



## St. Charles of Brazil E-Bulletin for the week of November 29, 2009

This Sunday marked the First Sunday of Advent. Fr. Peter Smith, our pastor, presided, assisted by Fr. Mike Meyer. Fr. Peter spoke on the call to be patient and faithful during the time which is "already" but "not yet". You can here Fr. Peter'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!! DONATIONS ARE ALSO WELCOME TO OFFSET THE COST OF THE MEAL! **IF YOU CAN ATTEND PLEASE RSVP TO SHERYL HEIDT [skhobh@verizon.net](mailto:skhobh@verizon.net)**

**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 will once again hold Children's Liturgy of the Word (for ages pre-school to 12)during mass time. Parents are welcome (but not required) to accompany their little ones. If you know someone, friend, neighbor, or co-worker, who is looking for a gentle introduction to the catholic faith for their little one, this is just the thing!!! Please extend the invitation.

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.

**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!!!**  
**INVITE A FRIEND (OR TWO!)**

**PARISH REGISTRATION NOW POSSIBLE**

**A registration form is now available if you wish to become an official member of St. Charles of Brazil. Copies will be on hand this Sunday.**

**Here is what "membership" means:**

- \*members are able to vote on issues raised at parish-wide meetings**
- \*members are counted towards the national church's annual census**
- \*members' contact information is on record in the event that all parish membership needs to be contacted.**
- \*membership provides information to parish leadership about possible sacramental needs of family members.**

**MEMBERSHIP CARRIES WITH IT NO FINANCIAL OBLIGATION.**

**PLEASE PLAN TO JOIN US FOR MASS DURING THIS ADVENT SEASON. Our next liturgy will be held on Sunday, December 6th at 10:30 am .**

**FELLOWSHIP IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING IN OUR REGULAR FELLOWSHIP SPACE!**