



**Mass Intentions**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>December 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Our Lady of Guadalupe</b>
5:00 p.m.	Clifford Smith	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>December 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Lucy, virgin/martyr</b>
8:30 a.m.	John and Clara Solet	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Dec. 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>John of the Cross, priest/dr of the Church</b>
5:00 p.m.	Marie Borgmann	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>December 15<sup>th</sup></b>	
8:30 a.m.	Charles Knechtges	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>December 16<sup>th</sup></b>	
8:30 a.m.	Sister Mary Jane Rohr	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>December 17<sup>th</sup></b>	
9:00 a.m.	The Suetta Family	
4:30 p.m.	Ben and Irene Bittner	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>
8:00 a.m.	Ben and Mary Mahl	
9:30 a.m.	Living & Deceased Members of St. Mary Parish	
11:00 a.m.	Carl and Marian Ternes	



Readings for the Week of December 12<sup>th</sup>

Mon: Zec 2:14-17; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38  
 Tues: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 & 23; Mt 21:28-32  
 Wed: Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25; Ps 85:9ab & 10, 11-12, 13-14; Lk 7:18b-23  
 Thur: Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2 & 4, 5-6, 11-12a & 13b; Lk 7:24-30  
 Fri: Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Jn 5:33-36  
 Sat: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17  
 Sun: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24



*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: **Arlene, Bette, Betty, Carmen, Charlie, Chris, Dave, Doug, Kelly, Mary, Pat, Richard, Sharon, Terry, Tom** and all who have asked for our prayers.

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

Sunday Collection (12/04/16)	\$13,372.69
Helping Hands Ministry	\$1,765.72
Envelopes	307

**Thank you for your generosity.**

[2<sup>nd</sup> Collection December 11<sup>th</sup> - Retirement for Religious]  
 [2<sup>nd</sup> Collection December 18<sup>th</sup> - Tuition Assistance]

Matching Funds Grant total to date: \$15,590.00



My Friends,

As we light the rose candle in the Advent wreath, we celebrate *Gaudete* Sunday. We 'rejoice' because we are drawing closer to Christmas. The dark nights get longer and we keep lighting more candles until the Lord of Light comes. With his arrival, the Light conquers the darkness and the days begin to grow longer. Jesus is the one who lights our way and we need his guidance more than ever.

In the month of February, the Jesuit Retreat House will provide us with an opportunity to deepen our relationship with the Lord. On the Thursday evenings of February, there will be presentations on the *Pilgrim Way of Ignatius Loyola* with time for prayer and reflection. It is a powerful way to deepen your own spiritual life. The number of participants will be limited so it is necessary to register ahead of time. There are brochures available at the church entrances and the parish office with all the details. Give yourself a Christmas present and sign up for the program today.

I know these are crazy days filled with activities but I hope you are finding some time to renew your spirit in the special graces that come with Advent. The dark nights help clear out the distractions. It is easier to focus our attention on Christ who can bring peace into our heart and into our world.

As I appreciate the quiet time, I am also appreciative of all who worked so hard this past weekend for the 200 Club and the Santa Breakfast. Lori Fitch and Deborah Conner did a wonderful job on the 200 Club Dinner. Everyone had a pleasant evening and we raised funds for the school. On Sunday morning, Helping Hands sponsored the Santa Breakfast. Not only did it provide fun for our children, it also helped to raise funds for their ministry. Thanks goes out to all who assisted with these events.

*Fr. Charlie*

**Advent and Christmas Schedule**

All are encouraged to attend the Cluster Communal Penance Service at **St. Jude Church on Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> ~ 7:00pm**

**Reconciliation:** All Saturdays: 3:30 – 4:15pm

Thursday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>: 12:30 – 1:30pm & 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>: 4:00 – 5:00pm & 7:00 - 8:00pm

**Mass Schedule:** **Christmas Eve Masses:**

Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>: 4:00 and 6:00pm

Midnight Mass: 12 Midnight [*Carols at 11:15pm*]

**Christmas Day Masses:**

\* Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>: 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00am

[\*Regular Sunday Mass schedule]

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

*Vigil* ~ December 31<sup>st</sup>: 4:30pm

\* Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017: 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00am

[\*Regular Sunday Mass schedule]

**HELP NEEDED**

We are in need of assistance in bringing the Christmas decorations up from downstairs **after the 11:00am Mass next Sunday - Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>**. Some of the items are heavy - so, if you're able to help, it would be greatly appreciated. Thank You!

