

**CLOSING PRAYER:**

**~ A Prayer for the  
First Week in Advent ~**

**Come, Lord Jesus, Come  
Born to set your people free;  
Free me from fear,  
Release me from my sin,  
Let me find rest in you.**

**You are the hope of all the earth,  
You are the desire of every nation,  
You are the joy of every longing heart.**

**You are born to rescue me —  
A child,  
And yet a king.  
You are born to reign in my heart forever.  
Bring your gracious kingdom to me.**

**Fill me with your eternal spirit,  
Rule in my heart forever.  
And by your grace,  
Bring me to your glorious throne.  
Amen.**

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# Our Lady Chapel



*Our Lady Chapel is a Roman Catholic community founded in the love of the Father, centered in Christ, and rooted in the Holy Cross tenets of building family and embracing diversity. We are united in our journey of faith through prayer and sacrament, and we seek growth through the wisdom of the Holy Spirit in liturgy and outreach, while responding to the needs of humanity.*

**ADVENT DEVOTIONS:**

On the table in the narthex of the Chapel are several Advent devotionals to assist you in your spiritual journey during this season of Advent. We hope that you will make use of them for you and your family. [1] **The Little Blue Book** with daily readings and devotions. This book corresponds to “The Little Black Book” that is so popular during Lent. [2] The daily scripture devotion, **The Word Among Us**, is available. It lists the scripture passage for the day along with a short reflection on one of the passages.

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH:**

We are beginning our annual Advent-Christmas outreach program earlier this year because many have expressed concern that they have not had enough time to participate as they would like. Our Lady Chapel is again joining hands in partnership with several Parishes and social service agencies in an effort to share our lives together. For the past many years, we have been doing an *Adopt a Family* project [explained below] and the *Giving Tree/Adopt a Child* program. This year, we will again be serving these parishes and agencies in these two ways.

[1] **Giving Tree/Adopt a Child.** Our Lady of Fatima Community Center, the West Side Catholic Center, Gateway Retirement Community, Maggie’s Place, and St. Adalbert Parish are all trying to serve the needs of the less fortunate during this Advent-Christmas time. They need hats, gloves, socks, underwear, sweaters, sweat shirts, hoodies, throw blankets, infant needs, books, toys and games for children, ages 3 to 16 years. People will be able to pick an ornament off of the tree — located in the narthex of the chapel — with a child’s age and an item needed. [There will also be a tree located in the front lobby of the Lower School]. These items would then be gathered, UNWRAPPED, please, and the tag [ornament] taped onto the gift. **Our goal would be to have all items assembled by December 13<sup>th</sup>, for pickup by the various agencies.**

[2] **Adopt a Family.** Last year our Community adopted 25 or so Families through St. Adalbert’s Parish. This year we would again like to adopt between a minimum of 30-40 families. This is a bigger project than “Adopt a Child”. St. Adalbert identifies families — most often single parent, below poverty level families; each member of the family makes known an item or two that they would like to have “under their tree”. Adopt-a-family gifts should be WRAPPED. This is a project that the entire family can get involved in. In addition, if possible, we also try to provide a Christmas meal for the family [non perishable items in a food basket]. Those from our chapel family who participated in this project last year spoke very highly of the benefit of this project to their own families. Families can be matched according to family size, ages, etc. It was truly inspiring. **Pick-up dates would be December 18<sup>th</sup>**, but since we would be dealing with a specific family, there is more flexibility. **Please call Patty at the Chapel Office [440-473-3560 or [szaniszlop@gilmour.org](mailto:szaniszlop@gilmour.org)] if you and your family would like to participate in this program. If you have any questions, you may contact Linda McGraw [216-310-8001 or [drindamcgraw@gmail.com](mailto:drindamcgraw@gmail.com)], who is working with these agencies.**

**DID YOU KNOW?**

Rarely does anything profound or notable happen to a person in Scripture until after God moves that soul out of their comfort zone.

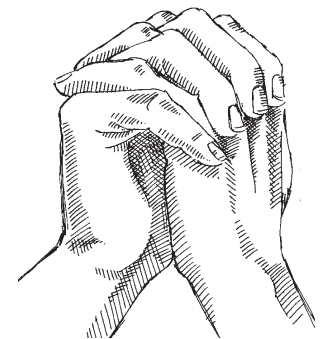
—Mark Hart

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**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:**

- For Brother John May, C.S.C., former Business Manager, who is recovering from surgery.
- For Brother Tom Shaughnessy, C.S.C., who is recovering from a heart attack.
- For Janet Mehling, sister-in-law of Sister Mary Ann Mehling, I.H.M., who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Karen Wanders, mother of upper school teacher, Jonathan, who is critically ill with a brain aneurysm.
- For Anne Raguso, wife of Joe [‘58], and mother of Maureen [‘92] and Caroloyn [‘94] Raguso, who is ill.
- For Rosalia Likazar who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For a person who is undergoing treatment for dementia.
- For Colin Beers, a teen, who has been diagnosed with brain cancer.
- For Larry Wahl who is recovering from a heart attack and stroke.
- For Jean Smith who is recovering from lung cancer surgery.
- For Steve Swinarski, grandfather of Alex Swinarski [‘22] who is critically ill.
- For Jim Lewis, cousin of Thomas Shenkel [‘87] who is recovering from a stroke.
- For Patricia Marlitz, business office associate, who is in rehabilitation following a fall.
- For Ethna Haag, step mother of Allison [‘90] and Elizabeth [‘92] Haag, who is in rehab following heart surgery.
- For Emily Jones, cousin of art instructor, Matt Vanek, who is recovering from brain surgery.
- For Sandra Healey, daughter-in-law of Queenie and Bob Healey, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Ronja Holle, mother of John [‘18] and Will [‘20], who is undergoing medical treatment.
- For Deacon Steve Keller, brother of Brother Richard, who is recovering from colon surgery.
- For Joan Janovetz, sister of Judy Morgan who is recovering from surgery.
- For Bret Rechel [‘95] who is preparing for a bone marrow transplant
- For Karuna Singla, sister-in-law of Upper School science teacher, Neena Goel, aunt of Nikhil [‘13] and Nupur [‘17] Goel, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Jim Shea, brother of lower school teacher, Theresa Stark, who has been diagnosed with leukemia.
- For Lynn Fitzpatrick who is critically ill with ALS.
- For Dan Hathey, technology associate, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Hamm Biggar who is seriously ill with cancer.
- For Margaret Keller, sister-in-law of Brother Richard, who is ill.
- For Ida Urbancic, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Evelyn Catanese, great-aunt of Alyssa Solano [‘15] who is critically ill.
- For Betty Herten, aunt of Hope [‘13] and James [‘15] Herten, who is undergoing treatment for leukemia.
- For Jenny Hammond, daughter of Librarian, Lynn Hammond, who is ill.
- For Donald Bibbo, father of Randall [‘71] and DJ [‘72] Bibbo, who is ill.
- For Ann Raymond, grandmother of Adam Lesko [‘05] who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Eileen Belak, sister of Maintenance Director, Dan Kohn, and aunt of Matt [‘07], who is seriously ill with acute leukemia.
- For Dan Houlahan who is in rehabilitation following a brain aneurysm.
- For Sister Barbara Johns, I.H.M., who is undergoing treatment for cancer.



