

Please remember in your prayers those who are ill: Kim Reeves Ysasi, Kenny Quinn, Jean Sapp, Jim Shroyer, Dorothy Enright, Joni Dray, Mark Montgomery, Jane Mitchell, Marlene Parsley, Audrey Milbourne, Phyllis Kelley, Madelyn Radich, Tom & Helen Moore, Nichola Storey, Marion Morrison, Don & Rita Schooley, Mary Jo & Shannon Patke, Jane Hodge, Sonja Brown, Karen Roberts, Teresa Dimel, Michelle Stover, Lew & Bobbi Lindner, John Davis, Gene Jaquay, Amy Manning, William Foley, Marjorie Wynne, Margaret Cosgrove, Herman Leidinger, Kathy Maxwell, Mary Kulp, Betty Amore, Thomas Knight, Sue Keeler, Diana Wright, Elizabeth Guy, Eleanor Lelonek, Michael Berger, Lucille Becker, Bill Ervin, Alan Wiseman, Jill Huizer, Vickie Maurer, Gene Davis, Pat Snyder, Frances McNulty, Ken Miller, Kathleen Foley, Joann Colopy, Roma Kay Higgins, Pam Moine, Dotty Kelly, Marge Foley, Mary Jo O'Rourke, Dean Rhodes, Nick Hayes, Marge Casey, Kevin & Danny Campbell, Gene Catlett, Michelle Martin & Albert Scarpitti.

Please remember in your prayers our parish family members serving in the military: Eric Hovey, Jonathan Thomas, Jon Kelley and Sean Regan.

From the pastor...

Sunday is the Feast of the Holy Family. Scripture tells us practically nothing about the first years and the boyhood of the Child Jesus. All we know are the facts of the sojourn in Egypt, the return to Nazareth, and the incidents that occurred when the twelve-year-old boy accompanied his parents to Jerusalem. In her liturgy, the Church hurries over this period of Christ's life with equal brevity. The general breakdown of the family, however, at the end of the past century and at the beginning of our own, prompted the popes, especially the far-sighted Leo XIII, to promote the observance of this feast with the hope that it might instill into Christian families something of the faithful love and the devoted attachment that characterize the family of Nazareth. The primary purpose of the Church in instituting and promoting this feast is to present the Holy Family as the model and exemplar of all Christian families (<https://www.catholicculture.org>).

There are copies of a blessing of children by parents available on the information tables at the church doors. What a wonderful tradition to begin in your family.



Next Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 60:1-6

Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Matthew 2:1-12

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

Saturday, December 26 – Vigil:

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

4:00 p.m. James Martin – Kinsey, Woods, Rosetti Families

Sunday, December 27 –

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

9:00 a.m. Intention of Marion and Remembrance of Jack Morrison – Jim & Maggie Shroyer

11:00 a.m. For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Mary Magdalene Parish

Monday, December 28 – The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

8:15 a.m. JoAnn Swaneck – Mark & Marty Montgomery

7:00 p.m. One Year Anniversary of Death

(December 31, 2014) Jim Martin

Tuesday, December 29 –

Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

8:15 a.m. Karen Scales Hammond –

Joe & Betty Regan

Thursday, December 31 – Vigil:

Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

7:00 p.m. For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Mary Magdalene Parish

Friday, January 1 –

Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

11:00 a.m. Intention of Celebrant

Saturday, January 2 – Vigil: The Epiphany of the Lord

4:00 p.m. James Martin – The Martin Kids

Sunday, January 3 – The Epiphany of the Lord

9:00 a.m. For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Mary Magdalene Parish

11:00 a.m. Karen Sue Hammond – Pat Scales

Liturgical Ministers Schedules

Servers for Weekday, December 28-30

Alyssa Wolfe, Cheyenne Blackburn

Saturday, January 2 – 4:00 p.m.

Servers: Jeremiah & Jonas Happ, Evan Gruber

Readers: Daniel Hamilton, Roberta Lindner

Eucharistic Ministers: * Paula & Evan Gruber, John, Shelley & Ryan Hamilton

Sunday, January 3 – 9:00 a.m.

Servers: Scott & Audrey, Josh Taylor

Readers: Paula Tokar, Bob Howells

Eucharistic Ministers: * Joff & Pam Moine, Pat Cahill,

Mary Ann Downs, Jim Stumpp,

Jeff & Scott Klosterman, Mary Karabinos, Carole Marsh

Sunday, January 3 – 11:00 a.m.

