

**November
21st, 2010**

**Our Lord
Jesus Christ
the King**



**The Pastor's
Message
Page 1**

**St. Clare of Assisi
News
Page 2**

**Religious
Education News
Page 3**

**Parish News &
Mass Intentions
Page 4**

**Liturgical
Schedules, and
Week at a Glance
Page 5**

**Prayer List,
King Things &
St. Vincent De
Paul - Page 6**

**Guardian Angels
School News
Columbiettes
Thanksgiving
Dinner News
Page 7**

**Nuestra Familia
Hispana
Page 8, 9**

**K of C News and
Around the
Community
Page 10 & 11**

**Outreach Ads
Page 12 & 13**

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners of Saint Clare of Assisi,

Today we celebrate the end of another year of our journey of faith with the Lord, Jesus.

During our Thanksgiving week it is good to pray for your favorite team in the yearly local football matchup. It is also good to think back over the past year and remember the people, moments and events of our lives. Remember the people who were a blessing to you, remember the moments of inspiration, forgiveness, healing, sadness, challenge or joy. Remember the events of our family, or communities of Church and school, and our nation and world.

Happy New Year! Next Sunday, November 28th, will be the 1st Sunday of Advent, the beginning of our new church year of prayer.

You and your family are invited!

Please come to a simple Advent experience on Sunday afternoon at our Swedesboro Parish Hall from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. People of all ages are invited to come together as St. Clare's to begin our 1st full church year together doing some simple Advent preparations together.

Becoming St. Clare's Parish invites us to get to know each other, so this is a parish event to explore our Advent customs of the season. Different than our great USA, as a Catholic Community we have a different calendar, different than TV, the Internet, the news Ads. We do not simply see this season as a shopping season nor is it yet Christmas; we have a season to prepare for Christmas then we celebrate Christmas December 25th to January 6th! Come ask why, come learn why and how we become an Advent people before we become a Christmas people. Ms. Patricia Patterson and Sr. Marty are preparing a wonderful event to share with our families and neighbors.

I look forward to seeing you there at our Advent celebration Day!

Fr. Dave

In order to be prepared for you, please RSVP to reoffice@sjcswedesboro.org or 856-467-5426

St. Clare of Assisi News

Mass Schedule:

Saturday 4:30 p.m. Gibbstown
Sunday 8:00 a.m. Swedesboro
9:00 a.m. Gibbstown
10:00 a.m. Swedesboro
11:00 a.m. Gibbstown
11:30 a.m. Swedesboro
Spanish 1:00 p.m. Swedesboro

Please allow extra time for travel to mass at another site.

Confessions will be available:

Saturdays: Swedesboro - after the 9 a.m. mass
Gibbstown - at 3:45 p.m. before the
4:30 p.m. evening Mass

Daily Mass Schedule:

Gibbstown: Monday – 8:30 a.m.
Tuesday – 8:30 a.m.*
Wednesday – 7 a.m. and 8:30 a.m.
Swedesboro: Thursday – 8:30 a.m.
Friday – 8:30 a.m.
Saturday – 9 a.m.

**The 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month, Mass is celebrated in Paulsboro.*

This schedule will be applicable for three months and then reviewed to see if it is functioning properly, there will be a review in December 2010 and January 2011.

RCIA

Interested in the Catholic Church? Inquirers are meeting on Tuesday night Nov. 23rd in Swedesboro Rectory. Please call Sr Marty if you would like to learn more. 467-0037 ext. 305

St. Clare of Assisi Parish Offices

Swedesboro, NJ ~ 856-467-0037

Office Hours: Monday – Friday 8:30AM-4:00PM

On Monday, October 18, 2010, our Parish Offices will come together and be located at **140 Broad Street, Swedesboro** where our Staff will be glad to assist you with your needs.

For three months we will have satellite offices to serve you!

**St. Michael Rectory~ Mondays, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
and at**

St. John Rectory, Paulsboro ~ Tuesdays. 9 a.m.- 1 p.m.

St. Clare's Moms of Faith

Motherhood is a vocation. Are you a mom serious about her Catholic faith? Are you interested in meeting other moms to help support and encourage you in your journey through faith and motherhood? Please join us for St. Clare's mother's group. Our group will meet to read and discuss books about motherhood, raising children, marriage, and other topics all while our children play together. We will also pray together, plan play dates, organize Mom's nights out, and other events. All mothers are welcomed to attend; new, expectant, and nursing mothers are especially encouraged to join us. We also need the advise and expertise of you experienced Moms! Please call Christina Feigenbutz at 856-906-0594 or email cif0806@gmail.com for further details.

