

## Liturgy Schedule

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2

8:00 Our Lady of Grace Parish  
9:30 Ronald Doman (Mr. & Mrs. Bill Doman)  
11:30 Hugo Del Re (Family)

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 3

6:45 Mayme Meadows (Irene)  
9:00 Marion Nauman (John and Mary Eileen Bates)

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4

6:45 Helen Haggerty (Eileen Kelly)  
9:00 Hilda Timczyk (Family)

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5

6:45 C. J. Donoghue (Jim and Ann Donoghue)  
9:00 Frances Giammatteo (Ann Korpiel)  
7:00 Eva J. Eyer mann (Wanda Yorke)

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6

6:45 William Lehrman (Lehrman Family)  
9:00 Edna Redlinger (Robert and Becky Finkel)

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7

6:45 Rich Kaczmar ski (Wife)  
9:00 Charles O'Neill (Underwood Family)  
7:30 Gloria Grosso (Mary and Al Mordacci)

### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, DECEMBER 8

9:00 Monica Vernino (Family and Friends)  
12:00 Eugene Huellen (Bill and Thelma Luxner)  
3:00 Wedding - Brian Capezzuto and Jennifer Lynskey  
6:00 Carole Zuri (Mother and Family)  
7:00 Sacramental Reconciliation

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

8:00 Walt Korpiel (Family)  
9:30 George and Ann Bagay (Family)  
11:30 Our Lady of Grace Parish  
1:00 Parish Baptisms

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### MONEY COUNTERS

This week: A. Mordacci, J. Lanz, J. Riley, B. McGervey  
Next week: B. Seli, D. Hess, C. Torisky

### ALTAR SOCIETY SCHEDULE - DECEMBER 7

M. Plank

### BANNS OF MATRIMONY

III Brian L. Capezzuto  
Jennifer E. Lynskey



### ADVENT SPEAKER, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5 -

**DR. JIM WITHERS** -During Advent we prepare to welcome the Lord Jesus who "for our sake became poor although he was rich, so that by his poverty we might become rich." On Wednesday, December 5, Dr. Jim Withers, founder and medical director of Operation Safety Net, will share his reflections on his work with homeless men and women over the past 15 years. Operation Safety Net is an innovative outreach consisting of teams composed of formerly homeless and clinical volunteers who perform medical rounds by walking in Pittsburgh's streets, alleys and river banks each night, visiting those who have fallen through society's "health safety net." The program is effective due to the trusting relationship developed between outreach workers and those they serve. Dr. Withers' presentation will take place in Keefer Hall following 7:00 p.m. Mass. Light refreshments will be served. All are welcome.

## Activities Schedule

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2

Boy Scout Luminaria Sale following Masses  
Youth Group Wreath Sale following Masses  
Setup for Santa Shop, Keefer Hall  
9:30 Children's Liturgy of Word, Church, PC Room  
10:45 Religious Education, School, Conroy Hall  
7:30 AA, Conroy Hall

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 3

9:00 Santa Shop, Keefer Hall  
9:30 Catholic Scripture Study Mtg., Staff Center  
12:30 St. Vincent de Paul, Staff Center  
6:30 Advent Program, Conroy Hall

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4

9:00 Santa Shop, Keefer Hall  
6:00 Rel. Ed., School, Conroy Hall  
7:00 Rosary, Church  
7:00 Athletic Association Mtg., School Library  
7:30 Pgh. Civ. Orch., Conroy Hall  
8:00 Choir, Church

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5

9:30 Catholic Scripture Study, Keefer Hall, PC Room  
6:30 Rel. Ed., OLG School, Conroy Hall  
7:00 Pre-Baptism Class, Staff Center  
7:30 Advent Speaker, Keefer Hall

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6

7:00 Boy Scouts, Conroy Hall  
7:30 RCIA, Staff Center

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7

9:30 Healthcare Program, Keefer Hall  
1:00 Women's Guild Officers Mtg., Keefer Hall

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

Youth Group Wreath Sale following Masses  
9:30 Children's Liturgy of Word, Church, PC Room  
10:45 Religious Education, School, Conroy Hall  
6:00 Youth Group Mtg., Staff Center  
7:30 AA, Conroy Hall

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### Stewardship

Treasure - Last Week's Collection - \$12,437

**DEBT REDUCTION** envelopes are in your packet each month to help your parish without reducing your regular Sunday offering. Since we began our Debt Reduction offering in January 2000, this once-a-month appeal has reduced our debt by \$226,923.29. Thanks and God's blessings to all who help!



**CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL FLOWERS** - In the past, the parishioners of Our Lady of Grace have made memorial contributions to the **Christmas Flower Fund**. This has become one of our loveliest traditions. Your contributions help defray the cost of the flowers and in a special way, present a beautiful, living memorial to your deceased loved ones. Please put your name, those to be remembered, and your donation in an envelope marked "**Christmas Flowers**" and place it in the collection basket.

### A Word from the PASTOR



Today, the Church begins the Advent Season in preparation for Christmas Day. As you well know, Advent includes four Sundays, and the week days following, leading to the celebration of the nativity of Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. The Advent Season helps Catholics to focus on the spiritual meaning of the birth of the Lord in the midst of all the excitement and anticipation of Christmas Day with our families and friends.

As we have done in the past few years, we are providing our parishioners with Advent Prayer Booklets with meditative readings for each day of the season from December 2-25, with additional prayers and readings in the appendix. These handy and attractive booklets offer brief but meaningful reflections on the readings of the day. Be sure to pick one up near the doors of the church.

