



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK



WE SEEK GOD'S BLESSINGS AS DID MARY. BECAUSE OF HER SON, WE CAN CONFIDENTLY CALL GOD "ABBA."

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31

5:00 PM Anthony Provenzano + req. by Juliana Furda

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1 (Mary, Mother of God)

8:00 AM Mary Polinski + req. by Christian Mothers & Guild PARISHIONERS

MONDAY, JANUARY 2 (Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory)

10:00 AM Tony and Mary Suleski + req. by Ralph and Anita

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3 (Most Holy Name of Jesus)

10:00 AM Sandy Knight + req. by Aunt Frances

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4 (St. Elizabeth Ann Seton)

6:00 PM Laura Criado + req. by Fred, Roseanne, Richard and Mark Rockage

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5 (St. John Neuman, bishop)

10:00 AM Blanche Piacenza (Anniv.) + req. by Edward M. Mazur & Family

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6 (First Friday)

ALL DAY ADORATION

10:00 AM Dennis Letender + req. by Aunt, Beth Jedrzejewski

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7 (First Saturday)

10:00 AM Pro-Life Mass
3:00 PM Wedding: Courtnie Bell and Aaron D. Bennett
5:00 PM Mary Suleski + req. by Susan and Howard Beatty

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8 (Epiphany of the Lord)

8:00 AM Holy Name Society req. by Members
11:00 AM PARISHIONERS

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Jn 1:29-34
Wednesday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42
Thursday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Jn 1:43-51
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 [23, 31-34, 36, 38]
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 2:1-11
Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

TODAY'S LITURGY

THE BLESSING WE RECEIVE

The blessing we experience in Christ Jesus is proclaimed in Numbers as the special blessing for the people of Israel. They and we are to be blessed by the invocation of God's loving kindness, the shining glory of God's face turned toward us in love, not away from us in anger. We are blessed by God's own peace!

Our wish and our hope are fulfilled in this blessing, which is made visible in the coming of Jesus. In Jesus, the image of the invisible God, God's face is shown to us and God's presence is made known to us in faithful and loving kindness.

A Family Perspective on the Gospel . . .

The gospel today shows Mary and Joseph were not "perfect parents." If you have ever been amazed and astonished at what came out of your child's mouth, then you are in good company. If you didn't understand or felt anxious about your child's behavior, so did Mary and Joseph. Parenting is tough, but it's also holy.



ALL DAY ADORATION

Following the 10:00 am mass on First Friday, January 6th, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for day and night Adoration until 9:30 am on Saturday, January 7th. A sign up sheet is located in the back of church to ensure that someone is present before the Blessed Sacrament at all times.

A Pro-Life Mass will be held at 10:00 am on Saturday, January 7th following the close of All Day Adoration.

NEW WINTER SCHEDULE IN EFFECT

During the winter months, the church will open at 9:00 am during the week, and will close at 5:00 pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. On Wednesday the church will be closed following the 6:00 pm evening mass. Please make a note of the change.

HOLY NAME SUNDAY - Next Sunday, **January 8th** is Holy Name Sunday. Members will gather to attend the 8:00 am mass. Following mass, a meeting will be held in the Church Hall.



FOOD COLLECTION

Next weekend, **January 7-8th** is the monthly food collection for Community Circle Food Pantry. Items which are non-perishable may be brought to mass and placed in the marked boxes at the church exits. The food collection is sponsored by the Holy Name Society.

A NEW YEAR BLESSING

*May all the days of all the years
That God has still in store,
Be filled with every joy and grace
To bless you more and more.
May hope of heart and peace of mind
Beside you ever stay,
And that's the golden wish I have
For you this New Year's Day!*

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

If you are an adult and have never been baptized, or if you were baptized in another Christian faith and are interested in becoming a Catholic, then the RCIA is for you. Classes will begin this **Thursday, January 5, 2012 at 7:00 pm** in the rectory basement. Classes will be held every Thursday until Easter. Please call the church office to register or show up for the class.



Please remember the following who have asked for our prayers for their illnesses or their disabilities:

John Bonazza, Cathy Everly, Herb Paraska, Veronica Petrusky, Lynsey Hilderbrand, Frances Paluda, Amber Blackhurst, Kirsten Messer, Susan Zilke, Roxy Zock, Donna Grimm, Carol Haught, Donald Dalrymple, Kathleen Deal, Amanda Brunner, Mary Ann Penvose, Gerry McMillin, Rhonda Wells, Andy Ginch, Helen Knochel, Erin Junker, Robert Mele, Terry Ryan, Randy Brunner, Jordan Rubottom, Roger Schield, Jon Drierton, Laura Fausti, Joseph Brach, James Conklin II, Wesley Violi, Nancy Violi, and Anne M. Corrado.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN Workshop

St. Hilary Parish, 320 Henderson Ave., Washington, PA will present **two** Workshops on "Protecting God's Children" this **Saturday, January 7th at 9:30 am** and **Wednesday, January 18th** at 6:30 pm. The Workshops will be held in Fr. Zapora Hall which is handicapped accessible. Call the parish office (724) 222-4087 to register.

It has become our custom to clear the prayer list at the end of each year and begin anew. If you would like a name to remain on the list, please notify the rectory office.

MARCH FOR LIFE Washington, DC

Reserve a space now for the March for Life bus trip to Washington, DC on **Monday, January 23, 2012**. Two buses will depart from our parish to take part in the March on the 39th anniversary of Roe vs. Wade. Call the rectory office to leave your name and number.

PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Jan. 1 - New Year's Day (Mary, Mother of God)
- Jan. 4 - Men's Group meets 6:30 pm (Rectory basement)
- Jan. 4 - BINGO 6:30 pm CCD Center
- Jan. 4 - Legion of Mary meets 6:45 pm Church Hall
- Jan. 5 - RCIA Classes begin 7:00 pm Rectory
- Jan. 6 - First Friday - All Day Adoration
- Jan. 7 - First Saturday 10:00 am Pro-Life Mass
- Jan. 8 - Epiphany of the Lord
- Jan. 8 - Adult Bible Study 9:00 am (Rectory basement)
- Jan. 8 - CCD Classes in session
- Jan. 8 - Holy Name meets following 8:00 am mass
- Jan. 8 - Food Collection Sunday

COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY (Dec. 18th)	\$ 5,219.98
COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY (Dec. 25th)	\$ 5,084.10
CHRISTMAS COLLECTION:	\$ 4,456.00
CATHOLIC CHARITIES:	\$ 1,882.00

Happy New Year!