# 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT



## This Week in our Parish

### Monday

5:30 p.m. Helping Hands Ministry - Conference Room  
5:45 p.m. Girl Scouts - Green Room  
6:30 p.m. P.S.R. - St. Joseph & Marian Buildings

### Tuesday

5:00 p.m. Hot Meals - Cafeteria  
6:00 p.m. Brownies - Green Room  
6:30 p.m. Spiritual Development - Conference Room

### Wednesday

10:00 a.m. SMS Pre-School Christmas Program -Lower Church  
7:00 p.m. R.C.I.A. - Conference Room  
7:00 p.m. Choir - Choir Loft

### Thursday

9am - 5pm Eucharistic Adoration - Lower Church  
11:00 a.m. Altar & Rosary - Rosary & Benediction  
& Christmas Tureen Luncheon - Weigand Room  
7:00 p.m. SMS Christmas Program - Parish Hall

### Sunday

9-11 a.m. Blood Pressure Checks - Weigand Room  
9:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Children  
11:00 a.m. Pre-School P.S.R. - St. Joseph Building  
1:30 p.m. Secular Franciscans - Lower Church  
7:00 p.m. **Communal Reconciliation Service at St. Jude**

200 Club Winner: 12/11/16 Philip Coe #198

Congratulations to the five \$200 winners from December 3<sup>rd</sup>:

Beth Kocsis #110, Judy Bulger #98, Rick Knowlton #238  
Kevin O'Connor #266, Vic Woconish #170

Michael Tomko won \$568 for the 50/50 drawing!

*St. Mary's Altar & Rosary Society* will meet in the Lower Chapel at 11:00am for the Rosary and Benediction on **Thursday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>**. A TUREEN Luncheon will follow in the Weigand Room - just bring your favorite 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.

*Just a reminder:*



**All gifts for the Giving Tree need to be collected this SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11<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., December 12<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for supporting this outreach project and helping those who are in need this Holiday Season.



Blood Pressure checks will be available next Sunday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> after 8 & 9:30am Masses

in the Weigand Room

St. Mary School Programs:



## CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

**Pre-School Christmas Program:** Wednesday ~ December 14<sup>th</sup> at 10am in the Lower Church

**Christmas Choral Concert:** Wednesday ~ December 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Parish Hall

All are welcome to attend.

### Shepherds and Angels



At the 4pm Christmas Eve Mass, children [age 4-9] are encouraged to come and to dress as shepherds, angels, Mary & Joseph and the three kings. If you are interested in your child being a special part of this Christmas Eve Mass, please pick up a form from the church entrance, fill it out & return it to the Church office. We ask all who sign up to arrive by 3:40pm on Sat. evening Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> in the Weigand Room for costume distribution and instruction.



Our Parish will be serving dinner this Sunday, December 11<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. 17<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. I also need a driver to take the meal from my home to St. Joseph's. Please call Maryann at 440-458-6159 by **Wed., Dec 14<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you! ~ *Social Action Commission*

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 set-up on Sat., Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> at 11am, please email Angie Pluta at [stmaryelyria@aol.com](mailto:stmaryelyria@aol.com).

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



### 'SNOWFALL OF CASH' CALENDARS ARE HERE!

Each calendar sells for \$10 and entitles you to 31 chances to win that day's cash prize. Please stop and pick-up an envelope of calendars outside the Weigand Room. They make great Christmas stocking stuffers!

**OPLATKI** is now available in the Parish Office  
- Envelope of 4 wafers [3 white & 1 pink] for \$2.

George Goldsworthy, representing Diocesan Publications (our Bulletin Publisher) will be at the parish soon. He will be renewing present advertisements and seeking new ones. If interested, please call the parish office, or contact George directly at **330-704-6204** or [goldsworthy@diocesan.com](mailto:goldsworthy@diocesan.com). We feel this is an excellent service and that the sponsors receive great exposure with their ads.

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