Join Us for an Intergenerational Event



Advent—Waiting for Jesus Christ

A presentation, a prayer service, and a variety of family activity centers for adults and children of all ages

Date: November 28, 2010

Time: 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Place: Swedesboro – Parish Hall

- Bring your children or grandchildren and join your parish family for activities centered on Advent as a season of repentance, preparation, and joy.
- Help your family learn more about this beautiful first season of the Church year.
- Meet your fellow parishioners in a fun, prayerful, and interactive setting.

Please contact us if you are planning to attend, providing us with the number of people in your group.

Phone: 856-467-5426

E-mail: reoffice@sjcswedesboro.org



The Priests and Deacons of St. Clare of Assisi wish to extend a very Happy Thanksgiving to all our parishioners.

Also, the Rectory Office will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 25th & Friday, November 26th, 2010 to celebrate the holiday.

Religious Education

For information regarding any of the items here, contact the Office of Faith Formation at their new phone number: 856-467-5426.

Patricia Patterson– Coordinator of Faith Formation
– ext 102
Verna Mullen– Sec. Office of Faith Formation
–ext 101

Office of Faith Formation Website:

www.stjosephswedesboro.parishesonline.com

Office Hours: Session Times and by Appointment

<http://www.stjosephswedesboro.parishesonline.com>

Students and adults in need of sacramental preparation may contact Patricia Patterson at ppatterson@sjcswedesboro.org. or 856-467-5426.

SACRAMENTS FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOL CHILDREN

It is Diocesan Policy that reception of the Sacraments of First Holy communion and confirmation take place in the parish where the family resides and attends Mass. (Can. 518).

A Catholic School Student Registration Form is available in the Church vestibules and on-line at www.sjcswedesboro.org in the Religious Education section, or may be obtained at the Office of Faith Formation in Swedesboro.

Please be sure to fill out and submit this form as soon as possible. Your child will then be included in the Parish Sacrament program. If your child was not baptized at St. Joseph - Swedesboro, St. Michael - Gibbstown, or St. John – Paulsboro, please attach a copy of the Baptismal certificate to the registration.

CAP – As mandated by the Diocese Office of Safe Environment any new volunteers for the coming year must attend a Child Assault Prevention class. If you have not attended a class in the *last five years*, you must renew this requirement by attending again. No one may work in the program without having attended this class.

The following session is being offered in November (you must have previously attended CAP 1 in order to attend CAP II): **CAP Phase 2 – Bullying Prevention**

- Tuesday, November 30, 2010, 7:00pm, St. Rose of Lima, Haddon Heights, School Cafeteria

To attend one of these classes, please call the CAP registration line in the Office of Safe Environment for Children, Youth and Adults at (856) 583-6165 or email ddiggons@camdendiocese.org to register. Please register at least five days before the session you would like to attend.

Dates for December CAP Sessions are not yet available!

Service Opportunities – for St. Clare’s youth are now posted on the website

St. Clare’s Parish Advent Gathering – Join us on November 28th, from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Swedesboro Parish Hall, for an Intergenerational Event (that means ALL AGES!) **Advent – Waiting for Jesus Christ**. In order to help us plan, please RSVP. by email or call the Office of Faith Formation. Parents of religious education students: This is a great **spiritual exercise opportunity!**

7th and 8th Grade – Due to the Grade-Wide Retreat yesterday on Saturday, November 20th, there are no religious education classes for 7th or 8th grade on Sunday, November 21st, Tuesday, November 23rd or Wednesday, November 24th. Students are still responsible to read the chapter and do the work scheduled on the Lesson Scheduled in the front of their book.

5th and 6th Grade Retreat a Great Success – thanks to all the people who made St. Clare of Assisi’s very first grade-wide retreat such a resounding success: Thank you **Father Dave** for spending time and sharing your thoughts on our Retreat theme of “Baptism”. **Parents/guardians** of Catholic School, Home School and Religious Education program students – thank you for sharing your children with us for a day of fun, learning and liturgy! **Parents, teachers and aides** who came and helped provide a beautiful day to remember – thank you for giving your time and energy! **Deacon Joe Garozzo**, who is always so giving with his time and the sharing of his faith – thank you and a big thank you to his wife **Dorathy** who came and decorated so beautifully for the retreat liturgy! **Matthew Dolan** – thank you for reading and for sharing your beautiful voice! A huge thank you for a job well done and a big welcome to St. Clare’s Parish to our new youth minister, **Vincent Lunetta!** Most of all, thank you to all the children who attended! You were wonderfully behaved, you paid attention and every minute in your company was enjoyable! I smiled ALL the way home!

