

<p>Christmas Eve Friday, Dec 24th All Masses are at the Church. No Overflow Mass at the school!</p>	<p>St. Mary of the Assumption School Weekly Newsletter Website: www.stmaryum.org Email: office@stmaryum.org</p>	<p>Volume 11, Issue 17 December 21, 2010 School Resumes on January 3rd. Enjoy the Christmas Break!!</p>
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The Great O Antiphons



The “O Antiphons” refer to the seven antiphons that are recited (or chanted) preceding the Magnificat during Vespers of the Liturgy of the Hours. They cover the special period of Advent preparation known as the Octave before Christmas, Dec. 17-23, with Dec. 24 being Christmas Eve and Vespers for that evening being for the Christmas Vigil.

The importance of “O Antiphons” is twofold: Each one highlights a title for the Messiah: *O Sapientia* (O Wisdom), *O Adonai* (O Lord), *O Radix Jesse* (O Root of Jesse), *O Clavis David* (O Key of David), *O Oriens* (O Rising Sun), *O Rex Gentium* (O King of the Nations), and *O Emmanuel*. Also, each one refers to the prophecy of Isaiah of the coming of the Messiah. (more info on page 3)

**Fourth Week of
Advent**

**Calendar of Events
December/January**

12/21	Mass 10:10 AM Full Day Christmas Program 1:00
12/22	No School
01/3	School Resumes
01/7	Mass 10:10 AM Full Day

A Special Christmas Greeting

To Our Parents

On behalf of Father Foley, Sister Joyce and Sister Myra and the entire faculty and staff of our school, we would like to wish all of our parents a heartfelt Merry Christmas and a faith filled, happy and blessed New Year.

We are grateful that you have chosen to send your children to St. Mary of the Assumption School to learn about the things of God as well as the things of this world. With God’s help and your support, I’m sure 2011 will be another great year of learning at St. Mary’s. Merry Christmas everyone!



Special Donation from Hallmark of Dunkirk

A special “Thank You” to the Ladies of Hallmark in Dunkirk, Joanne, Laura, Ludy, Karen, Kris, Terri, and Tiffany, for donating the Snowman Band Players as well as books for the 5th grade classroom. The music and story will continue to be enjoyed through out the year. A big thank you to the ladies, we wish them a very Merry Christmas.

Sr. Joyce would like to express her heartfelt gratitude to all the Faculty, Staff, and School Families for your many expressions of prayers and sympathy. Your support gives me strength during this time of the loss of my Mother, Marie Marks.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve ~ Friday, December 24th

- 5:00 pm in Church ~ Contemporary Choir
- There will **NOT** be a 5:15pm overflow Mass at the School
- 8:00 pm ~ Gospel Choir
- 12 Midnight ~ Traditional Choir

CHRISTMAS CAROLS WITH THE TRADITIONAL CHOIR: Music will flourish with the Traditional Choir and guests, Ms. May Rybak and Mr. Rick Pasciuto, Trp., augmenting our ensemble. Choir, Solo and Duet selections will be featured. The congregation will be asked to join us in some well known Christmas Carols. Carols will start at 11:30pm before the midnight Mass.

Christmas Day ~ Saturday, December 25th

10:00am ~ Cantor and Organist ~ No Confessions

PLEASE NOTE: Christmas Mass does NOT fulfill your Sunday obligation for Sunday December 26th.

Saturday, January 1, 2011

Feast of the Solemnity of the Virgin Mary

Not a Holy Day of Obligation

Masses January 1, 2011:

10:00am & 5:30pm Epiphany Vigil Mass

Confessions 4:15-5:15pm

Sunday, January 2nd

The Epiphany of the Lord

Masses: 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30am

Parish Offices will be Closed:

December 24th and December 31st

Praising the Names of Jesus: The Antiphons of Advent

It is especially in the final week of Advent that our attention is fixed on the messianic promises proclaimed by the ancient prophets of Israel. A distinctive feature of the Liturgy of the Hours in this week preceding the Christmas vigil is the antiphon sung at Vespers (evening prayer) before and after the recitation of the Magnificat. Originally incorporated into the monastic office in the Middle Ages, these antiphons, often called the "Greater Antiphons" or the "O Antiphons", are also echoed in the daily lectionary as the verse for the gospel acclamation during this week. They add a mood of eager expectation to the liturgy that builds throughout these seven days and climaxes at Christmas.

