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"Equipping For Growth and Service"

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT ING
November 27th, 2011

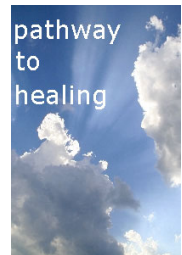
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The Living Room
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STEPHEN MINISTRY



PADUAN MINISTRY



Mass is held Monday thru Friday at 8:00 AM

A Communion Service is held every Saturday at 9:00 AM

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00, 5:00, 7:30 PM

Sunday: 7:00, 9:00, 10:00, 11:00 AM and 12 Noon, 4:00, 7:30 PM

**CONFESSIONS ARE HELD BETWEEN
12 MINUTES AND 5 MINUTES BEFORE EVERY MASS**

**WEDDINGS ARE HELD ON FRIDAYS BETWEEN 4 & 6 PM
AND ON SATURDAYS AT 11 AM OR 1:00 PM**



First Sunday of Advent November 27th, 2011

**Be watchful! Be alert!
You do not know when the time will come.**

Message from Bishop O'Connell

We are very pleased to announce the opening of "Gianna – The Catholic Healthcare Center for Women" at Saint Peter's University Hospital in New Brunswick, NJ. The Center is dedicated to offering truly prolife women's health care, including prenatal care and deliveries, infertility services, general gynecologic care, and more. All services are provided in accordance with the US Catholic Bishops Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services. Please visit <http://www.saintpetershcs.com/GiannaCenter/> or contact us by phone

WHAT IS HAPPENING WITH THE PRAYERS AT MASS?

At Masses today, Catholic parishes in the United States are for the first time in about forty years using a new English translation of all the prayers. These prayers are found in *The Roman Missal*, the large book that we are accustomed to seeing the priest use at our Eucharistic liturgies. In the early part of this century, the late Blessed Pope John Paul II called for the original Latin Missal (the official prayer book for Mass for the entire Catholic Church worldwide) to be re-translated into the various languages prayed throughout the world. In particular, he and other Church leaders felt that the English translation could be improved. He called for new translations that would be much more like the Latin texts upon which they are based, so that all Catholics throughout the world would become more closely united by praying translations that were closer to the original. The words that we pray at Mass express our beliefs; it is important that the translations capture and express these beliefs clearly. The translation process has come to a culmination now, and today we begin using this new translation at Mass.
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You Only Have Until December 31 to Take Advantage of this Special Tax Benefit

On December 31, 2011, the special tax-code provision that allows donors to make a tax-free gift from their IRA account to not-for-profit organizations will expire. And, with the lawmakers in Washington focused on saving money wherever they can find it, the likelihood that this tax benefit will be extended is remote.

This special tax break allows you to make a direct distribution from your IRA account to a qualified charity – tax free. By taking advantage of this opportunity before the end of the year, you can fulfill your obligation to take an IRA distribution, avoid taxes you would otherwise have to pay AND make a generous donation.

Here are the two primary provisions:

- ~ You must be 70-1/2 years of age or older.
- ~ You may give up to \$100,000 (married couples can give \$200,000)

Please contact your financial planner or you may call Debbie in St. Michael's Development Office at 732-483-0360, ext. 11 to discuss this.

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Mass Intentions For The Week



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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28th, 2011

8:00 AM **JOSEPH MELFA**
r/o daughter, Jean, and Frank Tedone

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29th, 2011

8:00 AM **EILEEN LUCARELLI**
r/o her family

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30th, 2011

8:00 AM **ANGELA SABBIA**
r/o sister, Josephine

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1st, 2011

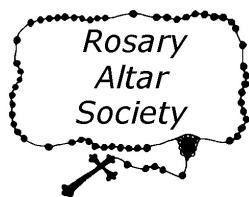
8:00 AM **ANTHONY TANZI, SR.**
(1st Anniversary)
r/o son, Anthony Tanzi, Jr.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2nd, 2011

8:00 AM **FLORENCE JOHNSON**
r/o Luci

THE ROSARIAN PRAYER GROUP will remember your intentions at the 9AM Communion Service on Saturdays

