

MASSES FOR THE WEEK	
November 29, 2009	
SUNDAY 7:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:30 AM 12:00 PM	November 29 1st Sunday of Advent Daniel Hays John Patrick McNicholas Frances Maher Theresa Caldwell
MONDAY 8:30 AM	November 30 Andrew, apostle Daniel Kneafsey
TUESDAY 8:30 AM	December 1 George O'Dowd
WEDNESDAY 8:30 AM	December 2 MaryAnn Annunziata
THURSDAY 8:30 AM	December 3 Francis Xavier, priest Antonietta Caputo (13th Anniversary)
FRIDAY 8:30 AM	December 4 John of Damascus Robert Duhig
SATURDAY 8:30 AM	December 5 Eleanor Goldson Vincenzo Pirri Loreto Magsuci John O'Neill Barney Corrigan
5:00 PM	Stanley Pszeniczna Gus DaSconcio Bruno Signorini Marjorie Scott St. Peter's Parishioners
SUNDAY 7:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:30 AM 12:00 PM	December 6 2nd Sunday of Advent Robert Duhig Mary Letteri Dan Hays Joseph Valinoti



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesdays, 11:30 am to 5:30 pm
 Benediction at 5:30 pm

Holy Hour at Our Lady of Fatima on First Friday at 7:30 pm.

"In preparation for Christmas come humbly and gratefully before Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. If we really loved Him, we would make it our joy to spend a few moments to adore Him, and we should regard those moments as the happiest of our lives." *St. John Vianney*

WEDDING BANNS

Third Time



Susan Bonnie, St. Peter's and
 John Zaremba, St. Ignatius Martyr in Long Beach

Second Time

Kristen De Maria, St. Peter's and
 Cruciano Alagna, St. Peter's



Remembering Loved Ones

Week of November 29, 2009

Eucharistic Bread

*Remembering Nicholas J. and Antoinette Scobbo
 With gratitude, James Grady*

As we begin Advent, we are called to "await" in joyful anticipation for the grace of Christmas to once again bless our lives. Wherever you live in our parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When in need, they ring the rectory bell. They are, in effect, ringing your doorbell.

The members of St. Peter's St. Vincent de Paul Society will be conducting their semiannual fund drive the weekend of December 6th. Please help the poor to celebrate the grace of God's love this Christmas.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who use the season of Advent to take a step to more deeply embracing Christ.

From Art-to-Legal and Marketing-to-Videography, the Helping Hands of St. Peter's are multi-talented volunteers eager to help out! Need a Helping Hand?



Call us, **The Stewardship Committee**. Contact Terry Zenobio at 516-883-3456.

WEEKLY REPORT ON FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Last Weekend's Collection Basket	\$14,118
Number of regular envelopes used	362
Automated Giving	\$2,000
<i>"Thank you for your generous support of our parish"</i>	

MASS ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4TH WILL BE HELD IN THE SCHOOL CHURCH, FOLLOWED BY REFRESHMENTS IN THE CAFETERIA.

Please pray for...



- The Sick** Claudia Renjifo
- The Deceased** Gary Blakesley, Mary Monahan
 Joan Pastorello and John Pickett

Scripture Readings

December 6th, 2nd Sunday of Advent



- Baruch 5: 1-9
 Philippians 1: 4-6, 8-11
 Luke 3: 1-6

SAINT PETER'S REACHES OUT TO THOSE WHO MOURN

Bereavement Support Group meets every Friday at 8:00 pm in St. Peter's Pastoral Center. For more information, call Rose Osterberg at 767-1460, or Yvonne Calabrese at 883-4817, email ycal@optonline.net.

Children's Bereavement: Individual counseling is available. Please call Sr. Peggy Tully at 883-2782 for assistance.

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday, December 5

5:00 PM Main Church Fr. Pat

Sunday, December 6

7:30 AM Main Church Fr. Emmanuel
 9:00 AM Main Church Fr. Pat
 10:30 AM Main Church Msgr. Simmons
 12:00 PM Main Church Fr. Pat
 9:30 AM School Church (Spanish) Fr. George



Family Mass Breakfast

Next Sunday, December 6th in the cafeteria immediately following the 9 am Family Mass

ALTAR SERVER ADVENT PARTY

YOU ARE INVITED FOR PIZZA AND ICE CREAM TO CELEBRATE THE SEASON

Friday, December 4th, 5 pm ~ 6:30 pm
 St. Peter's School Cafeteria

Siblings of altar servers are welcome with parent supervision.



