



Mass Intentions

- Monday** December 28th The Holy Innocents, martyrs
5:00 p.m. John and Marie Doehne
- Tuesday** December 29th Thomas Becket, bishop/martyr
8:30 a.m. Cody Wilson
- Wednesday** December 30th
5:00 p.m. Stella Jezewski
- Thursday** December 31st Sylvester I, pope
5:00 p.m. Shirley Roling
- Friday** January 1st Mary, Mother of God
Holy Day of Obligation
9:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of St. Mary Parish
11:00 a.m. Christopher Meanor
- Saturday** Jan. 2nd Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen,
bishops/drs of the Church
9:00 a.m. Linda Diedrick
4:30 p.m. Living & Deceased Members of St. Mary Parish
- Sunday** January 3rd Epiphany of the Lord 
8:00 a.m. Frank Zemanek
9:30 a.m. The Fada and Hartman Families
11:00 a.m. Barbara Hicks

Readings for the Week of December 28th

- Mon 1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7-8; Mt 2:13-18
Tue 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5-6; Lk 2:22-35
Wed 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40
Thur 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18 2016
Fri Nm 6: 22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
Sat 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
Sun Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3, 5-6;
Mt 2:1-12

In your prayers...



This week, please remember all in our parish community, the intentions in our intention book, our family and friends in need, especially: **Ann Lou, Ben, Bette, Bob, Carmen, Claire, Dennis, Doug, Jim, Jo Ann, Kelly, Mary, Mary Ellen, Paul, Tom, Vicki, Zak** and all who have asked for our prayers.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Due to the Holiday Bulletin deadlines, the Collection totals from Sunday, December 20th and Christmas Day were unavailable for publication.

Faith Direct (12/04/15) \$7,711.00

Thank you for your generosity.

[2nd Collection December 27th - Home for a Season]
[2nd Collection January 3rd - Helping Hands Ministry]

Please note:

Any last minute contributions to be credited for 2015 need to be received in the Church office by Wed., Dec. 30th. Thank you.



My Friends,

This Sunday, the Holy Family becomes the center of our prayer and reflection. In this election year when everyone has a political fix for all the problems that plague the world, the solution is really quite simple. There is the story of a father who came home from work exhausted. He is greeted by his son who wants to do something with him. The father sees a picture of the world in a magazine and tears it into pieces. He gives them to his son as a puzzle to be put back together. As soon as he settles into his chair, his son is back with the puzzle completed. His father is amazed that he was able to do it so quickly. His son said it was easy, there was a picture of a person on the back of the page. As soon as he had the picture of the person put back together, the world was together.

The only solution to the political turmoil in the world today is the restoration of marriage and family as the basic building block of our society. When we focus on political issues, our lives become more fractured. When we focus on God's love and mercy we discover that which unites us. Following upon the mystery of the God of love making his dwelling among us, is the filial relationship he desires to have with all of us. When Jesus is at the center of our family life, we will have all the grace and strength we need to survive the demands and struggles of life.

The Sunday Eucharist is the most powerful way we have to create and strengthen that bond as a family. I would hope in this Year of Mercy that this would be our top priority for the new year.

Finally, a note of thanks for all generous gifts through this Christmas season. Mrs. Claus (aka Sr. Mary Dorothy) spent hours in her workshop distributing all of your gifts. Thanks to all who assisted in the Christmas dinner. What a grace! Thanks also for all your prayers and best wishes. They illustrate to me that we are truly a parish family. May God bless us one and all in this new year!