Servers: Charlie Conley, Kyle Ferko

Readers: Melanie & Alan Kaiser

Eucharistic Ministers: * Steve & Debbie Llaneza,

Jeanette Bach, Ian Binns, Alice Carrier,

Rose Dulin, Rick Ferko, Paul Puccetti, Keri Whitmer

Servers for Weekday, January 4-8

Dominique Brown & Abigail Conturo

Counters: Martindale, Bennett, Hammonds

Hospitality Committee (January):

Regans, Tokars, Dawn Freibis

Altar Linens: Linda Martin, Marianne Martin

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, December 27

10:10 a.m. Bible Study

Monday, December 28

Prayer Group after 7:00 p.m. Mass

Wednesday, December 30

7:30 p.m. Adult Choir

Thursday, December 31

No 8:15 a.m. Mass

7:00 p.m. Vigil Mass for Solemnity of Mary

Friday, January 1

No 8:15 a.m. Mass

11:00 a.m. Mass for Solemnity of Mary

Offertory giving will be reported in the next bulletin.

Next weekend, January 2 and 3, is the first weekend of January and of 2016! It is time for the collection of nonperishable items for the SMM Food Pantry. This month the need is for hot cereal, canned fruits, soups, dry boxed assorted potatoes, dishwashing soap and laundry soap. Thank you for your support of our food pantry. Your donations during 2015 were appreciated. "Merry Christmas to each of you and your families." May 2016 be a good year for you and your family!

January is Poverty in America Awareness Month.

More than 46 million Americans live in poverty. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) is the domestic anti-poverty program of the U.S. Catholic Bishops. Learn by visiting www.povertyusa.org or calling Social Concerns at 614-241-2540.

The World Day of Peace is January 1. Pope Francis will issue his annual message in mid-December. The theme for 2016 is "Overcome Indifference and Win Peace." For more information, visit www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/war-and-peace/world-day-of-peace.cfm or call 614-241-2540.

National Migration Week 2016 is January 3-9, with the theme "A Stranger and You Welcomed Me." Often unfamiliar with the local tongue and customs, the migrant needs the support of local communities so that he or she can better adjust to new surroundings. Visit www.usccb.org/about/migration-and-refugee-services/national-migration-week or call 614-241-2540.

Notre Dame Alumni Urban Plunge Mass and Reception: 5:15 p.m., January 8, St. Joseph Cathedral:

University of Notre Dame alumni and parents are invited to the conclusion of the Notre Dame Urban Plunge in Columbus. ND students participating visit the homeless, feed the hungry, and volunteer at local Catholic charities. A reception at the Catholic Center on Gay Street will follow Mass. For more info, contact 614-241-2540 or socmailbox@colsdio.org.

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Masses for Solemnity of Mary

Thursday, December 31 (Vigil) – 7:00 p.m.

Servers: **NEED 2 VOLUNTEERS**

Readers: Ryan & Daniel Hamilton

Eucharistic Ministers: Karen Harrison, Shelley & John Hamilton, Gloria Angelo,
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Greeters: Joanne Davis, **NEED VOLUNTEER**

Ushers: **NEED VOLUNTEERS**

Friday, January 1 – 11:00 a.m.

Servers: **NEED VOLUNTEERS**

Readers: Jane & Richard Thomas

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Karabinos, Kathy Puccetti, Sue Thompson, **NEED 2 VOLUNTEERS**

Greeters: Julie Marmon, **NEED VOLUNTEERS**

Ushers: **NEED VOLUNTEERS**

Nominations now open for the 2016 Catholic Man of the Year.

The Catholic Men's Luncheon Club is accepting nominations. This annual award recognizes one lay man who, through his daily actions, words, and prayers, exemplifies the "good and faithful servant." Bishop Frederick Campbell will present the award on Friday, February 5 at the Catholic Men's Luncheon. Nominations will be accepted through December 28th. For details and nomination instructions, go to www.pluginCatholicMen.com. Completed nominations and supporting letters should be emailed to catholicmanoftheyear@gmail.com. Submit a nomination and let everyone know that your husband, father, son, uncle, brother or friend is the Catholic Man of the Year.

Respect life Mass and Day of Prayer for the Protection of Unborn Children:

Friday, January 22, 2016, 10:30 a.m. at St. Joseph Cathedral. Bishop Campbell will be the celebrant. All are invited. For more information, visit www.usccb.org/prolife or call Social Concerns at 614-241-2540.

2015 Offertory Contributing Forms" Those who would like their contribution records for tax purposes are asked to fill out the coupon below and drop it in the collection basket. We will mail these no later than the week of January 25. Those who are participating in Faith Direct will receive a statement from them.

Name: _____

Address: _____

THIS WEEKEND

10:10 a.m. Bible Study