

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 21, 2014



MONDAY – December 22

1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

6:00-7:00 p.m. Confessions

TUESDAY – December 23

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66

5:00-6:00 p.m. Holy Hour with Eucharistic Exposition/
Benediction & Confessions

6:30 p.m. Evening Mass: Living & Deceased of
Edward Benson Family



WEDNESDAY – December 24

Vigil of Christmas/Christmas Eve

Is 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25

4:00 p.m. Mass (Children's Choir will sing)

7:00 p.m. Mass

9:30 p.m. Mass in Spanish



THURSDAY – December 25

The Nativity of the Lord/Christmas Day

Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18

12:00 a.m. Midnight Mass (Adult Choir will sing)

11:00 a.m. Mass



FRIDAY – December 26

St. Stephen, The First Martyr

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22

8:30 a.m. Mass Intention: †Miguel Zabaleta

(24-Hour Adoration will continue until 9:00 a.m.
Saturday morning.)

SATURDAY – December 27

St. John, Apostle & Evangelist

1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

7:00 a.m. *That Man is You!* (Moirra Hall)

9:00 a.m. Mass Intention: †Oscar L. Basa

4:00-4:30 p.m. Confessions

5:00 p.m. Mass Intention: †Jonathan Rowe

SUNDAY – December 28

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21; Lk 2:22-40

8:00 a.m. Mass Intention: St. Mary Parishioners

11:00 a.m. Mass Intention: †Alvin Thomas

1:00 p.m. Spanish Mass

IN MEMORIAM

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord

Clarence L. Anderson, Roy J. Barbier and Dominik Wesolowski

COMMUNION HOSTS for this week are in loving memory of *Mary & Dominick Sorrentino* by the Berg Family.

SANCTUARY CANDLE will burn in loving memory of *Mary & Dominick Sorrentino* by the Berg Family.

SACRAMENTAL WINE provided by Knights of Columbus.

FROM THE PASTOR:

Dear Parishioners,

As Christmas draws near, I am looking back over the past two weeks and I see that a lot has been going on in the parish. This is a good thing. At 5:00 a.m. on Friday, December 12, over 75 people were in the church to celebrate the traditional mananitas in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe. A mariachi band imported from Columbus played for nearly an hour in the church, leading traditional songs. They also played in Moira Hall where everyone gathered afterward for coffee, Mexican hot chocolate, and other goodies. The Mass on that Friday evening was very well attended – about 200 came and enjoyed a wonderful meal afterwards. Later that morning, the students and teachers from St. Mary's School walked to the Palace Theatre for a special showing of the classic movie *It's a Wonderful Life*. The children enjoyed themselves immensely.

At the 11 o'clock Mass on Sunday, December 14, we celebrated the Rite of Acceptance for adult catechumens who will receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. On Wednesday, December 17, at the school Mass, we celebrated the same rite for three of our schoolchildren who are preparing to be baptized. It's wonderful to see the Lord at work as our spiritual family continues to grow.

During the past two weeks, I have also had three wedding appointments. Despite the best efforts of many to destroy the institution, marriage still has a future.

Our local St. Vincent de Paul spent a couple of days during the past week putting together Christmas boxes for many needy families. It's important to remember that St. Vincent de Paul needs our help all year long, because need knows no season.

Don't forget that we have extra confession time scheduled for Monday, December 22, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

See you on Christmas!

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Fr. Thomas Buffer

Reminder for Visitation of the Sick: Please notify the Parish Office if you or a loved one is ill or in the hospital by calling 382-2118. Please leave a message on the voicemail. Thank you.

NURSERY

Looking for a rewarding way to acquire service hours for Confirmation? Think about helping in the nursery.

The nursery is available at the 11:00 a.m. Mass each Sunday. Call Angie at 419-834-5783 if you would like to help out.



Healing Blanket Ministry:

Healing Blanket Ministry continues its mission to sew blankets. Would you like to join us in this ministry? We will supply the material for you to sew. We ask those who give a blanket to a loved one, to please sign the blue binder with your name and the name of the person receiving it.

We need more people to sew the blankets. Please contact Elaine Kelly at 389-1018.



PRAYER REQUEST LINE: For a prayer request or to join the Prayer Line, please call Elaine Kelly at 389-1018 or call the Parish Office at 382-2118.

- SERVERS -**This Weekend: December 20/21, 2014**

5:00 p.m. Tierza Hart, Cameron Smith, Christian Smith

8:00 a.m. Christie Longo, Michael McLernon,
Chris McLernon

11:00 a.m. Thomas Starrs, Matthew Starrs, Clare Stevenson

Next Weekend: December 27/28, 2014

5:00 p.m. Gavin Baisden, Jamie Baisden, Darby Fancelli

8:00 a.m. Nate Slemmons, Jake Slemmons & Kelly Baer

11:00 a.m. Ben Waldo, Luke Waldo & Zane Dine

- LECTORS -**This Weekend: December 20/21, 2014**

5:00 p.m. (I) Pat Stevens

(II) Mary Ann Stolarczyk

8:00 a.m. (I) Dora Jean Mendoza

(II) Joe Stanko

11:00 a.m. (I) Michael Starrs

(II) Daniel Newmarker

Next Weekend: December 27/28, 2014

5:00 p.m. (I) Joan Shoup

(II) Mary Ann Stolarczyk

8:00 a.m. (I) Sharon Baldinger

(II) Deb Ketcham

11:00 a.m. (I) Mary Dutton

(II) Dean Jacob

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the Commons. You are invited to join us as we study and reflect on the current Sunday's readings and apply the message of God's Word to our everyday lives.