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- For Jim Bares, father of Eileen Pryatel and James Bares [‘80], grandfather of Michael [‘08], Steven [‘10], Meghan [‘13], and Kevin [‘15] Pryatel, who is seriously ill with brain cancer.
- For Kathy DeMarco, sister of chapel associate, Patty Szanislo, who is recovering from complicated oral surgery.
- For Tim Casey who is critically ill with pneumonia.
- For Judy Kobus, who is undergoing medical treatment for a blood disorder.
- For Elaine Willey, sister of Father John, mother of Dennis Davis [‘90] who is undergoing treatment for complications from Parkinson's disease
- For Leslie Gelb who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Chuck Masetta who is undergoing medical treatment
- For Lewis Rosenthal, who is undergoing treatment for stomach cancer.
- For Peg Finni who is hospitalized with congestive heart failure.
- For a person who is critically ill.
- For Father James O’Brien who continues rehab following surgeries.
- For Father Peter Colletti, pastor of St. Michael Parish, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Diane DeMarco, cousin of chapel associate, Patty Szanislo, and Kathy DeMarco., who is critically ill.
- For Christian Connors, son of technology associate, Kevin Connors, who is recovering from surgery
- For Mary Kampman, mother of Mark [‘81], Matthew [‘85], Dean [‘86], and Douglas [‘88] who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Margaret Carlin, former kitchen associate, who is recovering from cancer surgery.
- For Janine Yardy, daughter of Geraldine Mockler, who is seriously ill.
- For Marie Lynch Julius who is seriously ill with cancer.
- For Brother Richard Keller, C.S.C. who is undergoing treatment for prostate cancer..

**REACHING OUT:**

Ed Boulware continues his project to help collect **USO Care Packages** for our troops across the world and their families. **One of the greatest needs** that the troops have during this time is their families — many of the families of our troops suffer greatly because of the lack of income when the “breadwinner” is overseas. **Thus, the USO has begun collecting packages for the families of the troops.** The items needed are common household non-perishables and paper products. **Letters, cards of encouragement, and children’s drawings for our troops will continue to be sent to them. Food supplies will be distributed to their families.** Ed and his wife, Marie, continue to take all donations to the “drop off area in Chagrin Falls. **Drop off donations in the office at Our Lady Chapel.** If you have any questions, please call **Ed Boulware at 440-564-9345.**



**WHAT DO YOU SEEK?**

Jesus challenged society's norms. To him, greatness comes from serving--giving of yourself to help God and others. Service keeps us aware of others' needs, and it stops us from focusing only on ourselves. Jesus came as a servant. What kind of greatness do you seek?

**ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE:**

On **Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup>**, at **7:00 PM**, we will celebrate our Advent communal **Penance Service**. This service will consist of scriptural reflections by those involved in the Christmas story. There will also be songs and hymns, and a time to straighten the paths of our lives to ease the arrival of our God. Each of us needs to truly hear in our heart the message of John the Baptist: “Repent, for the Kingdom of God is at hand.” The service will last about 45 minutes. There will be an opportunity for individual reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation following the service. Please join us.



**FAITH EDUCATION — DEC. 8 and 15:**

**Faith Education sessions have begun. If you have not registered your child it is imperative that you do so.** Our Sessions go from **8:45—9:45 AM** each time we meet, with the hope that our children would then **participate in our 10:00 AM Family Mass**. We have a number of families who attend the chapel regularly who have children who attend non-Catholic schools. Our **Faith Education Program** will help to fulfill your on-going religious education. Our program runs from grades K-8. Students in grades 9-12 are encouraged to participate in our Life Teen Program. **Please contact Patty in the Chapel Office (440) 473-3560 if you have any questions.** Thank you for taking care of this important task.



**SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:**

Sunday, December 1: <b>1<sup>st</sup> Week in Advent</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>
Monday, December 2:	<b>5:30 PM</b> [Eucharistic Chapel]
Tuesday, December 3: <b>St. Francis Xavier</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b> [Eucharistic Chapel]
Wednesday, December 4:	<b>5:30 PM</b> [Eucharistic Chapel]
Thursday, December 5:	<b>5:30 PM</b> [Eucharistic Chapel]
Friday, December 6: <b>St. Nicholas</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b> [Eucharistic Chapel]
Saturday, December 7: <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Week in Advent</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>
Sunday, December 8: <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Week in Advent</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:**

Father John will be available to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation with you on **every Saturday** between **3:30 – 4:00 PM**. Confessions are also available “by appointment.” The Reconciliation Room is located in the small chapel directly across from Father John’s Office.



**THE PATH OF ADVENT:**

There was a teenager having trouble getting along with his helicopter mother. At age 17 he left home and moved in with a girlfriend, who got pregnant and gave birth to a son. Without totally abandoning his lover and son, he went on to complete his education and start a career as a teacher. Despite progress in his career, he was haunted by doubts and guilt feelings. One day, when he was 32 years old, he shared his inner turmoil with a friend. During the conversation, he got teary-eyed, and went out to a garden to be alone. Responding to a mysterious call, he picked up a book containing the writings of the Apostle Paul; he read the first passage he saw: “not in orgies and drunkenness, not in promiscuity and lust, not in rivalry and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the desires of the flesh” [Romans 13:13-14]. Completing the passage, he instantly felt a peaceful light streaming into his heart and all the dark shadows of doubt fled away. This powerful experience led him to a wholehearted embrace of Christianity. This man is known to history as St. Augustine [354-430], the Bishop of Hippo in North Africa, and, arguably, the most influential theologian in the history of the Church.

