

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD ~ THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, JOSEPH

MASS INTENTIONS

December 25 ~ January 2, 2011

Saturday, December 25, The Nativity of the Lord

Merry Christmas!

8:00 AM St. Mary Parish Family

10:00 AM St. Mary Parish Family

No 4:30 or 6:30 PM Mass

Sunday, December 26, The Holy Family of

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

8:00 AM Rollie & Joyce Florence

10:00 AM Carl Bouillon; James & Elenora Dunn;
John Wilhelm; Joseph & Sonia Oddou

11:30 AM St. Mary Parish Family

Monday, December 27, St. John apostle & evangelist

No 8:30 AM Mass

Tuesday, December 28, The Holy Innocents, martyrs

6:30 AM Communion Service

8:30 AM Gary Potteiger

After 8:30 Mass Eucharistic Adoration Begins

7:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration Last Hour

Wednesday, December 29, The Fifth Day in the Octave of Christmas

8:30 AM Dan & Helen McCartan

Thursday, December 30, The Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas

6:30 AM Communion Service

8:30 AM Irene Walters

Friday, December 31, The Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas

8:30 AM Keith & Antoinette Price

Saturday, January 1, The Octave Day of Christmas

World Day of Prayer for Peace
(Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year)

4:30 PM Liv. & Dec'd Mem of Kowpak-Falter Fam;
Joseph & Sonia Gaietto;
Dan, Bambino, & Zachery Iannantuono;
Mick Gaietto

6:30 PM Bill Booth

Sunday, January 2, The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 AM St. Mary Parish Family

10:00 AM Tom Lonsway; Viola Stultz;
John & Josephine Box;
John, Flora & Bill Felter

11:30 AM Liv. & Dec'd Mem. of Joseph & Margaret
Kastner Fam.

JANUARY FUNERAL LUNCH CAPTAIN is Betty Booth;
Co-Captain is Julie Kerschner.

THE PHOTO DIRECTORIES are being processed at the printer and should be completed soon. Please watch the bulletin for the expected arrival date.

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE: Today's gospel says Joseph "made his home in Nazareth." A "home" is built on the foundation of love, commitment, and a shared history and is decorated with forgiveness, acceptance, rituals, discipline and mutual support. The Holy Family challenges us today: Don't live 'anyplace,' live at HOME!

HOLY FAMILY



ALL HOURS FOR ADORATION still need participants except the last hour. Can you spare an hour a week for the Lord? Call the parish office at 447-2087 if you would like to join this ministry.

SCAT DRIVERS for January 2 are Larry & Diane Wadsworth.

CALVERT CATHOLIC SCHOOLS will be on Christmas break until January 4.

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED Monday, December 27 and at noon on New Years Eve, December 31.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME for coffee, rolls and socializing after the 8:30 Mass on Tuesdays in Room 22 of St. Mary School.

CALVERT CATHOLIC PRESCHOOL will be opening enrollment to parishioners for the 2011-2012 school year beginning January 24 until February 6. If you are interested in enrolling your preschooler, please stop in at Calvert Elementary at 357 S. Washington St. for an enrollment packet or call 447-5790.

ADD TO THE PRAYER LIST BY calling the parish office at 447-2087 or online, at www.stmarychurch.com.

PLEASE NOTE, MONDAY, DECEMBER 27, there will be no Mass or Communion Service.



December 18 & 19, 2010

Sunday Offering		
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 10.00	2
Christmas	\$ 3,690.00	37
Immaculate Conception	\$ 85.00	8
Repair and Maintenance	\$ 35.00	3
Retirement for Religious	\$ 65.00	3
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IF YOU ARE ENTERING TIFFIN MERCY Hospital and would like a visit from Fr. Gary, Fr. Eric or Deacon Jerry, please be sure that upon admission, you or a family member, call the parish office or inform the hospital you are Catholic and a member of St. Mary Parish. Otherwise, without this documentation, the priests/deacon will not be able to visit you.

LONGEST MARRIED COUPLE PROJECT:

The search is on... Worldwide Marriage Encounter, the original faith-based marriage enrichment program in this country, would like to recognize the longest married couple in the entire United States and in each individual state. State winners will receive a special certificate of achievement from the Worldwide Marriage Encounter movement. To send in a nomination, *by January 10*, please list the couple's name, wedding date, address and phone number to Dick & Diane Baumbach, 1430 Scorpious Ct. Merritt Is-



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

THE STUDENTS OF CCS would like to thank all those that donated to the Christmas toy collection. Thanks to your generosity, over \$1,000 was collected.

YOUNG ADULTS, college age-30s, are invited to an evening with music artist, Sarah Hart, on Friday, February 4 at Country Inn & Suites, Findlay. Registration begins at 7:00 p.m., dinner is at 7:30 and Sarah performs at 8:00. Cost for the evening is \$15.00 per person or \$25.00 per couple.

