

*Liturgy Corner***Mr. Kelly Wheelbarger / Sr. Katherine Collard**

The Advent wreath, like many of our customs at Christmas traces its origin to pre-Christian times when candles were lit during the winter to the "sun-god" asking for light. It was the Lutherans who started the Advent wreath as a Christian custom. The word "advent" comes from the Latin term for arrival or "coming". It is the season when we await the coming of the Lord in time and at the end of time. The Advent wreath usually has four candles, three purple and one pink to match the color of the vestments of the week. The first candle, called the Prophets' Candle, is lit on the first Sunday of Advent. The second candle, called the Bethlehem Candle, is lit on the second Sunday along with the first. On the third Sunday of Advent a pink candle, called the Shepherds' Candle, is lit representing "Rejoice" Sunday. The fourth candle, called the Angels' Candle, is lit on the last Sunday of Advent. Sometimes a white candle is placed in the center of the wreath and is called the Christ candle. In some parishes, the white candle remains unlit until Christmas Eve. A different explanation of the meaning of the candles can sound like the greetings we use in our Christmas cards. This explanation says that the candles represent "hope, love, joy and peace". For this reason the wreath can also be used during the Christmas celebrations but with candles that are all white.

**CHSRV RELIGIOUS GOODS SHOP ANNEX AT ST. ANDREW'S**

The St. Joseph's Sunday Missals for 2010 have arrived at the CHSRV. The Missals are available at the Annex, located in the former Baptistery at the back of the Church from 10:00 am until immediately before 11:30 am Mass on Sundays. The Missals and other religious goods are also available at the CHSRV, located at 400 Campbell Ave., open on Tuesdays from 10:00 am—2:00 pm; contact 540-982-0152.

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is offered at St. Andrew's on the eve of the First Friday of each month, from **5:00 p.m. until 7:00 pm**. This is an opportunity for personal prayer, private meditation, scripture reflection, etc. Our next Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be on **Thursday, December 3**.

*Parish News & Upcoming Events***DECEMBER PARISH DINNER**

Join us on Wednesday, December 2, from 5:30 pm to 6:45 pm for our next parish dinner. Dinner will feature baked ham, scalloped potatoes, green beans, macaroni and cheese (for the kids) and rolls. Donations of dessert are welcomed and appreciated. Please sign-up this weekend on the sheets at the church entrances. Dinner is \$5.00 a person/ \$20 for a family of four with children under 10.

**ADVENT OUTREACH**

The season of Advent is upon us. It is a time to reach out to those less fortunate than ourselves. We have chosen to "adopt" Monticello Manor and Hollins Manor. These are residences for men and women who have no home, no money, and little family. We would like to make their Christmas happier by providing them with some personal items. This week, the **first week of Advent, November 29**, we will collect socks, undergarments, and house slippers for men and women. On the **second week**, warm clothing items such as sweaters, sweatshirts, hats, gloves, etc. On the **third week**, toiletry items like shampoos, deodorant, shaving cream, costume jewelry for the women, and disposable razors. On the **final week**, playing cards, puzzles, checkers, and other items for their enjoyment. Boxes are available for your donations in the vestibules.

**CHRISTMAS IS FOR SHARING—ANGEL TREES**

Angel Trees for children in the local therapeutic foster care program of Commonwealth Catholic Charities are set up at each of the church entrances. The items on the angels represent the wishes of each child, and while there may be several items or an expensive item listed, it is up to each person to make a heart-felt decision on the amount they choose to give. Families may choose to join together to share in the gift-giving. The deadline for all gift returns (with angels attached) is December 13. Thank you for your generosity. Direct questions to Drema Sylvester (798-0323).

**MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP**

The St. Andrew's Middle School Youth Group will meet next Sunday,, December 6, from 5—6:30 pm in the Social Hall. We'll have tons of fun, and plan out the Christmas Eve Nativity procession. Hope to see all of our 6th, 7th, and 8th graders there! Questions to Mrs. Kathy Boyer (344-9814).

*Sacrificial Giving*

November 8, 2009	Week	Month
Sunday	\$26,962	\$51,106
Maintenance Fund	\$958	\$4,713
5th Sunday	<u>\$2,360</u>	<u>\$4,463</u>
Total received	\$30,280	\$60,282
Total income needed per month		<u>\$107,500</u>
Better (Worse)		\$(47,218)
Outstanding debt	\$220,732	
Parish Finances will be updated next week.		