St. Paul’s letter to the Church at Rome — which touched the heart of Augustine so deeply and led to his conversion — captures the call of this First Week in Advent. “Throw off the deeds of darkness” — all the things that blind us to the light of Christ and impede our spiritual progress. To Paul’s list of dark deeds, we might add workaholicism that undercuts family relationships, gossip that hurts friendships, overeating that harms the body, holding grudges that harden the heart, busyness that dries up the spirit, and selfishness that obscures to needs of others.

Honest reflection on our own specific deeds of darkness prepares us to hear Paul’s positive message — “put on the Lord Jesus Christ,” which as an ‘armor of light,’ protecting us from the dark forces. As Augustine reminds us that putting on the mind of Christ provides perspective and strength for a moral conversion that transforms vices into virtues. Commitment to living out the Gospel has the power to overshadow the deeds of darkness. Moral conversions are facilitated when we cooperate with God’s healing grace.

Why not think of Advent as a graced season of opportunities for spiritual growth? We can imagine, for example, an executive spending less time on work, and more with her family; a man reading from the Bible when tempted to search the web for pornography; a collegian carousing less and studying more; a woman dealing with her weight problem by learning better eating habits; a busy mother making time for spiritual reading; and a husband setting aside his own needs to be more attentive to his wife. Advent conversions — even if more protracted and less dramatic than Augustine’s — prepare for a more satisfying and enduring celebration of Christmas.

—taken from the writings of Father James Bacik, which appear on the internet

**THIS IS HEAVY STUFF:**

The person who gazes upon and contemplates day by day the face of the Lord Jesus Christ, and who has caught the glow of the reality that the Lord is not a theory but an indwelling power and force in his or her life, is as a mirror reflecting the glory of the Lord.

—Alan Redpath

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**FOR THE DECEASED:**

- For Remo Ianiro.
- For Alice Bowling, sister of Brother John Doran, C.S.C.
- For Sam Lucarelli
- For Florence Bossu
- For Brother John Kuchenbrod, C.S.C.
- For Mary Andoh, sister of Brother Stephen Aidoo, C.S.C.
- For Carol Weir.
- For Father John Vial, pastor emeritus St. Albert the Great.
- For Father Thomas Sheehan, parochial vicar Holy family Parish.
- For Deacon Louis Dobos, Holy Family Stow.
- For Lena Sprinzl
- For Martha Potenziani, mother of Frank A. Potenziani, Gilmour Trustee, and grandmother of David [’95].
- For Kayla Kelly

**PRAYERS FOR OTHERS:**

- For our Jewish brothers and sisters who celebrate Hanukkah during this time.
- For the victims of the tornadoes in Illinois
- For the people in the Philippines, the victims and the rescue workers in the aftermath of Typhoon Haiyan.
- For a young couple.
- For the unemployed.
- For an end to violence in our society.
- For those who struggle with family relationships.
- For a greater respect for human life, from the moment of conception until natural death.
- For a family going through a difficult time.
- For all caregivers.
- For a special intention.
- For all service men and women serving our country, and for their families.

**DRESSES FOR HONDURAS:**

One of the nurses in our Gilmour Clinic is involved in a **dressmaking project** for the children of Honduras. They have devised a method of making sundresses out of common pillowcases, and then adorning them with other items for decoration. And that is where you come in. **If you have any old buttons, ribbon, ric-rac, lace or other sewing trim, please bring them in.** The group would like to collect these items to help decorate the dresses they are working on. This is an on-going project; the dresses will be sent to Honduras every time there is a mission trip. The next trip is scheduled for spring of 2014. There will be a **basket in the narthex of the Chapel** to collect any donations you may have. Thank you for your help!



**WE'RE IN THIS FOR THE LONG HAUL:**

Matthew is probably the last author of the Christian Scriptures to presume Jesus is going to return in the Parousia either in his lifetime or the lifetime of his readers. Yet, as we hear in his gospel [24:37-44], some in his community are already questioning Jesus' imminent return — else the evangelist wouldn't be so insistent on watchfulness." "As it was in the days of Noah," Matthew's Jesus warns, "so will it be also at the coming of the Son of Man." Just as most pre-flood people weren't looking for the deluge, so many of Jesus' second- and third-generation followers had given up looking for his return.

In order to be one of those "taken," Matthew reminded them that they must "Stay awake!" Though Jesus' followers as a whole have been waiting for over 40 years, they must maintain their alertness — "For at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

When prophets like Isaiah speak of the Lord's salvation, they seem to imply that it might be in the distant future, but when it finally arrives, it'll take care of all the peoples' problems in one fell swoop [Isaiah 2:1-5]. Any fear, for instance, that the Chosen People are insignificant will instantly be erased once "the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest mountain and raised above the hills." Teachings which only a few follow now will one day be acknowledged by everyone. Even Gentiles will "climb the Lord's mountain, to the house of the God of Jacob." They will be instructed in his ways and walk in his paths.

The effect of everyone on earth following the commands which God originally gave only to the Jews will be breathtaking — "They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; one nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again." All people will then be able to live a life that once was only a dream for a few.

Isaiah doesn't seem to present his vision of universal peace as an event which will take place in stages. Once his "days to come" actually come, our lives will change in an instant.

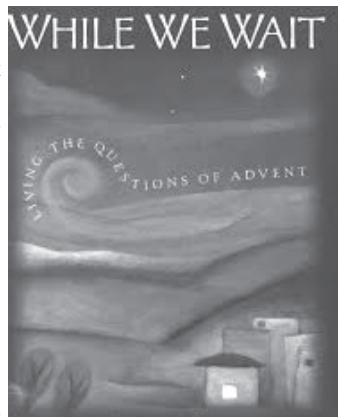
St. Paul's letter to the Church at Rome [13:11-14] seems to agree with Isaiah's brand of instant salvation. But there's a big difference in what triggers that instant. Like Matthew, the event driving the Apostle's hopes and dreams isn't the moment all people will acknowledge Jerusalem and its Law of Moses as the norm for their behavior — it's Jesus' Parousia.