STEUBENVILLE, 2011 dates are June 24, 25, & 26. The cost is \$180 per person with \$40 deposit due December 31. Information is available at the exits of church.

PROJECT CHRISTMAS: Tis the season to be merry and as often is the case, we as a people of God are constantly inundated with requests for help and support for those less fortunate. This year, for all those who attend Christmas Mass, that trend will change. Every family will receive a gift along with those blessings we will have already received at Mass. With your Pastor's approval, every family will receive a donated copy of Matthew Kelly's book, "Rediscovering Catholicism". This book is absolutely free and no donation will be expected or accepted. You are only asked to read and to share the contents of the book with one another. Merry Christmas and God's blessing to all.

OUR SINCEREST SYMPATHY and prayers for the family and friends of *Elizabeth "Beth" A. Seitz (54)*. We pray that the Lord will help them find solace and peace.

ST. ANN PARISH SPAGHETTI DINNER will be Saturday, January 29 at Bishop Hoffman Hall, 1021 W. State Street Fremont. Serving times are 5:00-7:30 p.m. Dinner includes spaghetti with meat-sauce, breadsticks, salad or applesauce, drink & dessert. Adults are \$6.00 and children are \$4.00.



"52" CLUB WINNERS DECEMBER 21, 2010

- 1st** Mrs. Mary J. Tiell
- 2nd** Olita M. Reinhart
- 3rd** Pat & Lynn Baker
- 4th** Regina Vent
- 5th** Bob & Pat Schilling

CHRISTMAS IN AMERICA (Just for fun)

Early European settlers brought many traditions to the United States. Many settled in the early days in the South, these settlers would send Christmas greetings to their distant neighbors by shooting firearms and letting off fireworks. In Hawaii this practice is still in use as under the sunny skies, Santa Claus arrives by boat and Christmas dinner is eaten outdoors.



In Pennsylvania, the Moravians build a landscape, called a putz - under the Christmas tree, while in the same state the Germans are given gifts by Belsnickle, who taps them with his switch if they have misbehaved.

In Alaska, a star on a pole is taken from door to door, followed by Herod's Men, who try to capture the star. Colonial doorways are often decorated with pineapple, a symbol of hospitality.

Polish Americans on Christmas Eve spread hay on their kitchen floor and under the tablecloth to remind them of a stable and a manger. When they make up the table for dinner two extra places are set up for Mary and the Christ Child in case they should knock at the door to ask for shelter.

(taken from santas.net)

PROJECT ANGEL TREE: Every year thousands of children face Christmas with a parent behind bars. Project Angel Tree was begun in 1982 in Alabama by a former prisoner, Mary Kay Beard. She wanted to help children whose mother or father would not be able to get them a gift because they were incarcerated. Mary Kay's initial work of distributing 556 gifts that first year in Birmingham has grown to an international effort that reaches thousands of children each Christmas. Organized locally by individual congregations, the project insures a neighborhood touch focusing on children close at hand and building up a spirit of reconciliation, helping to restore family bonds and breaking the generational cycle of crime. To learn more, visit their web site: www.angeltree.org.



January 1 & 2, 2011

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Eucharistic Ministers:

- 4:30 p.m. Mike Durso, Joyce Hart, Amy Keller, Ann Jones, Ed Loesser, Paul Panuto
- 6:30 p.m. Rose Gaietto, Emily Hammer, Kelsey Sikora, Al Ubri, Kelly & Ron Witte
- 8:00 a.m. Joanne Brickner, Brian Coleman, Pat Depinet, Pat Schilling, Bernie & John Willman
- 10:00 a.m. Karen & Ned Behm, Barbara & Peter Bronson, Mary Burkart, Denny Fooks, Marilyn Gangluff
- 11:30 a.m. Angie Boes, Julie Brickner, Victoria Hohman, Connie Saxton, Peg Shock

Servers:

- 4:30 p.m. Isaac Best, Corbin Kantner
- 6:30 p.m. Jon Dodson, Kelsey Sikora, Nick Saxton
- 8:00 a.m. Amanda & Anthony Traxler, Xavier Ardner
- 10:00 a.m. Ian Warnement, Clay Magers, Philip Boes
- 11:30 a.m. Megan Casale, Nicole Fretz, Macey Shock

Lectors:

- 4:30 p.m. Patti Roland
- 6:30 p.m. Carol Keefe
- 8:00 a.m. Cindy Kin
- 10:00 a.m. Kathy Felton
- 11:30 a.m. Victoria Hohman

Student Lectors:

- 4:30 p.m. Student Needed
- 6:30 p.m. Alexi Nielsen
- 8:00 a.m. Anthony Traxler
- 10:00 a.m. Marcus King
- 11:30 a.m. Student Needed

Mass Coordinators:

- 4:30 p.m. Kim Lucius
- 6:30 p.m. Sheila Jeffrey
- 8:00 a.m. Cindy Kin
- 10:00 a.m. Mark Zimmerman
- 11:30 a.m. Barb Sprau