

St. Mary of the Assumption

Roman Catholic Church

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 29, 2012

*"For He is our God,
and we are the people He shepherds,
the flock He guides. If today you hear
His voice, harden not your hearts."*

Psalm 95:7

School Children Honored As Christian Witnesses



The following students at St. Mary's Elementary School were honored for their work as witnesses of Christ during the month of December:

Mrs. Duran - Kindergarten

Nicholas Vacanti—*Nicholas loves to learn about Jesus and he gives all classmates his friendship and respect.*

Mrs. Serpe - Kindergarten

Isabella DeMarzio—*Isabella starts everyday with a hug; she is kind and very helpful to both her classmates and teachers.*

Mrs. Abbatoy - Grade 1

Miranda Leach—*Miranda is a very kind and caring student who always shows respect and reverence to Jesus when praying.*

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School Phone	(716) 683-2112
School Website	www.smeschool.com
Religious Education	(716) 683-8564
Cemetery	(716) 601-0305
<u>Masses</u>	
Saturday Eve:	4:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
Sunday:	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 Noon
<u>Weekdays</u>	
Monday	12:00 Noon (Chapel)
Tuesday	8:30 a.m. (Chapel)
Wednesday	12:00 Noon (Chapel)
Thursday	8:30 a.m. (Chapel)
Friday	8:30 a.m. School Mass (Church) (when in session) 12:00 Noon (Chapel)
Confessions	Saturday 3:30—4:00 p.m. or by appointment Vicariate Penance Services during Advent and Lent
Parish Registration	New parishioners are welcome at any time. Registration may be made by phone or in person.

Masses for the Week

Monday – January 30 – Weekday

12:00 p.m. (Chapel) Robert Murphy
(Fran and Larry Isham)

Tuesday – January 31 – St. John Bosco, Priest

8:30 a.m. (Chapel) Connie Schrader (Estate)

Wednesday – February 1 – Weekday

12:00 p.m. (Chapel) In Honor of Mr. and Mrs. Richard
Wisniewski (Virginia Nowak)

Thursday – February 2 – The Presentation of the Lord

8:30 a.m. (Chapel) Helen Kryszak (Sister Virginelle)

Friday – February 3 – Weekday/St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop FIRST FRIDAY

8:30 a.m. (Church) Beverly Litz (Joyce Wild)
12:00 p.m. (Chapel) Kathleen Kaufman (Ellen Grant)

Saturday – February 4 – Weekday/Blessed Virgin Mary FIRST SATURDAY

4:30 p.m. (Church) Grace Bonk
(Graham and Dolores Brown)
7:00 p.m. (Church) Deceased Members of the Madge
Family (Family)

Sunday – February 5 – FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 a.m. (Church) Davetta Donovan (Estate)
10:00 a.m. (Church) Henry and Clara Synan
(Jane, Bob, Nathan, Matthew, and Sarah)
12:00 p.m. (Church) Matthew Monin
(Bill and Maxine Anstett)

**PLEASE NOTE: If one of the weekend Masses is for the intention of
your loved one, please inform one of the ushers so they may be aware
that there is someone to bring up the gifts.**

This Week at St. Mary's

Sunday, January 29

RCIA (Gathering Rm.) 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM
Rel. Ed. High School Classes (School) 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Monday, January 30

SME Scrip (Music Room) 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM
Catholic Schools Week Spirit Games (Gym) 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Tuesday, January 31

SME Scrip (Music Room) 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM
Rel. Ed. Gr. 6-8 Classes (Gym, Cafeteria, Classrooms) 6:30 PM –
8:00 PM
Parish Children's Choir (Church) 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Wednesday, February 1

SME Scrip (Music Room) 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM
SME Open House (Gym, Classrooms) 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Catholic Bible School (Gathering Rm.) 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Thursday, February 2

SME Scrip (Music Room) 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM
Boys 8 Basketball Games (Gym) 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Adult Choir (Church) 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Friday, February 3

SME Scrip (Music Room) 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM
Mass for Schoolchildren (Church) 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM
First Reconciliation (Church) 6:30 PM – 7:00 PM
Reconciliation Reception (Parish Center) 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM

Saturday, February 4

SME Scrip (School Office) 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
Rel. Ed. Gr. K-5 (SME School Building) 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM
First Reconciliation (Church) 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM
Reconciliation Reception (Parish Center) 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Catholic Schools Week Ice Cream Social (Parish Center) After
4:30 Mass
Blood Pressure Screening (Church) After Masses
Catholic Fathers' Basketball (Parish Center) 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Marriage Preparation Class Planned

If you are planning to be married in 2012 or 2013, register to attend our Before Cana Marriage Preparation course on **Saturday, April 28, 2012** from 8:00–5:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. Call the rectory at 683-6445 for details or visit our website at www.stmarysonthehill.com. This class will be held only once at St. Mary's in 2012.

