

**From Fr. Ralph**

Remember to mark your calendars as we will have Fr. Thomas More, O.S.B. giving an evening of reflection after the 6:30 p.m. Mass on Tuesday, December 8 at St. Peter church. Fr. Thomas More has been a Benedictine for 21 years and has given many retreats and days of reflection throughout his monastic life. We are fortunate to have him speaking in our parish.

The following are two poems, the first one written by Fr. Adrian van Kaam, and the second one written by Dr. Susan Muto from the book *Practicing the Prayer of Presence*. I thought that they might be a good meditation for the beginning of Advent because before we can look to see the wonder of the newborn savior we have to start with our lives in the present moment. May our prayers open our hearts to the wonder of waiting with faith, hope, and love for the spiritual gifts we will receive during Advent and at Christmas

**Let me dwell daily in your love**

Let me dwell daily in your love, Let it give form to my unfolding. Let me no longer be the lonely shepherd of my life. Bring me home from the bracing highlands of the mind, from the dead end streets in which I shiver in despair. Shelter my soul tenderly when disappointment hems me in. Do not allow my soul to grow ponderous and bleak, keep alive in me a glimmer of your joy, let no adversity defer my course, nor defeat my slow advance. Put a spring in my step, a smile in my heart. Let me spend this life lightheartedly. Fill it with verve and inspiration. Plowing, we praise; sailing, we sing, to land on the shore that teems with your Presence.

**Your own presence in me**

If my soul is seeking you, O Lord, how much more is it me you are seeking? You give me grace to resist mere worldly gain and be your own disciple. You give me faith to rise above my weakness and be with you in worship. Of myself I merit no favor, but you judge me infinitely worthwhile. Freely, generously, graciously, You awaken me from slumber and never tire of calling. You give me, amidst complexity, the splendor of the simple, the splendor of your word. You let me read your message beneath all other meanings. The goodness of your word is everywhere revealed — and no where seen more clearly than in the One Beloved, your only Son, Our Lord. Whatever worth I am is due to your own presence in me. I am your belonging, called forth to serve until you call me home.



**MASS INTENTIONS**

**NOVEMBER 30 - DECEMBER 6  
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**MONDAY, 11/30 - ANDREW, APOSTLE**

*Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22*

12:05 All Souls

**TUESDAY, 12/1 - ADVENT WEEKDAY**

*Is 11: 1-10/Lk 10: 21-24*

12:05 Deceased Wojtyla, Skrzyp & Jadlowiec Families

**WEDNESDAY, 12/2 - ADVENT WEEKDAY**

*Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37*

12:05 William and Rose Bahney (Son, W. Bahney)

**THURSDAY, 12/3 - FRANCIS XAVIER, PRIEST**

*Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27*

12:05 Pasquale Melaragno (L. & J. Dunphy)

**FRIDAY, 12/4 - JOHN OF DAMASCUS, DOCTOR**

*Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31*

12:05 Special Intention of G. & K. Lutz  
6:05 Benediction (O.L.Q.P. Church)

**SATURDAY, 12/5 - ADVENT WEEKDAY**

*Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8*

3:00 Wedding: Audrey Schoenfeld-Gregory Lazur  
5:00 Tom Sowa (Family)

**SUNDAY, 12/6 - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

*Bar 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6*

8:30 Dorothy Ban (D. & J. Shields)  
10:00 Living & Deceased Members of St. Cyprian's Rosary Society  
10:30 Living and Deceased Parishioners  
**4:00 Advent Vespers (O.L.Q.P. church)**

**Sharing Our Blessings: November 22**

Weekly Offering/offertory envelopes .....	\$4,628.00
Loose offering .....	\$454.00
Parish Share .....	\$1,637.00
<b>2009 PARISH SHARE GOAL .....</b>	<b>\$71,706.00</b>
Religious Retirement Fund .....	\$1,496.00
Loose offering .....	\$333.00

**2009 Parish Share Program (PSP) Update**

There is **\$2,780** in outstanding pledges, which we count on will be paid in due time. It is also the parish's opportunity to raise extra funds as any amount surpassing the goal could be available un-assessed for our parish needs. We are most grateful for your generosity in supporting PSP.

In this weekend's bulletin you will find an insert of Stewardship, which could help us to better understand a true giving.

**Parish Membership Update**

For address or parish membership change please call the rectory 412-321-0711 by this **Monday, November 30** as we are preparing data for the next mailing of the offertory envelopes (January-February).

**Thank You To:**

**Arimatheans** who made generous monetary donation to the parish in memory of late Nicholas Ligouri.

**Anonymous Donor** for donation of flower baskets made in memory of Mr. William Ferris for the Christ the King Feast in St. Peter church.

