



**SUNDAY – JANUARY 1, 2012**  
**SOLEMNITY OF MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

7:30 a.m. George Gildersleeve  
9:30 a.m. Louis Vanderbilt  
11:30 a.m. Joseph Zelinski  
Antonio Pulsoni

**MONDAY: JANUARY 2**  
**\*9:00 a.m.** Joseph J.P, Murray  
Francis Kirk

**TUESDAY: JANUARY 3**  
7:00 a.m. Joyce Lusardi

**WEDNESDAY: JANUARY 4**  
7:00 .m. People of the Parish

**THURSDAY: JANUARY 5**  
7:00 a.m. People of the Parish

**FRIDAY: JANUARY 6**  
7:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word

**SATURDAY: JANUARY 7**  
**VIGIL** Daniel Taravella

5:30 p.m. Anna Comazzi

**SUNDAY: JANUARY 8**  
**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

7:30 a.m. William Baldwin  
9:30 a.m. George Gildersleeve  
11:30 a.m. Kathleen McHugh

*\*Please note* – Mass on Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m.

**REST IN PEACE**

Please pray for the repose of  
**BARBARA SPECK ZIMMERMAN**  
who recently passed away.

**SANCTUARY LIGHT**

Burns this week in memory of  
**HARRY "BUD" LOSH**  
req. by his wife, Tessie

**BREAD AND WINE**

Given this week in memory of  
**ANNA COMAZZI**  
req. by Mary McGlone, Sophie Manley  
and Denise Gilozzi

The Christmas cycle this year offered a wonderful number of days of celebration. First off - we had a full four weeks of Advent to prepare us for the Christmas feasts. This allows us to indulge ourselves in the fullness of anticipation and waiting. Christmas itself fell on a Sunday and that spares us innumerable days of obligation one after another. What a joy that is for us priests. We will only get to celebrate the feast of Epiphany next weekend, two full two weeks after the Christmas event - wonderful ways to stretch our joy and celebration out as long as possible. Even the whether gods co-operated with us over these days and made the days of celebration and festivity even more beautiful.

As always, I would like to thank all those who made the celebration of the feasts so special for all of us here at Saint Mary's. The environment was magnificent and that is thanks to Mary Ann and Bill Rhead, Joe and Florence Marsicovete, Stu Hartnett, Miss Edna, and Chris Keller who provided the Christmas Trees and luminaries, lighting our way to the Church on Christmas Eve.

Mike Yaros provided us with the calendars with which to mark the time in our New Year of grace 2012. Thanks Mike!

Our thanks to the choirs, Adult and Children's, who always help to lift our minds and hearts to heavenly things as we celebrate the Birth of the One who made us. Paul and Brian who make those keys on the organ play heavenly music for our mortal ears, and our leaders of song who direct us in our sung prayer.

The ministers of the Word, Eucharist, Servers, Ushers, Hospitality, and those who take care of the Church linens each week, and clean our sacristy and sanctuary space with such love and devotion. These hands which do things on our behalf week after week help to make our worship and life go smoothly and prayerfully and for them we are so very grateful and thankful.

Our Christmas collection as of December 25<sup>th</sup> is over \$25,000.00. It will continue to grow over the next weeks. We are most grateful to all for their generosity to our parish family, especially to those who gave so sacrificially. May the Lord bless you abundantly.

It was naturally interesting to observe the members of our congregation who for the first time were dealing with the new translations of the Roman Missal. As you might expect it produced a mish/mash. I'm sure it will only get better as the days and weeks unfold.

Again the parish staff wishes each of you a Blessed New Year as this New Year of grace 2012 begins to unfold before us!

### COMPANIONS OF PAULINE

Meetings will be held the third Wednesday of the month from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. in Birmingham Hall. See Sr. Thomasine for more details.

### PRAY FOR THE SICK

John Holmes, Josephine Hricko, Margaret McKearney, Eileen Curylo, Carmella Cullen, Joan Shotmuller, Mary Mancin, John Skidmore, Nettie Yaros, Louise Jacobsen, Mary Burns, Sophie Gargiulo, Tina LePre, Wayne Tompkins, Scott Sullivan, Robert Kelly, Theresa Bell, Denise Bencel, Mary Narcise, Anthony Colicchio, Mike Suckey, Miguel Rivera, Barbara LaPallo, Benny Vecchia, Tom Daley, Brittany Bragg, and all the sick of the parish.

### FOOD PANTRY

Food donations are being accepted to replenish our food pantry for the needy in our community.

### ACTS YOUTH MINISTRY - BASEMENT CAFÉ

Basement Café meets on the first and third Sundays of each month at 6:30 p.m. in Birmingham Hall. Next gathering is January 8<sup>th</sup>. For more information, please contact Deacon Tom Beirne at 973-366-5679.

### NEXT WEEKEND

The weekend of January 7-8, the Knights of Columbus will be at the doors of the church collecting for their "Roses for Life" campaign to help raise funds for the March for Life event in Washington, DC

### MATER DEI PRAYER GROUP

Monday evenings - 7:30 p.m. - Birmingham Hall

### BAPTISMS

We welcome into our Christian community the following children baptized in December:

#### ANNA CORINNE

Daughter of Kent and Margaret Wires

#### RONNIE DEREK

Son of Roberto and Yelitza Cano

#### OWEN DANIEL

Son of Daniel and Shannon Matlaga

Congratulations to the parents and godparents!



### A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

### The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord / Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God January 1, 2012

**"The proof that you are sons is the fact that God has sent forth into our hearts the spirit of his Son which cries out 'Abba!' ("Father"). You are no longer a slave but a son! And the fact that you are a son makes you an heir, by God's design."... "Mary treasured all these things and reflected on them in her heart."**

Openings are always important. The opening game, the premiere of a movie, the first night of a show, all take on special meaning. As we begin this new year, let's give it special meaning. What has transpired this past week?

We have celebrated the coming of our God in history, as one with us, Emmanuel. He has answered our need, our urgent request for a savior. Not only that, He remains in us through His Spirit dwelling within us. We know a loving God, who generously has saved us and because He is kind allows us to call Him "Daddy." It is interesting that the scripture leaves the word in the original, before translating Abba.

We begin a new year, aware of who we are and whose we are. A great inheritance awaits us and we begin 2012 with our plans to unite us with God's design. Like Mary we treasure what has happened in history and to us. Like Mary we begin the year, grateful for what was, eagerly looking forward to what can be as we too reflect, ponder or weigh how special it is to launch this new year of grace. May we conform our lives to the plan of God and see His hand present in all that will occur.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

#### Sunday

Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

#### 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

#### First Friday

1 Jn 5:5-13; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38  
or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

#### First Saturday

1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 2:1-11