



**The Lord  
Make His  
Face Shine  
Upon You &  
be Gracious  
to You.**

**Numbers 6:24-25**

**January 1, 2012**

**The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord  
And  
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

**Mass Schedule**

Saturday Vigil Mass.....5:30 pm  
Sunday Masses..... 8:30 am and 10:30 am  
Daily Mass.....8:00 am (Monday - Friday)  
Second Monday of the month, Mass is also offered at 3:00 pm at the Brethren Home.

**Eucharistic Adoration**

Wednesday 9:00 am to 7:00 pm

**Sacraments:**

**Reconciliation** - Saturday 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm or by appt.

**Anointing** - Please call the parish office to schedule.

**Baptism** - The first Sunday of the month after the 10:30 am Mass. Parents are required to attend a baptismal preparation class in advance. Please call the parish office to schedule.

**Marriages** - Weddings are scheduled at least six months in advance. Please call the parish office to schedule a meeting with the pastor.

**Prayer Requests** can be made by calling the office or on the website. Any requests received by noon on Tuesday will be in the following weekend's bulletin.

**Mass Intention Requests** can be made by calling the office. Intentions can be for the souls of the deceased, the special needs of the living, in thanksgiving for answered prayers or even in remembrance of a special occasion. The suggested stipend for a Mass is \$5, but any amount can be offered.

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## Weekly Parish Calendar

### Saturday, December 31 – St. Sylvester

4:00 - 5:00 pm Reconciliation  
5:30 pm Vigil Mass for Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

### Sunday, January 1 – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

8:30 am Mass  
10:30 am Mass (No Children's Liturgy of the Word)

### Monday, January 2 – Sts. Basil & Gregory

8am Mass  
Parish Office closed in observance of Holy Day

### Tuesday, January 3 – The Most Holy Name of Jesus

8:00 am Mass  
SMS Resumes Classes

### Wednesday January 4 – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

8:00 am Mass followed by Adoration  
10:00 am Helping Angels Meeting at the Library  
7:00 pm Elementary PSR & Confirmation Classes  
7:30 pm K of C Business Meeting

### Thursday, January 5 – St. John Neumann

8:00 am Mass  
9:00 am Adult Study  
7:00 pm Trio Practice  
7:00 pm RCIA

### Friday, January 6 – St. Andre' Bessette

8:00 am Mass  
RAS First Friday Coffee following Mass

### Saturday, January 7 – St. Raymond of Penyafort

4:00 - 5:00 pm Reconciliation  
4:30 pm GLORY 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Devotions  
5:30 pm Vigil Mass

### Sunday, January 8 – The Epiphany of the Lord

8:30 am Mass  
10:30 am Mass  
4:00 – 7:00 pm K of C BBQ & Pork Chop Dinner

#### January 7 & 8, 2012

Ministry Name	Sat 5:30	Sun 8:30	Sun 10:30
<b>Lector</b>	D Dostie	C Raffel	A Krueger
<b>Euch. Min.</b>	L Harsh	Ka Droesch	B Sinnes
<b>Euch. Min.</b>	K McEldowney	Ki Droesch	R Sinnes
<b>Euch. Min.</b>	M McEldowney	K Poteet	S Workman
<b>Euch. Min.</b>	J Monnin	S VandenBosch	M Arnett
<b>Euch. Min.</b>	P Myers	N York	D Blocher
<b>Euch. Min.</b>			G Brubaker
<b>Altar Server</b>	R Braun	E White	J Schlamb
<b>Altar Server</b>	H Maher	A White	M Schlamb
<b>Altar Server</b>	C Monnin	L Durham	M Kutter
<b>Gift Bearer</b>	Pope Family	G & A Cleere	Hadden Family
<b>Greeter</b>	B Schuh	C & E Eckstein	S Garrett
<b>Counter</b>		P Raffel	
<b>Counter</b>		S Morrow	



### **Attention Mass Ministers/ Servers:**

The new schedule for January through Easter has been mailed or emailed to you. When you receive your schedule, please put your assignments on your calendar!! If you cannot fulfill your commitment, kindly call a replacement for yourself.

## Prayers and Praises

Please pray for Joan York and Louise Buell. Please pray for the soul of Harold "Shep" Simon, grandfather of Monique McGlinch. May they find comfort in the arms of their Creator.

### Mass Intentions

**Saturday, December 31**

*Missa pro populo*

**Sunday, January 1**

8:30 *Missa pro populo*

10:30 *Missa pro populo*

**Monday, January 2**

Joanne Kaiser (Don Kaiser)

**Tuesday, January 3**

Dick Moores (Jean Moores)

**Wednesday, January 4**

Connie Hushour (The Wenning Family)

**Thursday, January 5**

Maureen Saum (Terri Crandall)

**Friday, January 6**

Living & Deceased Members of RAS especially Maureen Saum (RAS)

**Saturday, January 7**

*Missa pro populo*

**Sunday, January 8 - The Epiphany of the Lord**

8:30 Richard Manix & Family (Dale & Terri Crandall)

10:30 Thomas Beyke (His brothers & sisters)

**Military Prayer List:** Scott Barga, Adam Batty, Jason Carter, Candice Cleere, Jason Dittmer, J. J. Foster, Travis Higgins, Justin Hoffman, Patricia Hruska, Zach Kemp, Shelley Kolb, Monica Laux, Jesse Paulus, Kyle Paulus, Tricia Paulus, R. C. Pierri, Nathaniel Ramsay, Ken Roessner, Tyler Sanders, Scott Schwartz, Jason Traxler, Julie & Matthew Whittington & all those who serve in our name.

