



ADULT FAITH FORMATION

RCIA – ADULT EDUCATION – BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

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AFFLAC – Adult Faith Formation: Leadership and Catechesis

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Week #2 of Advent! Another Blessing Prayer for the Advent Wreath



*Lord, Source of All Energy and Light,
the ancients saw the sun
as a great fire wheel rolling across the sky.*

*May our Advent Wreath, this small wheel
of green, be a symbol of the sun
and of the Son of God.*

*May its ever-greenness be a sign of
life and of light in the midst of
the darkness of winter.*

*May the candles that burn brightly upon
it remind us of Your Son, Jesus,
who was the light of the world.*

*Grant, Lord, that this our Advent wreath
may be for us and for all who visit our
home a sign of faith in a world grown cold
with disbelief, a symbol of hope in a
time of gloom and despair and a flaming
image of love in a winter of mistrust and hate.*

(Prayers for the Domestic Church)

*May all who look upon this symbol of
Advent be encouraged to prepare
their hearts for the coming of our
Savior, Jesus Christ.*

*May this green wreath with its bright
candles help us to prepare for the
real Christmas which happens
within our hearts.*

*May then, Your blessing – Father of Light,
Son of Glory and Spirit of Love –
be upon this Advent wreath and
upon our home. Amen.*

“HELPING HANDS” MINISTRY –

Our “Helping Hands” Team members assist with set-up, serving, take down and clean-up, when a luncheon reception is requested after a funeral. We are always in need of additional “hands.”

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



BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

We believe no one should grieve alone. If you are grieving the loss of a loved one, and would like to talk with someone, call Mary Jane. One-on-one counseling is also available. We have a lending library of wonderful books, videos and pamphlets on all kind of losses. Two Support Groups are offered each year – one in the Fall (just completed) and another in Spring.



BIBLE STUDY GROUPS:

FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

9:30 AM, Friday mornings in the Burke Wing

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY SERIES: Sunday evenings. Call Cathy Carlin (410-796-8150)

PARISH PRAYER CIRCLE –

“Evening and morning and at noon, I will pray, and cry aloud, and He shall hear my voice.”

Psalm 55:17

Our parish “Prayer Circle” of 27 wonderful people, prays for the needs of our parish family. Anyone may call or email in a petition to our Prayer Circle Coordinator, Frank Stanitski at

fspsosjs@verizon.net or

410-796-4582.

Through prayer, we provide added hope to parishioners who are struggling with illness or death in their families, as well as other challenges such as unemployment or addiction.



RCIA – 2009 – 2010

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

RCIA meets today, December 6th. **Our topic and focus will be Pt. 1 of Questions of Conscience and Morality.**

Please keep all of our Catechumens and Candidates in your prayers.