God bless you all!

Patricia Patterson

Parish News!

Notice – Are you interested in being a Lector?

Anyone interested in becoming a Lector (15 years and older), we will have sign-ups after all the Masses next week in Gibbstown and Swedesboro. The sign-up sheets will be in the Sanctuary. We are in need of Lectors, especially in Swedesboro

Notice to Lectors: Please pick up your workbooks in the church sacristy. Your names are on the books.

Thank you. Sr. Marty

St. Clare of Assisi – Hymnal

At St. Clare of Assisi we have a common hymnal. This hymnal does not have the Sunday readings because the Word of God is meant to be proclaimed. It is God's Living Word to us today. And so we listen and reflect on what is God revealing about Himself and what is He asking of me. For those who do not hear well or need to follow along reading, we have provided 30 copies of the hymnal that have the readings printed. These are found in the entrance of the church and need to be returned at the end of Mass. The ushers will help you find them if needed.

St. Clare of Assisi Youth



Community Service:

Sunday, November 28th
Ronald McDonald House
make lunch and deliver Christmas Gifts...
Leave Gibbstown Campus at 10:30am'
To sign up, contact Kara -
karahawksley111@hotmail.com or Annamarie -
annamaried611@comcast.net

December Volunteer Opportunities for High School Students:

- Friday, December 3rd from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Guardian Angels School Christmas Shop
Paulsboro Campus
- Saturday, December 11th from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Habitat for Humanity, Clayton, NJ – Drivers and Chaperons needed.

To sign up or for more information contact:
annamaried611@comcast.net

Mass Intentions

GTN = Gibbstown

SWD = Swedesboro

PSB = Paulsboro

Saturday, November 20, 2010

4:30 p.m.-GTN. Vincenzo Boriello, R/O Antonio Clemente Memorial Mass K of C Queen of Heaven Council #4154

Sunday, November 21, 2010

St. Clare of Assisi Parish

8 a.m.-SWD John Romeo, R/O Wife, Grace
9 a.m.-GTN: Joseph Grosi, R/O Michael & Stephen
10 a.m.-SWD: Edward Zetusky, R/O Stephanie & Michelle Litman
11 a.m.-GTN: Mary Snyder, R/O The Liturgy of the Word For Children
11:30 a.m.-SWD: George Fay, Jr. R/O Mr. & Mrs. J. A. Kelly
1 p.m.-SWD: People of the Spanish Community

Monday, November 22, 2010

7a.m. -GTN Communion Service -
8:30 a.m.-GTN Carol Charowsky, R/O Yolanda Gattuso

Tuesday, November 23, 2010

7a.m. -GTN Communion Service -
8:30 a.m. – GTN Cecidia Aversa, R/O Joe & Marie Aversa
Mass – GARS - Grades K

Wednesday, November 24, 2010

7 a.m.-GTN For the People of the Parish
8:30 a.m.-GTN. Dolores T. Burzichelli, R/O Marc & Lisa Pollicino

Thursday, November 25, 2010 – Thanksgiving Day

9 a.m.-SWD For the People of St. Clare Assisi Parish

Friday, November 26, 2010

7 a.m.-GB Communion Service -
8:30 a.m.-SWD Henry & Mary Houvig, R/O Joe Drager

Saturday, November 27, 2010

9 a.m.-SWD Carole & Bill Dupper – 50th Wedding Anniversary, R/O The Dupper Family
4:30 p.m.-GTN. Ralph Mazzantenta, R/O Dorothy & Jeffrey Biggs

Sunday, November 28, 2010

St. Clare of Assisi Parish

8 a.m.-SWD Federico Carlos Gonzalez, R/O Parents & Brother
9 a.m.-GTN Ressie Perry, R/O Wife, Jane Perry
10 a.m.-SWD Margaret Buckalew, R/O Grace Romeo
11 a.m.-GTN Gloria Caldwell, R/O John & Susan Erace
11:30 a.m.-SWD Lillian Dalbo, R/O Maureen & Tom Ramsey
1 p.m.-SWD People of the Spanish Community



The Pro Life Rose this week in St. Clare of Assisi - Swedesboro is in memory of Mary Schlager.