Writing in the late 50's or early 60's to a community he promises to visit soon, Paul reminds them of the obvious — "Our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed; the night is advanced, the day is at hand." He would have been amazed that we're hearing these words almost 2,000 years later, and Jesus still hasn't returned in the way he and all early Christians expected. Instant salvation wasn't just around the corner.

By the end of the first Christian century, it would become clearer and clearer that salvation was something that we'd have to work at day by day. We weren't going to instantly experience it in the near future. Should the glorified Jesus unexpectedly come while we're in the middle of bringing it about, no one would complain. But the actions which Paul once believed imitators of Jesus were committed to carry out only for the short term, we now see as encompassing all our lives into the distant future.

Our hope is that by daily "conducting ourselves properly", our world will eventually change — change in the ways our ancestors in the faith once thought it would change — in a split second.

—taken from the writings of Father Roger Karban, which appear on the internet

**TOLERANCE FAIR:**

Many People have differences or disabilities that effect their lives drastically. The **Tolerance Fair** was created in order to bring Northeast Ohio together as a community, and to learn about these differences that they may have or that others may have. In addition, you can find resources and volunteer opportunities at the fair. How the **Tolerance Fair** came to be is a touching story including a strong young man. Justin Bachman, now a Junior at Solon High School, has Tourette Syndrome. When he was in middle school, he was part of his school track team. At one particular track meet, Justin's ticks became more uncontrollable than usual. A referee became extremely frustrated with Justin because he was interrupting the refs explanation of the race. Eventually Justin got kicked out of the meet because of his loud ticks. This horrible event devastated Justin, but it wasn't entirely the ref's fault — he simply wasn't educated about the challenges that Justin had. So Justin came up with the idea to have a fair in Ohio to fix the problem of ignorance about differences in people.

I am among 20 high school students on the committee of the fair. We are doing a fundraiser to raise money for the 2014 Tolerance Fair. **Goods Deeds Matter** is the campaign that we are launching as the fundraiser. **We are selling 5' x 5' puzzle pieces to a community of 24 people or more. These pieces cost \$1 and on them, you can draw or write a good deed you have completed.** Then you will turn the pieces into either Father John or me. A mosaic will be created by joining all of the puzzle pieces together to represent the many kind things we have done in our community. **The mosaic will be displayed at the Tolerance Fair, and after it will be displayed somewhere in Our Lady Chapel.**

I will be selling the puzzle pieces after Mass on Sunday's and sometimes after Mass on Saturday's. I hope you consider buying a puzzle piece for a great cause. Don't be afraid to buy as much as you want! I also hope you consider coming the **Tolerance Fair on Saturday, March 9, 2014 at the Cleveland Convention Center.** Thank you so much for the support. If you have any questions, please contact Teresa Schauer, [16tschauer@orangeccsd.org](mailto:16tschauer@orangeccsd.org), or speak to Teresa after our Masses.

**HOW TO LIVE IN CHRIST:**

Abiding in Jesus isn't something that comes automatically to any person of faith. It's a lifestyle that involves discipline and effort. We have to choose to give ourselves to our relationship with Christ — to give Him first place where our attention is concerned. If we want to grow spiritually — if we want to walk in power and in discipleship with the Lord, we'll have to spend the time it takes to know Him.

That's not something we can do for a short time and then forget about either — we must continue in it every day. For the moment we stop moving closer to Jesus, we always start drifting away. For in this natural world, we are surrounded by ungodliness. Unless we fortify our spirit through daily prayer, as well as the Sacraments and Scripture, our body and mind will simply give in to the pressures around us, and we will go the way of the world.

We need to surrender ourselves to the Lord. We need to focus our attention on Him by surrounding ourselves with the grace that comes from Scripture and the Eucharist. We need to "listen" with our hearts to the movement of the Holy Spirit. Using Christian radio, the Catholic Station on Sirius, EWTN, or other such outlets, in addition to Scripture — all are avenues to keep the fire of God's love alive in our heart. Abide in Christ today — and always.



**ARE YOU READY?**

Two men talked about salvation over drinks: “I’m making my Confession on my death bed like the Good Thief.” His buddy replied: “There were two thieves on the cross. One guy didn’t make it to confession. What makes you think you’re not going to be that second guy?” The other fellow put down his Budweiser.

Student devils were being dispatched to the earth to finish their training. Satan interviewed them. To the first: “How will you operate?” Said he: “I will instruct people that God does not exist.” The Devil shook his head: “Most know our Enemy exists.” The next said: “I will argue that Hell does not exist.” Satan was annoyed: “After millions of abortions, people know Hell exists.” The last said: “I will tell all that they have plenty of time.” Satan beamed: “Good woman. Do that and you’ll bring people down here by the billions. Why can’t these male devils be as clever as you.?” [CS Lewis].

Most of us delight in telling ourselves that we have time to set the record straight with God. Yet, if you want to hear God laugh, tell Him about your plans for tomorrow. The most dangerous words in any language is the word “tomorrow.” Write your plans in pencil. Give God the eraser. If we put off a rapprochement with God, we have bought the advice of the third apprentice devil. Some of us might not see Christmas day — it is four weeks away.

On September 11, 2001, 3000 people intended to return to their homes from the World Trade Center in New York City. None of them made it. The Great Wall of China was built to keep the enemy out. They got in. How? They bribed the gatekeepers — Piece of cake. So much for the best laid plans of mice and men. God writes the last word. In 2007, 560 people lost their lives in an earthquake that came without warning in Peru.

Jesus warns us six times in the Gospels that we do not know what day or hour He is coming for us. One of these times is in Matthew’s Gospel for this first week in Advent [Matthew 24:37-44]. St. Paul advises us: “Realize what time it is. It is high time to be awakened from sleep. Your salvation is nearer than when you believed” [Romans 13:11-14].

Like many illustrious people who followed him, St. Paul was alarmed by intimations of mortality. A 17<sup>th</sup> century poet spoke of “time’s winged chariot hurrying near.” The genius John Keats guessed his life would close before his pen had gleaned his teeming brain. He was correct — he died at 26. Robert Louis Stevenson trembled: “lest I hear the sunset gun too soon.” He too was prescient — he died at 44.