Readings for This Week

Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28
Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30--19:3/
Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or
2:22-32
Friday: Sir 47:2-11/Mk 6:14-29
Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Mk 6:30-34
Next Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/



The Sanctuary Light
will be lit as a prayer for good health for

Lillian Stiegler

Requested by
Monday Morning Counting Ladies

The Sanctuary Light is a reminder of the
Eucharistic presence of Christ in the tabernacles
of the Catholic Churches around the world.
Please call the Rectory to schedule your intention.

Scripture Reflection



We look to God to cast out evil, but we also have a responsibility to tackle it, as well. A certain spirit of uncleanness can infect our lives. Vulgar speech can become routine. Ignoring common courtesies or not practicing simple politeness can take root. Aggressive driving can become the norm. All of these little things can progress to an attitude in which others are unimportant, where they don't count. The unclean spirit that had taken hold of the man in the synagogue had no respect for him. It only cared for itself. Our respect for others shows our own attentiveness to Christ's teaching.

Do It Now!

"And they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath he entered the synagogue and taught." (Mark 1:21)

A great spiritual exercise is found in reading St. Mark's Gospel straight through in one sitting. After the hour or so it takes to read it, one is almost left breathless. Why? Jesus is invariably pictured as doing things "immediately." Clearly, we see Jesus as a doer, an activist, going from one place to another preaching, teaching, healing, encouraging, blessing, etc. He was a man in a hurry. What about His followers? If we are to truly represent Him, our work is cut out for us. Evil is very real all about us. Shouldn't we show forth the light of Christ in this dark world? Each of us can develop our own ministry somewhere in this world. Maybe it is as undramatic as visiting the elderly or working with an appreciative youth or, as one person said, being a loving missionary to our neighbors. The main thing is to do it and to do it, not sometime in the future, but beginning now...today!

Banns of Marriage

2nd Bann

Christopher Stencel & Lindsay Karas

Candlemas Weather Folklore

If Candlemas day be sunny and bright,
Winter again will show its might.
If Candlemas day be cloudy and gray,
Winter soon will pass away.



Ice Cream Social Set

In celebration of Catholic School's Week, the Home School Association invites you to **St. Mary's Annual Ice Cream Social!** This special event will take place on Saturday, February 4th.

Please join us in the Parish Center following the 4:30 p.m. Mass.

Tax Statements

Tax statements were recently emailed or mailed to parishioners. If you did not receive a tax statement and would like one, please call Jane at the Rectory (683-6445, Ext. 12).

Mass & Reception to be Held for Sister Barbara Whelan

A farewell Mass and Reception will be held to honor Sister Barbara Whelan, OSF for her 27 years of service to St. Mary's Pre-K program on Saturday, February 18, 2012 at 4:30 p.m. Please join us in thanking her for all that she has done to teach our young people.

Gatherings Focus on The Cross

Please join us for our February Gatherings on "The Woe and Wow of the Cross." Sessions will be held: Saturday, February 11, Sunday, February 12 and Monday, February 13. Call the Office of Lifelong Faith Formation at 683-8564 for information.

Elementary School Open House

St. Mary's Elementary School will conduct its annual open house for families interested in enrollment on **Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2012** with a snow date set for Monday, Feb. 6, 2012. Current SME parents and students will offer tours starting at 6:00 p.m. and the open house will begin at 6:30 p.m. The principal, teachers, finance manager and staff will be available to answer questions. To schedule a tour for another time or for more information, please call the school at 683-2112 or visit our website at smeschool.com.

Please Remember in Your Prayers ...

