

**Please remember in your prayers those who are ill:** Joann Coughlin, Barbara (Rhodes) Dillon, Patricia Higgins, Ann Shroyer, Brian Carten, Albert Scarpitti, Janice Holtschulte, Lew Lindner, Maggie Cosgrove, Patsy Davis, Judy Sapp Burke, Rosie Crego, Kenny Quinn, Joni Dray, Mildred & Marlene Parsley, Audrey Milbourne, Madelyn Radich, Tom & Helen Moore, Nichola Storey, Don & Rita Schooley, Mary Jo & Shannon Patke, Karen Roberts, Teresa Dimel, Michelle Stover, John Davis, Amy Manning, William Foley, Kathy Maxwell, Mary Kulp, Betty Amore, Thomas Knight, Sue Keeler, Elizabeth Guy, Eleanor Lelonek, Alan Wiseman, Frances McNulty, Ken Miller, Kathleen Foley, Joann Colopy, Pam Moine, Dotty Kelly, Marge Foley, Dean Rhodes, Nick Hayes, Marge Casey, Gene Catlett & Michelle Martin.

### ***From the pastor...***

My warmest regards to all during this Christmas season. I so appreciate all you do on behalf of our parish. Your liturgical service as musicians, extraordinary ministers, readers, and servers enhance our celebration of the Eucharist. I especially appreciate your willingness to serve at the extra holiday liturgies. Your care for the poor through the Giving Tree and assistance to the St. Vincent De Paul Society demonstrate to our wider community your commitment as Christians. Your love of our parish is shown through cleaning and decorating our worship space and through your support of the Garden Club Holiday Cookie Sale. And you are so kind to me personally through Christmas cards and gifts.

I pray for you all during my Christmas Masses. But I pray especially for those for whom this season is not so full of joy: for those who are ill, in continuing pain, or in mental distress, for those caring for the sick and suffering, for those who are touched by the loss of a loved one in this season, for those who are unemployed, for those who are lonely.

May God tell us all once more the good news of His coming, that hearing, we may believe and live to praise His name, Jesus Christ, and tell the earth His story so that all may believe, rejoice, and acknowledge his love. Merry Christmas!



### **NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS**

Numbers 6:22-27  
Galatians 4:4-7  
Luke 2:16-21

### **LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS**

#### **Saturday, December 24 – Vigil of Christmas**

4:00 p.m. Intention of Celebrant  
7:00 p.m. For the Living & Deceased members of St. Mary Magdalene Parish  
10:00 p.m. Intention of Celebrant

#### **Sunday, December 25 – Christmas Day**

11:00 a.m. Intention of Celebrant

#### **Monday, December 26 –**

#### **Saint Stephen, The First Martyr**

8:15 a.m. Joe Bennett – SMM Funeral Choir  
NO 7:00 p.m. or Novena

#### **Tuesday, December 27 –**

#### **Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist**

8:15 a.m. Ron Dembinski – La La or Pumpkin

#### **Thursday, December 29 –**

#### **Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord**

8:15 a.m. Vickie Maurer – Dolores Quinn

#### **Friday, December 30 –**

#### **The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

8:15 a.m. Sue Weilbacher – Joe & Betty Regan

#### **Saturday, December 31 –**

#### **Vigil: Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God**

4:00 p.m. Vickie Maurer-Gene Lauber

#### **Sunday, January 1 –**

#### **Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God**

9:00 a.m. For the Living & Deceased members of St. Mary Magdalene Parish  
11:00 a.m. Intention of Celebrant

**LATE SUNDAY MASS ON JANUARY 1:** If you or someone you know is seeking a late Sunday Mass on January 1, the Solemnity of Holy Mary, Mother of God (New Year's Day) because of work or other obligations, Saint Joseph Cathedral, 212 East Broad Street, Columbus, will be offering a late Sunday Mass at 5:15 p.m. as part of their regular Sunday Mass schedule. For more information call the Cathedral at (614) 224-1295, or visit [www.saintjosephcathedral.org](http://www.saintjosephcathedral.org).