Please RSVP by **December 1st**
 A-L to: JoAnn Labellarte, 944-3847
 M-Z to: Mario D'Alonzo, 883-3056

The 12th Annual Port Washington

Christmas Tree Lighting

Sunday, December 6 at 4:30 pm

Blumenfeld Park

(at Landmark across from the PW Library)

Bring the whole family for this community-wide event. Enjoy the live nativity, music, free refreshments and a visit from Santa. Come out and join the fun with a grand beginning for the Christmas Season.



THIS WEEK

PARISH READING GROUP. "CALLED OUT OF DARKNESS - a spiritual confession" by Anne Rice.

Thursday, December 3 at 7:30 pm in The Martha and Mary Room. Copies of the book are available in the Port Washington Library. Please consider joining us. Open to men and women. RSVP Sr. Peggy at 883-2782.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

Sun.

7:30 AM Spanish Coffee Hour
 11:00 AM Spanish Young Adults
 11:30 AM Spanish Mass Choir
 12:00 PM CYO
 7:00 PM Youth Group

Location

Cafeteria
 Pastoral Center
 School Church
 Gym
 All of Past. Ctr.

Mon.

5:00 PM CYO
 7:00 PM ESL
 7:00 PM Religious Formation

Location

Gym
 Pastoral Center
 School Facilities

Tues.

4:00 PM Religious Formation
 5:00 PM CYO

Location

School Facilities
 Gym

Wed.

4:00 PM Religious Formation
 5:00 PM CYO
 7:00 PM Baptism
 7:00 PM ESL
 7:30 PM Wrap Night

Location

School Facilities
 Gym
 Martha & Mary Rm.
 Pastoral Center
 Cafeteria

Thurs.

2:30 PM Christmas Fair setup
 7:00 PM Cursillo
 7:30 PM Parish Reading Group
 8:00 PM Charismatic Renovation
 8:00 PM Choir

Location

Gym
 Cafeteria
 Martha & Mary Rm.
 PSM Office
 Main Church

Fri.

All Day Christmas Fair
 8:30 AM School Mass
 2:30 PM Holly Fair setup
 4:00 PM Altar Servers
 4:00 PM Pageant Rehearsal
 5:00 PM Advent Party
 7:30 PM Charismatic Prayer Mtg.
 8:00 PM Bereavement

Location

Gym
 School Church
 Gym
 Main Church
 School Church
 Cafeteria
 School Church
 Pastoral Center

Sat.

All Day Holly Fair
 9:00 AM Bagels with Santa
 7:00 PM Spanish Renovation Choir

Location

Gym
 Cafeteria
 School Church

If you have reserved a meeting room on parish grounds but have decided to cancel the event, kindly contact the parish secretary well in advance of the reserved date. This would be very helpful to all ministries and staff at the parish.

NOVEMBER BAPTISMS

Welcome to St. Peter's Parish Family!!

- Evelyn Joli Brunetti*
- Charlotte Jillian Devine*
- Abigail Skye Dillon*
- Conor Michael Dorst*
- Valeria Duque*
- Alexandra Mary Khalil*
- Jenna Eve Khalil*
- Haley Jane Neer*
- McKayla Emily Neer*
- Isabel Ann Quijano*
- Nathaniel James Southard*
- Michael Vincent Tancredi*
- Kylie Adriana Urcan*



PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 29, 2009

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Show us, Lord, your love and grant us your salvation.

(Psalm 85)

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To all of you, our benefactors at St. Peters, in the name of our needy client families, we thank you for your most generous donations of food gift cards to our local super markets and your cooperation in donating these cards. We are also grateful for your food and monetary donations.

If you wish to ADOPT A FAMILY this Christmas, (a gift for each member of a client family), please call Sister Connie at 883-5534. Thank you to all who have already expressed their willingness to help. I hope to have the lists ready by the time you read this, but if not, you should receive the information you will need for gifts early next week.