Antonio Bevacqui, John J. Murray, Jr., Michael Meyer, Josephine Mosca, Olga De Sieno, Tiffany Patella Mc Cahill, Ed Keegan, Angelo Boniello, Mary Alterio, Anne Breen, Anthony Califano, Jr., John and Margaret Dwyer, Jason Komisar, Louise Saccaro, Dennis Ferri, Esterina Lione, baby Adam Lenci, Joe Saker, Laura & baby, Lajla Layer, Louis Bevacqui, Hope Durkin, Tino Rodriguez, Baby Austin, Baby Lila Rose Mincielli, Doris La Corte, baby Makayla Basile, the Komisar family, Sal Mirabito, Jim Breen, Joan Brickley, Domenick Vincelli, baby Jack Richard, Tony Ceri, Baby Parker Shorie, Andrew Bertorelli, Nancy Vecchione, Patrick Joyce, Elizbieta Napierala, Angela R. Valentino, Joe Olivadoti, Sr., Charles Martino, Loretta Bubunko, A. Fred Maffeo, Paul Beutell, Ryan Fritz, Robert De Sarno, Amanda Johnson, Mary Sweeney, Jason Fazio, Al Keubler, Yvonne Lashley, Jen Arlea, Lottie Colagouri, Adele Arslan, Mike Schulz, Salvatore Nick, James E. Kellam, Barbara Percello, Rustom E. Mody, Linda Scit-Jaska, Elizabeth Catena, Lila Layer, Bob Chirumbola, Neil Bristol, Ms. Nelsen, John Hawryluck, Moskal, Mitkowski and Bajor families, Lucille Moran and Margaret Parker, Audrey Geiger, Marilyn Caputo



All women of the parish are invited to attend St. Michael's Rosary Altar Society Christmas Luncheon. It will be held at The Deal Golf and Country Club on Tuesday, December 13th, 2011 at 12 Noon. The price is \$30.00 per person. For reservations, please call Gloria Brucker at 732-870-9530. Please make checks payable to St. Michael's Rosary Altar Society and mail to Peggy Larsen, 130 West Palmer Avenue, West Long Branch, NJ 07764.

The following intentions were posted on our website on our Prayer Request Page at www.stmichaels-westend.com

“Please pray for a dear friend of our family who is in the hospital”.

“Please pray for my daughter”

“Please pray for David's good health”

“Please pray for Elizabeth who had a serious fall”

“Please pray for a miracle for David”

“Please pray for healing for Sandra”

“Please pray for the restoration of my marriage”





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“Building Strong Families” HomeLife

The mission of St. Michael's HomeLife ministry is to encourage and empower parishioners to enrich the quality of family relationships and strengthen family values through the use of excellent resources that enable family life to flourish

The season of Advent has arrived!

The Christian calendar begins four weeks prior to Christmas during a season called Advent meaning “the Coming”. During Advent, Christians meditate on the coming of Christ as a little baby born into a modest family. We also think of His second coming in glory to judge us.

Family Activity 1: Make or purchase an Advent wreath. The materials include an evergreen wreath (real or artificial) 4 candleholders, 3 purple and 1 pink candles and a white pillar candle. All can be purchased at a craft store. The ceremony takes but a few moments and creates a time for the family to pause and be quietly reminded of the true meaning of the season.

At the family meal each Sunday, light 1 purple candle the first week, 2 purples the second, 2 purples and 1 pink the third, all 4 candles the fourth and on Christmas the white candle.

The first candle represents Isaiah. Read Isaiah 9:2,6,7. The second candle represents Elizabeth. Read St Luke 1:26-38. The third candle represents Mary. Read Luke 1:39-40. The fourth candle represents John the Baptist. Read Luke 1:57-80. On Christmas day read the story of the birth of Jesus Christ and light the white candle.

Family Activity 2 “Good deeds and acts of kindness”: Cut strips of red and green paper. Each time a family member performs an act of kindness record it on a paper strip and make a link for a paper chain. Continue to record and attach the links. Use the chain to decorate the mantle piece or the Christmas tree. Each link will represent a little gift given to Jesus for his birthday.

Military Care Packages: HomeLife and the Religious Ed. Department have collected 150+ care packages to send to the US military serving abroad. It's not too late to join the effort. Pick up and fill a white shopping bag with personal care products and snacks and ARMS will do the rest. *Last year the families of St. Michaels sent 279 care packages to the soldiers!* Bags can be found in the ARMS donation box in the church vestibule. *Thank you to all who have donated generously!*

Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet Wednesday, December 14th at 7pm in the Living Room for a little holiday cheer. New members are always welcomed. Call Kelly Lamb at 908-489-8258 for more information.

