



WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, December 31 – NEW YEAR’S EVE
4:00 p.m. John “Jack” Phillips † - Fr. Droll
 4:00 p.m. at Saint Ladislav – Fr. Lutz
 5:30 p.m. at Corpus Christi – Fr. Lutz

SUNDAY, January 1, 2017 – NEW YEAR’S DAY
9:00 a.m. Valerie Theado † - Fr. Droll
11:30 a.m. Terry Thomas † – Fr. Droll
 9:00 a.m. at Corpus Christi – Fr. Lutz
 11:00 a.m. at St. Ladislav – Fr. Lutz

MONDAY, January 2
 Saints Basil, the Great, and Gregory Nazianzen
8:15 a.m. No Mass

TUESDAY, January 3
5:30 p.m. Charles Walker † – Fr. Emmanuel
 6:30 p.m. at Saint Ladislav – Fr. Lutz

WEDNESDAY, January 4 – Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton
5:30 p.m. Celebrant Intention – Latin – Fr. Lutz
 8:30 a.m. at Corpus Christi – Fr. Droll

THURSDAY, January 5 – Saint John Neumann
5:30 p.m. Leo Thurn † – Fr. Droll
 8:30 a.m. at Corpus Christi – Fr. Lutz

FRIDAY, January 6 – FIRST FRIDAY
8:15 a.m. Joe and Lana Madak - tbd
 Noon at Saint Ladislav – tbd

SATURDAY, January 7 – FIRST SATURDAY
9:00 a.m. Margaret Mathews † - Fr. Lutz
4:00 p.m. Thomas Collins † - Fr. Lutz
 4:00 p.m. at Saint Ladislav – Fr. Droll
 5:30 p.m. at Corpus Christi – Fr. Droll

SUNDAY, January 8
9:00 a.m. John “Jack” Phillips † - Fr. Lutz
11:30 a.m. Charles Gronbach † – Fr. Lutz
 9:00 a.m. at Corpus Christi – Fr. Droll
 11:00 a.m. at St. Ladislav – Fr. Droll

Note: Confession is heard 1/2 hour prior to each weekend Mass.
 Coffee and doughnuts are served following the Sunday 9:00.m. Mass
 in the school gym.

*Eucharistic Adoration each Tuesday between the hours of
 9:00 a.m. to 5:20 p.m.*

“SERMON ON THE AMOUNT”
“SERMON ON THE AMOUNT” – December 24-25, 2016

Envelopes: \$5251.23
 Non- envelope donation: \$23367.11
 ECO donations: \$280.00 (weekly)
 Total offering: \$28898.34

Refresh them Lord, with your healing grace.
Please remember in your prayers:

Hospital, Nursing/Assisted Living facility:

Dick Zollner, Toni Neal, Willbert Neal, Ruth Neal, Patricia Quickert

At home: Sharon Kirby, Mary Sailor, Heidi Wooley, Donna Whitaker, Ed Season, Barbara Sullivan, Carla Palkuti, Patricia Sauer, Dan Hogan, Gail Hirn, Rosemarie Ritzer, Bill Lenkey, Karen Schlueb, Karen Finn, Lovre Dzolic, Foday Kenneh, Albert Petrika, Danisha Crockett

*If you are admitted to a hospital St. Mary may not be notified.
 Please ask a family member to call the parish office.*

MEETINGS FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 2nd

Scouts: Tuesday @ 6:30 p.m. – Specht Center
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 RCIA: Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m. 2nd floor Burkley
 Weekly Scripture study: Thursday @ 6:30 p.m. – 2nd floor Burkley

BAPTISMS IN JANUARY

January 15, Cain family, daughter, Rowan
 January 29, Ashworth family, son, Weston

RCIA – RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS
Open Discussion

Regular scheduled classes resume this week. Please contact St. Mary at 614.445.9668 or Mike (614-323-6715) or Maureen (614-323-7293) Keebaugh for more information