This is the last week you can help our parish Social Ministry in your Christmas purchases. *Champions for Charity* Holiday Shopping Benefit is December 3, 4 and 5. Help support our Parish Social Ministry by doing your holiday shopping at participating Americana Manhasset and Wheatley Plaza stores during these three days, when 25% of your designated pre-tax purchases will be donated back to us! To register for your complimentary CHAMPION CARD or for more information visit championsforcharity.org, call 800-818-6767, or visit the Americana Manhasset Concierge Store. When it's time to make a purchase, simply present your CHAMPION CARD with any form of payment. Your purchases are not automatically eligible. Your CHAMPION CARD is required to allocate your donation and MUST be presented at the time of each purchase. All 2009 *Champions for Charity* shoppers will be eligible to win a \$1,000 Americana Manhasset Gift card.

The celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be held in two weeks, Sunday, December 12th.

Our parish food pantry would be grateful for peanut butter, jellies, dry cereals and cookies. THANK YOU, AGAIN.

BLESSINGS ON YOUR CHRISTMAS PREPARATIONS!

APOSTOLADO HISPANO

I Domingo de Adviento

29 de Noviembre

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Haz, Señor, que podamos ver tu amor y que tu salvación nos toque a todos.

(Salmo 85)

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Muchas gracias a todos uds. que han servido y participaron en el Baile-Cena del Apostolado Hispano anoche. Hubo mucho trabajo en la preparación para tener esta celebración. Estamos muy agradecidos al comité social especialmente.

LA FIESTA DE NUESTRA SENORA DE GUADALUPE viene en dos semanas, el 12 de Diciembre. La preparación para esta fiesta empezará pronto.

SERVIDORES HOY DOMINGO 29 DE NOVIEMBRE

- ANIMADOR: Martha Anyarin.
- LECTORES: Mirta Fernández, Alba Duarte.
- MINISTROS: Hugo y Hortensia Melgar, Martha Anyarin, María Parra.
- ACOLITOS: GRUPO 3: Katherine Flores, Kevin Platero, Verónica Rivas.
- CAFÉ: GRUPO 6: Edy y Maura Taz, Pilar González, Adolfo González, Elva González, Marina González.

SERVIDORES PROXIMO DOMINGO 6 DE DICIEMBRE

- ANIMADOR: Gregorio Yugcha.
- LECTORES: Blanca Fabián, Miriam Signorini.
- MINISTROS: Alba y Benjamin Duarte, Stephanie Lugo, Elsy Molina.
- ACOLITOS: GRUPO 4: Flor Platero, Yessica Quintanilla, Luis F. Ramos.
- CAFÉ: GRUPO 7: Rosa Moran, Carlos Barahona, Liseth Moran, Jovany Molina, David Mejia, Moris Palacios, Sandra Palacios, Cristo Amaya, Elsy Melgar, José Vásquez, María Vásquez.

Meeting of Young Hispanic Adults

Sundays in the Pastoral Center at 11 am.

St. Peter's Thrift Shop



Hours: Mon. - Thurs. 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Sat./Sun. 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Closed Fridays.



St. Peter's Advent Happenings

The Little Blue Book.

Everyone is reading it. Full of daily reflections, this handy book will guide you through the journey of advent and give you interesting historical facts.

Blessing of the Advent Wreath

O God, by whose word all things are made holy, you have called us to be a holy people, and to live as children of light. Pour forth your blessing upon this wreath. Grant that we who kindle its lights may prepare our hearts to receive your Son, who is the radiance of eternal light. He comes to dispel the darkness of our minds, to melt the hardness of our hearts, and to ignite the weakness of our wills. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



**THE
TRUE LIGHT,
WHICH
ENLIGHTENS
EVERYONE,
WAS COMING
INTO
THE WORLD.
— JOHN 1:9**

Come and view our presepio, our menagerie of crèche figures which our volunteers will be putting out in the side chapel in early December. While you are there, say a prayer for peace in our world.

A Reconciliation Advent Service will take place on Wednesday December 16th at 7:30 pm in the Main Church. It will be followed by confessions. This is an opportunity for those who haven't been to Church in a while, to "**COME HOME**" for Christmas. We will also be holding confessions the Saturday before Christmas, December 19th starting at 3 pm

Advent Prayer Services will be held on Sunday, December 6th at 3:30 pm in the Main Church, and Thursday, December 10th and Wednesday, December 16th at 9:15 am in the Martha and Mary Room. Sr. Peggy will lead us in praying psalms, petitions and preparing for the Advent Gospels. Come and join us.

St. Peter's School classes will take turns attending morning Mass. All classes will have an Advent Wreath and a weekly lighting ceremony. A large Advent candle and a crèche will also be in each class, and the children will put their petitions for others in the Baby Jesus' cradle. Upper grades will be given the Little Blue Book.

