

Masses for the Week

VIGIL - VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS

4:00 PM Private Intention of the Celebrant - DH
6:00 PM Private Intention of the Celebrant - DH
10:00 PM People of the Parish - CPS

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25 - THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
(CHRISTMAS)**

9:00 AM Private Intention of the Celebrant - CPS
11:00 AM Private Intention of the Celebrant - WS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26 - SAINT STEPHEN, FIRST MARTYR

6:30 AM No Mass
9:00 AM † Nancy Travisano (Drees) - CPS

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27 - SAINT JOHN, APOSTLE AND
EVANGELIST**

6:30 AM No Mass
9:00 AM † Mary Ellen Fake (Megna) - WS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28 - HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS

6:30 AM No Mass
9:00 AM † Gertrude Carroll (Beveridge) - CPS

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29 - THE FIFTH DAY IN THE
OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS**

8:30 AM † Joseph Masakowski (Jackson) - CPS
7:00 PM † Frank McKetta (McKetta) - WS

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30 - THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS,
MARY AND JOSEPH**

6:30 AM No Mass
9:00 AM † Celia Klutz (Bork) - CPS

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31 - THE SEVENTH DAY IN THE
OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS; SAINT SYLVESTER I,
POPE**

8:00 AM † Frances Smink (Vorodi) - CPS

**VIGIL - THE OCTAVE DAY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD;
THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY
MOTHER OF GOD**

5:00 PM People of the Parish - WS

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 1 - THE OCTAVE DAY OF THE NATIVITY
OF THE LORD; THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY,
THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

9:00 AM † Mary Hanratty (Capper) - CPS
11:00 AM † Anne McCormick (Jamaica Outreach
Committee) - CPS

Christmas Blessings

The Week Ahead

Monday

**Saint Joseph School Christmas Vacation
Parish Office Closed - Day & Evening
No Activities on Campus**

Tuesday

**Christmas Vacation
No Activities on Campus**

9:30 AM Chaplet of Divine Mercy
10:00 AM Rosary at Bethany Towers

Wednesday

**Christmas Vacation
No Activities on Campus**

Thursday

**Christmas Vacation
No Activities on Campus**

10:30 AM Rosary at Bethany West

After Mass Miraculous Medal Novena (Sanctuary)

Friday

**Christmas Vacation
No Activities on Campus**

Saturday

**New Hope Food Collection
Christmas Vacation
No Activities on Campus**

Next Sunday

**New Hope Food Collection
Christmas Vacation
No Activities on Campus**



PLEASE NOTE:

**Next weekend,
Solemnity of Mary,
The Holy Mother of God,
we will follow the Holy Day Mass Schedule:
Saturday - 5:00 PM
Sunday - 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM**

A Christmas Prayer

Loving Father,
help us remember the birth of Jesus,
that we may share in the song of the angels,
the gladness of the shepherds,
and worship of the wise men.

Close the door of hate and open the door
of love all over the world.

Let kindness come with every gift
and good desires with every greeting.

Deliver us from evil by the
blessing which Christ brings,
and teach us to be merry with clear hearts.

May the Christmas morning make us happy
to be thy children, and Christmas evening
bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts,
forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake.
Amen.



REST IN PEACE

Betty Dimio

BE PREPARED FOR THE WORD OF THE LORD

The Readings for next Sunday,

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

1st Reading - Numbers 6:22-27

2nd Reading - Galatians 4:4-7

Gospel - Luke 2:16-21

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**RESPONSIBLE STEWARDSHIP
ANNUAL BUDGET FOR SUNDAY COLLECTIONS**

Weekly collection information was not available
at the time of bulletin printing. Figures will be
printed in a future bulletin.



*Solemnity of Mary,
The Holy Mother of God
Mass Schedule*

**THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
MOTHER OF GOD**
Saturday, December 31, 2011
5:00 PM (Vigil)
Sunday, January 1, 2012

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NEW HOPE FOOD COLLECTION will
be held next **Sunday, January 1**. You may
drop off non-perishable food items in the
Narthex after all Masses. Please do not bring
food with an expired date, as this food
cannot be distributed. **New Hope
Ministries** is especially in need of the

following items at this time: *canned meats, drinks,
juice, saltines, graham crackers, jelly, canned fruit,
dry milk, hot chocolate, coffee, tea, beef stew,
Manwich, pudding, jello, hot cereal, pork & beans,
flour, sugar, oil, salt & pepper, mayonnaise,
ketchup, mustard, snacks, toilet paper, and paper
towels*. Thank you in advance for your generosity to
our local community!