CAT-chat meets during CCD class time on Sundays (10am) and Tuesdays (4pm) at Deal School. December's faith and parenting discussions will focus on the FREE newsletter *At Home with Our Faith* (December 2011). Pick up your copy from the HomeLife Centers located near the handicap entrance or at Deal School.

Book Club is now on Facebook! Any parishioner who would like to join the conversation, but can't attend a meeting, should join our new group on Facebook at www.facebook.com/stmichaelwestend Click on “Our Parish” to submit your request. Questions will be posted and our group members are invited to respond.

PADUAN MNISTRY
They're YOUR Ministries

STEPHEN MINISTRY



Ministering to the Elderly

Do you know of an elderly Parishioner or a member of your family that would benefit from a visit from a Paduan Minister? If you do, please let us know. We have trained Ministers that will spend time with an elderly person – make them feel special and loved. We all need encouragement and it's especially important as we get older. We all need to feel loved and certainly for those elderly persons who are feeling lonely and abandoned.

Our Stephen and Paduan Ministers are available for our parishioners to visit the sick; the elderly; and bring Communion. Our Ministers will come to the home as well as make visits to the hospital and rehab center. Please contact us if you need us – 732-483-0360, Ext. 20.

Last week, your Stephen and Paduan Ministers made 17 communion calls, 7 visits and 4 telephone calls.

We pray that we have helped to bring God's love and peace to His people in need.



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The hanging Sanctuary Light will be Lit each week as a Memorial and your loved one's name will be printed in the Bulletin.

If you are interested in this special remembrance to honor a loved one, living or deceased, please call the Rectory office at 732-222-8080, Ext. 11.

The Center Sanctuary Candles will burn this week in loving memory of Eileen Lucarelli, requested by family

The Sanctuary Candle on the Blessed Mother's side will burn this week in loving memory of Audrey Geiger, requested by family

PROPAGATION OF FAITH MASSES:

Walter & Veronica Skowrenski, r/o Skowrenski family
 Neil A. Tantum, Sr. & Neil A. Tantum, Jr., r/o Helen Tantum
 Frank Di Maggio, r/o family
 Millie & Butch Celli, r/o daughter, Fran Ebert
 John Francis Hoffmann, r/o Mom and Dad
 John Liston, r/o Carroll Friscia
 Dorothy Brady, r/o daughter, Dee Celli
 Ronald Lubischer, r/o wife Joyce & children, Ronnie & Randy
 Parents, relatives, loved ones and friends, living and deceased, of the Trigani & Drummond families
 James A. Mazza, Jr., r/o family
 John C. Manna, r/o family
 John Henry Hoffman, beloved husband & father, from wife
 William F. Kiss, r/o wife and family
 Jean Baldino, r/o Audrey and Bernie Boglioli
 John Urban, r/o St. Michael's Staff
 Sonny La Morte, r/o wife
 Alfred and Eleanor Vecchia, r/o Anthony and Ellie Cervellino
 Silvino De Sieno, r/o Olga, Linda and Gina De Sieno
 David De Sieno, r/o Olga, Linda and Gina De Sieno
 Daniel and Josephine Ardolino
 In loving memory of Elsie Roccamonte, r/o family
 Jason DiFenderfer, r/o Tony and Natalina Gomes
 Rocky Sgro (Anniversary Remembrance), r/o Lillian Teti

HOLIDAY MITTEN TREE!!!!

St. Michael's CCD Program is sponsoring a collection of

MITTENS, GLOVES, HATS & SCARVES

For those in need....

Collections take place during Sunday and Tuesday CCD Classes on Dec. 4, 6, 11 and 13.

Simply decorate our tree with your donations!

Our tree is located in The Deal School Gymnasium Foyer On Roseld Avenue, Deal.

We are accepting child and adult sizes, NEW please!

Thank you for your contributions and for helping us teach this valuable lesson in giving to our children!

St. Michaels Respect Life

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At five (5) weeks from conception (about the time your mother found out she was pregnant)...your heart was already beating! Your intelligence and personality were already coded, making you uniquely "YOU".

At two (2) months from conception...your BRAIN waves could be recorded. You had FINGERS and TOES and your FINGERPRINTS were formed and will be with you for the rest of your life! You were MOVING, SWALLOWING, and BREATHING! We could see if you were a GIRL or a BOY.

To be continued.