*Thank you for your generous support and for using your offertory envelopes. Please remember St. Andrew's in your will.*

## *Parish News & Upcoming Events*

### **A MESSAGE FROM THE U.S. CATHOLIC BISHOPS**

On November 7, the U.S. House of Representatives passed major health care reform which reaffirmed longstanding and widely supported policy that no federal funds will be used to pay for elective abortions (the Stupak Amendment). Your efforts made a difference. It is now critical that the Senate adopt the House-approved Stupak Amendment language that restricts federal funding for elective abortions and for plans which include elective abortions. This language, approved by the House by a large majority, ensures that Americans are not forced to pay for the destruction of unborn children as a part of needed health care reform. The Senate needs to address other essential moral priorities such as protecting conscience rights, making health care more affordable and accessible for those without coverage, and ensuring that immigrants do not lose or will not be denied needed health care coverage. Please visit [www.vacatholic.org](http://www.vacatholic.org) for ways to contact your Senators today!

### **YOUNG IN SPIRIT**

All senior members of the parish and their guests are invited to our luncheon at Roanoke Country Club on Wednesday, December 9. Reservations must be received by Saturday, December 5. If you have not received our letter with details or you need additional information, call Louise Clendenen at 774-0194 or Dot Piedmont at 345-3241.

### **ST. LUCY CONCERT AND FESTIVAL OF LIGHT 2009**

The annual *St. Lucia Holiday Concert and Festival of Light* is Tuesday, December 15, at 7:30 pm, here at St. Andrew's. This is our sixth annual ecumenical celebration and will feature the choirs and musicians from St. Andrew's, St. Paul's Episcopal and Salem Presbyterian Church. Admission is free. One or two non-perishable goods are appreciated and a free will offering will help benefit local charities. There will be a reception following the concert in the parish hall featuring Swedish treats.

### **YOUTH CHOIR FOR CHRISTMAS EVE**

Children and youth are asked to participate in this year's 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Masses. Children in grades 1-5 and grades 6-12 will comprise two choirs that will sing at both 4:00 pm Masses. Rehearsals will take place immediately following the 11:30 Mass in the Music Room on November 29, December 6, and December 13. The last rehearsal will be at 10:15 am on December 20 in the church (there are no Christian Formation classes that day). Children's Choir members should report on Christmas Eve at 3:15 pm in the Music Room.

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

*Parish Office Hours:* Monday-Friday, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm.

*In Case of Emergency* contact the office telephone 24 hours a day at 344-9814 and the answering service will help you if the staff is not available.

*Prayers for the Sick* are included in the bulletin each week. Names will remain on the prayer list for four weeks unless you call to tell us to leave them on.

### **THE MAUSOLEUM AT ST. ANDREW'S**

This beautiful, indoor facility provides our parishioners and their immediate families the opportunity to be interred on the hill. Please call Jill Blanchard at the Parish Office to schedule an appointment or for more information.

## *Community News & Events*



### **ST. FRANCIS HOUSE**

Needs soups, stews and crackers. Thank you for reaching out to those less fortunate.

### **ROANOKE COLLEGE CHOIR CONCERT**

The annual *Lessons and Carols of Christmas* Concert will be held at St. Andrew's on November 29, 2009. Two performances will be offered at 3:00 pm and 5:00 pm. The concert will feature the Roanoke College Choir and the Oriana Singers. The concert is open to the public and admission is free. A free will offering will be received to benefit Roanoke Area Ministries.

### **AARP DRIVER SAFETY CLASS**

The AARP Driver Safety Class is being offered at St. Andrew's on Wednesday and Thursday, December 2 and 3 from 9:00 am—1:00 pm each day. This course is designed for motorists age 50 and older and is a review of safety features to help seniors continue to be safe drivers. The cost of the course is \$12.00 for AARP members and \$14.00 for non-members. Virginia State law mandates that auto insurers give a discount to all motorist over 55 years of age who have completed the class. In order to maintain the discount, the class must be repeated every 3 years. Call Ruth Olive at 776-3354 to register for this class.

### **THE NATIONAL NIGHT OF PRAYER FOR LIFE**

This prayer vigil will be held at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Salem on December 8 from 9:00 pm until 1:00 am. This prayer vigil consists of exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 20 decades of the Rosary, prayer to St. Michael, meditation, and hymns. It takes place each year beginning at 9:00 pm on December 8, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, and ending on December 9, the Feast of St. Juan Diego, at 1:00 am. It was on this feast that Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the Americas, and the unborn, first appeared to St. Juan Diego in Mexico. More than 700 parishes across the United States join in prayer on the night that bridges these two feasts to honor Mary, and to pray that the world will recognize the sanctity of all human life. Please come this year as we join our nation with one voice in prayer for the gift of life.

