, Dec 19 at 9:30 AM to deliver boxes to St. Thomas the Apostle in Quincy.

PAX CHRISTI Thurs, December 10 at 5:15 PM Mass for Peace at Co-Cathedral of St. Thomas More followed by Pax Christi meeting in Room 3 led by Karen Wensing. December meeting at Good Shepherd is cancelled. For more information, contact: bpoore@earthlink.net - 850-893-6838.

CATHOLIC TALLAHASSEE SINGLES (40+)

Tuesday, Dec 8 at 7:30 PM – 21st Annual Sing-along of Handel's "Messiah" at Faith Presbyterian Church, \$8/adults, \$4/students, Jill 224-0865. Sat, Dec 12 at 6 PM – Christmas dinner at Marie Livingston's on N. Monroe. Will collect donations for Christmas Connection. Jeannette 656-3115. For more info, www.csot.org.

FOYERS FOR FAMILIES The first cycle starts in January and runs until the end of May. There are approximately 12 people (adults & children) in each group. Each family plans one meal and hosts it at their home. If you would like to participate, please call Donna Paillet at 668-9968 or 559-0131 by Saturday, Dec 19.

COMMEMORATIVE MASS - MISSION SAN LUIS

A Mass will be held in the 17th century reconstructed church at Mission San Luis (2100 Mission Road) on Sunday, Dec 13 at 2 PM in remembrance of the Spanish missions of *La Florida*. Bishop John H. Ricard, SSJ is the principal celebrant with area clergy concelebrating. Events for the whole family begin at 10 AM including period music, colonial crafts, children's activities and much more. Grand opening of the new Visitor Center immediately following the Mass. Questions, contact 487-3711.

NEUMANN CENTER BOOK CLUB The club will discuss "This Flowing Toward Me / A Story of God Arriving in Strangers" by Sr. Marilyn Lacey, who has worked with refugees for the past 25 years, both in displaced persons camps in Africa and Asia and as director of refugee services with Catholic Charities in San Jose, Calif. We meet only once this month, on the second Monday, Dec 14 at 7:30 PM. New and occasional readers are welcome. Questions? Call Jackie Hallifax, 878-5826, or Sr. Christine Kelly, 224-2971.

WIDOWED? Being widowed may be the most stressful thing that will ever happen to you. Is it any wonder that at times you feel confused and numb to the world around you? If you feel that "No one can know the pain I feel." or "My friends and family think I should be over this and move on," ...then it is time for you to consider attending "JOYFUL AGAIN!" The weekend will be held at Good Shepherd on Saturday Jan 9 from 8:30-6:30 PM & on Sunday Jan 10 from 8:30-3 PM. You return home at night. All meals are provided. If you have been widowed at least 6 months, pick up a registration folder in the pamphlet rack, or call the Good Shepherd office at 893-1837. For more info, call Kae Ingram 386 8201 or Betty Serow 893-5522.

YOUTH MINISTRY

LIFE TEEN'S CAMP COVECREST Join Good

Shepherd Life Teen as we attend Life Teen's Summer Camp *Covecrest* for the first time ever! Covecrest is an amazing, life changing summer camp that is located in the beautiful mountains of northwest Georgia. Join us for white water rafting, high & low ropes courses, zip line, & surprises. Worship and pray during Mass, Adoration, and intimate small groups. **Dates: July 26-31.** Spots will fill fast. Reserve your spot with a \$100 deposit. Need more info? Email Paul Cacciatore at cacciatorep@gs.ptdiocese.org.

STEBENVILLE ATLANTA 2010 July 16-18.

Steubenville Atlanta is an annual conference for high school students. Spots were sold out last year & will sell out again – reserve your spot with a \$50 deposit.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CONFIRMATION Our Confirmation program for youth begins in February.