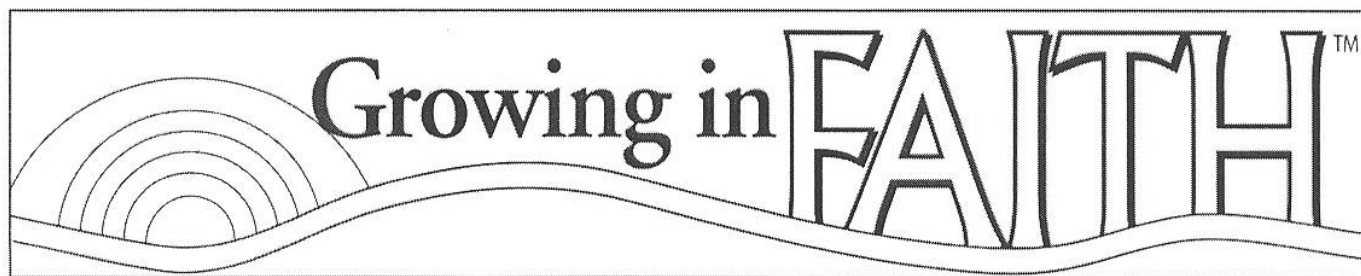


The Religious Formation program invites all our students to join together to help a child this Advent. We are asking each child to bring in one, small, new, unwrapped item for a child, newborn to one year of age. The items will be delivered to one of the four houses the Respect Life Ministry support on Long Island for women in crisis pregnancies. Practical items such as a pacifier or wipes or diapers are greatly appreciated. Please bring the items in the week of DECEMBER 14th at the regularly scheduled class times on Monday December 14th, Tuesday December 15th and Wednesday December 16th. The classes will be making cards for the families. In addition, the Religious Formation Ministry will be donating much requested metro cards and gift cards for the Moms in honor of our wonderful catechists who are so dedicated to our children. If you would like to help with this project, please call Religious Formation Monday through Thursday at 883-5584



The Spanish Apostolate will be celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe (December 12th). Please come and view the beautiful procession from the Port railroad station to the school church on the morning of Sunday, December 13th. Mass will follow at 9:30 am, and then a social in the cafeteria.

The Giving Tree will be up in the main church entrance way. Decorated with angels that each contain the age and gender of a child or needy adult, you may take an angel and return it with an appropriate gift.



Discovering **hope** and **joy** in the Catholic faith.

Advent 2009

Find the peace of Advent

Many of us look forward to Christmas all year but let Advent pass unnoticed. This quiet season can't compete with the lights, the joy, the excitement, and the preparations for Christmas that can go on for months before the day.

This year, why not use the whole season of Advent to prepare for Christmas? Look beyond what your eyes can see to focus on your inner preparations.

Keep watch. Jesus is coming.

We know this because we celebrate his coming every Christmas. He will also come again in glory but we don't know when that will be. Advent reminds us to always be prepared for the coming of Christ. *"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths (Matthew 3:3)."*

Give the gift of yourself. This year prepare the one gift for Jesus that he truly wants: YOU. Jesus thought each of us was worth love and his life. To him, we are a gift from the Father (John 17:24). Prepare yourself during Advent so that when he unwraps your gift on Christmas morning, it is the very best you have to offer — your love.

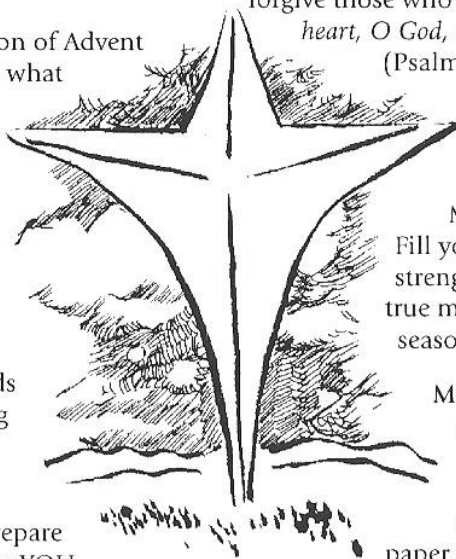
Break down barriers. Let go of anything that stands between you and your faith. Perhaps you have a bad habit or a companion who is a poor influence. Take this opportunity during Advent to make things right. Ridding yourself of opportunities for sin will help you be ready to greet the Savior when he comes.



Give gifts from the heart. Instead of buying gifts, give from your heart. If you're a good baker, make treats to share with others. If you sing or play an instrument, create CDs of your favorite songs for friends and family. Jesus showed us that the greatest of gifts come in the simplest form. Remember a gift given

with love is the best gift of all.

Clean house. Just as you would clean your home to prepare for an honored guest, clean your soul of sin through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Remember to forgive those who have hurt you, too. *"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me"* (Psalm 51:10, RSV).



Decorate with special meaning.

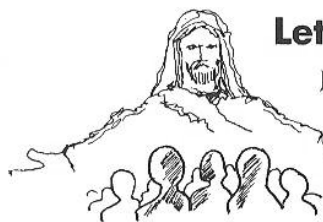
Make every decoration count this year. Fill your home with religious items that will strengthen your faith and remind you of the true meaning of the Advent and Christmas seasons.

Make your own. Look for sacred images of the season that touch your heart and turn them into decorations. One likely source is religious Christmas cards you receive. Even mounting one on colored paper and taping it on your desk or a wall can be a cheerful way to call Christ to mind.

Shine the Light. When you string lights or light Advent candles, let them be a reminder to you throughout the Advent and Christmas season to share the light of your faith with others through your words and actions.

Keep Life Evergreen. In his Angelus (Dec. 19, 2004), Pope John Paul II said that the evergreen fir is a symbol of undying life. *"The message of the Christmas tree is consequently that life stays 'evergreen' if we make a gift of it: not so much of material things but of life itself: in friendship and sincere affection, in fraternal help and forgiveness, in time shared and reciprocal listening."* Give the gift of friendship this season.

Bring your Nativity to life. Place the pieces in your scene at different times. Anticipate the coming of Jesus by keeping his bed empty until Christmas morning. Let the Magi arrive at the Epiphany and follow the Star by looking for signs of the Savior every day throughout the year.



Let Jesus find you.

Jesus came into the world for us. His birth, his death and his rising were meant to save us. He never left us and is looking for each of us. Make sure he can find you.

"Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep (Luke 15:6)."

Invite him in. This is the time to let God occupy a bigger place in your life but he is a gentleman and waits for an invitation. The problem is that we are often too preoccupied by everyday worries to invite him in. Start by ridding yourself of negative thoughts or worries that may take up too much mental energy and keep you from feeling God's love.

Seek him out. Jesus came to us humbly. Look at those in your community who have been humbled due to hardship and reach out with a smile or comforting word. God is in all of us and by showing our love to others, we show our love for God.

Visit him. Try to attend a weekday Mass. Don't miss Mass on the weekend. Spend time at a Perpetual Adoration Chapel or in the presence of our Lord outside of Mass. Take a pilgrimage to different churches to admire their nativity scenes.

Listen for him. Mother Teresa said, "In the silence of the heart God speaks. If you face God in prayer and silence, God will speak to you. Souls of prayer are souls of great silence." Look for ways to practice silence during Advent.

Make room in your "Inn."

When Mary and Joseph reached the inn, there was no room, not even for the King. During Advent, look for ways to make more room for our Savior in your life.

Make room in your prayers. Consider giving fewer gifts and offering spiritual bouquets instead. Use the time you save shopping and wrapping in prayer for the people on your list.

Make room in your mind. God is always with us but it is easier to find him during quiet times. Cut back on social engagements and entertaining. Limit activities other than work or volunteering. Schedule extra prayer time during the season and protect it on your calendar. Don't let anything come between you and God.

Make room in your heart. When they arrived in Bethlehem, Mary and Joseph had to rely on the kindness of strangers to provide them even the barest place to stay. Imagine what it would be like to have no home at all this year. In honor of the Holy Family, seek out a homeless shelter in your area. Find out what the residents may need to help celebrate the coming of the Savior.

Or, call your parish rectory and find out if there is anyone in your parish who is struggling and in need of special attention during the holiday season. Do what you can to make someone else feel welcome at the "Inn."

Make room in your day. Instead of spending time watching television or on the computer, use the time to enrich your soul. Read scripture. Pray the Rosary. Pick up a good book.

Make room in your home. The holidays can be a lonely time without

family or close friends. Look for someone at work or in your neighborhood who may not be connected and invite her to Mass, or to join in your Christmas celebration.