ON-LINE DONATION SYSTEM

By enrolling in our on-line donation system, NetCharge,
parishioners can set up automatic weekly, monthly, or annual
contributions to Saint Joseph Parish. Our website contains
the link for on-line donations www.stjosephmech.org. Click
on the NetCharge link, create a new account with user name
and password and follow the simple instructions. Using your
checking or savings account, you can set up automatic
offertory and/or second collection contributions. A record
of your contributions is kept on your account on-line, as well
as in the parish office. For questions or further information,
please contact Kathy Bogdan in the parish office.

**Just a reminder: When using the on-line donation
system, your bank statement will say that the
charge is made to NetCharge, not Saint Joseph
Church. Your donation does come to the church,
but the statement says NetCharge. Thank you!**



EPIPHANY: The 12 days of Christmas begin on Christmas Day (December 25) and continue to January 5, which is the eve of the traditional date of the Epiphany.

Epiphany (celebrated January 8) and the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (January 9) celebrate Christ becoming manifest - that is, present to all peoples. On Epiphany we focus on the Three Wise Men symbolizing the many races for whom Christ was born. The baptism of Jesus marks the beginning of his public ministry.



TEACHING MASSES

This fall we have done a lot of preparation for the revised translation of the Roman Missal. We've practiced new responses at Mass, and many of us participated in the "Biblical Walk Through the Mass" program. To conclude this time of study and transition, we're pleased to invite parishioners to attend one of 3 "Teaching Masses" that will be celebrated the week of January 8th. At these Masses, explanations regarding vestments, vessels, prayers and practices will be given at opportune times before and during the liturgy. Father Snyder will preside, and Richard Groff, our Director of Religious Education, will provide the commentary. We hope many of you will celebrate one of these special Masses with us! Dates and times are as follows:

Monday, January 9, 4:00 PM
Monday, January 9, 6:30 PM
Thursday, January 12, 8:30 AM



FIRST RECONCILIATION. . . . On **Saturday, JANUARY 7**, our second grade children will celebrate the **Sacrament of Penance** for the first time. Please remember them and their families in your prayers as they learn to grow in acceptance of the great gift of God's forgiveness given to us in this important sacrament.

BAPTISM WORKSHOP



The next Baptism Workshop will be held on Thursday, January 5, 2012, in the Life & Education Center (Music Room) beginning at 7:30 PM. If you are planning on attending the workshop and have not yet registered, or if you have any questions concerning the workshop, please contact the parish office at 766-9433.



ZUMBA® Fitness, the exhilarating, Latin-inspired dance-fitness program, continues in the new year! Women ages 18 and up are invited to try this fun, easy-to-learn way to get in shape!

Dates: Tuesdays, January 3—March 6
Time: 9:45—11:00 am
Location: Brindle Hall
Instructors: Angelica Ried, SJC parishioner
Beth Truitt
Fee: \$5/class or \$45 for all 10

You should wear comfortable clothes and exercise shoes. No experience is required, but basic flexibility and range of motion is necessary, and you must sign a waiver in order to participate.

Please complete the form below and submit it to the parish office, or drop it in the collection basket at Mass,
Attn: Mary Vukelich

ZUMBA® FITNESS CLASS REGISTRATION

Name _____
Phone number _____
Email address _____
Fee enclosed _____



CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD -

There are many Nativity scenes from around the world displayed in the Parish Office. You are invited to visit during regular office hours to view this collection.



WHY BE IN A HURRY TO TAKE DOWN YOUR CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS?

Remember that we celebrate the mystery of the Incarnation through the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, celebrated this year on Sunday, January 8, 2012. Go against the mainstream and keep those Christmas lights twinkling for all to see that Jesus, *our light*, has come into the world!



What's New

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This Christmas season, Saint Joseph School students and families shared their Christmas cheer by making more than a dozen wreaths to benefit Shalom House's Second Annual Wreaths for a Reason. A 21-bed shelter for women and children in Harrisburg, Shalom House is a recognized non-profit dedicated to providing basic needs and services for families facing abusive situations. With the help of Saint Joseph School donations, this year's Wreaths for a Reason helped to raise more than \$8,500 for the shelter. Thanks so much! You can read about the event at: <http://shalomhouse.net/>.



Saint Joseph School students recently wrote to Santa to help raise money for Macy's "Letters to Santa" Campaign to benefit the Make-a-Wish Foundation. Macy's donated \$2.00 for each letter delivered by December 9. Students from Trinity joined the effort, which raised more than \$2,300 for the cause.



The Saint Joseph School community was deeply saddened by the tragic accident that claimed the lives of five New Oxford High School teenagers recently. One of the victims was 16-year-old Casey Sheridan of Saint Joseph Parish in Hanover. Casey's parents were born in Ireland, and her grandparents and numerous family members incurred great expense in flying to America to attend Casey's services. After learning that the Our Lady of Knock Division of the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians in Central Pennsylvania was collecting money to help the family with these costs, Saint Joseph School devoted the money collected in the December 16th dress down day to the cause. When we notified our families of the plan, the results were wonderful. Saint Joseph School was able to donate more than \$2,700 to help the family!