Currently enrolled 8th grade RE are automatically enrolled and will be receiving an information letter and Gr. 8 Trinity students will receive an information letter and registration forms—all after Christmas. We are also offering a class for high school students beginning in February. Prior to classes there will be a session (required) on Jan 31 for both candidates and their parents. Please contact Bette at 893-1837 or scaringeb@gs.ptdiocese.org if you are a high school student and would like to participate.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2010 Mark your calendar for

June 14-18 as we travel to Egypt with Joseph on his journey from prison to palace! Volunteers are needed now to plan our trip. Contact Rosemary Prince at goodshepherdvbs@comcast.net or 321-3353 for info.

GENERAL INFORMATION

SINCEREST SYMPATHY

To **John Gravel & Christine Coble, Rhonda Loos & Debie Leonard** on the death of **Nancy Gravel**, wife and mother
Eternal rest grant her O Lord. May she rest in peace.
Amen

WE PRAY FOR ALL WHO ARE ILL, ESPECIALLY

George Demetree

Jaime

A complete list of prayer intentions is available in the parish office & vestibule bookrack.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHEDULE

Mass Schedule for this Holy Day of Obligation.

Monday, December 7	5:45 PM Vigil Mass
Tuesday, December 8	6:45 & 9:00 AM 5:45 and 7:00 PM

HAND CARVED OLIVE WOOD On Dec 12-13 after all Masses,

the Rishmawi family will be selling Hand Carved Olive Wood from the Holy Land of Bethlehem. Nativity scenes, crosses, Christmas ornaments and figures. Income will help support the 150 Christian wood carvers in Bethlehem. You can view these beautiful items online at www.Bethlehem-Art.com.

POINSETTIAS & TREES Poinsettias and/or trees to remember

loved ones during our Christmas Masses may be purchased by calling the parish office at 893-1837. Cost of poinsettias is \$15.

BABYSITTING FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES

Babysitting will only be available during the 2:30 and 5 PM Christmas Eve Masses. Babysitting will not be available during Christmas Day Masses.

RESPECT LIFE MONTHLY INFORMATION

This month we highlight Good Shepherd's Pro-Life ministry, The Gabriel Project, which is an outreach effort to help women who are pregnant and facing difficult circumstances. We reach out to them with a caring heart, giving them hope. We ensure they have everything they need for their baby: bassinet/crib, blankets, clothing, car seats, diapers, etc. We provide info on vital services in the community, make home visits, offer parenting programs & emotional support during their pregnancy and after their baby is born. We encourage them to make healthy life choices.

HELP KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS Send religious

cards this Christmas - an evangelization message from you!! The Knights of Columbus are selling cards with a Christian message. A sales flier is posted outside the Community Center. The Knights are also selling a beautiful magnet to place on your car or

refrigerator with the "Keep Christ in Christmas" message. Proceeds to benefit the Christmas Angels program. Contact Andy Heimbecher for more information or to place an order, phone 893-2884 or e-mail aheimbecher@hotmail.com.

ORNAMENT FUNDRAISER Catholic Charities is proud to present: "Heavenly Snowflake", an ornament designed especially for Catholic Charities by world renown Christopher Radko. The cost of the ornament is \$50. Proceeds used by Catholic Charities to help meet the needs of the vulnerable in our community. For info, please call Debra Herman 222-2180, x102.

CHRISTMAS CONNECTION The collection site for donations opened November 30 at 2818 Mahan Drive. Donations of food, toys, clothing, bedding, toiletries, kitchen and cleaning supplies needed. Drop off Monday-Friday from 9-6, Saturday from 10-5 and Sunday from 12-5. Volunteers needed to sort through donations, assist in filling cases or deliver to families. Adoptions: Parishioners welcome to adopt a family. Indicate what size family you are interested in sponsoring by going online at www.thechristmasconnection.org and click on 'How You Can Help'. You can deliver directly to the family or drop off gifts and food at the Christmas Connection site. To volunteer or for more information about adoption, call 222-2180, ext. 112.

FCC SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST JOB

The Florida Catholic Conference has an opening in Jan 2010 for a senior administrative specialist. Job entails independent project coordination/completion and management of correspondence, information and travel for the various public policy departments. Thorough knowledge of Microsoft Office, including Word, Excel and Outlook required and working knowledge of PowerPoint and Publisher software is a plus. Candidate should possess a bachelor's degree and 3-5 years of office experience. The Florida Catholic Conference offers a competitive salary and benefits package. Please e-mail your resume to flacathconf@flacathconf.org or fax to 850-681-9548.

GREECE & TURKEY PILGRIMAGE MEETING

You are invited to join the next info meeting on the Pilgrimage to Greece & Turkey (April 27-May 7) on Sunday, Dec 6 at 1:30 PM in the lower level of the Parish Center. Visit Athens, Corinth & the medieval cave monasteries of Meteora in Greece; also 3-night cruise to the Greek Isles of Patmos, Rhodes, and Mykonos and ruins of Ephesus, Virgin Mary House, and Istanbul (Constantinople) in Turkey. Info,

contact Jo Dunn 591-7233 or Jodunn1234@aol.com or Sister Joan Gabbin 904-280-7321 or srjoangrace@aol.com.

POLISH WIGILIA CELEBRATION The Annual Polish Family Christmas Eve Wigilia Celebration sponsored by the Polish Heritage Society of Tallahassee is Monday, Dec 14 from 6-9 PM at Blessed Sacrament. A large dish of preferably Polish food required for entrance. Families of three or more, please bring an additional dish. Gifts for the prize table are welcomed. Help support our Christmas drive for the less fortunate by bringing some canned goods and warm sweaters (washed) for the Children's Home Society. Info, call Wigilia Chairman, Marti Saconchik-Pytel 878-4263.

SUPPORT LOCAL HOMELESS SHELTER

Men, women and children, occupants of the Tallahassee homeless shelter have drawn Christmas cards to raise money for The Shelter. All printing and publishing costs have been donated & 100% of the proceeds go directly to The Shelter. Package contains 12 cards & envelopes. Suggested minimum donation of \$15 per package is appreciated. Cards available after Mass Dec 5/6, checks payable to The Shelter.

VOCES ANGELORUM "VOICES OF ANGELS"

Tallahassee's Community Women's Chamber Choir, directed by Charles Witmer presents "Angels & Strings" on Friday, December 18 at 7:30 PM at Good Shepherd. Women's voices accompanied by classical guitar and violin. Free and open to the public.

RETREAT AT ST. JOHN NEUMANN CENTER

Dec 18-19. Introduction to Iconography: Reflection on the theology, history and aesthetics of icons. Writing icons which will introduce the beginner to basic drawing skills. Info, contact Sr. Christine Kelly at 224-2971 or rssjchris731@aol.com.

CATHOLIC RADIO IS BACK IN TALLAHASSEE

WCVC AM 1330 is back on the air, but needs your financial support to sustain its broadcasting efforts. The Catholic radio station is non-profit and all donations are tax deductible and go directly to the operation of the station. WCVC is in desperate need of donors to help raise the \$20,000 payment that is due on January 1st. Regular automatic monthly donations of as low as \$5 per month can be easily arranged. Keep listening for new local programming coming in the following weeks. For more info or to make credit/debit card donations, visit their website

at www.1330theRock.com or you can mail donations to 201 W. Park Ave. Suite 11, Tall, FL 32301. For volunteer or donor info, call Peter Bond at 386-1330.

SOUTHWOODSTOCK MUSIC & ARTS FESTIVAL

March 20. Sponsorship applications are available for the festival, a fundraiser for John Paul II Catholic High School. Games, food, soft drinks, desserts, beer & wine. Fun for everyone. Certain sponsorship levels include your company logo on a full-size billboard for **30 days** at a very busy location. **The deadline for inclusion on the billboard is February 8, and is on a first-come, first-served basis, space permitting.** For sponsor forms and further info, call 201-5744.

<p>We appreciate the support of the sponsors of our Bulletin. Thank you.</p>
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