

**HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY
DECEMBER 27, 2009**

Today's Readings

Holy Family Sunday
Sir 3: 2-7, 12-14
Col 3: 12-21
Lk 2: 41-52

Readings for 1/03/10

Epiphany of the Lord
Is 60: 1-6
Eph 3: 9-3, 5-6
Mt 2: 1-12

MASS INTENTIONS DEC. 28, 2009

Monday	9:00 a.m.	Dale Vanik
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Poor Souls
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Mary Ellen Byrne
Thursday New Years Eve	4:00 a.m.	Richard Verchow
Friday New Years Day	10:00 a.m.	Stewart Family
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	Guerriero Family
Sunday	8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	Richard Verchow Poor Souls Jeanine Petrucci

(SI) Special Intentions (B) Birthday (A) Anniversary
(H) Health

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Each week's bulletin will list the names of person's known to be in ill health. Names are included in this listing by contacting the parish office. A name may be continued on the list, simply by calling the office.

Please pray for: Gloria Baronian, Catherine Beyer, Helen Blahus, Jeanette Burcham, Charles Crandall, Jerome Dolivka, Simon Driesen, Bill Duncan, Liz Fournier, Donna Friedman, Tammy Gilpin, Diana Glos, Melissa Griffin, Jerry Grim, Michelle Hall (Mark), Ellen Heaps, Jo Anne Heaps, Vida Hedrick, Gary & Cindy Hogan, Jessica Hynes, Agnes Kelly, Diana Keys, Tracy Knox, Bonnie LaPausky, Lorraine Heaps Lilley, Genevieve Dawn Lindley, Eddie Lott, Lisa Marroney, Bonnie Marzicola, Doug Mauzy, Richard Miller, Bonnie Morris, Don Ryan, Ian Sabia, Thomas W Scheiber, Wanda Smith, David Traskey, James E. Webb, James E. W. Webb, Michael Webb, Joseph Weidner, Richard Welling, Gary Williamson.

FROM FATHER KUNKEL

Teresa's four children all had measles at the same time. For several days they lay in a darkened room as Teresa brought their meals and brought them comfort. A visitor remarked on the misfortune of the four children having such an illness at the same time. "On the contrary," Teresa replied,

"they can support one another and keep one another company. Besides, it's much easier for me to get the measles over in one fell swoop." Years later the four children, now confident and happy adults, were reminiscing about their mother's ways. "She was always so positive," one of the children said, "even when things were really bleak she would always find something to be lighthearted about!"

It is often said that the experience of living and growing in a family helps to shape our adult personality. The adult personality of Jesus, himself, tells us a great deal about the sort of family life he experienced, a family life where he "increased in wisdom, in stature and in favor with God and others." The adult personality of Jesus was shaped by his experiences as a child and as a young man in Nazareth. Here, he was cared for and nurtured by his family in such a way that it would one day benefit the whole of humanity!

In an age when our families are bombarded with so much about how they should behave, living the Gospel as a family unit is vitally important! It is within the family that children first hear about and experience Gospel values. Within the family we learn how to love as Christians; we learn patience, kindness and understanding. We also learn how to make mistakes and recover from them.

Each family should allow it's members room to grow, room to make mistakes and space to begin all over again. Members of a family where God's love is present and expressed through compassion, honesty and generosity will be able to reach out to those who have had a poor experience of family life. If children and young adults grow and develop in a caring, positive atmosphere inspired by the Gospel, they will become confident and well-balanced adult Christians. They will become people who are willing and able to live and proclaim the Gospel that they themselves have actually experienced!

Mother Teresa of Calcutta was a living legend of love for the poor and oppressed and the homeless and people dying in the streets. Not only was she directly involved with people in need, but she also managed to find time to travel all over the world to find support for this ministry. On one such trip she gave a talk at the National Presbyterian Church. Author Coleen Evans said she was so deeply moved by Mother Teresa's talk that she would have done anything for her. "What can we do to help you?" Coleen Evans asked. Mother Teresa turned to her quietly and said, "Love your Family." Coming from this great Christian woman who was totally involved in a ministry to the poor all over the world, this was an amazing response! It is evident that Mother Teresa knew her Gospel! Mother Teresa knew that "anyone who aspires to greatness must serve the needs of all." Mother Teresa knew also that it all begins in our family and other close relationships!

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT 2009

If you would like a contribution statement for calendar year 2009 please call Barbara, Ext. 11 or fill out this form and return to the office. Contribution statements **will not automatically be mailed. You must request one.**

Name: _____

Address: _____

CSZ: _____

Phone #: _____

MILITARY FAMILIES

The following are names of parishioners or their relatives who are currently serving our country in the military. May they feel the support and comfort of the prayers we offer for them.