The Tabernacle Candle will burn this week in St. Clare of Assisi- Swedesboro in memory of Jimmy & Bobby Vivial, R/O The McGrath Family.

Liturgical Ministry Schedules

Altar Servers

Nov. 27-28

4:30 p.m. C. & C. Hill, W. Voight
 8 a.m. A. N. & V. Piro
 9 a.m. S. & C. Cristini, A. Gimpel
 10 a.m. J. Connor, M. Oliver
 11 a.m. B. Bioni, M. Harris,
 11:30 a.m. R. Kaushik, G. Brake, M. Nugent

Lectors

Nov. 27-28

4:30 p.m. C. & P. Collins
 8 a.m. L. Barber, E. Watson
 9 a.m. Sr. M. Gentilini, M. Beukers
 10 a.m. G. Helsel, A. Ernest
 11 a.m. Z. Bates, Sr. Jerilyn Einstein
 11:30 a.m. R. Mount, H. L. Magnet

Extraordinary Ministers

Nov. 27-28

4:30 p.m. M. Roye, E. Aylward, P. Conrad, T. Croge
 8 a.m. A. Petillo, J. Scavuzzo, T. Ledger, D. Brennan
 9 a.m. J. Daly, L. Garnett, M. Hallion, A. Kavanaugh,
 10 a.m. E. Ernest, V. Junk, M. Vitulli, D. Garozzo
 11 a.m. J. Lani, Sr. D'Allessandro, M. Hurlburt, B. Weyant
 11:30 a.m. J. Buckley, D. Cheega, B. Siglow, B. Reistle

New Lectors

A training session for new Lectors will be held on Wed.
 Dec 1st at 6:45pm in the Gibbstown church.

REMEMBERED... IN OUR PRAYERS



Please pray for our service men and women stationed around the world, especially: Paul Coren, Stephen Cugini, J. J. Cunningham, Jeff DiGuiseppe, Alex Filippini, Sgt. Christopher Jones, PFC. Josh Junk, Sgt. 1st Class Kevin Kirkpatrick, Brian Novak Jr., Erin Peck, Brian Simmon, Frank Tortella, Jr., Reid Wilbraham, John Wurtenberg, Brittany Zingo and the Clergy from the Diocese of Camden who serve in the armed forces.

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Relieve the sufferings of the innocent victims of war; grant them peace of mind, healing of body, and a renewed faith in your protection and care. We ask this in Your Name. Amen.

"...a time of peace..."



We are looking for Volunteers to count the offertory on Sundays. If interested, please call 856-467-0037.

Week at a Glance

November 21, 2010 to November 28, 2010

Sunday –21

8 a.m. Queen of Peace K o C Breakfast SJP - Hall
 11 a.m. Childrens Liturgy of the Word SMG Convent LL
 2 p.m. Legion of Mary SB Azzari Hall
 2 p.m. Bingo @ GARS Gym –Paulsboro GYM

Monday –22

7 p.m. Adult Choir Practice SB Church

Tuesday –23

9 a.m. Altar Rosary Society SB Azzari Hall
 7 p.m. Children's Choir Practice SB Church
 7 p.m. Rosary/Prayer Group Convent LL
 8 p.m. Paulsboro K of C Meeting St. John's LL
 7 p.m. RCIA Azzari Hall

Wednesday –24

7:30 a.m. Diaconate Program SJP Diaconate Center
 3 p.m. GARS Brownies SMG Convent LL
 7 p.m. Boy Scouts Meeting Azzari Hall
 7:30 p.m. Adult Music Ministry SMG Church
 8 p.m. AA-St. Michael – SMG Convent LL

Thursday –25 – Thanksgiving Day

9 a.m. Columbiettes Prep for Thanksgiving Dinner Parish Hall
 From 1 to 3 p.m.

Friday –26

9 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration SB till 7 p.m. Church
 9 a.m. Kings Things Christmas Giving Program begins – storing gifts Parish Hall

Saturday –27

9:30 a.m. Confessions - SB Church
 3:45p.m. Confession - GB Church
 7 p.m. Bingo @ GARS Gym–Paulsboro GYM

Sunday –28

2 p.m. Legion of Mary SB Azzari Hall
 2 p.m. Bingo @ GARS Gym –Paulsboro GYM

Sunday Missal: If you would like to purchase a Sunday Missal that contains the Mass and readings for the year the cost is \$5. Please call Denis Oppenheimer 224-9156.

