

Mass Schedule

MASSES FOR THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH



SATURDAY: December 30
4:00 P.M. +John Smith (Dick Martinetti and Sheree)

SUNDAY: December 31
8:30 A.M. +Marge J. Gibson (Robert Trettel)
11:00 A.M. St. Mary Parishioners

MONDAY: January 1 - *The Blessed Virgin Mary, The Mother of God*
9:00 A.M. Special Intention
[Peace Throughout the World]



TUESDAY: January 2 - *Basil the Great; Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors of the Church*
8:00 A.M. +Warren Watt
(Lepkowski Family)



WEDNESDAY: January 3 - *The Most Holy Name of Jesus*
8:00 A.M. +Francis Laux
(Jack & Mary Ann Laux)



THURSDAY: January 4 - *Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious*
8:00 A.M. +Mary Ralston (Dorrie Thomas)



FRIDAY: January 5 - *John Neumann, Bishop*
8:00 A.M. +Stanley Olczak (Mary Ann Hoffman)

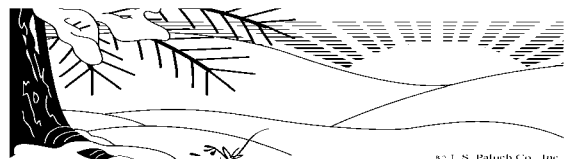


SATURDAY: January 6 - *Blessed André Bessette, Religious*
8:00 A.M. +Daniel McKeating (David & Raissa Federline)

MASSES FOR THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

SATURDAY: January 6
4:00 P.M. +Joan Sliwiak (Kymer Family)

SUNDAY: January 7
8:30 A.M. St. Mary Parishioners
11:00 A.M. +Benny Pofi (Mary Shavensky and Family)



Today's Readings:
Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14
Colossians 3:12-21 or 3:12-17
Luke 2:41-52

Next Sunday's Readings:
Numbers 6:22-27
Galatians 4:4-7
Luke 2:16-21

Liturgical Roles*

January 6th & 7th, 2007

Altar Servers:
Sat., 4:00 P.M. S. Weres, A. Brestensky, A. Romanchak
Sun., 8:30 A.M. C. & T. Holbein, G. Carson
Sun., 11:00 A.M. L. Kriger, P. & J. D'Amico

Eucharistic Ministers:
Sat., 4:00 P.M. M. Bale, S. Aul, A. Camerlo
Sun., 8:30 A.M. B. Girardi, H. Murphy, G. Wilson
Sun., 11:00 A.M. D. Showers, P. Hafera

Lectors:
Sat., 4:00 P.M. Judy Hallman
Sun., 8:30 A.M. Janice Meola
Sun., 11:00 A.M. Jeff Jones

How lovely is your dwelling place,
O Lord of Hosts



Cantors:
Sat., 4:00 P.M. Alex Smith
Sun., 8:30 A.M. Tom Koharchik
Sun., 11:00 A.M. Choir

Organists:
Sat., 4:00 P.M. Tom Misutka
Sun., 8:30 A.M. Tom Koharchik
Sun., 11:00 A.M. Dave Wesolosky



Advertisers - When you are reading the bulletin this week, please take some time to look at the names of the many advertisers that support our St. Mary Church. These wonderful businesses show their support by advertising in our Sunday bulletin. All of us should return the favor by letting them know how much it is appreciated. When you are shopping or looking for a particular business, look to our advertiser page and let them know where you saw their ad—in our Sunday bulletin (back page). And be sure to thank them for their support all year whether you are a new or long-time customer.

Christian Mothers - The Christian Mothers will have their first meeting of 2007 on Monday, January 8th, beginning with the rosary at 6:30 P.M. in the church. There will be a short program on the Gift of Life at 7:00 P.M. followed by the business meeting and refreshments. Please make your New Year's Resolution to enhance your faith and your family life with and through the Christian Mothers. Mary will lead us to Jesus. Where will you lead your family? Remember, they will follow your lead in prayer and actions. *A HAPPY AND JOY FILLED NEW YEAR TO ALL!!!*

Masses - Continue to show you care about your deceased loved ones by having masses offered for them. In the mass, our prayers for our beloved dead are united to the perfect prayer of intercession—Jesus' own sacrificial death for us on the cross. A mass offered is an act of love for all eternity. Flowers die, memorials fade; a mass is forever! To request a mass, please call the parish office, Monday thru Friday, 9:00 A.M.— 3:00 P.M. at 724-295-2281.

Latin Mass - St. Joseph High School will sponsor the Annual Latin Mass on Wednesday, January 3rd, 2007, at 7:00 P.M., at Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament Church, Natrona Heights. Mr. Wayne Schiebel's Latin classes sponsor this annual Liturgy. A reception with refreshments will be held in the school cafeteria immediately following the Mass. The public and all school alumni are invited to attend. If you have any questions, please call 724-224-5552.

Rest In Peace - Please pray for the soul of **Eleanor Rykaceski** who recently past away. May she find eternal happiness with our Lord. Our sympathy and prayers are extended to the family.

* **Christian Mothers' Cleaning Assignments -** *
* **Joanne Barber and Connie Waltenbaugh** *



CCD Classes - There will be no CCD classes on Sunday, December 31st. Classes will resume on Sunday, January 7th, 2007.



Legion of Mary - You are welcome to attend the next meeting scheduled Wednesday, January 3rd, 8:45 A.M. There is no obligation to join if you attend a meeting.



Choir Practice will be held on Wednesday, January 3rd, at 7:00 P.M. New members are always welcome! Remember, when you sing, you are praying, twice!