The prophet Isaiah invites us “to go up to the mountains of the Lord so that He may teach us His ways so that we may walk in His paths” [Isaiah 2:1-5]. Each of us should make this line the leitmotif of our respective Advents this fresh liturgical year.

Yesterday is history; tomorrow is but a promissory note. Today is the only reality. Live then as though each day is your last and someday you’ll be right. You learn how to die if you learn how to live [Mitch Albon]. Remember Mohandas Gandhi’s advice — he practiced what he preached: “You don’t have to be an angel to be a saint. Our greatness lies, not so much in being able to remake the world, as being able to remake ourselves.”



Thus, it is understandable why the prime analogate for chastity is proper reverence in the area of sex. Sex, because it so deeply affects the soul, speaks most loudly about chastity or lack of it. Sex is only chaste when it is not short-circuited by impatience, selfishness, or lack of respect. Sadly, because sex is so powerful, these things are often short-circuited. We violate chastity in sex whenever there is prematurity, unfair pressure, subtle manipulation, crass force, taking without giving, posturing an intimacy we don’t mean, lack of respect for previous commitments, disregard for the wider relationships of family and community, or failure to respect long-range happiness and health. Annie Dillard’s metaphor basically captures it — there is a fault in our chastity when we put a candle to the cocoon so as to unnaturally rush the process.

Chastity is about proper waiting, and waiting is about patience in carrying the tensions and frustrations we suffer as we live the unfinished symphony that constitutes our lives.

There are some wonderful refrains in apocalyptic literature around the importance of waiting. Before the Messiah can be conceived, gestated, and given birth to, there must always be a proper time of waiting — a necessary advent, a certain quota of suffering — which alone can create the proper virginal space within which the Messiah can be born. “God is never in a hurry!” “Every tear brings the Messiah closer!” “It is with much groaning of the flesh that the life of the spirit is brought forth!”

All of these phrases say the same thing — what’s sublime depends upon there first having been some sublimation. A feast can only happen after there has first been some fasting; love can only be a gift if the gift is fully respected; and, as Carretto so poignantly puts it, we must learn to wait — for God, for love, for the bride, and for Christmas.

—taken from the writings of Father Ronald Rolheiser, O.M.I., which appear on the internet

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

<b>Monday:</b>	Isaiah 4:2-6, Matthew 8:5-11
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Isaiah 11:1-10, Luke 10:21-24
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Isaiah 25:6-10, Matthew 15:29-37
<b>Thursday:</b>	Isaiah 26:1-6, Matthew 7:21-27
<b>Friday:</b>	Isaiah 29:17-24, Matthew 9:27-31
<b>Saturday:</b>	Isaiah 30:19-26, Matthew 9:35-10:8

**2<sup>nd</sup> Week in Advent:** Isaiah 11:1-10, Romans 15:4-9, Matthew 3:1-12

**ALTAR SERVERS and LECTORS:**

We continue to be in need of servers and lectors. **Any student who is in the 3<sup>rd</sup> [and up] grade is invited to become an altar server; any student who is in the 5<sup>th</sup> [and up] grade is invited to become a lector.** These are both wonderful ministries — a great way to serve God and the faith community. If you would like to take advantage of these opportunities, **please give your name to Father John.** You do not have to attend Gilmour to be an altar server, lector, or to be involved in any other ministry at Our Lady Chapel. **Please call the chapel office [440-473-3560].**



**ADVENT — A TIME TO LEARN HOW TO WAIT:**

Carlo Carretto, the renowned spiritual writer, spent many years living alone as a hermit in the Sahara desert. He wrote a number of books from that place of solitude — including one entitled: *Letters from the Desert*. In that book, he has a message for those of us who live busy lives in the world: “What is God trying to say to us in our busy lives? Be patient! Learn to wait — for each other, for love, for happiness, for God!”

Learn to wait! That’s not something that we do easily, and many of our problems flow from that. We often don’t wait properly for things. Annie Dillard shares this story about proper waiting. She had been watching a butterfly emerge from its cocoon, and was fascinated by the process, until she grew impatient with how long it was taking, and, to speed things up, took a candle and heated the cocoon — albeit very gently.

The experiment worked, but it was a mistake in the long run. The butterfly emerged more quickly. However, because adding heat violated something within the natural process, the butterfly was born with wings too weak to fly. Hast and prematurity had stunted and deformed a natural process. Some things can’t be rushed.

Dillard understood immediately what had gone wrong. A certain chastity had been violated. Impatience had triggered an irreverence that had interfered with and damaged the natural order of things. In essence, the Christmas gift had been opened too early; the bride had been slept with before the wedding; a process that needed an allotted period of time had been short-circuited. There hadn’t been enough advent.

Advent means waiting. Among other things, it celebrates the idea that the Messiah must be born from a virgin. Why? Is sex something unworthy of God? If Jesus had been born in a natural way, would that somehow have given him less dignity? This is a dark underside in some spiritualities, but Jesus’ birth from a virgin has nothing to do with that.

Scripture and Christian tradition emphasize that Jesus was born of a virgin to underscore the fact that he had no human father, and also to teach an important truth — namely, that in order for something sublime to be born, there must, first, be a proper chastity — a proper time of waiting, a season of advent. Why?

The answer lies in properly understanding chastity. Chastity is not, first of all, something to do with sex. Chastity has to do with how we experience reality in general — all experience. To be chaste is to have proper reverence — towards God, towards each other, towards nature, towards ourselves, towards reality in general, and towards sex.

Lack of chastity is irreverence, in any area of life — sex included. And reverence is a lot about proper waiting. We can see this by looking at its opposite. To lack chastity — to be irreverent — is to be impatient, selfish, callous, immature, undisciplined, or boorish in any way so that our actions deprive someone else of his or her full uniqueness, dignity, and preciousness. And we do this every time we short-circuit waiting.



Life isn’t about finding yourself — life is about creating yourself [George Bernard Shaw].

But is not all of this too ominous a note to begin what is a magic time of year? Might not the Church have chosen more benign readings to cheer us on to the snowflake splendors of Christmas? Definitely not! Matthew’s Gospel for the first Sunday of Advent would have us get our affairs — especially our spiritual ones — in order. We should give as much attention to this detail as we give to getting prepared for Christmas. We are advised by the Church to move along our preparations for the “Christmas that will never end”. Plan then as if Jesus’ return were years away, but live as if it were this afternoon.