Notice: On Thursday, November 25th – Thanksgiving Day, Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Rene Canales at 9 a.m. in Swedesboro



"His light shines in the darkness."

*Candlelight Healing Service
 Thursday, December 9th, 2010 - 7 p.m.
 St. Clare of Assisi Parish
 Swedesboro, NJ*

You are cordially invited to join us for our Candlelight Healing Service to help each of us through the holidays. Everyone is invited, especially those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. We will be honoring those who have gone to God this past year.



*To everything there is a season
and a time for every purpose under heaven.*

*"...a time to be born"
"...a time to marry..."
"...a time to die..."*

Sharon Grelli

"...a time to mourn..."

The Grelli Family

"...a time to replant."

*Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Giorgianni
and Mr. & Mrs. John Clausen*

"...a time to be healed..."

Prayer List

Jo-Ann Adduci, Barb Beck, Michael Borkowsky, Judith Bowen, Mary Brammell, Dolores Burzichelli, Mario Carpino, Elsie Carrozino, Mimma Chila, Karla Commerford, Angelo Cristino, Michael Cristino, Barbara DeMora, Mike Daniels, Angela Denski, Josephine DiBartolo, Fred DiGenero Kathleen DiTonno, Carole Dupper, Charlene Eckstein, Brett Errickson, Madison Ferris, Ann Marie Finkel, Tahlia Forand Fr. Frank Gaffney, William (Bill) Garnett, George Garrity, Anthony Giannone, Megan Giordano, Kathleen Giorgianni, Kathleen Haase, Thomas Harker, George Holcomb, Curtis Holland, John Hollenack Anna Hollis, Jeannette Howard, Jessica Kalnas, Stuart Kaufmann, Stuart Jill, Lipovsky & **Baby Zoe Lipovsky**, Herman Lippincot Joseph Maccherone, Sam Maccarone, Jr., Abby Mahana, Helen Magee, Victor Maglio, Mary Lou Marcucci, Pat Marcucci Sheila Maurer, Lori Muraca, Shannon Murphy, Agnes Musumeci, Fred Musumeci, Wayne Muers, John Nothdurft, Peter Patane, Jennifer Payne, Anita Perian, Grace Pirro, John Pirro, Danielle Pollicino, Elizabeth Pruss, Isabella Rostelli, John Rastelli, Jr., Doris Rink, Sabrina Roberts, Anna Marie Shepherd, Ted Siglow, Carl Skaggs, Marie Slagle, Sydney Stroup, Jayne Swope, James Tierney, Sarah Transue, Kevin James Tribbett, Lois Trigg, Mary Wilgus, Jessica Wilgus, George Williams and Edward Yucis.

*We also remember in our prayers, their families, and their caregivers
(Please call the rectory to have names added to our sick list)*

, , , and. (Please note: names will be removed after one month. Please call the parish office if you would like your family member to remain on the Prayer List...thank you).

Kings Things Corner



- Volunteers Needed – two hours a week to help in the Thrift Store.
- Pantry – continues throughout the year. Please call 856-467-1796 if you know of anyone in need.
- Due to these tough economic times your time or generous donations are greatly appreciated.
- **Need: jeans, jackets, sweat shirts and boots**

SALE: 50% off all children's toys, stuffed animals, books, games, etc. Plus high chairs, strollers etc. (This discount does not apply to clothing). Stop in and do early Christmas shopping!

Please contact: Tom Ramsey 856-467-1796



St. Vincent De Paul Society



Clare's Cupboard

(St. Vincent DePaul Society)

We would like to ask for the continued support of the parishioners of St. Clare of Assisi with their gifts of non-perishable foodstuffs and monetary contributions for the ongoing help given to our families in need in the parish. Your generous gifts enable us to help others in our community through very tough times.

Please, have any family in need, all the Help Line number 423-4190.

We deliver foodstuffs, arrange transportation for Drs. Visits, help with utilities, instruct them in financial and legal matters and direct families to agencies that can help them with their problems.