**Are you looking for meaningful volunteer opportunities?** Have you thought about volunteering for Catholic Social Services, but never got around to contacting us? Well, now is your chance! We are in need of volunteers for our Spirit of Hope Gala event. Volunteers are needed in the months leading up to the event (for help collecting and organizing auction items, making phone calls, and participating on our committee) and volunteers are also needed on the day of the event to ensure things run smoothly. The Gala will be on March 11th from 6:30-10:30 p.m. at the Columbus Hilton Downtown, 401 North High Street. Contact Mackenzie Burton at [mburton@colscss.org](mailto:mburton@colscss.org) or 614-857-1254 for more information or to volunteer!

Thank you to all parishioners who delivered a Poinsettia and cards to our shut-ins. They truly enjoy receiving them. A smile is worth a thousand words!

Thank you also to all the school children who made beautiful cards for our shut-ins. Many hang them in their homes or rooms in nursing homes.

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULES**

**Servers for Weekday, December 26-30**

Wesley Rowe, Emmanuel Ruiz

**Saturday, December 31 – 4:00 p.m.**

- Servers: Jonas & Jeremiah Happ
- Readers: Joanne Davis, Bobbi Lindner
- Greeters: Ken Miller, Joanne Davis, Bobbi Lindner
- Eucharistic Ministers:\* Sue Thompson, Gloria Angelo, Ken Miller, Kelly Martin, Tammy McConnell, need volunteer

**Sunday, January 1 9:00 a.m.**

- Servers: Michelle & Amy Vanegas
- Readers: Jane Thomas, Carole Marsh
- Greeters: need volunteers
- Eucharistic Ministers:\* Karen Harrison, Kathy Puccetti, Linda Henry, Jim & Dee Slee, need volunteer

**Sunday, January 1 11:00 a.m.**

- Servers: need 2 volunteers
- Readers: Chuck Rowe, need volunteer
- Greeters: Joe Regan, Julie Marmon
- Eucharistic Ministers:\* Denny Shonebarger, Jeff Klostremman, Joe Regan, Diane Puccetti, Chuck Rowe, Martha Shannon

**Servers for Weekday, January 2-6**

- Josh Taylor, Mary Tokar
- Counters: Regans and Schirtzingers
- Altar Linens: (January) Linda Martin & Marianne Martin
- Hospitality Committee: No Coffee & Donuts in January



**Merry Christmas to all our Parish Family!**

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

**Sunday, December 25**

- No Bible Study
- No RCIA

**Wednesday, December 28**

7:30 p.m. Adult Choir

**Thursday, December 29**

No PREP or ESL

***Due to holiday bulletin deadlines, the collection report will be in the next bulletin.***

**FOOD PANTRY** – Next weekend, December 31 and January 1, is considered the first weekend of the new year and time for the collection of nonperishable items for our food pantry. Because the SMM school children provided so many food items for the pantry, the need this month is for non-food items. Any of the following items will be appreciated: soap products; hand soap, dish soap, cleaning products; liquid cleaner such as Lysol, large sponges, disinfecting wipes, scrubbing pads, laundry products; detergent, fabric softener, stain remover, wash cloths, dish towels, shampoo. As always, whatever you are able to donate to the pantry will be appreciated. Thank you for your past donations. Happy New Year!

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**Apples For The Students** If you shop at Giant Eagle and have an Advantage Card, you can help earn cash for St. Mary Magdalene School. Just go to GiantEagle.com/AFTS and set up an Apples For The Students Account. You will need the school code 4756 and your Advantage Card number. Once that is done, each time you shop the school gets credit. If you do not have a computer or need help, stop in the school office and we will help you set up you.

**THIS WEEKEND**

- No Bible Study
- No RCIA

**2016 Offertory Contribution 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 23. Those who are participating in Faith Direct will receive a statement from them.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_