

Please remember in your prayers those who are ill: Frank Fusca, Rosie Crego, Jim Shroyer, John Holocher, Deacon Rick Martin, Mary Margaret Gerlach, Pat Foley, Marianne Martin, Debbie Green Bryant, John Davis, Doris Fahrenbach, John Fahrenbach, Roger Wright, Nancy Finneran, Marilyn Greene, Christine Money, Barbara (Rhodes) Dillon, Ann Shroyer, Albert Scarpitti, Joni Dray, Janice Holtschulte, Lew Lindner, Maggie Cosgrove, Patsy Davis, Kenny Quinn, Mildred & Marlene Parsley, Tom & Helen Moore, Nichola Storey, Don & Rita Schooley, Mary Jo & Shannon Patke, Amy Manning, William Foley, Kathy Maxwell, Thomas Knight, Sue Keeler, Elizabeth Guy, Alan Wiseman, Ken Miller, Joann Colopy, Pam Moine, Dotty Kelly, Marge Foley, Nick Hayes, Marge Casey, Gene Catlett & Michelle Martin. **Please call the rectory to remove names as health improves.**

From the pastor...

Next Friday is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, often known in the eastern church as the Feast of the Purification of Mary, or on the secular calendar as Groundhog Day. Surprisingly enough, the three celebrations are not unrelated! The Presentation of Jesus celebrates the historical event of His presentation in the Temple 40 days after His birth, in accord with Jewish law (Leviticus 12:1-8). Parents were expected to offer their first born sons in remembrance of the price paid by the Egyptians for the freedom of the Israelites from slavery when the final curse of the taking of the lives of the Egyptians' first born sons convinced pharaoh to set the people free. Wealthy families were expected to offer a lamb in redemption for their sons. Poor families, two turtle doves. Mary and Joseph offered the doves.

The same passage in Leviticus which prescribes the presentation of sons also speaks of the purification of their mothers, or the returning of them to their roles as wives 40 days after the birth of their first born son, thus the Feast of the Purification of Mary.

Since the Presentation falls on the quarter-temps, that is, half way between the winter solstice and the spring equinox, the day is in many ways associated with predicting the weather, and thus, how much time remains for preparing tools and seed for the spring planting. The groundhog story is one of many predicting traditions. Please note, that according to the calendar, regardless of whether or not the groundhog sees its shadow, it is 6 weeks until spring!

SMM Newsletter: Please e-mail information about your organization or event to Terrie Wurst at twurst@saintmarymag.org by **January 30** for the **February 10-11** issue of the SMM Newsletter. This issue will focus on happenings in February through early May. Keep fellow parishioners updated so they can plan to contribute to and attend your meetings/events!

Next Sunday's Readings

Job 7:1-4, 6-7

1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

Mark 1:29-39

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

Saturday, January 27 –

Vigil: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. Duane & Ruth Davis – John & Rose Ann Holocher

Sunday, January 28 – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

11:00 a.m. Harry Koors – Bob & Angie Byrom

Monday, January 29 – Weekday

8:15 a.m. Eugene Jaquay – Diane George

7:00 p.m. Intention of celebrant

Tuesday, January 30 – Weekday

8:15 a.m. Larry Jackson – Joe Gerardi Family

Thursday, February 1 – Weekday

8:15 a.m. Joann Coughlin – JoAnn Rich

Friday, February 2 – First Friday

8:15 a.m. Ron Dembinski – Loving Wife Ginny

Saturday, February 3 –

Vigil: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. Russell Bonneville – SMM
St. Vincent DePaul Society

Sunday, February 4 – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Thomas Klosterman – Klosterman Family

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

Liturgical Ministers Schedules

Servers for Weekday, January 29 – February 2

Chris Aponte, Hannah Bailey

Saturday, February 3 – 4:00 p.m.

Servers: Haley & Michael Bush, Abigail Conturo

Readers: Roberta Lindner, Lisa Cipriano

Greeters: Gloria Angelo, Tony Swaneck, Ken Miller

Eucharistic Ministers: * John & Shelley

Hamilton, Haley Bush, Gretchen Conturo,
Rocco Fumi, Sue Thompson

Sunday, February 4 – 9:00 a.m.

Servers: Cade, Cael, Cullen, Conlan Dent

Readers: Carole Marsh, Need volunteer

Greeters: Rick Schirtzinger, David Creighton,

Patrick Stumpp, David Doane

Eucharistic Ministers: *Greg Smith, Cade Dent,

Brian Montgomery, Dick Rammel, Jan Ries, David
& Jamie Doane, Kathy Puccetti, Jim Stumpp

Sunday, February 4 – 11:00 a.m.