**Balestreire Produce** for donating fruits and vegetables, which added to St. Peter church décor at Thanksgiving celebration.

**All** who in anyway contributed to parish's Thanksgiving celebration: wonderful liturgy, baking of the bread that was distributed at the Thanksgiving Mass, beautifully decorated churches, great generosity of time, talent, and treasure. Thank you and may God bless you.

**Christmas Flowers**

Special envelopes are provided in our parish for the contributions to decorate our parish for Christmas. Please be generous.

**Christmas Flowers Donations:** Mrs. Lillian DeVilling, Mrs. Florence Peindl, M/M Teodorico Rossi. Thank you.

**Christmas Wafers**

are available at both churches (at O.L.Q.P church only on weekends). Limited quantity; Donation \$2.50.

**Sanctuary Monthly Light**

burn to remind us of the sacramental presence of Jesus Christ. Lights in the month of DECEMBER are burning in O.L.Q.P. church in loving memory of Tom Sowa, and loving memory of M. Balestreire; in St. Peter church for Schatzel and Peters Families.

**Please Pray For**

Our sick parish members and friends: Ralph Tajak Sr., Theresa Mendoza, Jack Klosky, K. S., John Jackline, Catherine Gonzales, Deborah Demos, Janet Behon, Stephen Kundrat, Gina Cherubini, Debra Gilfillan, Tom Frawley, Rege Senko, Richard McKenzie Jr., Flora Chiamonte, and Joan Abbinanti.

**Parish Fundraisers:**

**Celebrate A Victorian St. Nicholas Day ...** Friday, December 4, 6 p.m. at home of Linda & Joe Iannotta, 929 Beech Ave. Donation \$50 (checks payable to St. Peter Parish). All proceeds benefit St. Peter Parish. For more information call Linda 412-322-9454.

**2010 Lottery Tickets ...** at \$30/year are on sale this Sunday at both churches or by calling Marjorie 412-321-8342. Nice Christmas or any occasion gift idea.

**Liturgical Assignments: December 5 & 6**

**Altar Servers:**

5:00 p.m. S. Dixon  
8:30 a.m. R. Hawkins  
10:30 a.m. S. Lang-J. Berry

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

5:00 p.m. D. DEgonish-S. Grieser-T. Zwolak-F. Fichter  
8:30 a.m. D. Hayson-J. Turba-A. Fandozzi-R.M. Laverty  
10:30 a.m. L. Iannotta-B. Born-C. & F. Steiner

**Lectors:**

5:00 p.m. M. Pierce  
8:30 a.m. G. Rayman  
10:30 a.m. A. Hamilton

**Christmas Giving Tree 2009**

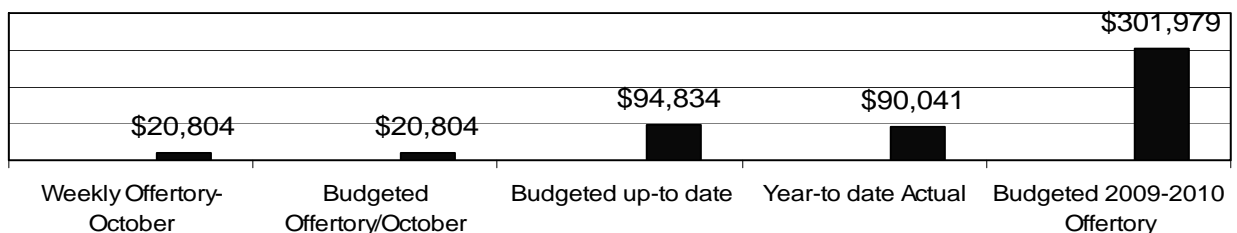
This year we hope to help 79 families many of whom have two & more children. The gifts will be **distributed Thursday, December 17**. Please be generous and show your care especially in these difficult financial times. With any concerns please contact Fr. Bill.

**Placement Testing ...** Saturday, December 5, 9 a.m. for North Catholic High School. Registration: 412-321-4823 x 127 or e-mail deriggim@north-catholic.org.

**Don Bosco Award Dinner ...** December 5, 6 p.m. in Churchill Valley Country Club; Receptient Freddy Sanchez; For dinner tickets/table call 724-538-5700. Proceeds benefit the work of Abode for Children.

**Enneagram ...** Saturday, December 5, 10 a.m.– 4 p.m. in Kearns Spirituality Center of Divine Providence Sisters; Fee \$35; Registration: 412-366-1124 or email mjcoults@yahoo.com.

**Offertory Chart**



1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT

