



ADULT FAITH FORMATION

RCIA – ADULT EDUCATION – BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

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December 14, 2008



The 3rd Sunday of Advent – Today, we light 2 purple candles and the rose candle.

The rose candle is lit – for this color anticipates and symbolizes the Christmas joy announced in the first word of the entrance antiphon: “Rejoice” (Latin, Gaudete.) For this reason the 3rd Sunday is also called Gaudete Sunday, and the rose color vestments are permitted.

We had a wonderful Advent Day last Sunday, with some of our parish families. We prayed, listened, discussed Advent’s true meaning; made Christmas crafts and sung. Everyone really enjoyed singing a special Advent song of many years ago – “Waiting by the Window,” remembering that we await the coming of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ into our hearts and home on Christmas. I share the words of this song (an echo song) with you to use as perhaps a family prayer.

*“Waiting by the window
Waiting by the window
Watching all the time go
Waiting by the window
Just like the people of long ago.*

*Counting all the minutes
Waiting by the window
Watching all the time go
Waiting by the window
Just like the people of long ago.*

*Waiting here for Jesus
Hope he’s going to come now
Hope that he’ll see me
Waiting by the window
Just like the people of long ago.”*



FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY – Fridays 9:30 to 11:30 AM, in the Burke Wing.
SUNDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY– Sundays 7 to 8:15 PM. Call Cathy 410-796-8150.

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY



The 1st Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year can be very difficult after the loss of a loved one. One-on-One Counseling is available and we have many books in our Bereavement library, for loan, on how to get thru the Holidays after the loss of a loved one, and other pertinent topics.

Call Mary Jane for details.

Our next Support Group will be in the Spring.

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The R i t e o f C h r i s t i a n i n i a t i o n o f A d u l t s



RCIA meets today December 14th, in the Burke Wing @ 9:00 AM.

Topic: Advent Reflections & Mary and the Church: her Feast Days and the the Rosary.

“HELPING HANDS” MINISTRY

Helping Hands



Our “Helping Hands” assist with funeral receptions for our parishioners by bringing food donations, setting-up, serving, take-down, and clean-up. A sincere thank you to those who responded to our need and will be assisting the “Helping Hands” team.

If you can assist in any way, please call Pat Pool at 410-796-5876.

PARISH PRAYER CIRCLE

Our parish “Prayer Circle” prays for the needs of our parish family. “Evening and morning and at noon I will pray, and cry aloud, and He shall hear my voice” Psalm 55:17

Anyone may call or email in a petition to

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“Prayer helps us to respond to misfortune with courage, to react with confidence and to rebound with enthusiasm.”

- William Arthur Ward -