Are You Getting Married?

If you desire a loving, faithful, permanent and life-giving marriage, consider attending a Catholic Engaged Encounter weekend. This excellent marriage preparation program presents a comprehensive, up-close and personal look at marriage. Promising to love on your wedding day is not as difficult as living out that promise throughout your marriage. Catholic Engaged Encounter has provided engaged couples with the skills and tools to help them keep their promise to love. After a brief self-assessment, couples discover the stages of a love relationship and learn how to get out of a disillusionment stage. Communication skills are presented and practiced throughout the weekend. Many participants say the tools for constructive arguments, decision-making and setting priorities were extremely helpful to them. Other topics presented include family values and traditions, sexual intimacy, unity and forgiveness. If you would like additional information, please call George & Pat Ziringer - 724-335-4966. The next scheduled weekend will be held in Greensburg, January 19th-21st, 2007.

Natural Family Planning

- CM-BBT is a medically based, highly effective NFP method that can be used to postpone or plan pregnancy. The next CM-BBT Method of Family Planning Session is scheduled for Monday, January 15th, at 6:00 P.M., at the Catholic Charities office in Greensburg. Participants are required to attend only ONE session. The instruction, continued support and follow-up are provided by a medically certified CM-BBT Professional. PRE registration is required. Contact Mary Ann Newhouse, Catholic Charities, at 724-837-1840, ext. 658, for additional information or to register for this class or an upcoming class.

Thinking Youth Ministry?

- Would you like to be a priest or a brother whose whole life is dedicated to youth ministry? The Salesians of St. John Bosco are sponsoring discernment weekends. Check out their website - www.salesianvocation.com. For more information, call Fr. Franco Pinto at 973-761-0201 or you can email: salvoc@aol.com.

Eucharistic Adoration

- St. Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe in Kittanning has Eucharistic Adoration every Monday from 8:30 A.M. with Benediction and closing at 7:00 P.M. A children's Holy Hour is held at the Convent from 6:00 to 7:00 P.M. All are invited.



March for Life

- St. Mary of Czestochowa Church, New Kensington, is sponsoring two buses to the Annual March for Life, Monday, January 22nd, 2007. Both buses will leave at 6:00 A.M. and return approximately 11:30 P.M. Buses will park at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Those who cannot or do not wish to attend the march can spend the day in prayer. Mass will be celebrated at the Our Lady of Czestochowa Chapel within the Shrine at 2:00 P.M. by Fr. Richard Karenbauer. Bus fare is \$21/adults and \$20/students. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact George Pecoraro, Jr. at 724-335-8212. You may also email him at: gpecoraro@stmarynk.org.

Stay Warm Hot Line - If you or anyone that you know are in need of assistance with their heating bills, please contact the following: 1-866-550-4355 or visit: www.StayWarmPA.com.

Collections

Following is the Offertory Collection for December 17, 2006

No. of Envelopes Mailed Out: 645

No. of Envelopes Received: 295

Sunday Collection: Offertory - \$5,547.50

THANK YOU!

Due to the early deadline for the submission of the December 31st bulletin, the weekly contribution report for December 24th and Christmas Day was not available. This information will be published in next Sunday's bulletin. THANK YOU!

A Lifeline for Marriage - Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. It is designed to provide the tools to help get your marriage back on track. It will give you the opportunity to rediscover each other and examine your lives together in a new and positive way. This program has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. For confidential information about or to register for the winter program beginning with a weekend on January 12th-14th, 2007, please call Eric and Vici John at 412-563-0465, or visit the web site at: www.helpourmarriage.com.

Holy Land Pilgrimage Tour Scheduled

- "In the Footsteps of Jesus" - A tour to the land where Jesus lived and died will take place on February 8th-18th, 2007, as a preparation for the Lenten Season. Visit Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Nazareth, Cana, Caparnaum, Gallilee, Mt. Tabor, etc. Join in Mass and prayer at the Tomb of Christ, the Garden of Temptation, the Mount of Transfiguration. To request your detailed information packet, please call 1-800-242-0728, fax your request to 724-543-2938, or email: padre16201@yahoo.com. Two priests will accompany the tour offering daily Mass and devotions.

High School

juniors or seniors and their families are invited to a "Get Acquainted Day Open House" at St. Vincent College, Latrobe, on Sunday, January 13th. Registration is from 8:45 to 9:00 A.M., followed by an introduction to St. Vincent College and a student panel. Find out more about this top-ranked Catholic, Benedictine, liberal arts college. Listen to financial aid and admission presentations, meet faculty, administrators and coaches, and take a campus tour. If you would like additional information or would like to make a reservation, please call 1-800-782-5549. You may also email: admission@stvincent.edu, or register online at: www.stvincent.edu/admission/visit.

Hall Rental

- For a nominal donation, our St. Mary Hall is available to parishioners who would like to use it for funeral luncheons. Except for a few special activities, it can be used year-round. Since only the hall, and not the kitchen, is available, you will have to provide your own caterer. Please contact Lola Bono at 724-295-2923 for additional information or to make arrangements.

Apples for the Students

- St. Joseph High School participates in Giant Eagle's program to obtain educational equipment. To register your Advantage card for the school, call 1-800-474-4777 or visit: www.gianteagle.com. The school's ID Number is 1099.

Going Away for the Holidays or on a Business Trip?

Free Ministry to traveling Catholics. For nationwide Mass times and locations, you may call 1-410-676-6000. You can also visit their web-site at: www.Masstimes.org.

