

St. Mary's Parish

January 6, 2019

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 5 @ 5:30 PM

Michele Sweet (healing) by Theresa Harty
Rik Werkman by Michele Sweet

Sunday, January 6 @ 10AM

James Schnurr by the Parish of Immaculate Conception/St. Joseph

Mary L. Wiegand by the Ridzi Family

Jim Harrington (4th Anniversary) by Marcia Harrington

Ann Murphy Connally (2nd Anniversary) by Patrick Connally

Tuesday, January 8 @11AM Solemnity of Mary

Peter Wiegand by Theresa Harty

Wednesday, January 9 @9:30AM

No Mass

Thursday, January 10 @9:30 AM

Mary Wiegand by Theresa Harty

Saturday, January 12 @5:30 PM

Helen and John McLaughlin by Pat Tomchik

Frank and Rita Dreher by family

Ted Devlin by Charleen Papa

Sunday, January 13 @10 AM

James Schnurr by Eric, Julie, Kristen & Jason Vogel

Mary Giniewski by St. Mary's Prayer Group

Craig Cahill by the Ridzi Family

SANCTUARY LAMP will burn this week for the intention of Paul Tomchik at the request of Mary Tomchik.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

ISAIAH 60:1-6 Isaiah clearly understood the logic of radical monotheism. If there is one God, then all the people and nations of the world are under his rule. But God called one special people as the means by which he would bestow his grace on the whole world. The Light that came to Israel shines on all the nations.

EPHESIANS 3:2-3, 5-6 God's secret plan for salvation was revealed to the Apostle Paul. Jesus was the Christ for Jew and Gentile alike. The old racial, national, tribal and religious walls that divided the world into warring camps had been broken down by the reconciling love of Christ who grafts all of the faithful into one body of believers.

MATTHEW 2:1-12

The early church should have known that the gospel was for Gentiles as well as Jews from the beginning. Why else would astrologers from the east have traveled hundreds of miles in search of the newborn King of the Jews: They knew that his reign was destined to be without limit and without end—"King of Kings and Lord of Lords."

LECTOR WORKBOOKS are available in the sacristy. If you are a lector, please pick one up today. This is a helpful tool for all lectors.

PARISH HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK

Sunday— After Mass—The Divine Mercy Chaplet (10 min)

Monday— Parish Prayer Group Meeting 7-8 PM

Tuesday— 9:30 AM Mass—St. Anthony Novena & Relic after Mass— Adoration until 10:30AM

Tuesday evening— Bible study in the Rectory 7-8 PM

Wednesday— No Mass

Thursday— Mass followed by the Rosary

We might find it easier to imagine the first coming of Jesus as an infant at Nazareth than his coming to us each and every day. We know through faith his presence in the Eucharist. We may have glimmers of awareness of a divine presence with us as we move through our daily routines. As we recall the event of his birth, we might pray for the grace to see his face more frequently. The Gospels give us some clues where to look: in the poor, the homeless, the naked, the hungry, the imprisoned, the oppressed. And once we see him there, how can we not do whatever we can to serve him there? This is the grace for which we pray when we say, "Come Lord Jesus." *from the Joy of Advent: Daily Reflections from Pope Francis.*

ELECTRONIC GIVING: We are so grateful to those who are using our Electronic Giving. Your automatic donations are received by the Parish even when weather or vacation keeps you away from us on the weekend. Even while you are enjoying the summer break from your regular routine, your parish will be receiving your much needed support. Our bills take no vacation, To enroll, just go to our website, www.stmarysnassau.org and click on "donations". If you would like us to do this for you, pick up a sign up sheet, fill it out, and provide us with a voided blank check.

2018 ANNUAL BISHOP APPEAL This year our assessment has been reduced slightly to \$36,613, a reduction of 3%. To date we have received 92 gifts totaling \$34,728. We have collected 94.9 % of our goal in pledges and gifts. We need an additional \$1,885.

SNOW REMOVAL: Looking ahead to the coming winter, we would like to ask for some much needed help with snow shoveling. We need some helpful hands who can spare some time. Some people who previously helped are no longer able to do so and the need is great. Please call the office and let us know you can help and provide us with your phone number.....**Remember, if School is delayed or canceled in our three districts (Nassau, New Lebanon, or East Greenbush) Mass is canceled.**

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS Next weekend we will be taking down the Christmas decorations on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Please plan on staying for a few minutes to help accomplish the job. That will mark the end of the Christmas season. The Church's season begins at the Vigil on Christmas Eve and extends through The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord which falls on January 13.