Aaron Benjamin Leyko
PFC James Borchart
Lt. Joseph Healy
Michael Rezabek
Sgt. Benjamin Yost
HM3 Christopher Baker
Capt. Craig Richters
James Wheeler
CPO Anthony Clavijo
PZ2 Robert Thacker
Capt. Timothy Monaghan
Private Vance Chapman
Sgt. Donnie Billin
Master Sgt. Richard D. Hughes
Lt. Scott Hebert
SGT. Eric Hoopert
MSgt. Larry Goulden
Major Sean Wilson
Pv. Samuel Bursell
Lt. Col Neil Salkowski
PVT Estee Lawrence
PFC James Raab
Jeff Markowski
2nd Lt Joseph Krick

Ensign Karen Twigg Ritchie
Major Randy Staab
MS Rose Leftridge
Capt. Nate Koss
PFC Derek Knight
CPO James Fish
Colonel William Fowler
PFC James Hale
SPC Sam W. Balzanna III
AC Julia R. Gerick
Sgt. Matthew Warne
Anthony Cirillo
Private Jason Snyder
Daniel Culver
2nd Lt. Charles Gruver
PV2 Emril Getscher
LCPL Joseph M. Wheeler
Sgt E-5 Harry Patterson
Zachary Paup
MM2 Michael Nicke
PRAN Richard D. Awalt 3rd
2nd Lt. John Regan
2nd Lt Jenny Stewart

Please remember in your prayers the brave men and women serving in our Armed Services. Pray for them, their families, for their safe return and peace. If you have loved ones serving in the military at this time of crisis, please call the parish office 410-879-4015 ext. 10.

PARISH FAITH FORMATION

CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

Will resume on January 12th & 13th. Wishing your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Make plans to attend all or some of our parish Advent Activities.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Our Parish normally celebrates the sacrament of Confirmation for youth in the Fall. If you are an adult who would like to celebrate that sacrament this Fall, please contact Janet in the Parish office: ext 12 or email janet_stmarys@yahoo.com

YOUTH MINISTRY

JAM-Junior High (6-8 Grade)

Drop in Nights (2nd Friday of each month)

KFC – Senior High (9-12 Grade)

Drop in Nights (3rd Saturday of each month)

UPCOMING EVENTS

JAM –Junior High (6-8 Grade)

Jan 8th – P.J. Party/Movie Night 7-10 p.m. in the new Youth Room!!

Jan. 15th – Visit the Bel Air Senior Housing.

Jan. 22nd – Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship at the Delta Rec. Center. For guys and gals ages 10-14. Give it a shot. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. to register.

Jan 30th – Ice Skating Party at Ice World – 7-10 p.m. cost is \$14.00 per person includes drink, slice of pizza, skate rental and 2 hours of skating fun.

KFC – Senior High (9-12 grades)

Jan. 12th Vocation Sensation – 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Join us for pizza and Seminarians presentation.

Jan. 15th Visit Bel Air Senior Housing.

Jan. 16th – P.J. Party/Movie Night 7-10 p.m. in the new Youth Room!!!

Jan. 28th – March for Life- for more information call Cathy Smith at 410-692-2932.



CATHOLIC HEART WORKCAMP

The dates are June 20-26, 2010 in Lancaster PA. For those incoming 9th graders (Sept. 2010) – 12th grade, Young Adults, Adults. Your non-refundable deposit of \$100.00 secures your spot. Please turn in a “Dare to Care” reservation form found in the Fall YM Newsletter or in the back of church to the Youth Ministry mailbox. Students will be encouraged to raise the other \$150.00 by using a sponsor letter to ask family, friends, and businesses to help them reach their goal. There is some limited scholarship money available for those with financial hardships. Please call Ms. Rachel for more info. Please do not let the cost deter your teen from going. God will make a way!!

Adults who would like to journey and serve with us please fill out a reservation form also. More paperwork will follow later in the winter. Let us go make a difference!!

PARISH ACTIVITIES

HOSPITALITY SUNDAY

Hospitality Sunday will return on January 3, 2010, after all the Masses. Our new Parish Center is complete and the Pastoral Council is inviting all parishioners to come tour the new offices and classrooms and see the improvements to the hall. Come join us for coffee, donuts and fellowship.

INVESTMENT CLUB UPDATE

We only have December and January to sell the tickets for the investment club, so far we have sold 271 of 400 we need to sell in order to put the cushions in the church. If anyone can help us by buying a ticket for \$20.00, we only need to sell 129 more. Please help us to reach our goal. Call the office ext 10 or Lois Fritz 410-692-5949 or Joyce Gosnell 410-879-0979.



PARISH CENTER KEYS

Please contact Barbara, ext. 11 if you need a key to the Building. A list will be made and distributed as soon as the keys are available.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

Monday, December 28, 2009
7:30 p.m.Knights of Columbus

Wednesday, December 30, 2009
6:30 p.m.Cont. Music

Thursday, December 31, 2009
.....Parish Office Closed
4:00 p.m.New Years Eve Mass

Friday, January 1, 2010
.....Parish Office Closed
10:00 a.m.New Years Day Mass

Saturday, January 2, 2010
.....Casserole Pans Distributed

Sunday, January 3, 2010
.....Casserole Pans Distributed
11:15 a.m.CPW Mass
.....Hospitality Sunday

DRIVERS NEEDED!!!