The O Antiphons have been described as "a unique work of art and a special ornament of the pre-Christmas liturgy, filled with the Spirit of the Word of God". They "create a poetry that fills the liturgy with its splendor", and their composer shows "a magnificent command of the Bible's wealth of motifs". The antiphons are, in fact, a collage of Old Testament types of Christ. Their predominant theme is messianic, stressing the hope of the Savior's coming. Jesus is invoked by various titles, mainly taken from the prophet Isaiah. The sequence progresses historically, from the beginning, before creation, to the very gates of Bethlehem.

In their structure, each of the seven antiphons follows the same pattern, resembling a traditional liturgical prayer. Each O Antiphon begins with an invocation of the expected Messiah, followed by praise of him under one of his particular titles. Each ends with a petition for God's people, relevant to the title by which he is addressed, and the cry for him to "Come".

The seven titles attributed to Jesus in the antiphons are Wisdom (*Sapientia* in Latin), Ruler of the House of Israel (*Adonai*), Root of Jesse (*Radix*), Key of David (*Clavis*), Rising Dawn (*Oriens*), King of the Gentiles (*Rex*), and Emmanuel. In Latin the initials of the titles make an acrostic which, when read backwards, means: "Tomorrow I will be there" ("Ero cras"). To the medieval mind this was clearly a reference to the approaching Christmas vigil.

Today the O Antiphons are most familiar to us in the hymn "O come, O come Emmanuel". Each verse of the hymn parallels one of the antiphons. In addition to their use in the Liturgy of the Hours and the gospel acclamation, they have been popularly incorporated into church devotions and family prayer. An Advent prayer service for use at home, in school, or in the events of parish life can be built around the singing or recitation of the antiphons, accompanied by the related Scripture readings and prayers. They can be prayed at family dinner times or with the lighting of the Advent wreath, with a short explanation of their biblical background. The titles can also be depicted by simple symbols - for example, on banners and posters or in bulletin illustrations - to help us to reflect on these Advent themes.

Holiday Gift Guide



Fashion Gifts

Aeropostale
American Eagle
Gap/Banana Republic
JCPenney
Kohl's
Macy's
TJMaxx



Dad Stuff

Ace Hardware
Home Depot
Lowe's
Outback
Sears



Toys For All Ages

Best Buy
GameStop
PetSmart
Shutterfly
Staples
Toys R Us



Active Lifestyles

Bass Pro Shops
Cabela's
Dick's Sporting Goods
Lands End
LLBean



Business Gifts

Chipotle
Harry & David
Honey Baked Ham
See's Candies



Stocking Stuffers

AMC Theatres
Claire's
Dunkin' Donuts
iTunes
Regal Entertainment



Cooks & Foodies

Bed Bath & Beyond
Omaha Steaks
PF Chang
Ruth's Chris Steakhouse
Williams Sonoma



For Teacher

Barnes & Noble
Borders
Shutterfly
Waldenbooks



If You're Stumped

Amazon.com
American Airlines
Chili's
Marriott
Panera Bread
Starbucks



St. Mary of the Assumption School Scrip Order Form

Orders sent into School will be filled on **Mondays and Wednesdays**

Your name: _____ Daytime phone number: _____

If you are sending this form to School to have order returned home, please complete the following:

Student name: _____ Student's Grade: _____

Retailer (percentage earned by St. Mary's)	Card Value	# of cards	Total
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Grocery/Warehouse Stores

140	BJ's Whoesale (2%)	\$100		\$0
141	BJ's Whoesale (2%)	\$25		\$0
100	Giant (5%)	\$100		\$0
102	Giant (5%)	\$25		\$0
130	Food Lion (5%)	\$100		\$0
131	Food Lion (5%)	\$25		\$0
115	Safeway (4%)	\$100		\$0
116	Safeway (4%)	\$25		\$0
142	WalMart/Sam's Club (2%)	\$100		\$0
143	WalMart/Sam's Club (2%)	\$25		\$0

Restaurants

540	Chipotle (10%)	\$10		\$0
300	Outback/Carrabba's (8%)	\$25		\$0
305	Panera Bread (9%)	\$10		\$0
310	Red Lobster/Olive Garden/Longhorn (9%)	\$25		\$0
315	Starbuck's (9%)	\$10		\$0
320	Wendy's (4%)	\$10		\$0
557	Dumkin' Donuts (4%)	\$10		\$0

Retail

325	Barnes & Noble (9%)	\$10		\$0
330	Borders/Walden (9%)	\$10		\$0
340	Kohl's (5%)	\$25		\$0
341	Kohl's (5%)	\$100		\$0
572	iTunes (5%)	\$15		\$0

Gasoline

221	Shell (2.5%)	\$100		\$0
220	Shell (2.5%)	\$25		\$0

Special Orders: (fill in retailer and card value)

556	Game Stop (3%)	\$25		\$0
				\$0
				\$0
				\$0

Total amount of SCRIP purchase 0

Please check payment method: Cash

Check number _____

If you do not see what you are searching for on this form, there are **over 400 businesses** listed online at www.glscrip.com! Please note that special orders will take a bit longer to fill.

