

# Genesis Vicariate Newsletter

~ DECEMBER 2011 EDITION ~

**A LETTER FROM THE VICAR** ~ Pausing to remember the birth of Christ each December 25<sup>th</sup> is often lost amid the flurry of activities that our family, friends and community invite us into. But the primary purpose of the Feast of Christmas is to remember that God so loved the world that He sent His only Son to be our Savior. My thanks to all of the representatives from the parishes who gave of their time and talent to offer Archbishop Vigneron our proposals for the Together in Faith II planning process. For months these fellow parishioners deliberated over the challenging questions of how best we as a local church can keep our eyes fixed on Christ.

Please step forward in the new year and offer your time and talent to make these proposals real – it will be among the most important gifts you can offer your church. Sincerely, (Rev. Msgr.) Michael C. LeFevre, Vicar

**HEALING MASS/COMMUNAL CONFESSION** ~ All are invited to attend a Healing Mass at Queen of Apostles on Saturday, December 10th, 4 pm. The Club Filarets Female Choir will sing at the Mass. Under the direction of Bob Barnhart. The Communal Confession will be offered at 11 am.

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY** ~ The Transfiguration~OLHC Madonna Guild invites you to attend their Annual Christmas Party, Sunday December 4th following 10:30 am Mass in the Social Hall. You don't have to be a member to attend, all are welcome! \$10 admission includes a hot meal and refreshments and there will also be a raffle. For details, please call Terry Kovalcik at (586) 558-0173.

**CATHOLICS "COMING HOME"** ~ Queen of Apostles in Hamtramck will be sponsoring a six-week series "Catholics Returning Home; Come Home for Easter", beginning February 20, 2012. If you know of a friend or loved one who would like to return to the Catholic Faith, please encourage them to attend this series. Please contact the Rectory at (313) 891-1520 for details or more information.

**ANNUAL "HOLIDAY HAPPENING"** ~ St. Gregory invites you to attend their Annual "Holiday Happening", Sunday, December 11th after 11 am Mass (12:30). Tickets are \$8 and can be purchased from any Ladies' Altar Society member or at the door. Food and entertainment is included.

**CLUSTER ADVENT GROUP TOUR & DAY OF REFLECTION** ~ Come away for an afternoon Advent "Mini-Retreat" on December 10th from 12:30 - 5 pm, as we gather at the Cathedral, travel to the DIA and tour the Rembrandt exhibit. We will return to the Cathedral for refreshments, discussion and prayer. Special group rate for the exhibit is \$10 per person. Please call Donna at (313) 865-6300 x223 to register. Space is limited for the exhibit; all are welcome to join us afterwards for prayer & discussion.

**SECOND ANNUAL "LIFE IS A GIFT" CONFERENCE** ~ You are invited to the 2nd Annual "Life is a Gift" Conference on Saturday, January 14th at Sacred Heart Major Seminary from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. Presenters include: Bishop Michael Byrnes, Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit; "Defending Catholic Care in Health Care Reform"; Bobby Schindler (Terry Schiavo's brother) "Life and Hope in a Culture of Death"; Dr. Paul Wright, Cardiologist to Blessed Mother Teresa, "Encountering Jesus in the Distressful Disguise of the Dying". The cost is \$35 for adults and \$20 for teens (Continental breakfast and lunch included). Registration closes: January 9, 2012. For a schedule, more information or to register online, please go to [www.aodonline.org/lifeisagift](http://www.aodonline.org/lifeisagift) or call (313) 237-4691.

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## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

### Assumption Grotto

CHRISTMAS EVE: 4 pm & Midnight  
CHRISTMAS DAY: 6:30 am, 9:30 am  
& 12 Noon

### Blessed Sacrament Cathedral

CHRISTMAS EVE: Lessons/Carols at  
11:30 pm followed by Midnight Mass  
Celebrated by Archbishop Vigneron  
CHRISTMAS DAY: 11 am

### Church of the Madonna

CHRISTMAS EVE: Concert 11:30 pm fol-  
lowed by Midnight Mass  
CHRISTMAS DAY: 9 am

### Our Lady Queen of Apostles

CHRISTMAS EVE: 4 pm Family Mass;  
Midnight Mass w/Choir Tribute  
starting at 11:15 pm  
CHRISTMAS DAY:  
10 am (Polish) & 12 pm (English)

