

The Feast of the Holy Family
December 27, 2009~ Cycle C



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

Friday, 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 who created the Christmas Crèche.

Join Us In Worship

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: Join us next Sunday for Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 9AM Mass. Parents and children are welcome to attend. At CLOW children hear the Gospel and an age appropriate homily, sing songs and participate in a Scripture activity.

THE RITE OF WELCOMING: *The Shrine of the Sacred Heart celebrates the Rite of Welcoming at the 11:30AM Mass on Sunday, January 10, to officially recognize the following baptized persons who have asked to become members of the Roman Catholic Faith: Timothy Battle, Joy Severe, and William White. They will continue the RCIA process until their preparation for the sacraments has been completed. Please offer your prayerful support to these Candidates who will profess faith unto full membership in the Church at the Easter Vigil on April 3, 2010. Pray also for their Sponsors and the RCIA Team who journey with them.*

Whole Community Catechesis Questions for Faith Sharing

Question for Adults

How are you, too, called to our Father's house?

Question for Youth

Jesus was obedient to his parents, even though he was the Son of God. Why is obedience so important? Is it something you struggle with?

Question for Children

Why is it important to obey our parents? Why is it important to obey God?

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat, Dec 26	5:00 p.m.	.....	+Evelyn Welsh Sollenberger
Sun, Dec 27	7:30 a.m.	.....	+Evelyn Welsh Sollenberger
	9:00 a.m.	.....	+G. Eugene Hetrick
	11:30 a.m.	.....	For the People of SSH
Mon, Dec 28	7:00 a.m.	.....	+Dorothy Williams Bunting
Sat, Jan 2	8:00 a.m.	.....	+William H. Williams, Jr.

PRESIDER SCHEDULE ~ JANUARY 2 - 3

5:00 PM	.....	Msgr. Richard Cramblitt
7:30 AM	.....	Msgr. Richard Cramblitt
9:00 AM	.....	Msgr. Richard Cramblitt
11:30 AM	.....	Msgr. Richard Cramblitt

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 28 ~ The Holy Innocents, martyrs
1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Mt 2:13-18

Tuesday, December 29
The Fifth Day in the Octave of Christmas
Saint Thomas Becket, bishop and martyr
1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35

Wednesday, December 30
The Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas
1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40

Thursday, December 31
The Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas
Saint Sylvester I, pope
1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18

Friday, January 1 ~ First Friday
The Octave of Christmas
The Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God
Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Saturday, January 2 ~ First Saturday
Saint Basil the Great and
Saint Gregory Nazianzen, bishops and doctors
of the Church
1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28

Sunday, January 3 ~ The Epiphany of the Lord
Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a,5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Join Us In Learning

FAITH FORMATION

Elementary Faith Formation will begin classes on January 3, 2010. Have a "Blessed New Year!"

SCHOOL NEWS

SHRINE OF THE SACRED HEART SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

Dear Shrine Family:

The Super Bowl is just around the corner so that means it's Joe Corbi's Pizza Sale Time! This is the major fundraiser for H.A.S.A. [the Home and School Association]. Over the years H.A.S.A. has been able to sponsor/purchase many worthwhile projects, sports, and fun activities throughout the school. This year money raised from this fundraiser will benefit our school by funding the purchase of new computers and software for our computer lab. Watch the bulletin for information on how to purchase Joe Corbi products and help support this fundraiser.

The Shrine HSA thanks you!

ADULTS

PARISH RETREAT...LENT 2010

A spiritual opportunity, not to be missed! Treat yourself to an exceptional spiritual experience on the scenic cliffs of the Potomac River — a silent retreat at the Jesuits' Loyola Retreat House, Faulkner, Maryland.

Consider evaluations given by parishioners who had a past retreat:

Via the silent retreat experience it became crystal clear to me that I deserve God's love and my own love of self at this very moment and at every other moment in life. Whatever the depth of our pain; we are valued and loved by God for that very uniqueness that we each have; for our very being. Take Care! Rose Anne

I thought the retreat was such an uplifting experience overall. Since I have 3 young children, it can be incredibly difficult to find the peace and silence necessary to hear God's voice in my life. It was a time of reflection, prayer, thanksgiving, and just sitting in silence and finding myself again. Thank you so much for introducing us to this retreat! Juliana

Go to <http://www.loyolaretreat.org> or phone 301-392-0801 to register or for more information about the weekend. LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY will be the theme for MEN, February 26 to 28 AND for WOMEN, March 19 to 21.

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 2/3). 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: *Larry Preller, Gloria Marble, Dorothy Jewell, Sam Goldberg, Patricia Rhinehart, Janice Mittl, Paul Giblin, Claire Hillary, Matthew Costello, Ruth Hays, Martha Siwinski, John Trageser and Donald White.*

BEANS & BREAD NEEDS VOLUNTEERS: At Beans & Bread Center, we try to meet the many needs of the hungry and homeless in Baltimore city. We currently are looking for volunteers to help feed approximately 300 persons daily on **12/29/09, 12/31/09, 1/5/10 and 1/7/10**. Contact Erin Shutt at 410-732-1852 ext. 111 or erin.shutt@vincentbaltimore.org if you are interested in volunteering.

Join Us In Community

NEW PARISHIONERS WELCOME: Our parish family extends a warm welcome to all that are joining us for worship. If you are new to the area we invite you to register and make The Shrine of the Sacred Heart your parish.

HOLD THE DATES: *Sunday, January 17 ~ The Fordham University Choir will sing at the 11:30AM Mass and will offer a short concert following Mass. On Saturday, January 30, join us for the Eakin Piano Trio. These are two concerts you won't want to miss.*

PARISH HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

OFFICE OPEN FROM 10 TO 12 ~ December 28
OFFICE CLOSED ~ December 29 through January 3

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.*

NEW YEAR'S INTERFAITH SERVICE: The 17th Annual New Year's Eve Interfaith Service will take place in historic St. Ignatius Church, Calvert & Madison Streets in the Mount Vernon Cultural District, on Thursday, December 31, at 8:30PM. (A musical program precedes the service starting at 8PM.) The purpose of the hour-long service is to thank God for blessings received during the past year and to ask God's continued graces in 2010. The service is followed by a reception in the parish hall. For tickets (**free**) call 410-727-3848 or email parish@st-ignatius.net.

FREE CHRISTMAS/EPIPHANY CONCERT: *Sunday, January 3, 12:30 PM featuring "The Nightingales" an All Women's Chorus at St. Benedict Church, 2616 Wilkens Avenue. Call 410-947-4988 for more information.*

DAY OF REFLECTION FOR COLLEGE AGE MEN: A day of reflection for college-age men considering the priesthood will take place on Friday, January 8, from 9AM to 5PM at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen. For more information call 410-547-5426 or visit www.becomeapriest.org.

ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION HARK! AT THE HEART ~ DECEMBER 13, 2009

On Sunday, December 13, the Elementary Faith Formation Classes presented their first Pageant. See if you can find your class! Look for the remaining classes in next week's bulletin!

