

January 3, 2016

St. Mary's Parish

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Eucharistic Liturgies

Weekend Mass Saturday Vigil 5:15 PM
Sunday 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
Weekday Mass Wednesday – Friday 7:00 AM
Saturday 8:00 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00 – 4:45 PM

Sacrament of Baptism

We joyfully welcome all into our Church family through this sacrament. Parents are asked to please call the rectory 853-2935 to make arrangements. Baptismal preparation meetings are held with the Baptismal Team the first Sunday of the month at 9 AM at St. Mary's School.

Sacrament of Marriage

Couples planning to be married are asked to schedule an appointment with Fr. Croghan at least 6 months before the desired date. Wedding dates cannot be scheduled over the phone. One of the parties being married and/or their parents must be registered members of St. Mary's (Pre-marriage instruction is required).

Prayer Line

If you or any of your loved ones are in need of prayer, please call Margaret – 853-5280, or Pat – 853-5229.

New Parishioners

Welcome! Please introduce yourself after Mass. We invite you to become an active member of our parish community. Please call the parish office to register.

Bulletin Deadline

All announcements for the bulletin should be in writing and submitted to the parish office by Monday noon.



Saturday, January 2 - Vigil Mass
 5:15 PM Margaret Burns by The Stuttard Family
Sunday, January 3 - The Epiphany of the Lord
 8:00 AM Lucille Falk by Bob Harrigan & Family
 10:30 AM Ann Conley by Jack McNamara
Wednesday, January 6
 7:00 AM Jack Reynolds by Patrick
Thursday, January 7 - St. Raymond of Penyafort
 7:00 AM For the People of the Parish
Friday, January 8
 7:00 AM Theresa Bianco by Mary Bord
Saturday, January 9
 8:00 AM Fred Lomanto by Bob Galinski
 5:15 PM - John Wilkinson (10th) by Ann
Sunday, January 10 - The Baptism of the Lord
 8:00 AM Ronald Stores by Judy & Ed Bentley
 10:30 AM Rosemary McNamara by Her Family

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED,
 HOSPITALIZED, SICK & SHUT-INS OF OUR PARISH**

Altar Server Training

There will be Altar Server training here at St. Mary's Tuesday, January 5, at 6:30 PM. Any student grade 4-9 interested in serving is welcome. If you have any questions, please call Carm Foster at 853-8513.

Altar-Rosary Cleaners - (1-9)

Deb & Jesse Gurdo

Counters - (1-10)

Walt Jury, Pearl Gapp & Barbara Bohrer

Collection for Last Weekend

Ordinary Collection.....\$ 3,960.00
 Holy Days.....40.00
 Christmas.....17,919.00
 School Assessment.....50.00
 Memorial Fund.....60.00
 Faith Formation.....31.00

2015 Tax Statement

For a statement of your 2015 donations for tax purposes, please put a note on your envelope, drop a note in the collection basket, or call the rectory at 853-2935 (10-3 PM, Monday - Friday).

If you are receiving envelopes and don't use them, or if you don't receive envelopes and wish to, please drop a note in the collection basket or call the rectory.

A Family Perspective

After meeting Jesus, the Magi returned home by "another way." What in your family needs to be done "another way?" Do you need "another way to resolve differences, to communicate or show affection? This is a new year, time to change what isn't working. Take a tip from some wise men, there's always "another way."

Country Pantry

As we celebrate the new year we thank you for your faithful support of the Pantry during the past year. Our need is ongoing and we couldn't continue our work without generous supporters like you. Please continue to support our families not only by your generous donations of money and food, but by remembering in your prayers those who are ill, elderly, disabled or affected by divorce. Also parents who are struggling to make ends meet after suffering job loss or reduced working hours and those who unemployment has ended. We pray that 2016 will present opportunities to improve the quality of life for those families served by the Pantry. May God bestow his blessings on you for your caring and sharing.

Liturgical Ministers			
Time	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
5:15 PM (1-9)	Matt, Madison & Madeline Steates	Pearl Gapp	Host - Brianne Siepiola & Sue King Cup - Ann Wilkinson, Mary Paul, Bob Scarlata & Rick Pascucci
8:00 AM (1-10)	Ian Nessel, Nick & Daniel Frank	9th Grade Class	Host - Joe Ellis & Carole Byrne Cup - Julie Wagner, Pam Sprague, Jeanne Roback & Ed Kaido
10:30 AM (1-10)	Jesse Dombrowski, Caleb Stanco & Adam Schneider	Rebecca Collins	Host - Don & Jane Conniff Cup - Karen Brewer, Carol Fobes, Melinda Leising & James Suchy

Epiphany Blessing

Go in peace,
 And may the God who protected the Holy Child
 Cover you and keep you,
 The God who came to be with us be
 found beside you
 And the love within you be called into safe
 places by the gentle Spirit.
 Dorothy McRae-McMahon



Good News!

January 3, 2016

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (C)

Is 60:1-6 / Eph 3:2-3, 5-6 / Mt 2:1-12

Several years ago, our family's longtime neighbor died. She had no children. My mom had helped her in her later years, so we weren't surprised when she received some money from the estate. What was shocking was that a check arrived at my house as well. I hadn't done anything to deserve this money; I had always been polite and kind to our neighbor and had visited her sometimes, but I was amazed at her generosity. Without knowing it, I had become an heir to this lovely woman.

On this Solemnity of the Epiphany, we celebrate our own unexpected inheritance—the quite undeserved gift of Jesus. Saint Paul writes that the Gentiles are “co-heirs” to this great gift, but what have we done to deserve such grace? Our culture tells us how much we “deserve” (clothes and so on).

But in the simplest of places—the tiniest of towns, this little hamlet of Bethlehem—comes a gift we could never do enough to deserve. The Magi recognized this—they prostrated themselves in homage and were changed by their encounter with Jesus. They “went home a different way”—not just physically but spiritually.

As the Christmas season winds down and the long-awaited gifts are unwrapped and put away, maybe we can look at the gift of Jesus with Epiphany eyes. May we welcome Jesus today like an unexpected inheritance check—with delighted hearts, humble spirits, and grateful souls.

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Faith Formation

The astrologers had the faith and wisdom to see in this baby the promised Messiah. Christ shows himself to us, too, and comes into our lives in many ways and through many people. If we are people of faith, we will find him in these little "epiphanies." We will offer him our own gifts—our prayers and worship, our loving service of others, and our constant faith, even when it might seem hard to find him.

Wish your fellow parishioners a **Happy New Year** over a cup of coffee and a bagel on **January 3**, following the 10:30 AM mass (bring along your extra Christmas cookies to share!)

Thank you to everyone who has expressed interest in beginning a **Faith in Action** volunteer program at St. Mary's. There will be a **meeting on January 3 at noon** to share ideas, experiences, and common desire to serve our community! Our first opportunity will be to prepare and serve dinner at Hope House on January 10. Contact Amy for more info (853-4537, amybashant@gmail.com)

The **Rosary Army** is in need of more volunteers! If you are interested in learning about this group and how to make knotted or beaded rosaries for our missions, please stop by the parish center between **1-2 PM on January 3**. All materials are provided and can be taken home to work on. Our regular meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month.

Good News Foundation

For information on upcoming programs and support groups being held at the Good News Foundation, call 735-6210 (www.thegoodnewscenter.org).

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