Also, as we have done in the past liturgical seasons, we will have 7:00 p.m. evening Mass on the three Wednesdays of Advent. The bulletin today includes an insert that provides details about these "Advent Evenings of Worship and Catechesis." This Wednesday, December 5, following the 7:00 p.m. Mass, Dr. James Withers, founder and Medical Director of Operation Safety Net, will give a talk in Keefer Hall from 7:30-8:30 p.m. on this remarkable work for the homeless in Pittsburgh. A reception will follow at 8:30 p.m.

Next Wednesday, December 12, Rev. Angelus Shaughnessy, O.F.M. Cap., National Executive Director for the Archconfraternity of Christian Mothers will be the celebrant and homilist for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. He will then join the OLG Women's Guild and Christian Mothers for their holiday meeting and reception in Keefer Hall.

Finally, on Wednesday, December 19, at 7:00 p.m., we will celebrate Mass for our CCD children before they break for the Christmas holidays. All parishioners are invited to these 'Advent Evenings of Worship and Catechesis' to help prepare for the solemnity of Christmas.

Rev. Richard A. Infante  
Pastor

### FROM THE DESK OF SISTER GRACE MARIE



Please join Carol Bodamer, RN, and Kate Scheirman, LSW, of Informed Medical Consultants as they present a workshop titled "This is Your Health Care." The program will be presented on Friday, December 7th after the 9:00 a.m. Mass in Keefer Hall. The presentation will provide a summary on how to navigate through the complex hospital process for you or your loved ones.

**PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY:** PFC Daniel Mulvihill, 1st Lt. William J. Shields, Pvt. Anthony J. Laitta, Pvt. 1st Class Angelo Morasca, Lt. Kelsey Barley, 2nd Lt. Christopher Lauff, 1st Sgt. Rick Oddi, Sr. Airman Dion Julian, Capt. Aaron L. B. Cox, Capt. Steven Tingley, Lt. Steve Fichter, David Clay, Jr., Col. Gregory Mark Ferketish, Capt. Sam Gazzo, Lnc. Cpl Ryan Kelsey, Maj. Gen. Scott Gray, Maj. Ken Wheeler, Sgt. Dustin Huff, 2nd Lt. Meghan Cumpston, SSgt. Stephen Lorenzetty, Lt. Jason Simon, Capt. J. J. Serowik, Sgt. Matthew Tardio, PV2 Erik Lind, Maj. Thomas H. Huzzard, PFC Mark Grosso. If you have a family member in the military and would like him/her remembered in prayer, please submit the name and branch of service to the parish office. Their families have let us know they are grateful for our prayers.



### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

those who are sick, especially James Selden, Ann Lee, Fannie Calderone, Adele Koczaja, Virginia Daniels, Alberta Taylor, Rosemary Serowik, Debbie Pojeta, Wallace Thomas Santoro, Rebecca Gawronski, Adam Peace, Debbie Wessolek, Laura Seli, Dorothy Barley, Jeannine Mongelli, Carl Rupprecht, Glenn Mamula, Bernadette Hale, Matthew Werner, Charlie Scarvace, James Patrick, Joe Wilhem, Bill Snyder, Teresa Hawkins, Ron Morris, Mary Weidl, Jane Herscoe, Connie All, Ryan Markel, Carl Murawski, Mark Vernino.

**CHRISTMAS WAFERS** - One of our Christmas traditions is the sharing of oplatki at our family tables. This year Christmas wafers are available at the parish office Monday thru Friday, 9:00-4:30 p.m.

**LUMINARIA SALE** - Boy Scout Troop 834 will be selling luminaria kits after all masses THIS weekend, Dec. 1 and 2, at the entrances to the church. Kits are \$5.00 each and contain enough materials for 10 luminaria. The Boy Scouts thank you for supporting this fund raiser.

**OCTOBER COUNT** - Total number of persons registered in the parish: 6,154. Average weekend Mass attendance during October: 1,548. Percent of parishioners attending Mass during October: 25%.

**DON'T MISS THE NEXT MEETING** of the **Women's Guild and Confraternity of Christian Mothers** on **Wednesday, December 12**, following the 7:00 p.m. liturgy. Rev. Angelus Shaughnessy, O.F.M. Cap., National Executive Director for the Archconfraternity of Christian Mothers will be the celebrant and homilist. Everyone is invited to attend. (Also, there will be a meeting of the Women's Guild Officers on Friday, December 7, at 1:00 p.m. in Keefer Hall.)

**IT'S NOT TOO LATE** to order a copy of the **Enjoyment Book 2008**. Call Charlie Scarvace at 412-429-4224 and start enjoying yours today!

**SHOPPING CERTIFICATES** are sold daily at the school, parish office and after the Masses on the weekend in the church vestibule. Certificates/debit cards are available from numerous retailers to meet your grocery and gift-giving needs—especially at this holiday season! Help our school and parish community earn money by just exchanging your dollars before you shop! We need YOU and appreciate your participation in this fundraiser.

**NEXT SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:** Isaiah 11:1-10; Romans 15:4-9; Matthew 3:1-12.

### REST IN PEACE

Doloris Buhler, sister of Judith Hill...  
Donald Bachner, brother of Carol Mulig, uncle of Robin,  
Shelley, Mike and Matt.



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**Special Instructions:**

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PLEASE INSERT TWO-SIDED FLYER THAT WAS MAILED TO YOU (one side - Dr. Jim Withers, Operation Safety Net; second side - Advent Evenings of Worship and Catechesis).

PLEASE PUT THE 'DR. JIM WITHERS' SIDE FACE UP FIRST IN THE BULLETIN.

THANK YOU.