

DECEMBER 25, 2011
*The Nativity
of the Lord*

Our Lady of the Angels Parish

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FACILITIES

Food Pantry 412-682-3877
St. Mary Lyceum 412-682-9307
St. Augustine Cemetery 412-821-3399

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:00 p.m. (Sun. Vigil)
Sunday 8:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.
Weekdays.. 6:30 p.m. (Mon.–Thur. & 1st Fridays)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

There is the opportunity for Eucharistic Adoration every Wednesday from 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. in the Parish House Chapel.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

Our Lady of the Angels warmly welcomes anyone who wishes to join the parish. Please pick up a registration form in church or call the parish office to register. If you are currently a member and are moving to a new address, please inform the office.

BAPTISM

Ordinarily celebrated during one of the weekend Masses. A preparation class is required for parents and godparents. Contact the parish office to make arrangements.

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: Noon–1:00 p.m. in Church or by appointment anytime.

MARRIAGE

Couples planning to marry must contact one of the parish priests at least six months before the marriage to set a date and begin preparations for this sacrament.

rites of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Any adults who have never been baptized or who were baptized in another faith tradition and would be interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith are invited to contact the parish office to enroll in the process for studying the Catholic Faith.

SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Please notify the parish office if someone is unable to attend Mass and wishes to receive Communion or the Sacrament of the Sick. Also please notify the office if any parishioner is admitted to a hospital.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Faith Formation for children K – 8: every Sunday 10:00–11:20 a.m.
Immaculate Conception School Building, Bloomfield.

PASTOR'S COMMENTS....

You so often hear the lament that Christmas is not like it used to be and the proclamation that Christmas is a celebration for children. For most of us it is true that Christmas does not have the same feeling of wonder and expectation that it once had, and I suspect that this change of feeling has a lot to do with the fact that we are no longer children. So that conclusion makes the observation that "Christmas is for children" seem even more true.

It is true that the expectation and giddy excitement of seeing piles of presents under the beautifully decorated tree on Christmas day is the experience of a child and is our source of vicarious joy as we gaze on the faces of our children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews. However is there a deeper joy, excitement and peace that is ours as we celebrate the Incarnation of our God?

For the past four full weeks we have been singing and praying: "Come, Lord Jesus". Today we are once again invited to take time to hear the prophet Isaiah remind us that: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shown." And in the gospel passage from St. Luke we hear the angel say to the shepherds: "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord." Hopefully that "good news" makes us as excited and overjoyed as it did the shepherds some 2,000 years ago.

After all the presents are open, the photos are taken, the wrapping paper is in garbage bags, and the Christmas family time and meal are digesting, we hopefully will make time this Christmas Day and this Christmas Season to reflect on all the ways we have gazed on the face of Emmanuel – God with us – in the faces of the children around us, in our family and friends, in those we have graced with our generosity this Season and in the "Breaking of the Bread".

I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the parishioners who helped to transform our church from Advent to Christmas last Sunday. Our church is always beautiful but the Crib scene, the lights and the flowers make the joy of the Incarnation come alive! I extend a second thank you to all of you who donated toward our Christmas Flowers. You will find the dedication sheet for the flowers available by the bulletins..

On behalf of your pastoral staff, Bro. Mike, deacon Richard, Chrissy, Eileen and myself I want to wish all of you a Blessed, Joyous and Peace-filled Christmas Day and Season. We have 15 days to celebrate the Christmas Season, which we will conclude with our Parish Christmas Party on January 7th and with the Feast of the Epiphany on January 8th. I encourage you to let the joy of the Incarnation – God made flesh – permeate your heart and put a smile on your face as we celebrate God's love and salvation made visible.