YOUTH MINISTRY

EPIPHANY CELEBRATION

The Youth Counselors of Saint Joseph Parish would like to extend to our Parish Youth, between the ages of 10 to 18, an opportunity to celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany.

The Youth will be served in style by Adult Volunteers who wish to make this an extraordinary evening for you. By Italian tradition, a special guest is expected to FLY through after dinner!

- WHEN:** Friday, January 6, 2012
- TIME:** 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
- WHERE:** Parish Life and Education Center
Saint Joseph Hall
- MENU:** Salad / Bread
Penne
Drink
Dessert

Due to the special nature of the event, an RSVP is required. If you would like to be a part of the Youth Epiphany celebration, kindly contact one of the following by **Monday, January 2, 2012:**

Rose Mikolajczak, squirtettes@council12788.org
Mike Yakubick, Circle5102@comcast.net



- Wanted:** More than 3 Wise Men & Women
- For:** Bringing their Gifts of Service to our Youth
- Reward:** Heavenly

Adults are needed to volunteer for various duties at the Epiphany Celebration for our Youth on Friday, January 6th, 2012. This is our way of letting our Youth know what a gift they are to our parish.

- Food prep/Set-up (4:00-6:00PM)
- Food Service (6:00-7:00PM)
- Clean-up/Tear-down (7:00-8:00PM)

If you want to be wanted, contact Jen or Jess to collect your reward:

Jen Schlegel at jschlegel1987@yahoo.com or 761-3638
Jessica Rudy at youthminister@stjosephmech.org
or 599-2363

We Remember

ALTAR FLOWERS: Dates available: January 15 (2) and January 22 (2). Each bouquet is available for a \$40 donation.

PRO-LIFE ROSES: In memory of Jane Daly from the Dornisch family. Dates available: January 8 (2) and January 15 (2). A \$5 donation per rose benefits Pro-Life Activities.

PULPIT CANDLES: In memory of Patrick V. Brady, Jr. love, the Brady family. Dates available: January 8 and January 15. The candles are available for a \$10 donation.

TABERNACLE CANDLES: In memory of Helen & Joseph Eichholzer, from Tom & Tina Middleton. Dates available: January 15 and January 22. The candles are available for a \$10 donation.

SANCTUARY CANDLE: In memory of my husband, Vincent Artz, from Joanne Artz. Dates available: January 15 and January 22. The candle is available for a \$10 donation.

ALTAR CANDLES: In loving memory of Gabrielle A. Miller. Dates available: January 22 and January 29. The candles are available for a \$10 donation.



Thank you for your recent support of the Baby Bottle Blessing. A total of \$5,979 was raised in support of Morning Star Pregnancy Services.

On Friday, January 6, 2012 the Saint Joseph Knights of Columbus Council 12788 will hold its Annual Basketball Free Throw Competition. All boys and girls, ages 10 to 14 as of January 1, 2012, are invited to participate in this local level of competition which will be held at 7:00 PM in Bishop Dattilo Hall. Registration will begin at 6:30 PM. Contestants should bring a copy of their birth certificate and should be accompanied by an adult who can sign the registration form as parental permission is necessary. All boys and girls will compete in their respective age divisions. Feel free to contact Warren Stephens with any questions. (717-580-8209 or warren571@gmail.com)



COURTESY/ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOUNG MUSICIANS - WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Youth Musicians Needed - The diocese is still in need of Youth Instrumentalists and Vocalists for World Youth Day on Palm Sunday. Musically gifted high school youth are encouraged to contact the Office for Youth and Young Adult Ministry at: OYYAM, Diocese of Harrisburg oyyam@hbgdiocese.org or 717-657-4804 ext. 327. Our first rehearsal is January 8, 2012. Anyone interested should contact the diocese before January 6th. For more details and forms, visit www.hbgdiocese.org/youngchurch

SUPPORT CATHOLIC RADIO – The Holy

Family Radio ministry is celebrating the Feast of the Holy Family and Catholic radio in the Diocese by teaming up with local Bob Evans Family Restaurants for a fundraiser on Friday, December 30, from 7:00 AM to 9:00 PM. A flyer listing participating restaurants must be presented when paying the check. This can be accessed at www.yourhollyfamilyradio.com. WHYF AM 720 radio will receive 15% of the guest check from this community fundraiser.



Adult Education Courses Offered - Diocesan Institute

2012 Winter/Spring Course listings are now available. If you are an adult interested in continuing your religious education and formation, go to the Diocese of Harrisburg's web page, www.hbgdiocese.org and click on the Adult Education icon on the right-hand side of the page. You will find a variety of courses offered at the Diocesan Center, Harrisburg and elsewhere. Questions please contact Kathy Burger at kburger@hbgdiocese.org or (717) 657-4804 ext. 229.

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