Katherine Ciamaga, Peter Duman, Beverly Holdsworth, Alice Kawalerski, Ray Smith, Richard Was, Geraldine Gervace, Chris Krull, Jessica Grazen, Alfred Seyman, Norman Horn, Kathryn Lance, Jacob Schmidt, Dolores Jansen, Timothy Buczak, Dante Pacella, Tim Glynn, Jessica Tarasik, Virginia Nowak, Fred Hadlick, Eunice O'Brien, Lillian Stiegler, Cathy Evans, Joan Pomietlarz, Lynn Hood, Darlene M. Grabenstatter, Amy Mikula, Dorothy Koslicki, Rose Panfil, Alice Kaniecki, Elizabeth Dauer-Flett, Michael Knauber, Suzann Johnson, Dennis Miesowicz, Anthony Stinson, Susan Green, George Stilb, Richard Lubi, Calvin E. Carr, Catherine Warunek, Ed Warren, Herb Wutz, Austin Bates, Walter Koneski, Sr., Jack Gandzinski, Scott Bobowicz, Marie Ausberger, Alice Knauber, Kathy Getz, Tillie Nawotka, Eddie Krajewski, Andrew Kloc, Shirley Roll, Barbara Beilman, John Guenther, Ruth Hawley, Theresa Nowicki, Gunda Fairchock, Carol Fadale, Maryann Delzer, Virginia Knoll, Adele Kuczka, Perry Hake, Leo True, Christine Maryniewski, Ron Grazen, Brian Glynn and Sarah A.

Please let us know if a family member is hospitalized. Due to privacy laws, we can only be notified of a hospitalization by the patient or a family member (with the permission of the patient). When a person has recuperated, we ask that you call to advise us so that their name can be removed.

Please Pray for Those in the Armed Forces...

Raymond Herr, Jeremiah & Rebecca Herr (Air Force), Robert Napper (Navy), Maj. Sean McManus (Army), Capt. Evelyn Vento, M.D. (Army), James Meger (Air Force), Christopher Pfeil, Jr. (Air Force), Fireman William Noll (Coast Guard), Capt. Kelly Lelito (Army), Patrick Brotka (Navy), Capt. Thomas Derion (Army), Lt. Col. David J. Roll (Air Force), Thomas White (Marines), LCPL Anthony Celano (Marines), OS2 Justin Blicharski (Navy), Anthony Celani, Jr., Sgt. Dwayne Dunn (Marines), Sgt. Jacob Welsted (Army), Michael Howey, 1Lt. Michael Thielmann, Maj. Jeffrey Buczak (Army), Lance Corporal Stephen St. George (Marines), Msgt. Mark T. Braun (Marines), Lt. Col. Thomas Murphy (Army), PV2 Jacob C. White (Army), Capt. Geoff Guinnup (Army), Matthew Banach (Air Force), Lt. Col. Steven Kotansky (Marines) and PV2 Aaron Bapst (Army).

St. Mary's Elementary School Presents:
Disney's High School Musical, Jr.

Dinner Theater: Thursday, March 8th - 6PM

Performances:

Friday, March 9th - 7 PM

Saturday, March 10th - 1:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 10th—6:00 p.m.

Dinner Theater tickets are available in the school office for \$27. Dinner will be catered by Gary Koscielniak & Apples Deli, and includes shrimp cocktail, soup, choice of chicken cordon bleu or prime rib, with vegetable and potato, dessert, rolls and butter, served along with wine, beer, coffee, tea or soft drink, and tickets to a priceless show. Seating is limited, so get your tickets early!

Tickets for Friday & Saturday performances are \$5.00 and can be purchased at the door. Hope to see you there!

"The Master is Here and is Calling You" - John 11:18

Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday February 3 at 12:30-5:00 pm in the Chapel

"Let us be generous with our time in going to meet Jesus and ready to make reparation for the great evils of the world. Let your Adoration never cease." (Pope John Paul II, *Dominical Cena*)

God is the Father of all life. Life is the greatest gift God gives to us. Let us commit to defending all human life, especially the innocent unborn. Eucharistic Adoration is a powerful prayer; consider spending valuable time with our God.

A rosary and prayers for a culture of life will be said from 2:00-3:00 p.m. during Adoration.

Feast of the Presentation***What is the feast of the Presentation?***

Counting forward from December 25 as Day One, we find that Day Forty is February 2. A Jewish woman is in semi-seclusion for 40 days after giving birth to a son, and accordingly, it is on February 2 that we celebrate the coming of Mary and Joseph with the infant Jesus to the Temple at Jerusalem to offer sacrifice, both on behalf of Mary and on behalf of Jesus as a first-born male. As they did so, they were greeted by the aged Simeon, with a song called the NUNC DIMITTIS. Now an integral part of worship, this song speaks of shared joy in seeing God's promises fulfilled and recognized the gift of Christ to the earth.

