



**Mass Intentions**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>December 15<sup>th</sup></b>
5:00 p.m.	Charles Knechtges
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>December 16<sup>th</sup></b>
8:30 a.m.	John Kermodé
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>December 17<sup>th</sup></b>
5:00 p.m.	Living & Deceased of the Vinicky Family
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>December 18<sup>th</sup></b>
8:30 a.m.	Living & Deceased of the Ross & Larizza Families
<b>Friday</b>	<b>December 19<sup>th</sup></b>
8:30 a.m.	Joe Kral
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>December 20<sup>th</sup></b>
9:00 a.m.	Carol Patyak
4:30 p.m.	Ben and Irene Bittner
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 21<sup>st</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>
8:00 a.m.	Agnes and Roger McDonnell
9:30 a.m.	Zoltan Ignatz and the Rago Family
11:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased of St. Mary Parish



Readings for the Week of December 15<sup>th</sup>

Mon	Nm 24:2-7, 15-17; Ps 25:4-9; Mt 21:23-27
Tue	Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23; Mt 21:28-32
Wed	Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:3-4, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Thurs	Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Fri	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25; Ps 71:3-6, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Sat	Is 7:10-14; Ps 24: 1-6; Lk 1:26-38
Sun	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38



*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, Betty, Carmen, Chip, Eli, Jim, John, LaVera, Linda, Maggie, Mary, Ruth Ann, Tim, Todd, Tom** and all who have asked for our prayers.

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

Sunday Collection (12/07/14)	\$12,775.77
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$1,405.00
Envelopes	299
Immaculate Conception (12/08/14)	\$963.25

*Thank you for your generosity.*

[2<sup>nd</sup> Collection December 7<sup>th</sup> - Retirement for Religious]  
[2<sup>nd</sup> Collection December 14<sup>th</sup> - Helping Hands Ministry]

Please note:

Any last minute contributions to be credited for 2014 need to be received in the Church office by Tuesday, December 30<sup>th</sup>. Unfortunately there is no 'grace period' on this with the IRS, we may not credit contributions to 2014 after December 31<sup>st</sup>.



My Friends,

On this third Sunday of Advent we light the rose candle on the wreath to celebrate the fact that we are halfway to Christmas. Known in the past as 'Gaudete' Sunday, we 'rejoice' that the wreath grows brighter as the nights grow longer. We anticipate the winter solstice, when the god of light conquers the god of darkness and the days once again grow longer. Jesus is the true Light who has come into the world 'to shine on those who are in the shadow of death and to guide our feet into the way of peace.'

I hope you are finding time to enter into the spiritual richness of this season. These Advent/Christmas memories will last us a lifetime. It seems to me that the more lights people use to decorate, the less Jesus is at the center of their celebration. There is no depth to their joy. The commercialism of Christmas has taken the heart out of the meaning of this mystery. We wonder why we feel so empty when the Christmas tree ends up on the tree lawn the day after Christmas.

Do yourself a favor and make some time for prayer and reflection. Join us next Sunday at 7pm for the Communal Penance Service at St. Jude. Find ways to turn off the noise and revel in the quiet solitude. This could be the best Christmas present that you could give yourself. May we come to know the true peace and joy that Jesus came to bring us.

I want to extend a note of thanks to Maureen Kuebler and Lori Fitch for all the work they put in to our 200 Club dinner. It was a wonderful evening with music supplied by our own Mike Moore. The money raised supports our parish school. I also want to thank the Hall committee and everyone who worked on the Santa Breakfast. Again it was a lot of fun. I got to sit on Santa's lap and ask why I didn't get what I asked for last Christmas. These times are wonderful opportunities to grow together as a parish family.

*Fr. Charlie*

St. Mary Church along with its family & friends are sponsoring a **Free Christmas Dinner on Christmas Day from 12 Noon - 3pm** for anyone seeking a delicious meal or fellowship. If you are interested in helping on Christmas Day or with the set-up on Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at Noon, please email Angie Pluta at [stmaryelyria@aol.com](mailto:stmaryelyria@aol.com). Thank you for your support.



*Just a reminder:*

**All gifts for the Giving Tree need to be collected this SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>** in order for them to be distributed in time for Christmas. If need be, gifts can be dropped off at the Parish Office on Mon., Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for supporting this outreach project and helping those who are in need this Holiday Season.



The Giving Tree

**High School Youth of St. Mary & St. Jude:**

**THANK YOU TEENS!** A big thanks to the teens who volunteered their time & talent at the Wesleyan Village Christmas Party on Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Thank You to Ashley Cascio, Kayley Cascio, Jeffrey Conrad, Sara Liszeski, Avery Puskas, Alina Reid, Alexa Spencer, & Emily Toich. Your help was much appreciated!

