

ST. ANNE'S PARISH
ROCK HILL SC 285

THIS WEEK:

- Monday, November 30th**
MOTHERS TAKING TURNS 9:30-12:30 in PLC nursery
- Tuesday, December 1st**
BROWNIES 2:45 PM in PLC nursery
JR. GIRL SCOUTS 6:30 PM in PLC
INSTITUTE 7PM in teen room
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY 7PM meeting room
ROSARY 7PM in daily chapel
- Wednesday, December 2nd**
MOTHERS TAKING TURNS 9:30-12:30 in PLC nursery
STUDY GROUP 9:30 AM at Carol Hostetler's
WAIT FOR THE LIGHT Advent program in PLC, 6PM meal, 7PM sessions
SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP 6-9PM in PLC
PRAYER GROUP 6:30 PM in sacristy
CHOIR REHEARSAL 7:30 PM music room
- Thursday, December 3rd**
CUB SCOUTS 6:30 in PLC
RCIA 7PM in daily chapel
- Friday, December 4th**
FIRST FRIDAY MASS 9AM in church
DAISY SCOUTS 2:30 PM in PLC nursery
YOUTH GROUP 9-Midnight in teen room
- Saturday, December 5th**
ALTAR SERVERS 10AM in church (see below)

PLC Policies

Copies of the Parish Life Center Policies for parish groups, as well as registration forms, are in the reading rack. To book special events (weddings, anniversary parties, etc.) contact Deacon Jim Hyland at the parish office on Tuesdays from 9:30 to 4:30 or Thursdays from 9:30 to 12:30.



There will be a meeting of all altar servers, both new ones and "old-timers," next Saturday, Dec. 5th, at 10AM in the church. Call Deacon Jim (327-5080) if you have questions or can't make the meeting.

HOSPITALITY LUNCHEON

In December, the Hospitality Luncheon will be at Van & Mary Vu's restaurant (Mary's Caf ) Tuesday, Dec. 8th, at 1PM. All parishioners are welcome, especially newcomers.



MARY'S CAFE

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Father's Corner:

Today we begin the new church year with the season of Advent, in preparation for the Feast of Christmas. We remember the centuries of waiting for the birth of the Saviour, the coming of that Saviour of hope in our lives today, and the final coming of the Lord at the end of time. This period of devotion and joyful expectation helps us look for the Holy Spirit to do a work in each life this time around, whereby we become more conformed to what Jesus taught. The use of music and decorations are done in moderation.

1999 calendars are available in the gathering area. There is an extra 9AM Mass in the church on the First Friday, Dec. 4th, at which you are most welcome.

In order to give more time for confessions in preparation for Christmas, they will begin at 4:30 PM on the Saturdays before Christmas. Confessions are also available at the Oratory Church from 10:30 to 11:30 AM on Saturdays. There will be a Communal Penance Service in our church on Wednesday, Dec. 23rd, at 7PM.

You are encouraged to have the devotion of the Advent Wreath in your home during this season. A green wreath with 3 purple and 1 rose candle = a reminder to make Advent a season of prayer and not just commerce.

Next Sunday is St. Nicholas Day; plan something special at home.

Today we begin the use of the new American lectionary (scripture readings) for Sundays and feasts. It is a new translation mandated by the bishops of our country.

Last chance to pick up your lost & found on the table in the gathering area.

I wish to introduce to the parish Joseph Francis Pearce, C.O., son of Albert & Joan Pearce, who was born in Queens, New York City. He graduated from Belmont Abbey College in 1981 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in history. He graduated from the Catholic Theological Union of Chicago in 1994 with a Master's of Divinity Degree, and has just returned from there after completing a Master Degree in Theology with a concentration in Liturgy. Joe is a member of The Oratory, who desires to be a priest. He has been assigned to St. Anne's for a while to get experiences of all parish activities and to help us. Joe will be attending the meetings of various organizations, etc. Welcome him.

Fr. William



This Christmas, as we have for the past several years, a multitude of candles will grace the altar, and poinsettias will decorate the worship and gathering space. If you would like to donate candles or flowers in memory of deceased loved ones or in honor of living friends and family, complete the form that will be in next week's bulletin and return it to us by December 15th.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

especially Marie Bass, Ronald & Mary Beck, Frank Hagen, Peg Dunlap, Henry Garcia, Elizabeth Amick, Cordelia Butler, Leo Hidalgo, Diane Foy, Frank Rossano, Carl John Staiano Jr., John De Celestino, Brandon Dunning, Anna Marie Vaughan, Dave Jordan, Margaret O'Conner, James F. Williams Sr., Judith Barban, Mary Arnold, Barbara Varraso, Roo Wilkerson, Elizabeth Snyder, Peggy Branigan Gibson, Gloria Ledbetter, Elizabeth McCarthy, Barbara Grobusky, Josephine Baionno, Elfrieda Downey, Sal Rossano Jr., Betty Dietze, Margaret Facelli, Jerry Hanratty, Russ Ortega (Lisa Kinne's father), and 8-year-old Robert Suter.