**Prayer for the Presentation**

Almighty and ever-living God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SAVE THE DATES!

Mark Your Calendars Now!



**Roll Away
the Stones**

LENTEN RETREATS

Monday, February 27, 2012—7:00 p.m.

Roll Away the Stones

Wednesday, March 28, 2012—7:00 p.m.

Words from the Cross

in the
St. Mary's Parish Center

Two different dates, two different topics given by Sister Louise Alff. Sr. Louise is a **popular speaker and retreat leader on the national and international level**. She is a Franciscan sister and native of Buffalo. After years of serving and conducting retreats and training Catholics on various topics around the USA, she is back in Buffalo. We are fortunate to have her conduct our Lenten retreats. Plan to attend, bring a friend to these uplifting, enjoyable and well-organized presentations.

Ministry Notes

FYI from the Parish Nurse Ministry "Senior Moments"

It is the rare person who has not had a moment of forgetfulness. For older adults, a subtle memory loss is referred to as a "senior moment" and is often viewed as a natural part of the aging process. For some people, this may serve as a warning sign that they may be at risk for developing Alzheimer's Disease in later years.

Researchers at New York (NYU) School of Medicine have focused on a condition they termed *subjective cognitive impairment* to identify clues to promote brain health in older people and prevent or delay the onset of memory decline. To identify subjective cognitive impairment, the researchers have developed several questions including:

- Am I having trouble recalling names more than I did 5 to 10 years ago?
- Am I having trouble recalling where I placed things more than I did 5 to 10 years ago?
- Is my ability to concentrate lacking compared with 5 to 10 years ago?

If you answered "yes" to one or more of the above questions, you might consider discussing this with your doctor. Sometimes lapses in memory are the result of other causes that are treatable such as anxiety, thyroid disorders, vitamin deficiencies (vitamin B-12 especially), pain killers, and allergy medication. If these causes have been ruled out, the researchers maintain that it is crucial to develop a lifestyle that will promote brain health. This includes eating a heart healthy diet that emphasizes vegetables and fruits, lean proteins and whole grains. Another important factor, of course, is regular exercise. By maintaining a healthy body, the brain remains healthier longer.

HELP WANTED: Altar Society Anyone?

Help is needed for washing and ironing altar linens and purificators. Call Barb Schrader at 684-6148 and leave your name and phone number. We will be hosting a meeting on **Wednesday, January 25th at 1:00 p.m.** and will describe the process. There is a lovely group of five women who would welcome you to serve with them, to pray with them and share in this unique ministry. The benefits are a closer relationship with Mary and her Son. (Amazing Grace!)

Ministry Schedules Now Available

The new schedule for Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors and Altar servers is now available. Ministers should pick up their copies in the Sacristy of the Church between now and February 12. The new schedule **begins on February 18**. Please check your name off the list when you take the schedule.

If there are blank spots on the schedule where you may be able to serve, please fill in your name in the Sacristy notebook. Remember to arrange for a substitute if you cannot serve at a scheduled time, and arrive approximately twenty minutes before Mass begins.

New ministers are always welcome! Encourage your friends and family members to put their gifts to use for the benefit of all. Training is provided. Call the Rectory for details — 683-6445.

Do You Have Unanswered Questions About the Bible?

We want to be closer to God, and make Scripture a part of our lives. But, where do we begin? What do the words of Scripture really mean for us? How are we to understand them?

For those of us who need an intro course to the Bible, we are offering a series of eight classes entitled "**A Quick Journey Through the Bible.**" The sessions include a DVD, group discussion and brief assignments for home study. Our facilitator, John Troidl, will have useful maps and charts to lead the group along.

Classes will run on consecutive Thursdays, **from February 2 through March 29 from 7:00-8:30 p.m.** in the school building (no class on March 8). A student pack with workbook, timeline and bookmark is available for \$15. If you do not have a Bible, the New American version with the latest Catholic translation is available for \$5.50. (Combination student pack and Bible \$20.)

This Ascension Press Co. study makes the complexity of the Bible simple through an easy-to-follow narrative approach and an ingenious color-coded Bible timeline. This is a great way to "get your feet wet" and learn how to begin authentic Catholic Bible study.

