



ADULT FAITH FORMATION

RCIA – ADULT EDUCATION – BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

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AFFLAC – Adult Faith Formation: Leadership and Catechesis

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Week #3 of Advent – Gaudete Sunday!

What is Gaudete Sunday? Gaudete Sunday is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent, - is taken from Phillipians 4:4 – “Gaudete in Domino semper”

(“Rejoice in the Lord always.”)

The theme for this week is REJOICING in anticipation of the birth of Jesus on Christmas.

Here are a few suggestions that can help you share in the spirit of the joy:

- ✓ Read from the Bible: Isaiah 35:1-2,10; Psalm 122:1-2; Phil 4:4-7
- ✓ Pray together as a family around the Advent Wreath
- ✓ Sing an Advent Hymn and light 3 candles – 2 purple and the pink
- ✓ Share joy-filled activities – ex. Read a poem – “I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day.”
- ✓ Decorate your house – make ornaments for your tree, for friends or church.
- ✓ Decorate the house with candles, lights, evergreen boughs.
- ✓ Volunteer to decorate your church.
- ✓ Reflect & discuss – the most joyous moments of your life.
- ✓ Tell how joy differs from happiness, the difference between giving & receiving.
- ✓ Spread your joy – offer your services to someone who needs help.

“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



We welcome 3 new members to our parish Prayer Circle – Susan & Autumn Gibbs, Mary Griffin and Mary Spindle.

Thank you to all our members for the gift of their prayers for our parish family!

Our parish “Prayer Circle” now consists of 30 wonderful people, who pray 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](mailto:fspsosjs@verizon.net) or 410-796-4582.

RCIA – 2009 – 2010

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

RCIA meets today, December 13<sup>th</sup>. Our topic and focus will be Mary and the Church; Mary’s Feast Days; and the Rosary. Please keep all of our Catechumens and Candidates in your prayers.

