



**St. Charles of
Brazil**

E-Bulletin for the Second Sunday of Advent, December 5, 2010

This Sunday Bishop Carl not only presided at mass but also presided over our very own farmer's market: a fabulous assortment of goodies from his Pennsylvania farm, Terrapin Station Herb Farm. All are agreed this should be an annual event...great for Christmas shopping, proceeds topping \$500. Carl was also astonished by the generosity of parishioners who donated over \$400 to assist his elderly, disabled friend, Nancy.

***JOIN US FOR CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD THIS SUNDAY,
December 12 at 10:30 am.***

WISE WORDS OF THE WEEK:

We should remember the Advent spirit that John the Baptist, as Jesus' foreunner, experienced before us: a willing acceptance of the small, seemingly mundane task that this particular moment puts before us; a humble readiness to do the one small thing even when we see the greater thing that is denied us; unenvying preparedness to acknowledge a greater excellence in others, even when we cannot bask in the reflected glory, hope that the unutterable will come to us too in our restriction and imprisonment from which we can no longer break out; the assurance that all finite things, even death can be inwardly fulfilled by the eternal God of love and light, if only they are accepted in hope, and that every setback in life can be a resurgence, the certainty rising from all the graves of disappointments that even the cry in the wilderness will be heard by someone, and that all that sowing of our tears will bring

forth a harvest of joy, even if only in the storehouses of eternal life; readiness to undertake a further journey even when we had thought that at last we were home forever. Hans Kung, WORDS OF FAITH

ADVENT IS UPON US...

Monica Kennedy will continue to facilitate a prayer and faith sharing gathering after mass throughout the Sundays of Advent. Please see fliers at church for details.

The ornaments on our "Shelter Gift Giving Tree" are dwindling...which means folks are shopping for gifts! Please take a look this Sunday for remaining "ornaments" which may be taken home and shared with friends or neighbors so that each and every shelter guest has a gift to open on Christmas Day.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR OUR SECOND ANNUAL TURKEY DINNER AND CHRISTMAS CAROLLING PARTY AT THE WESTSIDE MEN'S SHELTER, MONDAY, DECEMBER 13TH AT 5:30 PM. DONATIONS OF COOKIES ARE NEEDED. PLEASE BRING THEM WITH YOU ON MONDAY NIGHT.

PLAN AHEAD FOR CHRISTMAS EVE LITURGY AT ST.

CHARLES OF BRAZIL: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24TH, 10:00 PM.

SEE YOU THIS SUNDAY, 12/12 , the THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, AT 10:30 am IN
OUR REGULAR WORSHIP SPACE WITH FELLOWSHIP IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING.