



**Liturgy Intentions  
For The Week**



December 13 Saturday 5:00 p.m.	Dominic Stoffolano Connie Harrison Hayward	Jeffrey and Susan Halstead Angeline O'Rourke
December 14 Sunday 7:30 a.m.	Edwin White James Doring	Family Chamber of Commerce Staff
December 14 Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Anne Marie Stevens Bernice Kelleher	Paul and Joyce Gagnon Dick and Pam Farrell
December 14 Sunday 11:30 a.m.	Timothy J. Tellstone Jesse Williams Patricia Bouchard (12 <sup>th</sup> anniversary)	Helen O'Donnell Wife Shelly Bouchard and Alexis McMahon
December 15 Monday 8:00 a.m.	Steve Giacoppe Ernie	The Staff of The Church of St. Peter Caroline
December 16 Tuesday, 8:00 a.m.	Marie McCarthy	Husband, Joe
December 17 Wednesday 8:00 a.m.	Jean Decker (2 <sup>nd</sup> anniversary) Henry Welden, Jr.	Michael and Michele Decker Wife, Lucy Welden
December 18 Thursday 8:00 a.m.	Paul DeGears	Rose Marie Zacek
December 19 Friday 8:00 a.m.	Richard Christopher Helen Agnes Johnson	Eileen and Robert Christopher Judi Stephenson
December 20 Saturday 5:00 p.m.	Joanne Hornidge	Family
December 21 Sunday 7:30 a.m.	John Fignar Bernice Kelleher	Florence Maguire Charles and Alberta Bennett
December 21 Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Ida and Harold Loman Edward Wickizer (12/20 anniversary)	Terry and Kay Waldron Wife, Mary; Son, Bob and family
December 21 Sunday 11:30 a.m.	Virginia C. Graul Daniel O'Donnell	Pat Callahan and family Helen O'Donnell

Readings for Sunday, December 21, 2008: Is 51:1-2a, 10-11; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28



Mass

**Readers and Eucharistic Ministers  
December 20 - 21, 2008**



Readers

Eucharistic Ministers

December 20 5:00 p.m.	Diane Beyer, John Blaum, Maureen Blaum, Peter Bonitatibus, Bonnie Mayer, Margaret Neville, Candyce Robenstein, Julianne Thomas, Rose Mary Turo	John Sisk Ann Marie Przywara
December 21 7:30 a.m.	Linda Benton, Margaret Bradley, Donna Buckley, Barbara Cudney, Tad Deuel, Elizabeth Leanza Michael Murray, Eileen Reese	Elizabeth Leanza Lynn Allen
9:00 a.m.	Maryanne Burtman, Donald Carroll, Claire Couch, Sheila Daignault, Jennifer DeVincenzo Maria Forbes, Charles Greiner, Kathleen Greiner, Andrew Kozak, Diane Kozak	Susan Rowland Rich Rowland
11:30 a.m.	Sophie Barber, Charles DiSanto, Kathy DiSanto, Gene Landry, Marie Landry, Marilyn Lategano Gerry Lyons, Dorothy Mendez, Mary Lou Snyder, Judith Walker	Joseph Rocco Chris Rocco

Please remember in your prayers all those members of our parish family who are sick or suffering in any way, all those in hospitals or nursing homes, and all of our shut-ins. We pray for all who have died recently, including Gwendolyn Vogel, Paul DeGears, husband of Anna, and Barbra Reese, sister-in-law of Eileen Reese. Let us not forget the victims of violence at home and abroad. We remember the men and women serving in the armed forces as we continually pray for peace.

**Weekly Collection**

Attendance		Collection		Average Collection to date	
December 9, 2007	1,109	December 9, 2007	\$10,082.25	FY 2007	\$7,926.00
December 7, 2008	1,122	December 7, 2008	9,9558.00	FY 2008	\$8,871.00
		SPNA to Date	December, 2008		\$1,313.00

Thank you for your generosity and remembering your weekly contribution when you are away

**Marriage Moments**

Karen Vogt  
Family Life Office, Diocese of  
Kentucky

Don't let the chaos that often accompanies the rush to Christmas disturb your calm and your love. If you find you've spoken harshly or impatiently to your spouse or child, ask God for increased peace and your spouse or child for forgiveness.

**Parenting Pointers**

Karen Vogt  
Family Life Office, Diocese of Kentucky

(December 12: The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe) Even if you're not Hispanic, this Marian feast has a message for all humanity. Mary appeared to Juan Diego in the form and garb of a Mexican woman. It reminds us that God often comes through people who can identify with us. Ever have trouble getting a message across to your kids? Try tuning into their world, their needs.

**Family Perspective  
By Bud Ozar**

A parent is meant to be a "witness to the light." To be effective, light must be in front of our children, not behind them. A parent must lead, not follow to "make straight the path of the Lord" for their children.

**Evangelist: Faith Alive!**

**STAY INFORMED:** To stay informed be sure to read The Evangelist, our diocesan newspaper.

The Evangelist offers extensive, in-depth coverage. The cost is only 30 cents a week, less than a first-class postage stamp. To subscribe, call 584-2375.

## Third Sunday of Advent



### Newly Baptized

With great joy we welcome into our parish family the following child who was baptized here last weekend.

**John David Mastropietro**  
Son of John and Rorie McLean Matropietro

May John David's family and this parish community support him as he grows in faith.