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



### This Week in our Parish

**Monday December 15<sup>th</sup>**  
 5:30 p.m. Helping Hands Ministry - Conference Room  
 6:30 p.m. P.S.R. - Marian & St. Joseph Buildings  
 7:00 p.m. Hall Committee - Weigand Room

**Tuesday December 16<sup>th</sup>**  
 10:00 a.m. SMS Pre-School Christmas Program - LC  
 5:00 p.m. Hot Meals - Cafeteria  
 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts - Green Room  
 7:00 p.m. Revisiting Faith Traditions - Conference Room  
 7:00 p.m. SMS Band Concert - Parish Hall

**Wednesday December 17<sup>th</sup>**  
 1:00 p.m. SMS Advent Service - Church  
 7:00 p.m. R.C.I.A. - Conference Room  
 7:00 p.m. Choir - Choir Loft

**Thursday December 18<sup>th</sup>**  
 9am - 5pm Eucharistic Adoration - Lower Church  
 11:00 a.m. Altar & Rosary - Rosary & Benediction  
 & Christmas Tureen Luncheon - Weigand Room  
 Parish Council - Weigand Room  
 6:00 p.m. Daisies - Green Room  
 6:15 p.m. Daisies - Green Room

**Sunday December 21<sup>st</sup>**  
 9:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Children  
 11:00 a.m. Pre-School P.S.R. - St. Joseph Building  
 12 Noon Set-up for Christmas Dinner - Parish Hall  
 1:30 p.m. Secular Franciscans - Lower Church  
 \*7:00 p.m. Cluster Advent Penance Service at St. Jude Church

200 CLUB WINNER: 12/14/14 Don Smith #199

Congratulations to the five \$200 winners from December 6<sup>th</sup>:  
 Patricia Jackson, Ann Meno, Michelle Quinn,  
 Dan Cunningham & Larry Krischer

50/50 Winner:  
 Vic Woconish split \$1,300 with the 200 Club for a total of \$650

**St. Mary's Altar & Rosary Society** will meet in the Lower Chapel at 11:00am for the Rosary and Benediction on **Thurs., Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>**. A TUREEN Luncheon will follow in the Weigand Room. The meat dish will be furnished so please make your reservation by **Mon., Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>** by calling the Parish Office 323-5539 then just bring a dish to share.



The envelope for the *Christmas Memorial Fund* can be found in your December/January packet, or just use a plain envelope marked attention: A&R and enclose a note saying in whose memory you are making the offering. A memorial list will be published during the Christmas Season. Thank you for your continued support.

***The second collection on Christmas will be for the Education Endowment Trust Fund.***



Blood Pressure checks will be available after all Masses in the Weigand Room next weekend December 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup>.

St. Mary School Programs:



### CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

**Pre-School Christmas Program:** Tuesday ~ December 16<sup>th</sup> at 10am in the Lower Church

**Band Concert:** Tuesday ~ December 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Parish Hall

**Advent Service:** Wednesday ~ December 17<sup>th</sup> at 1pm in Church

All are welcome to attend.

We are looking for...students from age 4-9 [Pre-School - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade] that would be interested in being SHEPHERDS and ANGELS during the 4pm Christmas Eve Mass here at St. Mary Church. Sign-up sheets are available at the entrances of the Church for those who are interested. Please return completed sheets to the Parish Office by Mon., Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>.



Our Parish will be serving dinner this Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> from 5-6pm in the School Cafeteria. Volunteers are always appreciated to serve or help with preparation at 3pm.

...and Jesus said...FEED THE HUNGRY

We will deliver dinner to St. Joseph's Catholic Overnight Shelter on Saturday, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to participate you may do so by furnishing a pasta with meat dish, salad, rolls/bread or dessert. Please call Maryann at 440-458-6159 by Wed., Dec 17<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!  
 ~ Social Action Commission

### Advent and Christmas Schedule

**Reconciliation:** All Saturdays: 3:30 – 4:15pm  
 Saturday, December 20<sup>th</sup>: 3:00 – 4:15pm  
 Monday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>: 12:30 – 1:30pm  
 Tuesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>: 4:00 – 5:00pm & 7:00 – 8:00pm

\* Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup> ~ 7:00pm

*Cluster Communal Penance Service at St. Jude Church*

**Mass Schedule:** Christmas Eve Masses:

Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>: 4:00 and 6:00pm  
 Midnight Mass: 12 Midnight [Carols at 11:15pm]

Christmas Day Masses:

Thursday, December 25<sup>th</sup>: 9:00 and 11:00am

New Year's Day Mass (Holyday of Obligation):

Vigil ~ December 31<sup>st</sup>: 5:00pm  
 Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015: 9:00 and 11:00am

**"SNOWFALL OF CASH" Calendars** make great gifts and stocking stuffers. 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 Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> to be eligible for the daily drawings.

