

The Feast of the Holy Family
December 28, 2008 ~ Cycle B



A New Year's Prayer

May God make your year a happy one!
Not by shielding you from all sorrows and pain,
but by strengthening you to bear it, as it comes;
Not by making your path easy, but by making you sturdy to travel any path;
Not by taking hardships from you, but by taking fear from your heart;
Not by granting you unbroken sunshine, but by keeping your face bright, even in the shadows;
Not by making your life always pleasant, but by showing you when people
and their causes need you most, and by making you anxious to be there to help.
God's love, peace, hope and joy to you for the year ahead.

God's Blessings in this New Year!
The Shrine of the Sacred Heart Parish Staff



NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS
The Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God
Thursday, January 1
Mass at 11:30AM



Many thanks to all who labored to make the celebration of Christmas so beautiful at The Shrine! To all our music ministers, our art and environment committee, all who helped at The Hanging of the Greens, and our liturgical ministers – thank you! Thanks also to Truong Bao and Dien Vinh who created the Christmas Crèche.



First Friday of January: Our next First Friday celebration is this week! On Friday, January 2, 2009, the Holy Hour will begin at 5 PM in the chapel. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered during the Holy Hour. Mass will be at 6 PM. The Sacred Heart hymn and devotions will take place at this mass after communion.

Join Us In Worship

RCIA: RITE OF WELCOMING AND ACCEPTANCE on January 11: The RCIA Team asks for your prayerful support of the persons who have been discerning membership with us in the Catholic Faith. With them, we will celebrate the Rite of Welcoming and Acceptance at the 11:30AM Liturgy on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat, Dec 27	5:00 p.m.	+John Mullins
Sun, Dec 28	7:30 a.m.	+Dorothy Williams Bunting
	9:00 a.m.	For the People of SSH
Fri, Jan 2	7:00 a.m.	+William H. Williams, Jr.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE: Third time: Heather Hourihan and Kevin Henneberry. **Second time:** Nicole Shewchuk and Matthew Lewandowski.

Join Us In Learning

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation is on break for Christmas and New Year's. Classes will resume on Sunday, January 4, 2009

ADULTS

COME AND YOU WILL SEE!

Consider treating yourself to a wonderful spiritual gift.

Parish-sponsored weekend retreats, with daily Mass, conferences, and silence, officially begin on Friday with 6PM Mass and conclude with lunch on Sunday at 12:30PM: women's weekend, February 20-22; men's weekend, February 27-March 1. Last year, the Shrine's parishioners found the retreat to be very enriching! Early registration is advisable as the rooms fill up quickly. Registration forms are in the tower room or can be printed from www.loyolaretreat.org where you can check the retreat theme, schedule, and directions. The suggested offering for the weekend is \$215. One-half of the offering needs to be sent in with the registration as soon as possible. Because no one at Loyola wants money to be the reason that anyone would stay away, discounts are available to first-time retreatants. Please contact Bill or Pat Gaver for more information. 410-465-8727.

Join Us In Service

THE MAGI PROJECT—BAGS OF FOOD FOR THE PRINCE OF PEACE: Brown bags were distributed to families at all the Christmas Masses. We asked that on each day of the Christmas Season you would add a non-perishable food item to the bag and then return the bag when you come to Mass on the Solemnity of the Epiphany, NEXT WEEKEND, (January 3/4). The Young Adults of the parish will then distribute the collected food to a local food pantry.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS THE SICK OF OUR PARISH, ESPECIALLY: Claire Hillary, Josephine Offutt, Manny Bengson, Wayman Smith, Sister Florence Judge, RSM, Mary Hilda Counselman, Gloria Marble, Kyla Zeilinger and Brittany Perkey.

Join Us In Community

PARISH OFFICE HOURS
OFFICE OPEN FROM 9 TO 12 ~ December 29, 31
OFFICE CLOSED ~December 30 and January 1

**January 25, 2009 Year of St. Paul Lecture
with Luncheon**

To register for this event, to be held after the January 25 11:30 Mass, watch for the sign up sheet in the Tower Room or contact Sister Carol.

**Title: CHRISTIAN CONVERSION...CHRISTIAN UNITY...
& ST. PAUL'S PASSION**

Presenter: Rev. Dr. Anita Baly, ordained in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, her articles have appeared in the various Protestant and Roman Catholic journals and in the book: *Mary Is for Everyone*. Currently, Dr. Baly is a Chaplain at Norristown State Mental Hospital, in Pennsylvania. Her lecture is slated for the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, concluding the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

A Pilgrimage to Walk in the Footsteps of St. Paul June 1 – 13, 2009

Itinerary: travel across Asia Minor (Turkey) from ancient Antioch On The Orontes to Istanbul with visits to Cappadocia, Ephesus, Troy, Hieropolis, and a cruise on the Bosphorus.

Hotels: Four Star hotels throughout

Airline: Lufthansa Air via Germany

Reservation and deposit form available in the parish office. Direct questions to Msgr. Rick Cramblitt at the rectory.

SEEKING OUR LONGEST MARRIED COUPLE: *Our parish is participating in Worldwide Marriage Encounter's search for the longest married couple in the Archdiocese of Baltimore. One nominee from each parish will be honored during a special Mass celebrated by Archbishop Edwin O'Brien. If you have been married 50 years or more please contact the parish office (410-466-6884, x10) with your name, address, phone number and year of marriage by January 18, 2009.*