According to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, "Catholicism does not call us to abandon the world, but to help shape it. This does not mean leaving worldly tasks and responsibilities but transforming them." During Advent this year, try transforming your tasks to acts of prayer, penance, and peace to honor the coming Savior.



O Antiphons

On the last days of Advent, you can add these "O Antiphons" to your evening or bedtime prayers. Each one highlights a title for the Messiah and refers to the prophecy of Isaiah of the coming of the Messiah.

December 17

O Sapientia — O Wisdom of our God Most High, guiding creation with power and love: come to teach us the path of knowledge!

December 18

O Adonai — O Leader of the House of Israel, giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai: come to rescue us with your mighty power!

December 19

O Radix Jesse — O Root of Jesse's stem, sign of God's love for all his people: come to save us without delay!

December 20

O Clavis David — O Key of David, opening the gates of God's eternal Kingdom: come and free the prisoners of darkness!

December 21

O Oriens — O Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice: come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death.

December 22

O Rex Gentium — O King of all nations and keystone of the Church: come and save man, whom you formed from the dust!

December 23

O Emmanuel — O Emmanuel, our King and Giver of Law: come to save us, Lord our God!

St. Peter's School News



St. Peter's Alumni Earn Speech and Debate Honors

Three St. Peter's graduates, all of whom attend Regis High School in New York City, have earned honors while competing for the school's Speech & Debate Society, "The Hearn". **Mark Andriola**, Class of 2006, won the Public Forum debate competition with his partner at the prestigious Malcolm Bump Tournament in Montrose, New York. In the Manhattan Debate League, **William Degouevia**, Class of 2007, placed 1st in JV Lincoln Douglass Debate, and **Joe Bianco**, Class of 2008, took 3rd Place with his partner in Public Forum. Congratulations to all of these young men for their tremendous accomplishments!

Chaminade Awards Academic Honors to SPS Graduates

At the Annual Academic Awards Ceremony at Chaminade High School, several St. Peter's alumni received honor pins for their academic excellence. Congratulations to the following young men for their academic achievement.

Senior Gold	Robert J. Crimmins III, Alfredo A. Guzman and Liam M. Neville
Senior Bronze	Michael A. Alas
Junior Silver	Luke M. Beil, Antonio J. Guzman and Theodore S. Melittas
Junior Bronze	Thomas R. Gil
Sophomore Bronze	Patrick G. Nuzzolese

St. Peter's Graduates Enter National Honor Society

St. Peter's School is proud of the following graduates of the class of 2007 who have been inducted into the National Honor Society at Chaminade High School.

Luke M. Beil, Antonio J. Guzman, Theodore S. Melittas, Daniel R. Michel and Adam R. Schmidt

First Trimester Comes to an End

Monday, November 30th marks the last day of the first trimester at St. Peter's School. Report cards will be sent home with your child prior to the December 14th Teacher Conferences.

Children's Christmas Fair Wrap Night and Set-Up

This Wednesday, December 2nd, all volunteers are welcome at Wrap/Pricing Night in the School Cafeteria from 7-9:30 pm. Please bring Christmas cello bags, pricing stickers, wrapping paper, Scotch tape and tissue paper. Please contact Barbara Canalizo at bacanalizo@aol.com with any questions. Set up for the fair will take place on Thursday, December 3rd immediately after school.

Annual Children's Christmas Fair Returns

This Friday, December 4th, all SPS students will have the opportunity to shop at the annual Children's Christmas Fair in the gymnasium. Forms and envelopes will be sent home with the students. We ask that you send in bills of small denominations as all items will be priced at \$6.00 and under.

First Friday Liturgy Hosted by Grade 5

Mrs. Mucciolo and Mrs. Lehmueller's 5th grade homerooms will be hosting the December Liturgy this Friday, December 4th at 8:30 in the School Church. All of the St. Peter's Parish Community is invited to attend. Refreshments will be served in the cafeteria immediately following the mass.

Bagels with Santa for SPS Students

On Saturday, December 5th, all St. Peter's students are invited to attend the annual Bagels with Santa at 9:00 am in the School Cafeteria. Please consult the school website at www.stpeterspw.org for details.

IHM Holly Fair at St. Peter's

Volunteers are needed for next weekends IHM Holly Fair. Hours are Saturday from 10-5, and Sunday from 8-1:30. There will be a set-up on Friday immediately after school. Please contact MaryJoan Buckley at mojobuck@optonline.net if you can help out at this very special event.