Love God, Love Neighbor, Love Yourself. Let's act together to end abortion and build a Culture of Love. Questions, more information, or to Stand up for Life call Raymond at 732-870-0427 or email rpr6@verizon.net



The holiday season is fast approaching! This month we are collecting Turkeys, food, blankets and warm coats - also khaki pants (no cargo type-gently used in adult sizes.

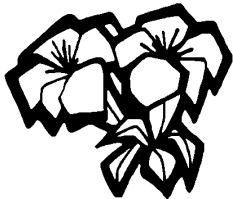
Our pantry is very low in supplies- we have been distributing food to over 100 families each month. We are also collecting Christmas gifts (children and teens)- gift cards to local stores, FYE, movie cards. Please be as generous as you can.



The Youth Group met last week for our monthly group Mass!!! Thank you so much to Chris Stewart and Leif Petterson who volunteered to do the Readings. It takes courage, self confidence and trust to read in public. Great job guys :)

Our next group meeting is next week at the "Living Room" . We will be having our Christmas collection for A.R.M.S and their "Little Soldiers" campaign.

With the large number of soldiers being deployed, we strive to make their "Little Soldiers", who are left behind, smile for the holidays. It is hard enough for them to understand that their parents are away, let alone the thought of spending the holidays without them. Each soldier provides us with a wish list of two gifts per child and we try to make every effort to make the child's wish come true. We can help with this project in many ways. We are collecting Gift Cards in any amount to: Walmart, Toys R Us, Best Buy, Target, Sports Stores or new toys for Boys, Girls and infants. Along with the gift card, we will be making up cards for the soldiers.



ALTAR FLOWER MEMORIALS

Altar flowers can be donated as memorials. Your intentions will be printed in the weekly bulletin. If you are interested in these flowers as a

way to remember that special birthday or anniversary, or to honor a loved one living or deceased, please call Jen at St. Michael's Rectory at 222-8080, Ext. 11.

The altar flowers weekend are in memory of my loving brother, Peter Tomaini, donated by your brother, Mickey

FAITH DIRECT

With the busy Holiday Season right around the corner, enrolling in *Faith Direct* is a great way to take one item off your weekly to-do list.

Please visit us online at www.FaithDirect.net. St. Michael's Church Code is NJ 319.



Parents make sure that you are making a commitment to your child's religious education.

**Parish School
of Religion**

Children are expected to be present at each class session. If your child is ill or will be absent for another reason please notify the teacher or myself; they will be required to make up any work that they have missed.

If a child is out more then 5 times in a semester you will be asked to go on Home Study.

Children are expected to be prepared for class each week with their books and writing implements. Please check your child's folder each week for any information that may be from the teacher or myself. It should be all of our hopes that religious education be a top priority in the lives of our children since they are the future of our Catholic faith.

*Sincerely yours Patty Chavez,
Coordinator of Religious Education*

First Confessions will take place on:

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10TH AT 10:30AM AT ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH. PLEASE WATCH YOUR MAIL FOR A BIG WHITE ENVELOPE MARKED FIRST PENANCE INFO.

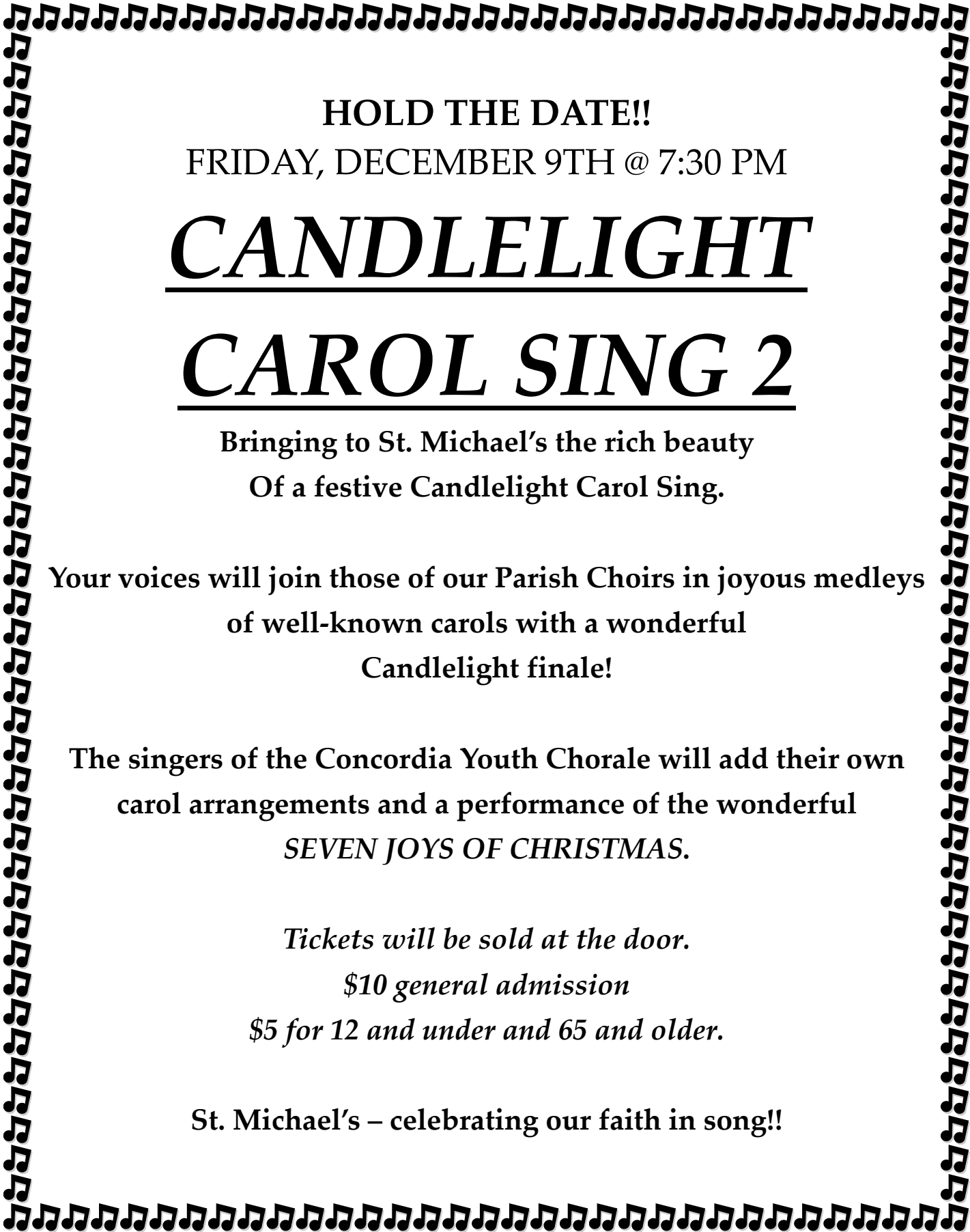
Please use the enclosed material to begin reviewing prayers necessary to receive the sacrament and practice how to make a Good Confession with your child. The teachers are also reviewing in class with the students. Refreshments will be served in the lower church all family members are welcome to join in the celebration!! Parents please remember you are the primary educators of your children. The CCD teachers are here to assist you and can only accomplish so much in a one hour weekly program. It is essential that you reinforce the learning at home and attend Mass weekly.

Parent please remember your children will be starting to review for mid-terms within the next few weeks please make sure that they are at CCD so that they do not fall behind. Every student must take a midterm and a final to advance to the next grade.

The CCD 3rd grade Family Mass will be held in the lower Church next Sunday, December 4th, 2011 at 10:00 AM in the Upper Church. All 3rd graders and their families are expected to attend.

Sunday CCD students will NOT report to CCD, but instead will report to the Lower Church for the 10:00 AM Mass. THIS ALSO INCLUDES ANY SIBLINGS OF ANY THIRD GRADERS.

There will be a sign-up sheet in the rear of the Church for attendance. DO NOT FORGET TO SIGN IN. ALL HOME STUDY THIRD GRADE STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND.



HOLD THE DATE!!
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9TH @ 7:30 PM
CANDLELIGHT
CAROL SING 2

**Bringing to St. Michael's the rich beauty
Of a festive Candlelight Carol Sing.**

**Your voices will join those of our Parish Choirs in joyous medleys
of well-known carols with a wonderful
Candlelight finale!**

**The singers of the Concordia Youth Chorale will add their own
carol arrangements and a performance of the wonderful
*SEVEN JOYS OF CHRISTMAS.***

Tickets will be sold at the door.
\$10 general admission
\$5 for 12 and under and 65 and older.

St. Michael's – celebrating our faith in song!!

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