### This Week in Our Parish

12/15 Catholic Homeschoolers	1:00 p.m.	Parish Ctr-Cafe
AA Meeting	7:00 pm-9:30 pm	Parish Ctr-Rm204-205
12/16 Piano Lessons	4:00 pm	Church
YM-Gr 10	6:30-8:30 pm	Parish Center
YAFFA	7:00 p.m.	Rectory
Men's Fellowship Group	7:00 -8:30 p.m.	Parish Ctr-Rsrce Rm
12/17 Scripture Group	8:30-10:00 am	Parish Ctr-Rsrce Rm
Piano Lessons	2:45-4:30 pm	Church
EOC Bike Repair	4:00 - 7:00 pm	Church Basement
YM - Confirmation	6:30-8:00 pm	Parish Center
SCCHS Christmas Concert	7:00 pm	Parish Center
Scripture Group	7:15-9:30 pm	Parish Ctr-Rsrce Rm
12/18 EOC	8:00 am-12:00 pm	Parish Ctr-Kitchen
Piano Lessons	3:00-5:30 pm	Church
Finance Committee	5:30 p.m.	Rectory
Children's Choir	6:00 p.m.	Church
Choir Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.	Church
12/19 Caterer	10:00 am-2:00 pm	Parish Ctr-Kitchen
Staff Luncheon	12:00- 1:00 pm	Rectory
Girl Scout Training	2:00-2:00 pm	Parish Ctr-Cafeteria
12/20 EOC Bike Repair	9:00 am-12:00 pm	Church Basement
12/21 Baptism	9:00 am	Church
Baptism Family reception	10:15	Parish Ctr Ktchn/Cafe
YM Gr7-8	1:00-4:30 pm	Community

### Groups/Contacts

Men's Fellowship Group/Third Tuesday	7:00 pm	Ted Shufelt	745-1843
Adult Scripture Sharing Group/Wednesday	8:30 am	Rita Usher	587-4487
Adult Scripture Sharing Group/Wednesday	7:15 pm	Kathleen Greiner	899-5136
Saratoga Area Homeschoolers/Monday	1:00 pm	Erin Walker	885-8395

### Youth Committee selling Entertainment Books

Time is growing short to purchase an Entertainment Book from Youth Ministry! The books will be available until December 21 for \$30.00. This a great Christmas gift for your family. Contact Carol Boltzer or Patty Poulette of Youth Ministry offices. Telephone numbers are on the front of the bulletin.

## THANKS

D'Andrea's Liquor Store  
West and Washington  
For advertising in our bulletin

### Mary's Haven: A Community Home for the Dying

Volunteers are needed to provide care and comfort to the terminally ill at Mary's Haven, a program of Catholic Charities, located in Saratoga Springs. Initial and ongoing training is provided under the direction and guidance of the Program Director. Please consider sharing your time and talents with Mary's Haven. Call Anne or Robin 518 584-9397 for more information.



### The Giving Tree

Items for The Giving Tree are due back this weekend (December 13-14), gift-wrapped with the tag attached.

Thank you! Thank you for your generosity!

### January's First Friday Holy Hour

First Friday Holy Hour for the month of January will be on the second Friday, January 9, from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the Day Chapel.

Thank you for continued support of the food collection for our less fortunate brothers and sisters. Please leave non-perishable foods (No Glass containers, please) in the blue basket in the vestibule of the Church. Pet food items may also be left.



### Saratoga Healthy Transportation Network

Saratoga Healthy Transportation Network in partnership with Saratoga EOC has a limited supply of slightly used children's bicycles in perfectly good working order to give away to any child who needs a bicycle. These donated bicycles will be given away along with a new helmet and bike lights before Christmas. Call Joanne for complete details (265-8507).

### The Jeneba Project in Sierra Leone

Building Tomorrow's World Today!

An awareness of the Jeneba Project comes to us from Joseph Kaifala, a member of our Church and an Altar Server throughout his years at Skidmore College.

Jeneba Project 2008-2009 is an initiative geared towards the construction of a four-room building that will serve as a high school for the children of Masoila, Sierra Leone. The goal is to raise at least \$20,000 for the facility to serve the next generation of Sierra Leoneans. The message of The Jeneba Project is "Building Tomorrow's World Today!"

Sierra Leone is ranked as the poorest country in the world according to the UN Human Development Index, with an adult literacy index at 122<sup>nd</sup> out of 177 countries assessed, and over 60% of the educational infrastructure was destroyed during the ten-year civil war. Girls have even less opportunities to pursue their education in comparison to their male counterparts.

Contact Joseph Kaifala at [Kaifala@yahoo.fr](mailto:Kaifala@yahoo.fr) or 95 Brent Street, Manchester, NH 03103 or Peter S. Brock at [bajibaji@gmail.com](mailto:bajibaji@gmail.com) or 815 North Broadway, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866. Learn more about the project at <http://jenebaproject.wordpress.com>



**Save the Date!**  
**Pasta Dinner**  
**Saturday, January 24, 2009**



### Christmas Caroling

If you know someone who would like to hear St. Peter's community caroling on December 21 (1-4:30 p.m.) led by Grade 7-8 Youth Ministry, please contact Carol Boltzer, at 587-5182, or [cboltzer@nycap.rr.com](mailto:cboltzer@nycap.rr.com).



Preparation sessions for parents wishing to have their infants/children baptized at The Church of St. Peter will be held January 20, February 3, March 10, May 5 and June 16, 2009.