IRISH LUCKY 10 SWEEPSTAKES

By now you should have received your book of sweepstakes tickets in the mail and may have a WINNING raffle ticket! Please complete the stub(s) and, along with your check in an envelope, return them to St. Mary School, 274 N. Prospect Street, Marion OH 43302, or place in the offertory basket. Additional tickets may be picked up at the school or parish office. Please contact Rebecca Concepcion with any questions at (419) 704-2616. Good Luck!

**ST. MARY PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR)**Who: **Preschool through 7th grade**When: **January 4, 11, 18 and 25**Time: **9:15-10:45 a.m.**Place: **St. Mary Grade School (1st Floor)**

If you have any questions, please contact Glenna Celestino at glenna@marionstmary.org or 382-2262.

Parish
School
PSR
for Religion

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

Please return your wrapped/tagged gift or cookies to the church this weekend. Place your item near the crèche. We can always use and appreciate any help in delivering the gifts to the nursing homes. We will meet after the Mass in Spanish today, **Sunday, December 21st, at approximately 2:15 p.m.** Thank you for your help.

St. Mary Respect Life Committee

**Confirmation Class Schedule.**

If you have questions about the Confirmation class, please contact Lori Stevenson at 387-6225 or Glenna Celestino at 382-2262.



Classes are 2:30-4:30 p.m. on the following Sundays:

2015

January 18

February 8

February 22

March 15

April 26

May 17

June 14

August 16

August 30

Saturday, September 12, 2015 – Retreat, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Monday, September 28, 2015 – Confirmation Mass, 7:00 p.m.

Next Baptism Workshop:

Sunday, January 11, 2015, from 2:00-3:30 p.m. in the Commons (White building next to St. Mary Grade School)

Parents: Please call Dolores at the Parish Office (382-2118) to register.

**RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS:**

THANK YOU! "We can certainly call you friends because of the way you care for our retired members," writes a religious brother. Your gift to last week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious benefits some 35,000 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. *May God bless you for your generosity!*

Prepare your heart for the Celebration of Christ's birth...

Additional time to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be on **Monday, December 22nd, from 6:00-7:00 p.m.** In addition to Fr. Buffer, several visiting priests will also be hearing confessions.

**Decorate Church for Christmas**

We will be decorating the church for Christmas on Sunday, December 21, starting at 2:00 p.m. Any help would be most appreciated. Thank you!

**HOSPITALITY SUNDAY** – this Sunday,

December 21st after the 8:00 and 11:00 a.m. Masses in Moira Hall. Please join your fellow parishioners for coffee and donuts and fellowship. Hosted by Knights of Columbus.

St. Mary's Boy Scout Troop 50 will be selling their handmade candles and Mystic Monk Coffee & Tea during Hospitality Sunday, December 21st. They make great gifts and help our Scouts' community service efforts. Merry Christmas from the St. Mary Scouts!

Introductory Catechist Certification Course

Glenna Celestino, Facilitator

All Classes will take place from **10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.**, in the Small Meeting Room at the Commons

January 24, 2015 Liturgy and Sacraments 1.7, 6x

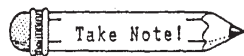
February 28 Catholic Morality 1.9, 5.1, 5.2

March 28 Prayer and Spirituality 1.6, 1.8

DID YOU KNOW...

An assisted listening system is now available for parishioners of St. Mary Church.

Please see an usher for a unit to wear during Mass.

**WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP**

New Session begins Monday, January 12, 2015.

7:00-9:00 p.m. – St. Mary Commons

WOMEN OF GRACE (WWW.WOMENOFGRACE.com)

A nine week study designed to affirm women in their dignity and vocations as daughters of God and primarily to equip them to live out the divine mission God has entrusted to them.

To register and order the materials required for the course, please contact Mary Dutton at 740 528-2471 prior to December 30th.