If you are wondering what areas of your life you should improve, check it out with St. Paul. He ticks off such pastimes as heavy drinking, sexual misconduct, arguing, and jealousy for openers. You can take it from there. The Apostle to the Gentiles obviously spent many long Saturday afternoons in the confessional box in Rome. As we go to Confession in our parish, we might carry with us advice that salvation is not measured by perspiration, but by readiness [Leonard Foley].

This might be you last Confession.

—taken from the writings of Father James Gilhooley which appear on the internet

**CLEAN OUT THOSE CLOSETS AND SERVE OTHERS:**

Winter is here. It is another time to once again clean out the closets. Clothing that no longer fits, or which was replaced by new items, becomes great items for others. Always remember the words of Jesus: “The poor you shall always have with you” [Matthew 26:11]. Please continue to bring your *gently used* men’s, women’s and children’s clothing to the Lennon Board Room, or place it in the cedar chest which is located in the chapel narthex of the Chapel [just press the key button to open the chest]. We partner with Fatima Center to help provide clothing for general use. Also, **business work clothing for this season is especially needed. The Fatima Center helps men and women prepare for job interviews.** If you have some of these items, this would be a good time to send them along. Clothing for all seasons is accepted, but please try to keep in mind that storage facilities are limited at Fatima — so it would help if you could focus on winter items at this time. You may pick up a tax form when you drop off the clothing here at Our Lady Chapel — there are forms in the cedar chest. Clothing may be brought on the weekend, or during the week. Thank you. **If you have any questions, please contact Patty in the chapel office [440-473-3560].**

**SUPPORT MAGGIE’S PLACE — OUR LIFETEEN PROJECT:**

Our Teens have undertaken a project to help the residents of **Maggie’s Place [Zehcariah’s House]** — located in Parma — by keeping their pantry filled with wholesome foods, as well as providing some common needs of the residents. Maggie’s place helps women and children who have fallen on hard times. **Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Weekend of the month, we will collect food items for the pantry as well as personal items for those who live in Maggie’s House. Our teens will then take these items down to Maggie’s House.** Here is what we need: **Clothing hangers, Garbage bags, Hair brushes, Toilet paper, Baby wipes, Dishwasher detergent, Bottle brushes, Scotch Tape, Canned food, Pacifiers, Baby-safe laundry soap, and Dried Fruits & Nuts.** Just place the items in the narthex of the chapel — right by the “registration table”, and our teens will take them from there. We hope you will join us in this wonderful outreach to families who are going through tough times. **Our next collection date is the weekend of December 14-15.** Thanks for helping.



**LOOKING FORWARD:**

This weekend, we begin the Season of Advent — and the new liturgical year. It seems a little ironic that the words of Jesus addressed to us are “Stay Awake!” [Matthew 24:37-44]. It makes it sound as if right here at the very start of the year we are already beginning to fall asleep! But maybe we should take nothing for granted!

The Advent Season is about waiting — waiting in expectation for the coming of the Lord. There are three sorts of waiting here — waiting for the celebration of Christ’s birth, waiting for his coming each day, and waiting for his second coming at the end of time.

At this point perhaps it would be appropriate here to say something about the concept of time in the sacred liturgy. We are preparing for Christmas — that great feast in which we celebrate Christ’s birth in Bethlehem 2100 years ago. You could say that it is like us keeping a birthday or an anniversary — a celebration which marks the passing of years. But it is much more than this, because in the liturgy, in a real sense, we step outside time and actually relive the event of Christ’s birth. That is why there is no baby in the crib until the start of the Christmas Mass on Christmas Eve.

Through the liturgy we are really there! We unite ourselves with those who were waiting for the coming of the Messiah. We accompany Mary and Joseph on their journey to Bethlehem and their search for a suitable place for Jesus to be born. We find ourselves out on the hillside with the shepherds. We kneel at our Savior’s birth in the stable. And we are there to observe the three kings present their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. The liturgy is not merely the commemoration of an anniversary — it does not simply mark the passing of time since that great event. It actually takes us there and makes us part of what it is we celebrate.

And this is never more so than when we are celebrating the Eucharist. We do not merely re-enact the Last Supper — no, what happens at mass is that the Last Supper is made present to us. As we gather around the table of the Lord, we are completely at one with those disciples there in the Upper Room. The priest does not merely say the words of Christ to us — he becomes Christ for us.

The bread and wine are not merely figurative representations of Christ’s body and blood, but Christ actually becomes present in his body and blood under the appearance of the bread and wine. This is why we receive Holy Communion so reverently — we are fully aware it is Christ whom we receive. In the Eucharist time collapses; we are present at the Last Supper, and at the same time also present at the Banquet of Heaven.

The same goes for the various celebrations during the liturgical year. In the liturgy we are taken to Bethlehem, to the Cross on Calvary, to the Empty Tomb, and to the Room where the Holy Spirit came down on the Apostles at Pentecost. In this season of Advent, we spend time preparing and waiting, just as the Chosen People did through so many centuries as they hoped and prayed and longed for the coming of the Messiah. In these few weeks through the liturgy, we become conscious of the need for a Savior, we acknowledge our need for repentance, and we accompany Mary and Joseph and John the Baptist through the mysterious events that immediately preceded Christ’s birth.

In Matthew’s Gospel [24:37-44] Jesus stresses that the Son of Man will come at a time we will not



regularly, we also get so busy doing things, that we just don’t take time for the only thing, the only Person who matters — we don’t make time for daily prayer because we are too busy. We attend Mass when it is convenient, but seldom change our schedules so we can go to Church. We all need to ask ourselves: “Am I ready for the Lord?”

“Don’t get caught napping,” the Matthew reminds us. The Lord will come to complete his restoration of creation to God’s original plan. How will he find us? What will he find me doing when I least expect his arrival? What will he find you doing?

The ancient Christians were not afraid of the Second Coming — they looked forward to it. “Maranatha,” they prayed — “Come, Lord Jesus.” Come, Lord, and restore peace justice and love to the world. Come Lord, and complete the work of creation. Come Lord, and renew your faithful people.

I don’t know how many shopping days there are left before Christmas — actually, I don’t really care. What I do care about is how many days I have left “to walk in the Light of the Lord,” — as Isaiah [2:1-5] encourages us to do.

