



**Liturgy Intentions
For The Week**



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
December 22	Monday 8:00 a.m.	Paul DeGearo	Tony, Eileen and Michael Debitetto
December 23	Tuesday, 8:00 a.m.	Deceased of the Church of St. Peter	
December 24	Wednesday, 5:00 p.m.	Frank and Becky Jordan Wilfred and Marie Lagoe Rita Rowland	Family Family Family
December 24	Wednesday 10:00 p.m.	Leon and Mary Zacek	Florence DeGregorio and Family
December 25	Thursday 9:00 a.m.	Marie McCarthy	Husband, Joe
December 25	Thursday 11:00 a.m.	Angela Marks Leon and Mary Zacek	Rose Marie Zacek Family
December 26	Friday	No Mass or Communion Prayer Service	
December 27	Saturday 5:00 p.m.	Michael DiNallo Vincenzo and Cristina Arpey Deceased of Family	Family Rose Arpey Draves Rose Arpey Draves
December 28	Sunday 7:30 a.m.	John Fignar Stanley F. Williams Ron Torncello, Jr.	Barbara Olson From a Friend Mary and Ron Torncello, Sr.
December 28	Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Patrick Ryan William Smith	Foster and Kathleen James Barbara and Joe MacFarland
December 28	Sunday 11:30 a.m.	Timothy J. Tellstone Anne Marie Stevens Helen Agnes Johnson	Helen O'Donnell Allen and Monica Hills Judi Stephenson

Readings for Sunday, December 28: Gen 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40



Mass

**Readers and Eucharistic Ministers
December 27 - 28, 2008**



Eucharistic Ministers

Readers

December 27 5:00 p.m.	Mary Brooks, Mary Collins, Jean Cremen, Phyllis Delay, Kathryn Delay, Leo Demers, Mary Ann Foley, Lorraine Hansen, Judith Hefter	Elaine Webber Jeff Clark
December 28 7:30 a.m.	Alberta Bennett, Linda Benton, Margaret Bradley, Sharon Drosky, Stan Drosky, Rich Rowland, Sr., Angel Santiago, James Tierney	Mary Riegert Larry Ostwald
9:00 a.m.	Jean Lloyd, Anne Marthy-Noonan, Kathy Nygard, Vincent O'Neill, Joyce Rice, Richard Rowland, Susan Rowland, Cindy Sharpe, Joanne Smith, Robert Spratt	Kathleen Greiner Ted Shufelt
11:30 a.m.	Jacqueline Donnelly, Cheryl Dudinetz, Susan Halstead, Carolyn Hamlin, Barbara Haner, Gene Landry, Marie Landry, Marilyn Lategano, Gerry Lyons, Dorothy Mendez	Jo Ann Clements Carol Gurney

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 Shirley Wilkinson. 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.

Attendance		Collection		Average Collection to date	
December 16, 2007	606	December 16, 2007	\$6,002.25	FY 2007	\$7,846.54
December 14, 2008	1,147	December 14, 2008	8,796.30	FY 2008	\$8,868.79
		SPNA (to Date) month of December 2008	\$1,822.00		
		Immaculate Conception 12/8/08	\$1,421.00		

A donation to SPNA has been made in memory of Paul DeGeraro. Thank you for your generosity and remembering your weekly contribution when you are away

Marriage Moments

Karen Vogt -Family Life Office

Diocese of Kentucky

December 21 (Winter Solstice)

Last night was the longest night of the year. Dark nights can be cozy when warmed by love and candlelight. If this week finds you blessed with pleasant experiences of darkness, pray for those who aren't.

Parenting Pointers

Karen Vogt

Family Life Office, Diocese of Kentucky

Christmas is close but it's not here yet. Although meeting the needs of the extended family sometimes means celebrating Christmas before December 25, to get the full value of Advent, one must wait - expectantly if not patiently. Waiting is an important life skill and Advent is a good time to learn it.

Family Perspective

By Bud Ozar

Today's Gospel sounds like a fairy tale, a story which is too good to be true. But it is true. While it is about the birth of Jesus, it is also about the faith of a young teenager, Mary, and Joseph's courage, respect and affection for Mary. When faith, courage, respect and affection live in a family, "God is with you!"

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.