PLEASE PRAY

for the repose of the soul of Esther Lilly, mother-in-law of Margaret Lilly.



During December we remember the following parishioners who have died in the past ten years:

- Harry Chowka 12/3/95
- Grady Moore 12/5/94
- Kathryn Emory 12/8/96
- Ernest I. Gordon 12/8/91
- Thomas Duffels 12/14/90
- Eleanor Bryant 12/14/91
- Louis Raad 12/15/95
- Rosemary Gonis 12/15/95
- Nora Hyland 12/17/88
- Bernadine Zsiga 12/25/95
- Joseph Letizia 12/29/93
- George Haddad 12/30/93



NEXT MINISTERS SCHEDULE

The liturgical ministers' schedule for Christmas and January-February-March will be prepared soon. Call the parish office with your preferences and conflicts (or drop a note in the collection basket) by December 14th.

- Our Christmas Mass Schedule
- Dec. 24 - 4:30 PM (children)
- 7:30 PM, Midnight
- Dec. 25 - 11:30 AM

MEN'S BASKETBALL

All men ages 18 and older: We will be starting the first year of our St. Anne Men's Basketball League every Sunday from 3-5PM, beginning Jan. 3, 1999 through March 21, 1999. This league will be made up of only St. Anne members. If you are interested, call Nancy Taylor at the parish office to register. This will be a good opportunity to meet other parishioners, get some good exercise and have a lot of fun. We look forward to hearing from you.

OPEN VOLLEYBALL

The gym will be reserved for Open Volleyball (men & women, ages 18 & over) from 6:30-8:00 this Sunday evening and also Dec. 13, 20 & 27. Just show up. Contact person is Carla Hays (325-1329).



SCHOOL NEWS

- TUE. Hotdog Lunch
Faculty Meeting 3PM music room
Development Council 7PM conference room
- WED. Hamburger Lunch
Middle School Chorus Rehearsal 12:15-2PM
In church
- THU. Progress Reports
- FRI. First Fri. Mass 9AM in church
St. Nicholas Day for students (PSA)
Turkey & Cheese Sub

KEEP EATING YOUR CEREAL AND SNACKS! Cut out the Big G Box Tops for Education from General Mills products (see the bulletin board in the gathering space) and bring them to the school or put them in the collection basket at church. We receive 15 cents for each cereal and 10 cents for each snack box tops, which will go toward school equipment.

BETTER DAYCARE

Mimi Oates, a mother of one little boy, is asking help in making daycare in Rock Hill better for children. She needs moms and dads to help her get started on this extremely important task. Won't you help? Call her and give her some ideas. Her number is 803-327-0517.

A Heartfelt Goodbye

In March of 1978 I started working for St. Anne's Parish for 4-6 hours a week. Fr. Joseph was pastor, and we set up the parish office on the second floor of Newman Hall at the Oratory. St. Anne's consisted of 400 families. At first the phone was on the wall in the hall, and it was a big deal when we put one in the office.

Now 1,100 families are on the parish list, and we have 8 phones, with 2 outside lines and numerous extensions connecting us to our new parish life center and school. We have already been in our new church for six years, and our dream of having a church, parish life center and school on the same site has finally come true.

As the parish has grown so has the parish staff, along with the school staff. The hardest thing is saying good-bye to these wonderful people who are so much more than co-workers. They have become confidants and good friends. To all of them, especially to Fr. William, I say good-bye with a lump in my throat and boundless love in my heart. Thank you for a warm, nurturing work environment.

I am looking forward to my new job at Medfax Corporation, but new beginnings also mean sad farewells. Thanks to all of you who came to the drop-in Tuesday. When you work in a church office you become part of people's lives - both their celebrations and their heartaches. Of course, that works both ways, and I will never forget your support and comfort when our family went through difficult times. I will still be coming to St. Anne's as a parishioner, but I will miss seeing each of you in the parish office and talking to you on the phone. Thank you for everything.

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