“Stay awake,” the Church tells us. Be ready. Today, perhaps, the Lord will come knocking. He might be calling us home, or he might simply be looking to see how well we are bringing His Presence to the world. We cannot allow ourselves to be unconcerned. We need to be ready at all times to serve Jesus Christ.

—taken from the writings for Father Joseph Pellegrino, which appear on the internet.

**ENVELOPES:**

- When you need a **new supply** of envelopes, please feel free to take a supply of them from the table in the vestibule, or call Father John at the Campus Ministry Office [473-3560].
- When you **use** your envelope, please make sure that **your number** is on it. If you need to know your number, please call the Campus Ministry Office. Thanks.

**ATTENDANCE:**

If you attend Mass regularly here at Our Lady Chapel, it would be helpful if you filled out a form [name, address, phone number, children, etc.] indicating this fact, if you have not already done so. Such information not only helps us to know who is attending Our Lady Chapel; it also is of great assistance to us in record keeping [for our friend, the IRS] of any contributions which you may make.

**WEEKLY OFFERING:**

Baskets will be passed during the “Preparation Rite” and will be brought to the altar as part of the Offerings to help offset chapel daily operating expenses. When you choose to use the envelopes, your donations to Our Lady Chapel will be acknowledged so that you have a record for the IRS.

**Total Offerings: Saturday [11/23/13] ----- \$ 595.00**

**Total Offerings: Sunday [11/24/13] ----- \$ 846.00**

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**

We are beginning to discern a new group of Eucharistic Ministers who would undergo training soon. If you feel that the Lord is calling you to this ministry, we would be delighted to include you in that ministry here at Our Lady Chapel. Both adults and teens [must be going into Senior year of High School] are welcome to participate in this very special ministry. We are need of ministers for both our Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses. **Contact Father John or the chapel office [440-473-3560] if you feel called to this ministry.**





**PREPARING FOR WHAT MATTERS:**

So, how many of you went shopping on Friday? I'm not sure why they call it "Black Friday." Is it because we kill off whatever money we have, or put ourselves into a black hole of credit? Or is it because our shopping puts all these merchants' books in the black? Whatever. Black Friday — or Thanksgiving Day if you "anticipated" the event [I hope not!] — is the first day of the Christmas shopping season. Those who were up searching for bargains were beginning their preparation for Christmas.

The First Week in Advent has begun. Advent is the season of preparation. Only, unlike the shopping sprees we go on, or the other parts of Christmas preparation — like cards and parties and gift wrap — we are not preparing for just one day — or even a week. Advent is the season of preparation for the rest of our lives.

**We are preparing for the Coming of Our Lord.** There are actually three comings. The first is the Nativity of the Lord. Christmas is the celebration of the coming of the Lord as one of us, the Second Person becoming a human being. We romanticize the season. We put up mangers. We sing beautiful Christmas carols. We emphasize the wonders of a baby who will transform the world. We sing Silent Night. This is all OK as long as we realize that Christmas is not just about a baby — it is about the Eternal Word of God, present for all time, present before there was time, taking on our human nature defeating the stranglehold that evil has upon us.

The Second Coming of the Lord is the coming at the end of time — or the end of our own personal time. It is at the Second Coming that the Lord will judge us on how well we have reflected His Life in the world.

The Third coming is that coming of the Lord into our daily lives in the people and experiences that are all meant to put us in touch with the God who lives within us. Advent preparation is not about preparing for one day — it is about the rest of our lives and the rest of the time that the world has to exist. To make this preparation, we have to fight evil — in the world and in ourselves.

Matthew's Gospel [24:37-44] speaks about people not being ready for the coming of the Lord. Many of these people of Noah's day weren't ready to be whom God created them to be. Consequently, they weren't ready for the flood — they were too busy with their lives to be concerned about God's will and his Way. Like during Noah's time, on the Day of the Lord, Jesus' Second Coming, only one of the two men in the field, and one of the two women at the mill, will be ready for him. The others will be too busy.

Matthew's gospel does not say that the people who lived prior to the flood were evil — it just says that they were unconcerned. This is the attitude of so many that we rub shoulders with every day. Most people do not try to be evil — they just are unconcerned about having a place for God in their lives. The number of people of all faiths who worship regularly is far less than those who do not worship at all or who attend a Church, synagogue, or mosque only a few times a year. Will they be ready when it is time to give an accounting of their lives on how well they have served God? We pray that they will return to God and live. And even though we may be part of the group who attends Church, synagogue, or mosque



expect. That's the point of the reference to Noah — the people did not believe that there would be a great flood, and they thought that Noah was foolish to build an Ark. They wrote him off and dismissed him as a madman.

Christ will come suddenly and unexpectedly. It was the same at his first coming — Christ came quietly, and to most people quite unexpectedly. There were, however, some people who were aware of who he was — Mary, Joseph, and John the Baptist even while in the womb. There were others to whom his significance was revealed — the shepherds in the hills, and the Wise Men from the East. But to the majority of the population his coming was unheralded and unknown.

The great difference is that his second coming cannot be ignored because it will mark the end of the world — the end of the universe, and the end of time itself. The words of Christ in Matthew's Gospel make it clear that he wants his followers to be awake and attentive — He wants them to be fully ready when that day comes. Although it will come suddenly and without warning, it should be no surprise to us Christians — it should not find us unprepared.

But even more than being ready, we Disciples of Christ should be actively longing for the coming of the Kingdom. We should have an earnest yearning in our hearts for Christ to come again in glory — a sort of nostalgia for heaven that burns within us. We should all know that this world is but a preparation for the life to come — it has no meaning other than this. Those who put their trust in the things of this world are making a false choice — they have allowed themselves to be deceived.

This difference between us and such people should be patently obvious to those around us. They ought to be able to recognize from our lifestyle, from our conversation, and from our personal priorities that we are looking forward to the Kingdom. Indeed they should be able to recognize us as people who are already living and acting as citizens of heaven.

We should be as different to non-believers as Noah was to those who scoffed at him.

St Paul in his Letter to the Romans goes even one stage further. He says that "the time" has already come, that we are now living in what we can only call the end-times. He views this period between Pentecost and Christ's Second Coming as a time when the Kingdom of Heaven is already breaking in on this world.