Fourth Sunday of Advent

Newly Baptized

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

Mia Gabriela Roche
Son of John and Sylvia Rodriguez Roche

May Mia's family and this parish community support her as she grows in faith.

This Week in Our Parish

12/22	Decorating for Christmas	5:30 pm	Church
	Followed by Dinner together		Parish Center
12/24	Office Closed		
12/25	Office Closed		
12/26	Office Closed		
12/28	No Religious Ed or YM		

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



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.

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.

Entertainment Books!!!

This is the last weekend to purchase an Entertainment Book from Youth Ministry before Christmas! At a cost of \$30.00, this a great Christmas gift for your entire family to enjoy all year. Call Carol Boltzer or Patty Poulette, Youth Ministry at 587-5182.

Youth Ministry to host Guitar Hero Competition



Youth Ministry will host a Grade 7-12 Guitar Hero Competition on Monday, December 29, 7:00-9:00 pm in Room 205 of the Parish Center.

There is no charge to compete or listen! Call Youth Ministry Office 587-5182 for more information!!



Pasta Dinner
Saturday
January 24, 2009
Tickets on sale beginning January 3-4



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.



Food Drive

Mohr's Service Center
Washington and West Avenue
For advertising in our bulletin

THANKS

Thank you for your generosity to others.....

Thank You for your support last weekend of The Work of Human Hands Sale, sponsored by the Commission on Peace and Justice of our Diocese and Catholic Relief Services. Thank you also for supporting the sixth grade Religious Education class Bake Sale, which raised \$421.10 to donate to Shelters of Saratoga and the St. Peter's Choir Concert which raised \$709.50 for Shelters of Saratoga. Thank you for the almost 500 individual gifts that came in to The Giving Tree. Thank you to our youth that decorated items for the Festival of Trees which benefits Catholic Charities. Thank you to all for your generous response to December's SPNA envelope. Thank you to our Youth who gave parents a gift of time on Parents Afternoon Out. Thank you to those who donate items to the Food Pantry.

Thank you.

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 details (265-8507).

The Evangelist, Our Diocesan Newspaper

Are you moving but staying within the parish? Please call 584-2375 and let us know. If you are moving but still staying in the Albany Diocese, we'll let The Evangelist know so you can stay in touch. No matter where you move, even outside the Diocese, you can still stay in touch with your faith through The Evangelist the diocesan newspaper.

Lecture on the history of the City of Albany

Historic St. Agnes Cemetery will be sponsoring a lecture presented by Assemblyman Jack McEneny on January 15, 2009 on the history of the City of Albany. This lecture will take place at the cemetery office in Menands at 7:00 p.m.

Please call 463-0134 for directions and further information.

Dominican Retreat and Conference Center
1945 Union Street, Niskayuna, NY

dslcnu@nycap.rr.com (518)393-4169 www.dslcny.org

1/10/09, 10am-3pm Day of Retreat for Married Couples "Intimacy, Forgiveness and Marriage" Presenter: David C. Olsen PhD, LCSW \$70/couple

1/11/09, 11 am-4 pm, Day of Retreat for Men and Women "Winter Soul-stice" Presenter Claudia Gregoire, \$30.00

1/15/09, 7-8:15 pm, "Sung Vespers in the Spirit of Taize", Presenters: The Dominican Sisters Free will offering

1/16-18/09, Dreaming in Winter "Fresh things I now reveal; before they appear I tell you of them" Is 42:9 Guest Director: Sr. Carol Davis, OP, MA, CASAC. \$185.00 (65 & over \$170.00) \$50.00 deposit

1/16-18/09, Scripture Weekend for Men and Women "Finding Hidden Messages; God Speaks Through an Ancient Desert Symbol" Guest Director: Sr. Ceal Warner, OP, LPC \$185.00 (65 & over \$170.00) \$50.00 deposit

1/23/09, Weekend Retreat for Women "And know that I am with you always..." Guest Director: Rev. John Phalen, CSC \$185.00 (65 & over \$170.00) \$50.00 deposit

1/30-2/1/09, Weekend Retreat for Women "And know that I am with you always..." Guest Director: Sr. Carolyn Krebs, OP \$185.00 (65 & over \$170.00) \$50.00 deposit