



## St. Charles of Brazil E-Bulletin for the week of December 13, 2009

This Sunday marked the Third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday. Rev. Joan Stiles presided, assisted by our pastor, Fr. Peter Smith. You can hear Rev. Joan's homily by visiting our website: [stcharlesofbrazil.org](http://stcharlesofbrazil.org)

### **SOUTHWEST MEN'S SHELTER MINISTRIES**

**CHRISTMAS CHEER AT THE SHELTER** JOIN US FOR CHRISTMAS CHEER AT THE SOUTHWEST MEN'S SHELTER WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16 ANY TIME AFTER 5 PM UNTIL 9 PM. WE WILL PREPARE THE MONTHLY MEAL AT THE SHELTER AND AFTER SERVING, LEAD CHRISTMAS CAROLLING AND ENJOY HOLIDAY SNACKS. DONATIONS OF COOKIES WOULD BE MOST WELCOME!! YOUR GENEROSITY HAS COVERED THE COST OF THE ENTIRE MEAL--THANKS SO MUCH!!!

**SHELTER DIRECTIONS: from beltway exit 13 (Frederick Road) proceed West and make first possible left onto Wade Avenue. Follow Wade Avenue onto the grounds of Spring Grove. Go app. 1/4 mile from entrance to Spring Grove until you see a compound on the left consisting of brick buildings surrounding 2 trailers. Park on the road and enter through first trailer.**

**ST. CHARLES OF BRAZIL WILL CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF CHRISTMAS WITH A CANDLELIGHT MIDNIGHT MASS** in our usual worship space. PLAN TO COME EARLY FOR CAROLS: 11:30 PM!  
INVITE A FRIEND (OR TWO!)

## **PLEASE CONSIDER A GIFT OF POINTSETTIAS TO DECORATE OUR ALTAR THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON.**

**GIVING TREE: Remember to take a tag off the tree (and replace it with an ornament) so that you can be part of our efforts to provide a Christmas present for each and every resident of the Southwest Men's shelter.**

Men's Winter clothing is now being collected as well as white socks and underwear. You can bring them with you to mass on Sundays.

JOAN STILES IS COLLECTING BLANKETS FOR HER MINISTRY TO THE HOMELESS. PLEASE BRING THEM TO SUNDAY MASS WHERE A RECEPTACLE IS AVAILABLE TO COLLECT THEM.

### **CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES**

Sunday, December 13th we celebrated another Children's Liturgy of the Word. It was a lovely way to engage our little ones in a conversation around John the Baptist's wise advice to all of us to be just and fair.

We are also able to assist you in providing religious education for your kindergarten and elementary school-aged child. Please contact Ruth Ann for more information: 410-242-5375.

**Our next liturgy will be held on Sunday, December 20th, at 10:30 am .  
FELLOWSHIP IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING IN OUR REGULAR FELLOWSHIP SPACE!**