Register at the Office of Faith Formation 683-8564 or the rectory 683-6445. What a wonderful way to prepare for Lent and Easter!

Story for Today

Surely A Hero

Acting instinctively, Antonio Diaz Chacon chased down a man who he'd witnessed forcing a little girl into a van. Diaz Chacon, who is married with two children of his own, thought of them and hoped people would act on their behalf if witnessing a similar incident.

In an attempt to flee, the frightened driver lost control of his vehicle, crashed into a pole, and ran into the desert to escape, although he was later arrested and charged with abduction. Diaz Chacon's actions probably saved the girl's life, for which he was duly honored by the city of Albuquerque, New Mexico, receiving an award and having a day officially declared Antonio Diaz Chacon Day in honor of his heroic actions.

Diaz Chacon, who does not speak English, described the events of the day as "a real large happiness," but said his greatest reward came from a thank-you letter he received from the six-year old girl whose life he saved by risking his own.

Reporting for the Associated Press, Jeri Clausing wrote that, although Diaz Chacon has lived in the United States for four years and is married to a U.S. citizen, his attempts to obtain legal residency proved too difficult and expensive and eventually, he gave up trying. This has prompted some pundits to frame his story from the perspective of residency status, rather than heroic bravery.

Jesus picked the most unlikely people as heroes of parables, those often labeled as unclean and unworthy. In today's "good news," Jesus ejects an unclean spirit, disguising itself as holy within the temple setting. But, Jesus sees through the outer layers of respectability and orders the unclean spirit to "come out."

What would Jesus recognize in the actions of Diaz Chacon, who pursued the unclean spirit of a person meaning to do harm to a child? Might Jesus simply thank him for allowing his "pure spirit" to come out, thereby saving an innocent life?

- Dr. Constance M. Popp

Christian Witness Awards, continued from page 1

Miss Zupo - Grade 1

Joshua Kuznik—*Joshua is always looking for ways to help his teachers and his classmates. He sets a great example for all to follow.*

Mrs. Breidenstein - Grade 2

Joseph Tetlow—*Joe is considerate of his classmates, always willing to help around the classroom and hardworking.*
Mia Robinson (November) - *Mia is hardworking, helpful around the classroom, and friendly to her classmates.*

Ms. Witulski - Grade 2

Eric Roszczyk—*Eric comes to school with a positive attitude and always is willing to help out his teacher.*

Mrs. Laidman - Grade 3

Amelia Potter—*Amelia is gentle and thoughtful towards her classmates.*
Caleb Paterek—*Caleb is a very honest and sincere child.*

Mrs. Osinski - Grade 4

Jennamae Lipiarz—*Jennamae has been an exemplary student. She leads by example and assists with a gentle touch.*

Mrs. Michalek - Grade 5

Adam Wojtaszczyk—*Adam is a dedicated and conscientious student who is always very respectful to his classmates and teachers.*

Mrs. Walkow - Grade 5

John Morgus—*John volunteered to be prayer leader of the classroom two months in a row.*

Mr. Canfield - Grade 6

Eric Brown—*Eric is very diligent with his school work. He is a real team player in the classroom as well as on the basketball court.*

Mr. Menzie - Grade 6

Mary Claire Banks—*Mary Claire exceeds classroom expectations and is respectful, caring and a responsible person.*

Ms. Schwanz - Grade 7

Elizabeth Bakeman—*Elizabeth always comes to school with a contagious positive attitude and a bright smile on her face. She is always participating and trying her best in all of her classes.*

Mrs. Kostek - Grade 8

Jason Czuprynski—*In a quiet way, Jason sets an example of Christian friendship and behavior to his classmates every day.*

Technology Notes

Saints & Feast Days:
www.catholic.org/saints

blog:
www.conversationdiary.com

3-Minute Retreat:
<http://www.mycatholicvoice.com/media/o2e5DG>

Throat Blessing to Honor the Feast of St. Blase

The Feast of St. Blase will be remembered with the Blessing of Throats after all Masses next weekend, February 4 & 5.

Around the Area

- **St. Elizabeth's Guild** meeting, Monday, February 6, 3:30 p.m. at St. Elizabeth's, 5539 Broadway, Lancaster.