Servers: Tony Puccetti, Wesley Rowe

Readers: Charles Rowe, Paul Puccetti

Greeters: Joe Regan, Chuck Rowe

Eucharistic Ministers: * Jack & Nancy Smith, Joe &

Brian Regan, Andrew & Charles Rowe, Tony
& Paul Puccetti, Karin Carrier

Servers for Weekday, February 5-9

Elizabeth Cabrera-Duarte, Mila Gerardi

Counters: Foley, Moine, Miller, Kaiser

Altar Linens: (February) Kathy Rowe

Hospitality Committee: (February) Jack & Nancy Smith
and Ron & Dee Sexton

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, January 28

10:10 a.m. Bible Study
 12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. SMM Open House
 for Prospective Students
 7:00 p.m. RCIA

Tuesday, January 30

6:30-8:30 p.m. Narcan Training Session

Wednesday, January 31

7:30 p.m. Adult Choir

Thursday, February 1

6:00-8:00 p.m. ESL
 6:30 p.m. PREP

Friday, February 2, First Friday

Communion to our shut-ins

Saturday, February 3

5:30 p.m. K of C Open House
 in Campbell Hall

Collection will be reported in next bulletin due to early submission of the bulletin.

FOOD PANTRY – Next weekend, February 3 and 4, is the first weekend in February and time for the collection of nonperishable items for the SMM Food Pantry. This month, we would like for our parishioners to bring whatever they would like. Bring either food items or nonfood items. Thank you for your support of the SMM Food Pantry.

Open House at St. Mary Magdalene School – Sunday, January 28, 12:00-2:00 p.m. for prospective new students. School and Preschool information as well as information regarding the EDChoice Scholarship Program, Diocesan Tuition Assistance Program and Latch Key will be available. Parents can contact the school at 279-9935 with questions.

SMM Day at Minellis – Sunday, January 28, 3:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. at 1189 North Wilson Road location.

Sub Sale Pick-up in SMM cafeteria Thursday, February 1st, 3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Payment due on pick-up.

Book Sale Donations Needed – The first annual St. Mary Magdalene Book Sale is set for Sunday, March 4th, the same day as the Knights of Columbus pancake breakfast. We are currently accepting donations of books, music CDs, board games, jigsaw puzzles and movies every weekend. Please bring to church with your paperback and hard cover books, CDs (no cassettes, please) and movies (DVDs only), and place inside the main church doors. After the 11:00 Mass each week, committee members will take all donations downstairs to the church hall and begin sorting them. Our hope is that the book sale will allow for a more organized and visually appealing display of books and other media than has been possible at the yard sale. It will also free up table space for other items at our yard sale in June. We also hope to increase attendance at the pancake breakfast by bringing additional visitors to our church. If you are interested in helping in any way, please contact Nancy and Jack Smith at (614) 871-3248.

St. Mary Magdalene World Marriage Day celebration will be celebrated on Sunday, February 11 at the 11:00 a.m. Mass.

Special recognition will be given to couples married 25 years or more. Reception to follow; everyone is invited. If you have been married for 25 years or more, we ask that you fill in coupon and drop in the collection basket.

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Date of Marriage _____

Join us in celebrating **Catholic Night with the Columbus Blue Jackets** on February 10, 2018, when the Blue Jackets take on the New Jersey Devils. Tickets are \$38.00 in the Upper Bowl and \$65.00 in the Lower Bowl. For every ticket purchased, \$10.00-\$20.00 will be donated back to the Diocese of Columbus and you will receive a FREE CBJ Catholic Night T-shirt while supplies last! To order your tickets, please visit www.BlueJackets.com/catholic; for more information, contact Jacob Welter at (614) 246-7625 or jwelter@BlueJackets.com.

Technology Director Position Available – Full-time, 12-month position at Bishop Ready High School. Requirements: Bachelor’s degree plus a minimum of 3 years experience in leadership position directing technology initiatives; strong, extensive knowledge of computers and related technology as applied to K-12 education. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to, managing computer networks, plus development, implementation, operation, monitoring, and evaluation of technology program for the school. Send resume and cover letter to Celene A. Seamen, Principal, Bishop Ready High School, 707 Salisbury Road, Columbus, OH 43204.

Lecture at the Josephinum – His Excellency, The Most Reverend Bernard Hebda, Archbishop of Saint Paul & Minneapolis, will deliver the Annual Pio Cardinal Laghi Chair Lecture at the Pontifical College Josephinum on Wednesday, February 7, 2018. Archbishop Hebda will present: “Where Two or Three Are Gathered – Pope Francis’ Call for a More Synodal Church” at 7:00 p.m. in the Jessing Center on the seminary campus. The event is free of charge and open to the public; reservations not required. For more information, please visit pcj.edu.

2017 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 29th. Those who are participating in Faith Direct will receive a statement from them.

Name _____

Address _____

City & Zip Code _____

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