### Our Lady Queen of Heaven

CHRISTMAS EVE: 4 p.m.  
CHRISTMAS DAY: 9 am & 11:30 am

### St. Bartholomew-St. Rita

CHRISTMAS EVE: Annual Recital starts  
3:30 pm; Mass at 4 pm  
CHRISTMAS DAY: 9 am

### St. Benedict

CHRISTMAS EVE: Carols at 7:30 pm fol-  
lowed by Mass at 8 pm  
CHRISTMAS DAY: 9:30 am

### St. Florian

CHRISTMAS EVE: Carols at 11:30 pm  
and Midnight Mass w/Koledy  
CHRISTMAS DAY:  
10 am (Polish) & 12 pm (English)

### St. Gregory the Great

CHRISTMAS EVE: Concert 9:30 pm  
followed by Mass at 10 pm  
CHRISTMAS DAY: 11 am

### St. Hyacinth

CHRISTMAS EVE: Koledy at 9:30 pm  
followed by Mass at 10 pm  
CHRISTMAS DAY: 9 am (English & Polish)  
& 11 am (English)

### St. Ladislaus

CHRISTMAS DAY: 11 am (Polish)

### St. Louis the King

CHRISTMAS EVE: 11:30 pm Koledy  
followed by Midnight Mass (Polish)  
CHRISTMAS DAY: 9:30 (English)  
& 11 am (Polish)

### St. Raymond-Good Counsel

CHRISTMAS EVE: 6 pm  
CHRISTMAS DAY: 10:30 am  
Choir prelude 15 minutes before Masses.

### Transfiguration - OLHC

CHRISTMAS EVE: 8:30 pm Koledy  
followed by 9 pm Mass  
CHRISTMAS DAY: 9 am (Polish)  
& 10:30 am (English)

**Genesis Vicariate Directory**  
**www.GenesisVPC.org**

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Msgr. Donald Hanchon  
Regional Moderator  
(313) 596-7444  
[DFHanchon3@mac.com](mailto:DFHanchon3@mac.com)

**Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
**(Assumption Grotto) Parish**

Pastor, Rev. Eduard P. Perrone  
13770 Gratiot Avenue, Detroit, MI 48205  
(313) 372-0762 ~ FAX (313) 372-2064  
[grottoectory@ameritech.net](mailto:grottoectory@ameritech.net)  
[www.assumptiongrotto.com](http://www.assumptiongrotto.com)  
Saturday ~ 7:30 am (Latin), 4:00 pm  
Sunday ~ 9:30 am (Latin), 12 pm

**Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament**

Pastor, Msgr. Michael C LeFevre  
9844 Woodward, Detroit, MI 48202  
(313) 865-6300 ~ FAX (313) 867-4613  
[cathedral@aod.org](mailto:cathedral@aod.org)  
Saturday ~ 8:00 am  
Sunday ~ 11:00 am

**Church of the Madonna Parish**

Administrator, Msgr. Michael C LeFevre  
1125 Oakman Blvd, Detroit, MI 48238  
(313) 868-4308 ~ FAX (313) 868-9771  
[office@madonnachurch.org](mailto:office@madonnachurch.org)  
[www.madonnachurch.org](http://www.madonnachurch.org)  
Sunday ~ 9:00 am

**Our Lady Queen of Apostles Parish**

Pastor, Rev. Bogdan Milosz  
3851 Prescott, Hamtramck, MI 48212  
(313) 891-1520 ~ FAX (313) 891-3552  
[qofaparish@aol.com](mailto:qofaparish@aol.com)  
Saturday ~ 4:00 pm  
Sunday ~ 8:30 am, 10 am (Polish); 12 pm

**Our Lady Queen of Heaven Parish**

Pastor, Rev. Robert J. Kotlarz  
Associate Pastor, Rev. Tom Puzio  
8200 Rolyat, Detroit, MI 48234  
(313) 891-4553 ~ FAX (313) 891-5782  
[oladyq@yahoo.com](mailto:oladyq@yahoo.com)  
Saturday ~ 4:00 pm  
Sunday ~ 9:00 am, 11:30 am

