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A PENNSYLVANIA CHARITABLE TRUST
3198 SCHIECK STREET, PITTSBURGH, PA 15227

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 20, 2009

Pastoral Staff

Rev. James Orr, *Pastor*

Mary Ann Negley, *Administrative Assistant*

Pamela Boron, *CCD Program Coordinator*

Eileen Hite, *Director of Music*

Mass Schedule:

Weekdays - Monday thru Friday - 9:00 A.M.

Weekends - Saturday 4:00 P.M.

Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 11:30 A.M.

Holydays - See schedule of Mass intentions.

Rectory Office Hours:

Monday through Friday: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM.

Telephones: (All area code 412)

Parish (Rectory) Office..... 884-7744

Parish Office Fax 884-2300

Priests Residence 885-6580

Web Site..... www.stalbertbaldwin.bravehost.com

Religious Education 884-8282

Music 884-8622

Hannon Hall 440-0221

E-mail.....saintalbert@comcast.net

Sacrament of Marriage: Arrangements are to be made at least six months in advance. Contact the Rectory for all information.

Sacrament of Baptism: First Sunday of the month after the 11:30 A.M. Mass. Pre-Baptism class is required and given by appointment only. Please call the rectory in advance.

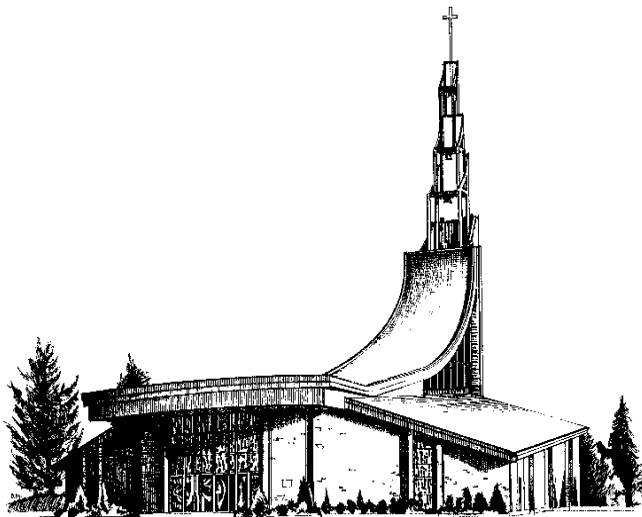
Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday - 5:00 P.M. - 5:30 P.M. (after 4:00 Mass)

The Rosary: Recited weekdays at 8:30 A.M.

Diocese of Pittsburgh Abuse Hotline:

1-888-808-1235



MISSION STATEMENT

*CALLED BY THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST,
ST. ALBERT THE GREAT PARISH
IS A COMMUNITY OF BELIEVERS
SEEKING TO DEEPEN OUR FAITH
AND BECOME MORE UNIFIED IN THE BODY OF CHRIST.
WE ACCOMPLISH THIS THROUGH OUR MINISTRIES OF
WORSHIP, EVANGELIZATION, EDUCATION, AND SERVICE.*

*NURTURED BY THE EUCHARIST, SCRIPTURE,
PRAYER, AND CHURCH TEACHING,
WE STRIVE TO REMAIN FAITHFUL TO OUR CALLING
AS A CATHOLIC COMMUNITY,
SO THAT CHRIST'S LOVE
MIGHT BE BETTER PROCLAIMED.*

SUNDAY MASSES:*December 20, 2009 thru December 27, 2009***Servers**

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| SATURDAY | 4:00 P.M. | Ella Jarmulowski (Gene & Debbie Simeone) | Volunteer |
| SUNDAY | 7:30 A.M. | Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Albert the Great | Diane Battaglia |
| | 9:00 A.M. | Frank Sudyk (M/M William Haralam) | Chris Bezek |
| | 11:30 A.M. | John (Jack) Novosel (Pete Obringer & Family) | Kevin Taylor & Brian Deiley |

WEEKDAY SCHEDULE:

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| MONDAY | 9:00 A.M. | James Ryan (Pat & June Mazza) |
| TUESDAY | 9:00 A.M. | John Conley (Yolanda Solenday) |
| WEDNESDAY | 9:00 A.M. | William Jenks (Mom, Dad & Family) |
| CHRISTMAS EVE | 4:00 P.M. | Eric (Donna Deakin) |
| | 10:00 P.M. | Dolly & Mary Jo Miele (Sister) |
| CHRISTMAS DAY | 9:00 A.M. | Jacob A. Seidel (Dorothy Seidel & Family) |
| | 11:30 A.M. | Bernard Barrett (Dave & Eileen Hite) |

**SUNDAY MASSES:**

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| SATURDAY | 4:00 P.M. | Aloysius Aul (Wife, Johanna) | Volunteer |
| SUNDAY | 7:30 A.M. | James Nix (Family) | Volunteer |
| | 9:00 A.M. | Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Albert the Great | Liz Moeslein |
| | 11:30 A.M. | George Amrhein (Family) | Abigail Melvin & Alyssa Rodibaugh |

**CANDLES WILL BURN THIS WEEK
AT THE BLESSED MOTHER STATUE FOR:**

1. Solenday & Ferrante Families (Yolanda Solenday & Family)
2. James Nix (Family)

AT THE SAINT ALBERT STATUE FOR:

1. John Rehtorik (Family)
2. Dorothy Beatty (Family)

Scripture Readings

Sunday: Mt 5:1-4a; Ps 80; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

Monday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56

Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:67-79

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lk 1:67-79

*Friday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25;
Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]*

Midnight: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20

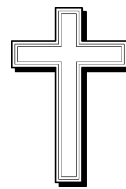
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

Saturday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Mt 19:17-22

*Sunday: Sir 3:2-7, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 128
Or Ps 84; Col 3:12-20 [12-17] or
1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52*

**The CCD office will be closed December 23rd to
January 4th. There will be NO CCD CLASSES
on December 27th, 29th, and January 3rd.
Classes will resume Tuesday, January 5th.**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR!**



**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF
THE SOULS OF** all deceased parishioners,
members' families, and friends. "May their
souls and the souls of all the faithful departed
rest in peace. Amen."

