

J.M.J.

Dear Parishioners,

The feast of the Holy Family is a powerful image for us to meditate on. United to Christ, a family is a member of His Mystical Body, and has been called the domestic Church. That community of love and faith has to manifest itself in all circumstances, as the Church herself does, as a living witness to Christ. The faithfulness of the spouses to their matrimonial vocation will lead them, among other things, to pray for vocations for their children so that they may dedicate themselves fully to God's service with a spirit of self denial.

The family is the simplest and most basic form or society. It is the main school of all the social virtues. It is the seed-bed of social life. For it is in the family that we learn to practice obedience, a concern for others, a sense of responsibility, understanding and mutual help, a loving coordination of essentially different characters. This becomes a reality, particularly in large families. This is why direct attacks against the family are direct attacks against society itself, whose results are not long in making themselves felt.

May the Virgin Mary, who is the Mother of the Church, also be the Mother of the 'Church of the home'. Thanks to her motherly aid, may each family really become a 'little Church' in which the mystery of the Church of Christ is mirrored and given new life. May she, the Handmaid of the Lord, be an example of humble and generous acceptance of the will of God. Mary, she, the Sorrowful Mother at the foot of the Cross, comfort the sufferings and dry the tears of those in distress because of the difficulties of their family life. May Christ the Lord, the Universal King, the King of Families, be present in every Christian home as He was at Cana, bestowing light, joy, serenity and strength.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
*Father Newcomb*



Masses for the *Solemnity of Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation* will be:  
*Thursday, December 31st at 5:15pm*  
*and*  
*Friday, January 1st at 9am*

There will be first Friday adoration on January 1st in the chapel from noon until 8pm.  
Please see the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.



**Little Lambs Upcoming Events:**  
Catholic Schools week is January 31 through February 6th.

The Open House for registrants for the 2016/17 school year will be Monday, February 1st from 4:30pm until 7pm (Snow date will be February 8th).

The second collection the weekend of January 2nd/3rd is for Catholic Communications. Please give it your prayerful consideration.

Fr. Ivan Csete will celebrate the next Hungarian Mass on Sunday, January 3rd at 1:30pm at St. Mary's Church.

**Essay Contest!** All children in grades 7 through 12 are invited to enter. The theme is "Dignity of the Elderly". For guidelines and more information, call the parish office. *Deadline is January 4th.*

**G.E.M.S.** will be meeting in the parish office on Tuesday, January 5th at 6:30pm. All children in grades 6 through 8 are invited to join us.



**CDA #114** will be hosting their annual **Tricky Tray** on **Sunday, January 17th**. Doors open at noon and drawing begins at 2pm. **Tickets are 25 for \$1!** Proceeds will benefit community charities.



St. Joseph's table at St. Mary's will be serving dinner on Friday, January 8th from 5pm-7pm.

Are you tough enough to be a Boy Scout? You are invited to join **BSA Troop #173**, Mondays at 6:30pm at St. Mary's church hall. For more information email: [pjtroop173@gmail.com](mailto:pjtroop173@gmail.com).

The collection for Dec. 19/20 was \$5,270. The collections for Christmas, Dec. 26/27, and Jan. 2/3, will be reported in the Jan. 10th bulletin.

**Thank you for your continued generosity.**

**ANNOUNCED MASSES**

**Monday, 9:00am** **December 28 (Holy Innocents)**  
Jack A. Carroll, by Toni Carroll

**Tuesday, 9:00am** **December 29 (Thomas Becket, bishop and martyr)**  
Michael Fuller, by Amelia and Bill Quinn  
Henry Schutz, by Toni Marion

**Wednesday, 9:00am** **December 30**  
Ann Ropke, by Toni Carroll

**Thursday, 5:15pm** **December 31 (Sylvester I, pope)**  
Dominic and Carmen LaGrutta, by Bill and Catherine Simons  
Richard Harford, by Richard and Geri Kowal

**Friday, 9:00am** **January 1 (Solemnity of Mary)**  
James and Carmela Pelosi, by Joseph and Angela Portella

**Saturday, 4:00pm** **January 2 (Basil the Great and Gregoy Nazianzen, bishops and doctors of the Church)**  
Intentions of Tom and Irene Sexton, by Bill and Catherine Simons

**Sunday, 8:30am** **January 3 (Epiphany of the Lord)**  
11:30am The parishioners of St. Mary's  
1:30pm Charles Harrington, by the family Hungarian Mass

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Ida Lissner, Joann Wilcox, Jonathan Saletto, Marion Rohner, Nick Moscatiello, Jackie Mundy, Theresa Fuller, Allan Van Starrex, Donald Wolff, Walter Szpakowicz, Michael Barnes, William Lincoln, Joe Brennan, Betty Brennan, Richard Samek, Andrea Fedoruk, Sandy Osbourne, John McKean, Lisa Donahue, Angela Portella, Pauline Portella, Florence Marino, Maureen Hildebrandt, William Quinn, Vada Glass, Mary Ellen Piper, Jeannine Lincoln, Mary Platania, Tonya Addy, Gloria Hicks, Thomas Gumaer, Jr., Ashley Avella, Amelia Quinn, Leon Logan, Theresa Kavanagh, Angela Grillo, Grace Maillet, Aedan Roach, Robin Radzikowski, Mary E. Smith, Fontano family, Sally Hanstine, Diana Kuhn, and Dennis Simmons.

**Liturgical Ministers for January 2nd/3rd, 2016**

MASS	LECTOR	MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
4:00PM	T. WEBB	J. SENKIEW, C. WITTINE, D. SIMMONS	N. WEBB, A. WEBB, S. MOREJON
8:30AM	P. CAL	N. SMITH, J. SNELLINGER, J. TAYLOR, T. CALVARIO	J. KLOTZ, S. KLOTZ, D. KLOTZ
11:30AM	M. ESLING	E. DECKER, H. MARINARO	J. EDWARDS, J. MALDONADO, E. TRUJILLO