



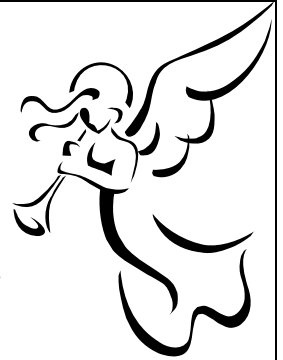
ADULT FAITH FORMATION
 RCIA – ADULT EDUCATION – BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY
 (410-564-2395) – email: MaryJane@staugustinechurch.org
 AFFLAC – Adult Faith Formation: Leadership and Catechesis
 December 21, 2008



The 4th Sunday of Advent - Christmas is almost here. Are we ready?

Christmas

May Christmas find each of us engaged in rediscovering the message that comes from the manger in Bethlehem. A little courage is necessary, but it is worthwhile, because only if we can open out in this way to the coming of Christ, will we be able to experience the peace announced by the Angels during that holy night.



May Christmas be for you all a meeting with Christ, who became human to give everyone the capacity of becoming a child of God.

(Pope John Paul II – adapted)

Christmas Peace and Blessings to All!



FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY – will resume January 9, 2009
SUNDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY- continues on January 4, 2009

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.

RCIA – 2008 - 2009

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
 RCIA meets today December 21st.



Topic: *Readying our hearts for the Coming of Jesus; Christmas Family Traditions, and viewing the Nativity segment of “Jesus of Nazareth.”*
 Please remember all of our RCIA participants in your Christmas prayers.

“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
 To Frank Stanitski
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 410-796-4582



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

- William Arthur Ward -