The Epiphany of the Lord January 6, 2019

Please pray for our sick: Adeline Adanes, Dustin Clark, Mary Garrity, Erica Partak, Ed La Pointe, Darlene Eagle, Chip Le Brecht, Seth Kaminski, Cory Roberts, Pat McLaughlin, John DeLap, Bethany Jenest, Danielle Hilton, Amy Gumlaw, Joan Campbell, Alice Loughlin, Philip Sullivan, Madison Chester-man, Chad Cardoza, Jeanne and Barry Litt, Colleen Krebs, Bob Lussier, Paul Tomchik, Elizabeth Hrifko, Annette Monday, Evangeline Prince, Chrissie Arnold, Richard



Holmes, Carolyn Straus, Sophia Rysedorph, Timothy Podeswa, Addison Brown, Irene Rings, Kate Hockford, Anna May Gregg, Linda Walsh, Ann Zido, Judy Beberwyk, Linda Schaefer, Clark Baker, Stanley Giniewski, Sandra Thomson, Dominic Russomanno, Shirl Rowe, Robert McEnroe, Colin Sullivan, Masresha Schaefer, Boyd Schaumann, Ann Dacey, Michael Stephen Allen, Melissa Di Carlo, Johnny Greene, Amy Barber, Angelo Papa, Mary Anne Dronchi, Christine Anderson, Jeff Anderson, Hal Ochs, Carol West, Heather Darcy, Bill Hanson, Barbara Fausner, Jake Rysedorph, Eleanor Kristiansen, Bill Richards, Michele Sweet, Antone Kandrac, Sue Werkman, Joan Towse, Lisa Rossello, Charleen Papa, Rita Labrum, Catherine Fairweather, Louise Van Tassel, Karen Di Stau, Sharon Banks, Jody Risko. **Please call the office for changes. We have no way of knowing the change in status without your help.**

MOVE YOUR BODY CLASS The next class will be held on Wednesday, January 9, at 11 AM at the Parish Hall. The classes concentrate on breathing stretching, and moving.

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE will be held in our Parish Hall on Wednesday, January 16, 2019 from 1PM TO 6PM. Get a \$5 Dunkin Donut Gift Card by email when you come to donate! You may call our Parish Office at 518-766-2701 to make an appointment.

FAITH FORMATION is taking a break during the cold January weather. Classes will resume on Sunday, January 27.



PARISH FINANCES

Regular Collection	
Regular	\$1,885.00
Electronic	731.00
Total	\$2,616.00

Solemnity of Mary \$522
Additional Christmas \$670 Thank you!

RESPECT FOR LIFE PRAYER SERVICE will be held in our Parish on Sunday, January 20, 2018 immediately after the 10 AM Mass. This prayer service is held in our church annually in support of the March For Life that will take place in Washington on Friday, January 18, 2019.

JANUARY EVENTS AT THE DOMINICAN RETREAT AND CONFERENCE CENTER

- **Monthly Workshop for Men and Women—Jan. 10**
10 AM until 12 Noon—Organizing Changing, Downsizing, Right Sizing—\$15 per person Presenter Ceil Amendolia OPA
- **Retreat— Dreaming In Winter— Jan 11-13**
“Fresh things I now reveal: before they appear I tell you of them.” \$205; Seniors over 65 \$190; Registration Friday 6:45PM Ends 1PM Sunday, Sr. Carol Davis OP director
- **Sung Vespers in the Spirit of Taize— Jan 17, 7-8PM**
Free will offering— Presented by the Dominican Sisters
- **Silent Weekend Directed Retreat— Jan.18-20**
\$205; Seniors over 65 \$190 Registration on Friday 7PM Ends 1PM Sunday, Sr. Christine Connolly, OP director
- **Card Making Workshop for Men and Women Jan 19**
Presenter Bridgid Meyer; \$15 per person 1:30-3:30 Limited space
- **2019 Retreat for Women—Jan 25-27— Fr. Des Rossi**
Friday 7:45 PM—2:30 PM Sunday \$205 (\$190 for seniors)

FRONT DOOR OF CHURCH:

When opening our new Church door, please press the button above the handle. Do not pull on the handle. Repeatedly pulling on the handle can cause the door to break. We had it fixed this week.



MANY THANKS to the PARISH FAMILY!

I would like to thank the many parishioners who took the time to send so many Christmas cards and generous gifts to me during the Christmas season. It is heart-warming to see such an outpouring of gratitude from the people I serve. May God bless you and keep you throughout the New Year. Fr. John

PRAYER FOR OUR TROOPS

Father, hold our troops in your loving hands and protect them as they protect us. Be with them and comfort them with your loving presence while they are away from their homes. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need, and grant us all peace, both as individuals and a world Community. We ask this in the name of Jesus, your Son, with faith that you can hear and answer all our prayers according to your will. AMEN.