Your prayers are also requested for those
members of our parish who are in Nursing Homes, the
homebound, the sick and those hospitalized.

May God's mercy shine on them.

**Please do not send any mail to the Pastor's Residence.
All mail must be sent to the Parish Office.**

Thank you.

COLLECTIONS

Feast of the Immaculate Conception - December 8, 2009

\$ 1,111.52

No. of Envelopes for December 8th 135

Sunday, December 13, 2009

\$ 5,812.05

No. of Envelopes for December 13th 267

No. of Parish Families Registered : 1,198

No. of Envelopes Sent for Nov. & Dec. 802

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY
Due to the early submittal of the Bulletins to the Publisher
for the weekends of 12/27/09 and 1/3/10, collection reports
for December 20th, Christmas
Day and December 27th will be published
in the January 10th Bulletin.
Your understanding will be appreciated.

From the desk of Fr. Jim:

Well, it's upon us--Christmas. Advent, our time of preparation, is coming to a close. There is much talk about the real spirit of Christmas. Much of this centers around the lessons taught in Dicken's, "The Christmas Carol." For all the good message in the story, that's still not the REAL spirit of Christmas. The real spirit of Christmas is in the name--Christ- Mass. It is our need for Christ our Savior and the unbelievable generosity of the Father in giving us His Son to save us from sin and Death that is the real spirit of Christmas. All other generosity of the season is reflective of this or it is not the "real" spirit of Christmas. As Advent draws to a close, let us reflect on the REAL spirit of Christmas and reclaim for ourselves the joy of the celebration--the joy of a Savior born for us. Let us make it a very Merry Christmas.

The Peaceful Joy of that Silent night be with you.

*Pax,
Fr. Jim:*

EVENINGS FOR THE ENGAGED: Anyone considering marriage for 2010 is required, before receiving the sacrament, to complete a marriage instruction course. "Evenings" will be offered in this parish to fulfill that requirement - dates to be announced. Contact the parish office to register for the class. Other forms of marriage instructions under Catholic auspices are also acceptable. Contact Fr. Jim at 412-884-7744 if you would like see about another form of instruction that will better fit your schedule.



THE ADVENT GIVING TREE is in place in the narthex. The money collected assists our parish St. Vincent de Paul Society in their ministry to the needy and less fortunate.

Simply take an envelope from the tree, place your cash donation in the envelope and put it in the designated box by the tree. Then, take an ornament from the basket and place it on the tree. You will help the poor with a Christmas gift too.

MARCH FOR LIFE - SAVE THE DATE: You are cordially invited to ride with the St. Elizabeth's Respect Life Bus to Washington, D.C. for the biggest March For Life ever on Friday, January 22, 2010. They will leave Pleasant Hills at 6:00 a.m. and return around 10:00 p.m. As last year, Deacon Joe will accompany them and lead in prayer those who wish to stay at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception for the day. Donation of \$20 is suggested and this includes a box lunch. Call Beth at 412-885-4410 for more details.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE: 4:00 P.M. AND 10:00 P.M.
CHRISTMAS DAY: 9:00 A.M. AND 11:30 A.M.

Saturday - December 26, 2009 - 4:00 P.M.
Sunday - December 27, 2009 - 7:30 A.M.; 9:00 A.M. and 11:30 A.M.

SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

Thursday, December 31, 2009 - 4:00 P.M.
Friday, January 1, 2010 - 9:00 A.M. and 11:30 A.M.



JANUARY 1000 CLUB TICKETS

Only one more weekend to purchase your January 1000 Club Tickets. They are on sale after weekend Masses and are great economical Christmas gifts and stocking stuffers. Your friends and family will remember you the entire month of January! Tickets are \$5.00 each. Support your parish and buy great gifts at the same time.

FOR BETTER, FOR WORSE, FOR RICHER, FOR POORER IN SICKNESS AND HEALTH, UNTIL DEATH DO US PART" are words many couples say, but over time the silver is tarnished - perhaps very tarnished, but there is hope, there can be a new beginning. Retrouvaille helps couples experiencing difficulty at all levels of distress from disillusionment to deep misery. For confidential information about, or to register for the Pittsburgh program beginning with a weekend on January 8th to 10th, call 412-277-3434 or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

THE SILVER RING THING is a high-tech, high-energy performance that educates teens about the benefits of remaining abstinent until marriage and the dangers of promiscuous behavior. **On January 15th the Silver Ring Thing will be held at Seton LaSalle High School from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.,** and all teenagers, parents, and youth workers are invited to attend. With dramas, videos, special effects, and speakers, teenagers will be motivated in unique and personal way to choose to commit to both God and their future spouse to remain chaste until marriage. For further information please contact your DRE, Principal, or Youth Minister.