**December 7th – 7 p.m. St Vincent de Paul Meeting
Church Meeting Room / GB**

"HELP US, HELP OTHERS"

HOT LINE: 423-4190



Guardian Angels Regional School

Guardian Angels Regional School
Sister Jerilyn Einstein, fmij Principal.
2010-2011 School Year

Gibbstown Campus – Secretary: Cindi Garlit
(gars@comcast.net)
(Pre-Kindergarten-3rd Grade)
150 S. School Street
Gibbstown, NJ 08027
P: (856) 423-9440/F: (856) 423-9441

**Paulsboro Campus –
Secretary: Brenda Simila**
(messagefromgars@comcast.net)
(4th-8th Grade)
717 Beacon Avenue
Paulsboro, NJ 08066
P: (856) 423-9401/ F: (856) 423-9403

Marcie Voight
Advancement Director
Guardian Angels Regional School
(856) 423-9440 (Office in Gibbstown)email at
garsadvancement@comcast.net.

Guardian Angels Regional School 2011-2012 School Year

Guardian Angels Regional School is now accepting applications for the 2011-2012 school year. Families who are interested in applying to Guardian Angels are encouraged to contact the Advancement Office by phone at (856) 423-9440 or by email at:
garsadvancement@comcast.net.

Guardian Angels Regional School Calendar November 2010

- Nov. 23rd – 8th Grade Visitation to GCHS
Gr. k to 3 Mass in Gibbstown
PTA Meeting in Gym 7:30 p.m.**
- Nov. 24th – Early Dismissal**
- Nov. 25th – Happy Thanksgiving**
- Nov. 26th – School Closed**
- Nov. 30th – Lego Club**

Guardian Angels Regional School will be hosting their next Open House during Catholic Schools Week, which will be January 30th-February 5th. For more information visit us on the web at www.gars-online.com.

May God bless you, Sr. Jerilyn

☞ AROUND THE COMMUNITY ☞



*Thanksgiving a holiday for sharing
good food and fellowship!*

*Thursday, November 25, 2010
(Thanksgiving Day)
St. Clare of Assisi Church Hall
140 Broad St., Swedesboro, NJ
(behind the Church)
1 p.m. to 3 p.m.*

*Please RSVP by November 22nd to
Barb at 856-467-3066.*

*Come and join the Columbiettes and
Kings Things for a delicious
Thanksgiving dinner. This is a time to
set aside your worries and join with
friends and family to enjoy good
fellowship and good food. All are
welcome!*

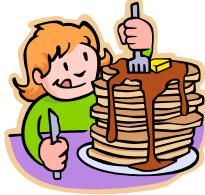
*If you get the answering machine,
please leave a message including your
name, no. of people attending dinner
and phone no. where you can be
reached.*

*Volunteers and donations for this day
will be gratefully appreciated.
Please contact:
Barb at 856-467-3066.*

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

*The Knights of Columbus
Queen of Peace Council #4154
Breakfast – Sunday, November 21st*

**From 8 a.m. to noon
St. John's Hall
Paulsboro, NJ**



Come out and enjoy good food and fellowship!

Menu: pancakes, scrambled eggs (plain or w/pepper and onions); Tater Tots, hot and mild sausage; ham, milk, coffee, tea and Danish

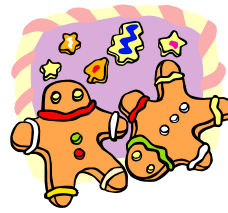
**Cost: \$5.00 for Adults and Seniors
\$2.00 children 12 yrs. and younger**



SAVE THE DATE!
***Knights of Columbus
Breakfast with Santa!***



**December 12th, 2010
From 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Swedesboro Parish Hall
Come and join in the fun.
Enjoy a delicious breakfast and Fellowship. Bring your camera and take photos of your children with Santa.
More information to follow!**



*The Columbiettes
will be holding their
annual Christmas
cookie sale !*

*The sale will be on
December 18th after the 4:30 p.m. in
Gibbstown and on December 19th
after all the Masses in Swedesboro.*

*These are delicious,
festive homemade cookies
and proceeds go to fund
the Columbiettes
community projects!*



*Thank you in advance for your
support*



St. John of God Community I CARE CAMPAIGN

St. John of God Community Services & Archbishop Damiano School for children & adults with disabilities will be having a Fund Raiser at ACME Supermarkets from Friday, November 19th, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. up to and including Thanksgiving Day, November 25th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Volunteers are needed: Teens (over 16 yrs. of age) & adults are needed to stand for an hour at area ACME stores to collect for our school...your time or a dollar in the canister would be greatly appreciated. For further information, contact Tom Hilferty at 856-467-3135.