Staff

Pastor	Rev. Paul W. Steller	ext. 17	pauls@stmarysonthehill.org
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Parish Secretary	Carol Kwandrans	ext. 10	carolk@stmarysonthehill.org
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Ministries

Altar Society	Barbara Schrader	684-6148
Before Cana Marriage Prep	Deacon David Jerome	683-4193
Care of the Soul Book Club	Barbara Schrader	684-6148
Catholic Fathers Basketball	David Hokaj	686-0024
Finance Committee	Greg Meyer	656-1871
Food Baskets	Natalie Collins	683-6199
Funeral Breakfasts	Josie Wienckowski	683-4749
Junior Ladies Of Charity	Marian Snyder	681-2957
Knights of Columbus	John Dryja	684-8120
Knights of St. John	Robert Reynders	683-0031
Ladies of Charity	Dolores Chavez	683-8313
Liturgy Committee (Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers)	Joe Kugler	681-5448
Marriage Rehearsal Ministry	Deacon David Jerome	683-4193
Music Ministry:		
Adult Choir	Andrea Ross	949-1285
Young Adult Music	Chelsea Mang	683-2617
Prayer Group	Norman Brzezinski	681-2193
Pre-Baptism Preparation	Deacon David Jerome	683-4193
R.C.I.A. (for adults wishing to become Catholic or receive sacraments for the first time)	Mary Nowak	681-4145
	Shirley Rinow	683-3185
Religious Education	Elaine Driscoll	683-8564
SME School	Jane Driscoll	683-2112
St. Vincent de Paul	Gregory Gable	681-3564

ST. MARY'S PARISH OUTREACH

Outreach Coordinator	Holly Walter	656-9583
Prison Ministry	Jack Thielmann	684-5777
Post Hospital Ministry	Diane Stoiber	683-1252
Nursing Home Visiting	Mary Faulhaber	685-2347
Eucharistic Ministers for the Sick and Homebound	Janice Streit	681-2079
Bereavement	Marilyn Streit	684-9864
Transportation		683-2007
Hospital Visiting	Shirley Rinow	683-3185
Greeting Card Ministry	Bill & Marie Ausberger	685-4902
Hospitality Ministry	Patti Meyer	656-1871
Ministry of Praise	Ruth Wunner	683-9239
Circle of Friends (Social Group for Individuals With Disabilities)	Donna Michaels	683-0615
Social Justice Ministry	Holly Walter	656-9583
Parish Nurse Ministry	Janet Ahearn	683-0463
Prayer Shawl Ministry	Ginny Loecher	683-2007

Marriage Moment

Guard against online infidelity and facebook flings. Honor your spouse by stating your status as 'married' and throw out any old photos of you hugging past flames that might be misinterpreted. Make your commitment to your spouse clear and public. Visit <http://www.SusanVogt.net>.

Parenting Perspective

Then Simeon blessed them and said to Jesus' mother, Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed." (Luke 2:34) What fears do you have for your child? Visit <http://www.SusanVogt.net>.

Parish Registration

St. Mary's welcomes new parishioners at any time. Please call the Rectory or register in person.

Baptism

Parishioners are asked to contact the Rectory before the birth of a child and to participate in a program of preparation for the celebration of Baptism. Baptisms are celebrated the second and fourth Sundays of each month at 1:15 p.m. or during any weekend Mass. A godparent should be a practicing Catholic and must obtain a Letter of Recommendation from his or her own parish. Please call the Rectory for details and registration.

Confessions

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered between 3:30 and 4:00 p.m. each Saturday. Area Penance Services are offered during Advent and Lent.

Marriages

Before a wedding date is scheduled, arrangements must be made with one of the parish priests at least six months in advance. Weddings may be scheduled any time after 3:00 p.m. on Fridays and before 1:30 p.m. on Saturdays. Throwing of rice, birdseed, confetti, etc. is prohibited.

Ministry to the Sick

Mass with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be held the third Sundays of May and November at 3:00 p.m. in the Church. The sick, shut-ins, elderly and disabled of the parish may receive Communion at home, if they desire to do so. Please contact the Rectory. Please notify the Rectory when a parishioner (family member or neighbor) is admitted to a hospital or nursing home.

Bulletin Announcements

Announcements must be submitted to janed@stmarysonthehill.org and pattim@stmarysonthehill.org at least nine days before the date of the bulletin in which they are to appear.



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