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## Mass Intentions

November 30—December 6

Tuesday	(12:00 pm)	Gerald Pomatto
Wednesday	(7:30 am)	Jocelyn Donato
Thursday	(11:00 am)	Camella D'Urso
<i>Mass on Thursday will be celebrated at Our Lady of the Valley</i>		
Friday	(7:30 am)	George Hains
Saturday	(5:30 pm)	Col. Donald Cook, USMC
Sunday	(7:30 am)	The people of St. Andrew's
	(9:00 am)	Michael Calhoon
	(11:30 am)	Marianne Montano McDowell

**Parishioners, relatives and friends who need our prayers:**

Marie Holliday, Pat Johnston, Joyce Smith, Robert Brudzinski, Rick Calhoon, Dr. Charlie Harris, Kathleen Cabic, Michelle Cabic, Mary Schumann, Phyllis Crawford, Russell Short, Sarah Vicich, Gertrude Zebrasky, Mike Edwards, Frances Johnson, Leo Hirsbrunner, Genevieve Riquelmy, Jeanette Price, Donnie Graves, Glada Lazzuri, June Adams, Everett Quesenberry, George Kern, Sam Sillars, Emily Griswold, Ann Huffman, Evie Nablo, William Pete Hamilton, Jr., Miriam Walawski, Cindal Thompson, Agnita Angermeier, Randy Mason, Bob Garren, Deacon Mark Allison, Iryl Harding, George Spalding, Alice Lopez, Katherine Chestnut, Jerome Kalafut, Robert Boisvert, Vanzom Smith, Ray Donnelly, Terry Rodreque, Alice Mitchell, Michael Joseph, Sarah Steahly, Norbert Steahly, Scott Roth, Edith Foster, Joyce Smith, Patrick Johnson, Stephanie Lucas, Sue Smith, Lisa Powell, Mary Anne Sliwinski, Neil Purdy, Joan Purdy, Margarie Franco, Vincenta Abasolo, Jan Northrup, Alice Cooper, Thomas Goad, Joyce Goad, Norma Goad, Robert Elmore, Ronald Sharp, Iris Sharp, Madeline Collins, Lillian Huset, Elizabeth Grandusky, Gracie Huffman, Mona Barnes, Kevin Stokes, Kathy Ryder, Raine Walters, Jessica Nicole Walters, Anna Lucas, Duane Smith, Allie Dalzell, Anne Jabbour, Jason Krajc, Dr. Frank England, Kris Larsen, Kathy Aud, Annette McCarty, Allyson McClellan, Elizabeth Rulison, Sarah Crofts, Katherine Poole, Pat Cerak.

*Names will remain on the prayer list for **four weeks**.  
Please call the office if they should remain longer.*

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**Events this Week**

This Sunday (12:30 pm) Youth Choir rehearsal  
(3:00 & 5:00 pm) Roanoke College  
Lessons and Carols

Monday (10:00 am) RCIA  
(7:00 pm) Scripture Study

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(7:00 pm) Usher/Greeter Workshop

Wednesday (9:00 am) Driver Safety Class  
(2:00 pm) Senior Fitness Group  
(5:30 pm) Parish dinner

Thursday (9:00 am) Driver Safety Class  
(5:00 pm) Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
(7:00 pm) Penance service at Rocky Mount  
(7:00 pm) RCIA

Friday (2:00 pm) Senior Fitness Group

Saturday (9:00 am) Rosary  
(11:00 pm) First Reconciliation Celebration

Next Sunday (10:15 am) Adult Education  
(10:15 am) Christian Formation K-11  
(12:30 pm) Youth Choir rehearsal  
(3:00 pm) Vietnamese Choir rehearsal  
(5:00 pm) Middle School Youth

**Readings for the Week of November 29, 2009**

Monday: Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22  
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24  
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37  
Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27  
Friday: Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31  
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35---10:1, 5a,  
6-8

***Remember in your prayers these parishioners and family members  
who are actively serving our country in the military:***

Steven Jeremy Ayers, Jacob Brookshier, Ches Mitchell, Tommy Nichols, Allen Palumbo, Michael Nghia-Nguyen, Joseph Amos, Justin Assenat, Joshua Balagna, Sam Bebout, Will Bebout, Timothy M. Brady, Brian X. Conlan, Michael Dale Davis, John W. Downs, William Farmer, Robert Gamand, Jamie Guilliams, John Hinkel, Stephanie Lynn Holliday, Anthony Huff, Jarrod Huff, Herbert Jones, Michael Keller, Jeffrey Robert Klein, Tim McAtter, Matthew McCorkel, Colin McGuire, Daryl R. Peltier, Ronnie Stout, Adrian Rouse, Jacob Hunter Rusgrove, Pamela T. Schmecht, Joe Spegele, Dustin Stewart and Chuck Suslowicz.