Thank you for supporting St. Mary of the Assumption!

There is a \$30 fee for all returned checks.

Please make all checks payable to St. Mary of the Assumption



September 2010

Dear Parents and Staff of St. Mary's of the Assumption:

Giant A+ Bonus Buck will begins on October 4, 2010 and runs through April 1, 2010. Food Lion and Target run year round.

YOU MUST RE-REGISTER YOUR CARD EVERY YEAR

Please sign up on the website, or send your name and completed bonus numbers and I will do it for you.

Log on to www.giantfood.com and designate our school on-line with code 00578.

Log on to www.target.com and designate our school on-line with code 17938.

OR

Send in the form below to the school c/o Shannon McCreary, Grade 5;

Barbara McCreary

(301) 675-0752

Giant Coordinator

barbibaby66@yahoo.com

GIANT

LAST NAME: _____

Giant Card Number: _____

FOOD LION

LAST NAME: _____



St Mary of the Assumption CYO Basketball

WE NEED A COUPLE MORE ROOKIE GIRLS.....

Coach Hursey

raifordhursey@yahoo.com>

NOW OPEN TO 2ND GRADE GIRLS...

Our team is almost full, please let us know if you want to play. Any 2nd graders interested?

PRACTICE FOR ROOKIE GIRLS

MON & FRI. 4:30-6:15.

Camp Springs Community Church Gym

6040 Woodyard Rd. Clinton, MD 20735

Just show up for practice and fill out a form then too.

NEEDS TO BE DONE ASAP ENDS SOON.

CARPOOLS AVAILABLE FOR PRACTICE,

PLEASE FILL OUT ATTACHED FORM AND FOLLOW DIRECTIONS ASAP.

ANY QUESTIONS CALL IDA 240-216-6904



LAST CHANCE

PRACTICE HAS STARTED! REGISTER NOW.

St Mary of the Assumption Catholic School & Parish

CYO 2010/2011 **Basketball**- 2ND -3rd, 4th gr GIRLS ONLY....

1st Step of Registration. If you signed up for soccer at the CYO site this school year, then you do not need to go there again. If you did not play soccer this year then you **MUST** go to www.washcyo.com and register on line **ALSO**.

Players Name _____ Date of Birth _____
Address _____
Grade _____
Parent or Guardian Name(s) _____
Cell #1 _____ Cell #2 _____ Work _____
Very important--home & work please
E-Mail Address _____
E-Mail Address _____
E-Mail Address _____

**PLEASE SEND YOUR MONEY THRU SYDNEY 6TH GRADE TO Cathy Isom
ASAP OR MAIL TO 9023 Cheval Lane Upper Marlboro, MD 20772**

**Cost: \$85.00 Rookies Grades 3 & 4 Boys & Girls
\$95.00 JV Boys & Girls Grades 5 & 6
\$95.00 Varsity Grades 7 & 8 Boys & Girls**

**Anyone interested in coaching or helping with coaching any sport, please
contact Ida at belinky@verizon.net or 240-216-6904 ASAP**

**We are looking for next year. Coaches, please secure you spot!
(15 hours school credit if you coach a team sport)**

Parent Signature

Date

**PRACTICE LOCATION: Camp Springs Community Church
6040 Woodyard Road, Clinton, MD 20735 (minutes from school) (same location as last season)**

Play90Soccer.com
Winter 2010 (Outdoor) Soccer Training
Open to all players
All Age Groups up to U14

Session 1: Wednesday's December 15 – Jan 5, (3:30 – 4:30PM)

Session 2: Wednesday Jan 12 – Feb 2, 3:30 – 4:30 PM)

Cost: \$125 per session (10% of proceeds to STM CYO Sports)

Location: TBD

Contact Coach Amo for more information 240-461-0382 coachamo@play90soccer.com





Christmas

**Happy Holidays to all of our
St. Marys of the Assumption
School & Parish Families**

**From
St Marys of the Assumption CYO
(Catholic Youth Organization)**

**Hope everyone has a wonderful, safe Christmas
and a
Happy New Year!**