We need drivers for Saturday or Sunday Masses whenever Fr. Paul Henry is scheduled to serve. Since his operation he has been unable to drive. If you can help please fill in your name and phone number on the sign-up sheet in the vestibule of the church today or call Fr. Kunkel ext. 18.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Thursday, December 31 2009.....4:00 P.M.
Friday, January 1, 201010:00 A.M..

The Parish Offices will be closed from Thursday, December 24, 2009 until Monday, December 28, 2009. Also, Thursday, December 31, 2009 until Monday, January 4, 2010.

STEPPING DOWN!

After many years of service to our Monthly Luncheon Bingo Nancy Novicki has decided to retire as chairperson. She will be very hard to replace, but we know there is someone out there to fill her shoes. You will not necessarily need to be chairperson but just be able to help with the bingo on the first Tuesday of every month and we only have 4 meetings a year. Please contact Barbara, ext. 11. We really do need YOU!

Thank You Nancy for all your hard work!!

ST. MARY'S LUNCHEON BINGO TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2010



Join in for a relaxing day of bingo and lunch. Doors open at 10:00 a.m. and the low price of \$ 7.00 includes admission, lunch and a regular bingo packet of 16 games, 3 cards to a sheet. For a small additional fee special games and extra bingo packets can be purchased. The Menu for January 5th is:

- Tomato Soup
- Grilled Cheese Sandwich
- Potato Chips, Bread Pudding

The Bingo Jackpot for January is \$200.00
in 54 numbers or less

Inclement Weather Policy: If Harford County Schools open late or are closed for the day due to inclement weather Bingo will be cancelled with no make-up date.

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY



We celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany on January 2 & 3, 2010. This Feast Day is also known as the Feast of the Three Kings. Tradition has it that on this Feast Day the head of the household will

pray a blessing on the home. Below are directions as to how to proceed:

Above your doorpost, using chalk, write:

20+C+M+B+10

CMB represents Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar, traditionally the names of the Three Magi.

Pray the following prayer:

As the child of Bethlehem was showered with gifts by star-led Magi Kings, we too have been blessed royally. We are grateful for all the gifts of love that have flooded into our life during this Christmas Season.

We mark the door to our home, asking your blessing on all those who will come in and out. Each day we pass this place, draw us more deeply into your presence and the wonders of your love for us.

May the poor find within these walls and all who hunger find refreshment in our home. Lead us home through you, to you and with you, one God, forever and ever. Amen

BLOODMOBILE RESULTS

In this season noted for giving gifts a big Thank You goes out to the 39 people who donated blood at the Bloodmobile held on Thursday, December 10th

Though 46 people signed in only 39 of those were accepted as donors. That means that 117 patients in area hospitals and trauma centers received a life saving transfusion.

Sincerest thanks for making the Christmas a happy one for those patients and their families.

Our next Bloodmobile is scheduled for Thursday, February 25th and it's never too early to make your appointment. Please call Theresa Driesen at 410-457-0451. Again – THANK YOU ALL.

“KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS”

Thanks to all those who participated in the “Keep Christ in Christmas” Poster Contest sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. All posters that were entered are on display in the parish hall. Congratulations to all the winners. Each winner received a cash prize of \$15.00.

Kindergarten	John Devereux
Second Grade	Daniela Gesla
Third Grade	Allison Woodring
Fourth Grade	Sarah Burton
Fifth Grade	Elizabeth Eakes
Sixth Grade	Nick Mikolinus
Seventh Grade	Bobby Burton
Eighth Grade	Corey Battiston

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY MASS

All married couples are invited to a special Mass with Archbishop O'Brien on Sunday, February 14th at 3:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen, N. Charles Street. A reception will follow the Mass in the Parish Center. No tickets are required. The Longest Married Couples from each parish will be honored. The parish will notify the longest married couple and invite them to attend the Mass on February 14, 2010. Longest married couple nominees will receive a certificate from World Wide Marriage Encounter and a letter of congratulations from the Archbishop. If you think you are the longest married couple in our parish please contact the office. Married 25 years or more? Any couple planning to attend the Mass who are married 25 years or more may register to receive a Certificate of Congratulations from World Wide Marriage Encounter by registering on the Marriage Encounter website at www.wwme.net/registrationwmd.html or call 410-987-8407 by February 3rd.

BEANS AND BREAD NEEDS ICED TEA MIX & JELLY

At Beans & Bread Center, we try to meet the many needs of the hungry and homeless in Baltimore city. We currently are in need of Jelly for our clients to make peanut butter & jelly sandwiches to take with them. In addition we serve an average of 300 cups of iced tea and currently are in need of powdered iced tea mix. If you are interested in donating contact Erin Shutt at 410-732-1852 or erin.shutt@vincentbaltimore.org