SAINT PEREGRINE FUND...just a reminder that our goal in support of this fund is to raise \$1,000.00 over a 12 month period (ending in June 2017). It is important to know that 100% of the monies sent in will be distributed to our three Catholic Hospitals for poor and needy cancer patients, to the Stefanie Spielman Fund for Breast Cancer Research, and 1/5th to all poor and needy cancer patient parishioners in the Columbus Diocese through the recommendation of our priests. Please make your check payable to St. Mary but marked clearly **for St. Peregrine Fund.**

PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA AND LOURDES

Father Stash Dailey, Pastor of Holy Family, invites you to join him on a Pilgrimage to Fatima and Lourdes set for June 19-30, 2017. This pilgrimage will celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Apparitions of Fatima. The program will also include visits to Lisbon, Santarem and Nazare in Portugal and Gavarnie and St. Jean de Luz in France. For details contact Liz Grinder at the Lourdes Pilgrimage Office at 1.877.276.7279, email to lourdespilgrimageoffice@comcast.net or visit www.lourdes-pilgrimage.com. Deadline for reservations is March 15, 2017.

LITURGICAL/VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES for January 7-8 (2nd Sunday of the Month)
Extraordinary Ministers are reminded to cleanse the vessels after each Mass

TIME	ALTAR SERVER	LECTOR	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER	SACRISTAN
4:00 P.M.	DeCarlo Walker, open	Sherrie Hayes	Lori and Dave Mitchell	
	DaVeau Walker	Joe Giannetti	John LaMotte, open	Amanda Walker
9:00 A.M.	Anthony Metnes	Don Metnes	Shirley Thibaut, Eileen Hoffman, Chris Thibaut	
	Cael Shaw, Anthony Nicola	Marge Smigelski	Mike & Maureen Keebaugh, open	Carla Shaw
11:30 A.M.	Nicholas Relli	Mike Hicks	Jennifer Larsen, open	
	open, Emily Relli	Devin Russell	Ann Stewart, open	Suzi Foster

Prayers after Mass: following each Mass please kneel and prayer the following prayers: The Our Father, The Hail Mary, The Glory Be and the Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel (see the back of your Missal for a copy of this prayer)

COFFEE & DOUGHNUTS: January 8 – Mark & Sandra Grosko **Pray for our men and women in uniform**

Collection counters for the 2nd Sunday of the month: Frances Melton and Beverly Walker

Notes from the Pastor

As you heard, Raphael the Cat, author of the bulletin column that appears just below this one, died last Friday very peacefully under the Christmas tree. I have written his column this week. More info can be found there.

Christmas was different, beautiful, and memorable. The gym was transformed to a remarkable degree by the hands of many good volunteers and employees. Students made beautiful stained glass to adorn the walls, the St. Peter's "windows" decorated the east and west walls, flowers from parishioners and from Dan Hueckel brightened up the room. The choirs provided beautiful timeless music to help us pray. The local funeral homes provided the torchiers that lit the room very well, but the most beautiful part was the crowd and the appreciation they had for the efforts and the good cheer that was evident. I hope that we will never forget the beauty and simplicity of this Christmas in exile from our church. God reward you all!

Christmas was well celebrated at Corpus Christi and St. Ladislav as well. The decorations were beautiful and the music was very uplifting. Corpus Christi Church was blessed with the sounds of its new pipe organ.

Just after the New Year celebrations fade, we will begin in earnest our fundraising efforts for the future of St. Mary. Stay tuned and practice those zeros!

Today the church celebrates the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. The original title of our church was St. Mary, Mother of God. Later it was shortened to St. Mary. Even later, unaware of the original title, it was often referred to as St. Mary of the Assumption. In preparation for our sesquicentennial, the discovery was made of the correct title. The reference was in the Baptismal register of Holy Cross in 1865. Among the "babies" mentioned there was the birth of the new parish (us) with our Latin name: "Ecclesia Sanctae Mariae, Mater Dei", viz., "Church of St. Mary, Mother of God." Ask me about the "viz." sometime.

Happy New Year! A few suggestions: 1) Daily Mass once or twice a week. 2) If you see an older person dining alone, grab their bill. 3) Thank any police officer, firefighter, soldier, and veteran that crosses your path. 4) Pray for people that bother you. (Yes, there will still be time to get other tasks done - and they may not seem to bother you as much if you pray for them.) 5) Don't take anything too seriously except the salvation of your soul.