Fr. Charlie



New Year's Day Mass Schedule:

Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
(Holy Day of Obligation)

Vigil ~ December 31st: 5:00 pm

Friday, January 1st 2016: 9:00 & 11:00 am

2016 Calendars are available at the Church Entrances – please be sure to stop and pick one up.

HOLY FAMILY



This Week in our Parish

Monday **December 28th**
 5:30 p.m. Helping Hands Ministry - Conference Room
 5:45 p.m. Finance - Staff Room

Tuesday **December 29th**
 5:00 p.m. Hot Meals - Cafeteria

Thursday **December 31st**
 9am - 5pm Eucharistic Adoration - Lower Church

Friday **January 1st**



Sunday **January 3rd**
 9:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Children
 11:00 a.m. Pre-School P.S.R. - St. Joseph Building

200 CLUB WINNER: 12/27/15 Richard Seward #123



The St. Mary School Community would like to wish all of our parishioners a Blessed and Happy Christmas Season. May Christ's peace and joy fill your lives. Thank you for your support and prayers for our school. We wish you God's blessings in the New Year.

St. Mary School, will host an **Open House** on Sunday, **January 31, 2016** from 10:30am to 1:00pm. Our school enrolls children in grades kindergarten through grade 8. We also have a preschool for three and four year olds. We invite all parishioners, especially those considering the education of their children, to meet our teachers, tour our buildings, and learn about our challenging curriculum in a Christ-centered environment. If you have any questions, please call the school office at 440-322-2808 to discuss them. We hope to see you on January 31st.

St. Mary School is holding "**Walk through Wednesdays**" for **Preschool and Kindergarten**. Come visit and talk to teachers about their curriculum. The visitations will be held from **9-10am** on the designated dates. Please call the school at 322-2808 to make an appointment. We are looking forward to your visit. Walk through dates: **January 13th, February 17th and March 16th**.

'SNOWFALL OF CASH' CALENDARS sell for \$10 each and offer 31 chances at cash prizes throughout January. Sell all 10 calendars and your name will be entered into a drawing for \$1,000 at the end of January. Additional calendars are available at the Parish Office and all returns must be received by December 31st to be eligible for the daily drawings.



Gentle Woman Fellowship will meet **Fri., Jan. 8th** at St. Clarence Parish Ctr. 30106 Lorain Rd., N. Olmsted beginning at 9:30am. The January speaker is Father Damien Ezeani who's a Priest in the Orlu Diocese of Nigeria. He will speak on "The Fate of a Woman from the Bible." Please bring a cold salad, veggies with a dip, little cold sandwiches, fresh fruit or something similar to share. Dessert will be provided. All women are welcome. No reservations needed. Bring a friend. Questions? Call Mary 458-5063 or Mary 235-6258.

RETROUVAILLE WEEKEND – January 15-17, 2016
 Someone once said "marriages may be made in heaven, but they sure take a lot of work on earth." Have you become so distracted by outside pressure that you neglect your spouse? The Retrouvaille program can help you put your troubled marriage back on track. This program is supported by the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland. The next Cleveland Retrouvaille weekend will be held on Jan. 15-17, 2016. A registration fee of \$150 is required to confirm your reservation. For more information or to register, please call Diane or Al Miskinis in complete confidence at (330) 665-3506 or (from a 216 or 440 area code) 1-800-470-2230 or go to www.helpourmarriage.org.

Part-Time Help Needed:
 If you are interested in setting-up, working events and breaking down at the St. Parish Hall, please contact Mary Jane at the Parish Office 323-5539 for more information.

CONFIRMATION FOR ADULTS:
 On Thursday, March 3rd 2016, Bishop Roger Gries will be celebrating the sacrament of Confirmation in our parish. Adults having received Baptism and First Holy Communion who wish to receive the sacrament of Confirmation, please contact Sister Mary Dorothy at the Parish Office 323-5539.

St. Mary's Altar & Rosary Society



Thank you to all who have contributed so generously to the St. Mary Altar & Rosary Christmas Memorial Fund.

A memorial list will be published during the Christmas Season.



THANK YOU to all who attended the Hall Committee's Pancake Breakfast on Dec. 6th. Because of your generosity, \$704 was donated to the St. Mary Helping Hands Ministry.



Thank you to all who helped make our Christmas Dinner a great success ~ God Bless You!