This is why we shouldn't be surprised to see miracles and other wonders that we ordinarily connect with the end-times.

For us the Second Coming and the time of judgement and the drawing together of all things in Christ are just around the corner. And this belief gives us a totally different view of the world. Yes we enjoy the world we live in and all it has to offer but there is a restlessness about us because we are waiting anxiously for its completion.

And the prayer that is on our lips is that very word Advent: Come.

Come Lord Jesus come. Come into our hearts right now. Come and raise us up to glory. Come into this world right now and bring everything that exists to its completion in Christ.

—taken from the writings of Father Alex McAllister, S.D.S., which appear on the internet

**CHILDREN'S BULLETINS:**

Each week, we are making available a **Children's Worship Bulletin**. There are **two editions:** [3-6] and [7-12]. They are available on the table as you leave. The Bulletin focuses on the readings for the week. These are wonderful tools for your children to learn more about the scripture readings for the week. We hope you will take them for your families or your grandchildren. Thanks.

Children's Worship  
Bulletin ☺

**I'M THANKFUL THAT GOD PICKS "ME":**

Since this is Thanksgiving Weekend, I thought we could reflect about that topic. What did you do for Thanksgiving? We started out at my great-aunt's house, with my mom's whole family — 65 people or so — this was a good year. We watched football, ate turkey and mashed potatoes and stuffing and sweet potato casserole to the point of illness, and then sat around and complained about how we ate too much. Then when we were done with that, we had some of my grandma's pumpkin and apple pies.

And then we travelled over to my dad's side of the family and ate some more. It was fantastic.

I know that not everyone had a similar experience — and trust me, I paint a nice picture, but by no means is my family perfect. Every family has its issues, and not everyone spends their Turkey Day gorging on the traditional American food-fest.

Do you have that tradition where you sit around the table and say all the things you're thankful for? We don't — we're too busy complaining about how full we are. Not that we aren't grateful, too, but we're just really, really full.

But there's a lot to be thankful for. I'm thankful for my family, and my friends, and my home, and my job, and my health, and my stuff, but none of that really compares to the fact that I am thankful that He picks me. Isaiah says it best: "I have called you by name; you are mine" [Isaiah 43:1]. It's not that He just picks me to do some work for Him, or write some stuff for Him, or hang out with some teenagers for Him, but I'm thankful that He picks me, for Him.

And He picks you, too! — **He has chosen you to be His.** And I don't know if that means much to you, but it's made all the difference for me.

For me, **being His means that my life has a purpose, a plan, and a direction.** It means great friends, and a solid faith family. It means confidence, courage, and trust that He provides everything I need to make it through this crazy life. And it means that He is always with me, until the end of the age — He said so [Matthew 28:30].

The word "Eucharist" means "thanksgiving" in Greek. It's a meal that we come to — and I hope you come grateful. Not only grateful that He picks you, but grateful that He feeds you. And that meal is one of the ways He stays with us — always. **For as often as we come to the Eucharist, He comes to us.**

Think about it — the Mass looks an awful lot like a Thanksgiving meal. You gather around a table with your extended family — maybe some members you get along with better than others. And there we are fed to the point of exploding — whether we know realize it or not. The God of the universe comes to us in the form of bread and wine, and we take Him into our bodies.

I know that there are times when that is hard to understand, and times where it seems like we almost get it, but no matter where we're at, He's always the same. And no matter what's going on in our lives — whether everything is great or everything is terrible, or we land somewhere in the middle — He is with us, always.

The holidays can be a tough time of year; I hope and pray that your Thanksgiving was full of family and food and fun — and not one note of Christmas music, because that's just wrong!

But no matter what your Thursday, November 28, 2013 looked like — if it's turkey-tastic, or if it's just another Thursday — I pray that your Eucharists are full of thanksgiving. He's available to you —



every day — so come to Him thankful for all the ways He's at work in your life, and with thanksgiving that He picks you.

**He wants you to be His — thank God.**

—taken from the writings of Rachel Allen, an associate of the Bible Geek

**LIFE TEEN:**

**LifeTeen** Youth Group meets next on **Sundays, December 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> [group sharings], and Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> [Bible Study] and Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> [Advent Movie]. All who are in grades 9--12 are invited to join us and get to know what the Life Teen is all about.** Life Teen is open to **all high school aged young people.** Come and try us out. We have a great deal of fun together and we grow in our faith at the same time. **Respond to your e-vites, or call the chapel office [440-473-3560] to be notified.** Please continue to remember all our teens and young people in your prayers.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP — THE EDGE:**

Our Middle School Youth Group — **THE EDGE** — meets next on **Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> [Advent movie] from 11:30 AM — 1:00 PM.** **All who are in grades 6-8 are invited to join us.** Come and find out what **the EDGE** is all about. If you have not joined us before, that's OK. **Just call the office and let us know that you are going to be coming.** We ask you to do this because there will be food involved. Our EDGE Youth Group has a Faith-Service-Social component, and we need your help. Join in on an exciting happening. **Call the Chapel Office at 440-473-3560.** Come to learn what the EDGE is all about. Join us for a fun filled faith experience. All are welcome.

**LIFETEEN BIBLE STUDY:**

Come join us for our LifeTeen Bible Study which takes place monthly. Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 7:30 PM in the Lennon Board Room.** At this session, we will be looking at Advent in the Bible. You are in for a very exciting hour of Bible Study.

**Please call the chapel office to let Father John know that you will be attending [440-473-3560]** so that enough food may be ordered.

**YEAR OF FAITH ENDS THIS WEEKEND:**

The Year of Faith may have ended, but the call to faith has not. The Year of Faith has given us the opportunity to contemplate the meaning of our faith. Hopefully, we have had the experience of living our faith in Jesus Christ, through opportunities for learning, sharing, reconciliation, pilgrimage, prayer and worship. The end of the Year of Faith does not mean that we end our faith. Now is the time for all to consider carefully the way that we want to live, going out the door of faith, living and proclaiming our faith in the world. A new banner hangs in our sanctuary: **Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life** to remind us of this responsibility. This moment is a time of contemplation from seeing the doors of faith as something we come in, and then leave transformed through the doors by which we are sent forth. Now is the time to contemplate what we have experienced in order to share it with others. Now is the time to go forth through the door of faith for the rest of our lives to go in peace glorifying the Lord by our lives.