**St. Bartholomew ~ St. Rita Parish**

Pastor, Rev. Ronald A Borg, CSB  
2291 E. Outer Drive, Detroit, MI 48234  
(313) 892-1446 FAX (313) 892-1149  
[stbart\\_strita@yahoo.com](mailto:stbart_strita@yahoo.com)  
Saturday ~ 4:00 pm  
Sunday ~ 9:00 am

**St. Benedict Parish**

Pastor, Msgr. Michael C LeFevre  
60 Church St, Highland Park, MI 48203  
(313) 868-3876 ~ FAX (313) 868-0110  
[paulfdomin@yahoo.com](mailto:paulfdomin@yahoo.com)  
Sunday ~ 9:30 am

**St. Florian Parish**

Pastor, Rev. Miroslaw Frankowski, SCH  
2626 Poland, Hamtramck, MI 48212  
(313) 871-2778 ~ FAX (313) 871-5947  
[office@stflorianparish.org](mailto:office@stflorianparish.org)  
[www.stflorianparish.org](http://www.stflorianparish.org)  
Saturday ~ 8:00 am (Polish), 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday ~ 10:00 am (Polish), 12 pm,  
6:30 pm (Polish)

**St. Gregory the Great Parish**

Pastor, Msgr. Michael C LeFevre  
15031 Dexter Ave, Detroit, MI 48238  
(313) 861-0363 ~ FAX (313) 862-6805  
[stgreggreat@att.net](mailto:stgreggreat@att.net)  
[www.stgregorydetroit.org](http://www.stgregorydetroit.org)  
Sunday ~ 11:00 am

**St. Hyacinth Parish**

Pastor, Rev. Janusz Iwan  
3151 Farnsworth, Detroit, MI 48211  
(313) 922-1507 ~ FAX (313) 922-2459  
Saturday ~ 4 pm (English)  
Sunday ~ 9:00 am (Polish), 11:00 am

**St. Ladislaus Parish**

Pastor, Rev. Andrew Wesley  
2730 Caniff Avenue, Hamtramck, MI 48212  
(313) 305-7394 ~ FAX (313) 305-9397  
[stlads@transfiguration-parish.org](mailto:stlads@transfiguration-parish.org)  
Saturday ~ 4 pm  
Sunday ~ 11:00 am (Polish)

**St. Louis the King Parish**

Pastor, Rev. Andrew Wesley  
18891 St Louis Ave, Detroit, MI 48234  
(313) 305-7394 ~ FAX: (313) 305-9397  
[stlouistheking@att.net](mailto:stlouistheking@att.net)  
Sunday ~ 9:30 am, 11:00 am (Polish)

**St. Raymond ~ OLG Parish**

Pastor, Rev. Robert J Kotlarz  
Associate Pastor, Rev. Tom Puzio  
20103 Joann Ave, Detroit, MI 48205  
(313) 527-0525 ~ FAX (313) 527-9776  
[info@saintraymond.com](mailto:info@saintraymond.com)  
[www.saintraymond.com](http://www.saintraymond.com)  
Saturday ~ 4:30 pm  
Sunday ~ 11:00 am

**Transfiguration-OLHC Parish**

Pastor, Rev. Andrew Wesley  
5830 Simon K, Detroit, MI 48212  
(313) 305-7394 ~ FAX (313) 305-9397  
[frandy01@yahoo.com](mailto:frandy01@yahoo.com)  
[www.transfiguration-parish.org](http://www.transfiguration-parish.org)  
Sunday ~ 9:00 am (Polish), 10:30 am

**St. Bartholomew School**

**Our Vicariate's Catholic School**  
20001 Wexford, Detroit, MI  
Phone: (313) 366-3140 FAX: (313) 366-0257  
[www.StBartSchool.org](http://www.StBartSchool.org)  
[stbartholomew@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stbartholomew@sbcglobal.net)

To submit an article or event, please email  
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information to:

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PLEASE be sure to include all pertinent  
details; such as dates, times, locations,  
contact and any other relevant information.

**2011 Newsletter Submission Deadlines:**

**December 23rd**  
**2012 Submission Deadlines will be**  
**published in the January edition.**

Please be sure to have your article or event  
information submitted by these dates to  
ensure placement in the Newsletter and if  
you have any questions, comments,  
suggestions or corrections, please call the  
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from local and religious organizations  
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Please take a moment to visit the website  
to learn about this important, groundbreaking  
planning taking place and how it impacts you  
and your parish.

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