Upcoming Events

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| Dec. 31 | New Year's Eve Mass, 4:00pm |
| Jan. 1 | New Year's Day Masses,
8:30am & 10:00am |
| Jan. 5 | "Ringing the Bells" Committee,
7:00pm, Parish House |
| Jan. 7 | Parish Christmas Party, 5:30pm,
St. Augustine Hall |
| Jan. 8 | Un-decorate the church,
after the 10:00am Mass |
| Jan. 9 | RCIA Faith Study, 7:15pm,
Parish House |
| Jan. 10 | Pastoral Council Meeting, 7:15pm,
Parish House |

PARISH OFFICE—CLOSED MONDAY

In celebration of Christmas the Parish Office will be closed this Monday, Dec. 26th. Of course you can still call the office and leave messages.

MISSION STATEMENT OF OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS PARISH

Bringing the Gospel of Jesus Christ to life in our hearts, in our families and in our community

To fulfill our mission we invite you to:

- Share in the Capuchin Franciscan Spirit
- Love and serve the Church
- Love and serve the poor
- Grow in holiness through vibrant liturgies and personal prayer
- Become an active and participating member of our Parish Community
- Deepen your knowledge of the Catholic Faith
- Affirm the dignity of each person
- Evangelize others through your life

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY

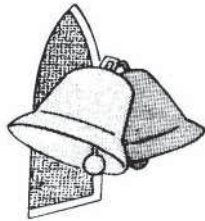
To celebrate the Christmas Season as a Parish Family there will be a Parish Christmas Party on Saturday January 7th (the Feast of the Epiphany) beginning at 5:30pm at St. Augustine Hall. This will be a potluck dinner with the parish providing the refreshments and the Christmas music. Please sign up in the back of Church listing your name, how many from your family that will be coming and what dish you will be bringing to the party to share.

PARISH CALENDARS AVAILABLE

There are still a few 2012 Parish Calendars available through the generosity of D'Alessandro Funeral Home & Crematory and Walter J. Zalewski Funeral Homes. The calendars feature some of the Saints of the Americas. You can help yourselves to the calendars that are available near the bulletins at the doors.

OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS LOTTERY

Hopefully all the Lottery Ticket stubs and money are being returned this weekend. If you still have some tickets out and are not able to sell them, please return them so that they can be sold before the Lottery begins next Sunday.



UPDATE ON THE RINGING THE BELLS PROJECT

A "Ringing the Bells over Lawrenceville" Fundraiser is scheduled for March 10th, 2012. This Event, which will be held in the neighborhood at Engine House 25 (3339 Penn Ave.), will include a live auction, a silent auction, a basket raffle and much more. More details about this event will be published as the Committee develops them. Some needs already surfaced by the Committee are:

- 1) If you have any information about or photos of the church bells at St. Augustine's, copies would be greatly appreciated.
- 2) If you have any Items that have a value of at least \$500 that you would be willing to donate for the live auction or any new items that could be donated for the silent auction, please call the Parish Office.

"For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." - Lk 2:11-12



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

We now have permission from the Diocese to conduct a Campaign to raise money for the restoration of the Stations of the Cross as well as the Bells. This permission means that any money contributed to this Campaign up to \$100,000 will not be taxed by the Diocese. Any donations to the Bell Tower Project can be listed as such and they will be deposited as part of our tax free Campaign.

BLESSED JOHN PAUL II YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS:

SILVER RING THING – Image is Everything
Teens image have been shaped by the pressures and expectations of culture, friends and media. All teens (8th grade through high school) are invited to attend the live event on **Friday, January 13, 2012** at Seton La-Salle High School from 6:30 – 9:00 pm. Event includes dramas, videos, special effects and witness talks. Cost is \$5.00 per person (\$8.00 at the door). The ring is an additional \$20.00. **Space is limited. Make your decision to attend and give your \$5.00 check made payable to Diocese of Pittsburgh to Mary Pollick by January 3, 2012.** If you have any questions, please Mary Pollick at 724-265-5047.

MARCH FOR LIFE – Washington DC

We are leaving from St. Scholastica Church on Brilliant Street in Aspinwall at midnight Sunday on January 22, 2012 and returning to the same place on Monday at about 10:30 p.m. Cost is \$25.00 per person for the bus with the Youth Ministry paying \$15.00 per person for each teen participant. Scholarships are available. **Need the \$10.00 for each teen participant (\$25.00 for adults) and a firm commitment by January 3, 2011. Space is very limited.** If you have any questions, please call Mary Pollick at 724-265-5047.

RETRouvaille—SAVE OUR MARRIAGE

Did a troubled marriage steal your Christmas joy? Decide now to get it back. Retrouvaille can help you just as it has helped many others. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on January 13, 2012, please contact Retrouvaille at 412-277-3434 . More information is available at www.helpourmarriage.com.



Beginning January 2, 2012 Our Lady of the Angels NEW ALL PAPER

BINGO

Every Monday
at St. Mary Lyceum
Early Birds - 7:00 pm
Regular Bingo - 7:15 pm

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20 Regular Games - \$60
9 cards for
4 - Specials - \$120
3 Faces for the Jackpot
Mystery Number

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**LITTLE JACKPOT \$250.00
(MUST GO)**

JANUARY 2ND —BIG JACKPOT:
(PROGRESSIVE)
\$1000.00 IN 56 NUMBERS

**MYSTERY #
WINNER TAKES ALL GAME
ALL NIGHTER GAME
PIGGY BANKS
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NO BINGO on December 26th

**For more information:
Call 412-682-0929**



the Sick and Homebound of our parish and our recently deceased:

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Eucharistic . Every Wednesday from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM in the Parish House Chapel on 37th Street.



BAPTISM PREPARATION

Contact the parish office before the expected date of baptism to make preparation plans. Please call Bro. John or Bro. Mike at 412-682-0929.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/
Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
Midnight: Is 9:1-6/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/
Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Monday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:5--2:2/Mt 2:13-18

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35

Friday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3 or
Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12,
17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18

Next Sunday: Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

DECEMBER 24-25 - NATIVITY OF THE LORD

4:00 pm For All Parishioners
10:00 pm Celebrant's Intention
10:00 am Celebrant's Intention

DECEMBER 26 - MONDAY - St. Stephen

6:30 pm Katie Adornato — *Connie Stewart*

DECEMBER 27 - TUESDAY St. John, Apostle

6:30 pm Tobin & Kelly Families — Daughter, Janet

DECEMBER 28- WEDNESDAY-The Holy Innocents

6:30 pm For Our Parishioners

DECEMBER 29 - THURSDAY - St. Thomas Becket

6:30 pm Paul Casselberry

DECEMBER 30 – FRIDAY - Holy Family of Jesus,

Mary & Joseph

NO MASS TODAY

DECEMBER 31- JANUARY 1

BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

4:00 pm Nancy Karbowski — *Betty Jonnet*
8:30 am Norman Lang — *Mary Ann*
& Raymond Scott
10:00 am Sarah Galasso — *Family*

MINISTER SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 31, 2011—JANUARY 1, 2012

4:00 pm 8:30 am 10:00 am

Lector:

C. Byerly S. Griffin E. Carmody

Eucharistic Ministers:

F. Dobies	T. Jester	J. Grubbs.
D. Marshall	J. Niemiec	M. Rzemieniewski
C. Edder	M. Kiley	L. Guerra
L. Stokan		E. Predis
		P. Altenbaugh
		G. Moschetti

Servers:

C. Wojcik	S. Lechok	J. Preisner
C. Pokorski		
H. Stazer		

Collection Report

Weekly Offertory Needed	\$4,865.00
December 18 Offertory	\$3,943.00
Monthly Parish Share Needed	\$5,833.00
Amount Given During December	\$3,068.00
Monthly Debt Reduction Needed	\$1,000.00
Amount Given During December	\$ 901.00

*Please Remember
Our Lady of the Angels Parish in Your Will.*

Being part of the neighborhood means caring about its parishioners.

We've watched this area and its families grow together; so it's only natural that we feel close to the people that made our community the place it is today. We treat all of the families we serve as if they made our town what it is today, because after all, they did.

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