Happy New Year 2017!

The Lord be with you!
Fr. Kevin Lutz

From the Cat at 684 South Third . . .

(Guest writer: Fr. Lutz): As you know Raphael the Cat died last Friday at 4:50 p.m. under the Christmas tree. In all the years that the cat and I lived together he slept under the tree for the whole Christmas season. Somewhere I have a photo of him sleeping under the tree between Mary and the donkey. He looked like a large black panther that was visiting the Holy Family.

I was surprised at how many people shed a tear for the cat and how many kind expressions there were for his "obituary" that was in the back of the church. Pets are in many ways dependent on us, even as we are dependent on God. They look to us for daily food, for comfort and affection and acceptance. Pets can't hurt our feelings, but people often do. They possess an innocence that we often have lost along the way. Many people were reminded of a pet that was special as they read about Raphael. Many people liked his adventures and commentaries.

Will the column continue? At least for a while, Jordan (Tom Dailey's dog) has offered to fill in a few, although Tom doesn't know this. Precious Kitty Love Love, AKA, Frannie X, has offered to do the same from her new home in South Carolina. We'll see. Will there still be a loyal readership? Let me know.

This is being typed on a Tuesday morning. Bill Smith just brought in the ashes of the Kitty and a paw print that they made. Here it is for your remembrance.

Fr. Lutz (roommate of the cat for 19 years)



News Worthy Notes

SAINT MARY 2017 GALA

Mark your calendars for the 2017 Saint Mary Gala, to be held on *February 18, 2017*. Our attendance goal for this event is 300. Valet and child care will be provided for our guests at no charge! Please consider attending this event to support the Saint Mary School Tuition Assistance Fund. Tickets are on sale now. The committee is now accepting item donations for the event Auction.

SSCM FOOD PANTRY-ITEM FOR JANUARY....the item needed for January is canned fruit. Please drop your donation off throughout the month to the parish office. Many thanks!

9 DAYS FOR LIFE

Join thousands of Catholics across the country coming together in prayer during the bishops' pro-life novena, *9 Days for Life*, from Saturday, January 21 - Sunday, January 29. Participate through email, text message, Facebook, or a free iOS or Android app!
www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/january-roe-events/nine-days-of-prayer-penance-and-pilgrimage.cfm.

RESPECT LIFE MASS – JANUARY 23

Day of Prayer for The Legal Protection of Unborn

Children: The annual Respect Life Mass will be Monday, January 23, 2017, 10:30 a.m., at St. Joseph Cathedral. Bishop Campbell will be the celebrant. Since January 22nd, the anniversary of the *Roe v. Wade* decision, falls on a Sunday, we will join with all dioceses in the U.S. in observing a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children on Monday, January 23. All are invited. For more information, visit www.usccb.org/prolife or contact Social Concerns at 614-241-2540.

“Grand Old Saint Mary’s”

NICE LADY

Our third pastor, Father Burkley, was ordained a year early by the Bishop in order to pioneer a mission for the deaf in Columbus. He ministered to the Catholic population of the Ohio School for the Deaf and served as assistant pastor and pastor at Saint Mary’s Church. Father Burkley was the first priest to say Mass in sign language. During the twenty-five years of his mission he also had deaf guests visit the grade school and high school classrooms. On one such occasion he brought a deaf and dumb lady into the second grade classroom. He called up a student, Bob Wunderlin, who had a deaf uncle and knew sign language, to talk to her. When they were finished talking she patted him on the cheek and called him fatty because of his chubby cheeks. He retreated to his seat in great embarrassment. Decades later, he asked Father Burkley about the lady, Father Burkley replied, “Oh, didn’t you know, that nice lady, was Helen Keller.”

RESTORATION FUND

To date we have received donations toward the restoration of the Church totaling \$10,342.00. Each donation is acknowledged. We’ve received donations ranging from \$17.00 (this from one of our St. Mary school students) to \$5000.00.

HOMEBOUNDED VISITATION

If you know of someone that would like to be added to our list of homebound individuals please contact the parish office. Sister Leonardo visits every Thursday with Holy Communion.