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

An Evening of Christmas Music with
Barbara Dever & Friends
Saturday, December 11th at 7 p.m.
Marie & Charles A. Grandi Auditorium
Camden Catholic H.S. Cherry Hill
VIP tickets \$75 includes cocktails and hors
d'oeuvres backstage at intermission and a
"Meet and Greet" the artists.
All other tickets are \$35
For ticket reservations call 856-663-2247 ext 34
or go to Christmas@camdenatholic.org.

***Advent Gathering for the Catholic
Divorce Ministry***

On Monday, December 6th the Catholic Divorce Ministry (DDM) of the Diocese of Camden will gather at 7 pm. To celebrate the Eucharist at St. Bridget's Church 125 Church Street, Glassboro, NJ 08028. Everyone that has been affected by the pain and confusion that comes from divorce or separation is invited to an opportunity for prayer and fellowship during this season of Advent. Information about the Catholic Divorce Ministry along with refreshments will be available after Mass. To register call Carol and Deacon Tom Jennings 856-663-8166 or the Parish Center at 856-881-2753 or email: catholicdivorceministry@camdendiocese.org.



**Church of St. Bridget
125 Church Street
Glassboro, NJ 08028
"450 Club" Raffle**

St. Bridget Church, Glassboro is holding a "450 Club" drawing on Sunday, December 19, 2010.

Tickets: \$50 each
1st Prize: \$8,500.
2nd Prize: \$1,600
3rd Prize: \$1,150

For a application, visit website at www.churchofstbridget.com and click on the "450 Club" button or call the Parish Center at 856-881-2753.



JOB OPPORTUNITY

Single working father in Swedesboro, NJ, looking for part time help babysitting two boys, ages 13 and 15. Duties include one day weekly housekeeping, laundry, and option of making one home cooked dinner. Weekend babysitting in your home or mine/ one Saturday night per weekend for usually 13 year old only. Ability to drive a plus, for 15 year old activities after school hours or on Saturdays on as needed basis. If desired, availability to sit children on school days off, sick days, or to drive to doctor appointments. Future possibilities include full time care during upcoming summer months. Please note my working hours are from before 6 am to 3 pm during weekdays. References please and salary is negotiable. Contact Joe at 856-956-6954.

2010 – 2011 Oil Season

With the condition our economy is in and the rising cost of Home Heating Oil, Royal Oil, LLC is proud once again to spread the word through our churches and school systems in our communities about the 100 gallons of FREE Home Heating Oil. Available in December through Citizens Energy Oil HEAP Program. **JOE FOR OIL!!**

Almost everyone will qualify! If you receive Home Energy Assistance or are within Income Guidelines, you qualify already. Reach out to a neighbor, a friend, a loved one and tell them to call toll free 1-877-563-4645. You can let them know you want Royal Oil, LLC Dealer #103844. The program date will be sometime in December. Please call us if you may have any questions at 856-845-1866.



Perhaps you're aware, in the last couple of weeks, another report is published, as they are regularly, about the number of poor people in our country. The number has gone up. There was a point when we were reducing the poor in our country significantly. Now it's back to where it was 30 or 40 years ago. 44 million people in our country – a country which we still think of s the riches country in the world – 44 million people now in poverty.

That means, as they are described, being without food security. In other words, they don't know if they're going to get enough food every day to eat. Maybe you and I have more than we really need. We're not going to give away half of it, I don't think, but certainly we can share some of what we have and find ways to reach out to those who need to receive from us, and to share in the goods of the earth that God has given for all, and not for a few. Again, if we try to make these changes in our lives, truly Jesus will help us to now God deeply, and Jesus will draw us to him and enter into our lives in a more profound way.

Maybe the last thing that we should consider today is simply to make our own the prayer that Paul prays for the Christians at Thessalonica, and each of us prays this prayer for ourselves and for each other. It's a beautiful prayer:

"We constantly pray for you. May our God make you worthy of God's calling. May God, by God's power, fulfill your good purpose and your good works prompted by faith, and in that way the name of Jesus will be glorified through you and you through him according to the loving plan of God and of Christ Jesus the Lord."

I hope we will make that prayer for ourselves and for each other, and then we will make those changes in our lives that will make us welcoming people to Jesus.