### **Please pray for the Pope's Prayer Intentions for January:**

**Victims of Natural Disasters-** that the victims of natural disasters may receive the spiritual & material comfort they need to rebuild their lives.

**Dedication to Peace** - that the dedication of Christians to peace may bear witness to the name of Christ before all men & women of good will.

### Recent Offerings from December 25, 2011

	Actuals	Goals
<b>Christmas Collection:</b>	\$16,862.16	\$25,000.00
<b>Collections to Date:</b>	\$223,450.87	\$230,000.00
<b>St. Vincent de Paul:</b>	\$10.00	
<b>Capital Improvement Fund:</b>	\$166.00	
<b>School General Operations:</b>	\$480.00	

**2011 Contribution Statements.** If you would like to receive a statement regarding your financial contributions to the parish for 2011, please complete this box and return it to the office or drop it in the collection basket. You may also email Sarah at [stmjc@bizwoh.rr.com](mailto:stmjc@bizwoh.rr.com) to request a statement. Statements can be mailed or emailed to you. Only contributions received by **December 31, 2011** will appear on this statement. Those received after this date will be credited to the 2012 year.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Envelope # \_\_\_\_\_ (if you have envelopes)

## St. Mary's Information



A Christmas Gift  
From the Church

Merry CHRISTMAS! The parish presented a gift to our parishioners and visitors at the Christmas Masses. If you were away for the holiday, please be sure to pick up a copy of Rediscover Catholicism by Matthew Kelly at the back of the church. We hope you are encouraged and inspired by it.

### PSR

Don't forget...PSR resumes on Wednesday, January 4!

## St. Mary's School

### SCRIP Assignments

January 7 & 8

5:30 Maher      8:30 Myers      10:30 Capasso

## Rosary Altar Society



The Ladies of the Rosary Altar Society would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year and to invite any lady of the parish to join them for the First Friday Mass and Coffee after Mass at the Rectory on January 6.

## Around the Area



**Blood Drive**

The Blood Drive sponsored by the Greater Greenville Ministerial Association will take place Tuesday, January 10 from 12:30 to 6:30 pm. Appointments are recommended.

Contact Community Blood Center Representative, Dana Puterbaugh at 937-997-2199 or [dputerbaugh@cbccts.org](mailto:dputerbaugh@cbccts.org).



The next Healing Mass will be held January 10, at 7:00 pm in the chapel of The Spiritual Center of Maria Stein. Within the Eucharistic Worship both the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick and Prayer for Healing are celebrated. Testimonies of healings will be given.

### ADULT SINGLES CLUB EVENTS FOR JANUARY

Jan. 8 – Bowling in Minster, OH

Jan. 14 – Mass in Coldwater, OH and movies in Celina, OH

Jan. 21 – House party in Coldwater, OH

Jan. 29 – Neil Armstrong Museum in Wapakoneta, OH

For more info, call Lou Ann Guggenbiller at 419-678-8691.

**MEN'S RETREAT** "Men's 12 Step Recovery Retreat" will be at Maria Stein on January 13-15. Contact the Spiritual Center for more information at 419-925-7625.



## Reflections on The Word of God

### **God's Graciousness**

Numbers 6:22-27; Psalms 67:2-3,5,6,8; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21

### **Scripture Reflection**

Certain events change everything – the end of war, a new relationship, the birth of a child. Paul tells us the coming of Christ was such an event. Can anyone believe God became human and continue to live as before? Paul insists God's work in Christ changed us at our core. We are not slaves as before, but we are God's children! That metaphor may not touch us as deeply as it should because we can't see the wide chasm between a slave and a child of the household as well as Paul's audience did. The slave, who was no more than property, is adopted, becomes a child and therefore a coheir of all that the natural children will inherit. Only God could work such a wonder. But are we surprised that a God who allows us to call him Daddy ("Abba") would love us that much?

Look at how Aaron is instructed to bless the people: "The LORD let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace!" (Numbers 6:25-26). God loves us face-to-face with personal, not generic, love. That news is worth announcing boldly. And, having stood face-to-face with the child Jesus, that's exactly what the shepherds do. They made the message known because it wouldn't sit still within their hearts. Mary could sit back and reflect on these things because the simple shepherds – the first to hear the good news of Jesus' birth – were out announcing them for all to hear!

### **Sharing Faith**

- What is one of your treasured memories, something you keep and reflect on in your heart? How is it a memory of God?
- Can you imagine a God who knows you intimately and who desires you to know him as a "Daddy"?
- Mary reflected often upon the events surrounding the birth and childhood of Jesus. In reflecting upon the childhood events of each member of your family, where do you see signs of God's love and grace?

### **Living the Liturgy**

- On this solemnity of Mary, resolve to learn and pray a Marian prayer you don't already know, such as the Memorare, the Angelus, or the Magnificat.
- With a friend or a loved one, create a small card with the words of the blessing from the Numbers reading: "The LORD let his face shine upon you kindly and give you peace!" Tape it to your mirror so you see it each morning as you start your day.
- Shepherds were poor people with a grueling job, yet God sent his Good News angels to them. Think of some of the people in your community who work in harsh conditions with little recognition. Send a thank-you note to your trash collector, say a prayer for road workers, and look for fair trade products to assure just compensation for those who labor over the goods you purchase.