**MASS SCHEDULE:****Wednesday, December 31**

5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass, *Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God*

Thursday, January 1, 2015 – (Holy Day of Obligation)

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

11:00 a.m. Mass



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:



Helen L. Angus

Albert & Fred Rubeck

Herman & Estella Anspaugh

Richard Behm

Mary Behm

Lamb, Dunn and Seiter Families

Cramp, Leinheiser and Sibbett Families

Russell Brady

James & Bessie Ruby

Bill Lindemann

Ed & Betty Masters

Carolyn F. Ward

Paul, Mary & Bud Fabian

John & Josephine Ward

John J. Ward

John O'Brien, Sr. and Deceased of Family

Jethro & Mary New

Charles & Elizabeth Hartman

Sister Dorothy Hartman

Bernard & Clara Bir

Sister Mary Evelyn Kuhn

Mike Armstrong

Anthony Darrow

Patrick Sullivan

Berg, Mullen, Sorrentino & Spinelli Families

Mary Theresa Porter

Pfeiffer & Giles Families

Shirley Stout

Bruno, LaRosa and Mazza Families

Moodie and Norris Families

Everett H. Granger

Dr. John & Patricia Mellen

Margo & Laszlo Bondor

Doris & Joe Sens

Ann & Paul Steiner

Joseph A. Wilmes

C. Michael Piacentino

Renate Hartline

Ed & Katie McKinney

Leroy & Martha Miller

Tony Breece

Tony & Anna LaVenía

Joe LaVenía

Kathryn Nauman

Emalee Cayes

Harold Conway

Edna & Roger McCombs

Francis & Coletta Voll

Anna Katherine Wright

Joseph Voll

Jack Williams

Melvin (Moe) & Frances Miller

Kathleen Larcomb

Tom Criswell

Mike & Lucille Troiano

Cecil & Mina Daniel

Roger & Lucille Criswell

Zecchin and Blevins Families

Robert & Timothy Sherman

Carl W. Granger

Bill & Mark Snider

Orville E. Gaffney

Frank & Anna Orthmeyer

Causey & Foreman Families

Robert & Florence Murphy and Families

Dick Granlee

Tina Marie Granlee

Greg Walters

Mac & Vivian McEntire

Eboh, Zabaleta and Ochoa Families

Scharf, Thiel, Wolf & Gosche Families

Edward Washlaski

Tommy Wilson

Jost, Schlitt & Kirk Families

Heather Dindino

Bill Blackledge

Howard & Catherine Isom

Philip Isom

Andrew & Eleanor Sibbersen

Richard Poorman

Cletus & Marguerite Uhl

Tammy Michalkiewicz

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:



Janine M. Rowe
Jonathan V. Rowe
Richard Haver

Margie & Wayne McCurdy
Russell Goodwin
Ken Goodwin
John H. Butterworth

Isabella Butterworth
Hazel & Frank Butterworth
Dan & Maud Sherrer
Aly Sherrer Groth
Gracie Groth
Cleona Fox
Angela Korte
Lee Swartz
Gerald Swartz
Pat Lysaght
Laura Maniaci
Maury Tobin
Ann & Elizabeth Walston
Steve & Mary Forster
John & Barbara Norris
Camille Coleman
Jim Norris
Gaetano, Victoria & Virginia Magi
Ellianna Norris
Perry, Sherer & McDaniel Families
Marge Bondie
Harry Augenstine
Louise Holmes
Raymond & Lillian McKenna
Robert & Dorothy Simmons
Sam Roberts
Clara Fleck
William Hoover
Bertha Cade
Joseph & Mildred Crane
Martin & Mabel Burke
Norma Potts and Family
Orthmeyer and Yazel Families
Thelma, Walter & Pat Monnette
Joseph Anthony Applegate
Dennis, Paul & Ruth Ann Kinney
Clifford J. & Velma Shambro
Joe Ionno
Mr. & Mrs. Walter H. Schuler
Mr. & Mrs. George Schoenenberger
George Jacob
Grace Cupani
Paul & Mary Brown
Tom & Mary Margaret Simmons
Angelo & Alta Micheli
James, Richard and Roger Micheli
Francis & Isabelle Rall
William & Christine Snyder
William Schuler Family
Joseph Sens Family
Timm Kanable
Robert "Bobby" Gaines
Gerry Weston
Deceased of Stahr and Bender Families
Pauline & Joseph Hanzes

Josephine & George Zentkovich
Sister Agnes Siebenaler
Aline Hoffman

For the Living and Deceased Members of:

Angus, Loreno & Straw Families
Alexander & Loreno Families
Tedrow & Berridge Families
Carey & Darnell Families
Bibler & Reamy Families
Koontz & Mull Families
Ed Dunn & Simpson Families
Huntsman & Trainor Families
Dunn, Fazio & Sycks Families
Thiel & Gosche Families

Special Intentions:

In Thanksgiving
For the lost and forgotten
For Blessings Received

Thank you for your Christmas flower donations.

Please note: Donations made after the deadline will have their Intentions included in the next bulletin.



*Joy is the true gift of Christmas,
not expensive presents that demand time and money.*

We can transmit this joy simply:

with a smile, with a kind gesture,

with some small help, with forgiveness.

Let us give this joy, and the joy given will be returned to us.

– Pope Benedict XVI
Homily for 4th Sunday of Advent 2005



The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find the infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.

Lukę 2:10-12

Christmas Blessings



*May all the blessings
of the Infant Savior
be yours at Christmas
and may His Divine Presence
enrich your life
throughout the New Year*