

PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN HOME!

Sunday, December 25 ♦

Nativity of the Lord/Christmas

10:00 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Cross
Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

Monday, December 26 ♦ No Mass

Tuesday, December 27 ♦ St. John

11:30 a.m. Patty Groom (Sally)
1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1, 2-8

Wednesday, December 28 ♦ The Holy Innocents

11:30 a.m. Marie Driscoll
(Rose Marie & Ted Sekinger)
1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Mt 2:13-18

Thursday, December 29 ♦

Fifth Day in Octave of Christmas

11:30 a.m. Tom Terry
(Patty Stover & Dayna Toliver)
1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35

Friday, December 30 ♦

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

11:30 a.m. Msgr. Lawrence Corcoran
Sir 3:2-7, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17;
Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

Saturday, December 31 ♦

Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas

11:30 a.m. Josephine Brooker (Ruth Brooker)
1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18

Sunday, January 1 ♦

Blessed Virgin Mary, The Mother of God

9:00 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Cross
11:00 a.m. Elsie Haninger
(Warren & Carolyn Roberts)
Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

+ Please remember in your prayers our home-bound parishioners, and those who are ill: Mary Bonner, Mary Cordesco, Marianne Garrison, Jestina Jones, Lauren Jones, Susan Luck, Ellen McMillen, Mary McNellis, Cathy Miller, Mary Montell, Charles Mooney, Bob Scholl, Marilyn Scott, Graham Sowers, Helen Violet, Elizabeth Wanamaker.

Welcome!

Margaret Ann, daughter of David and Kelly Ward, was baptized on Sunday, December 18, 2011.

Merry Christmas!!
Special Christmas Blessings to our Holy Cross Family, Guests and Visitors
from
Fr. Jerry, Fr. Ramon, Fr. Jose,
Sr. Anne & Mike

Diocesan Charities Collection

A second collection will be taken for the Diocesan Charities during the Christmas Masses. This collection allows the diocese to meet a variety of basic needs directly and through diocesan agencies and organizations including J.O.I.N., St. Stephen's Community House, Catholic Social Services, St. Lawrence Haven, St. Vincent Family Center and St. Vincent de Paul Society.

**LOVED ONES REMEMBERED BY
POINSETTIA DONATIONS**

(as of December 18, 2011)

- Joseph & Irene Adamusko
- Angelo-Noesner Family
- John Balogh
- Freda & Sonny Bellomy
- Richard Bolton
- Fran Brauner
- John J. Burdyn
- Joseph A. Burdyn
- Burdyn & Stefan Families
- Brother Michael W. Carlyle, B.G.S.
- Antoinette Cervi
- Jeffrey, Concepcion, Ingrid, & Farley Chiong
- Julia Cosgrove
- Mary Judith Creedon
- Deceased Members & Friends of 1960's Holy Cross Choir
- Crum Family
- Cullinan Family
- Albina Cykowski
- Joseph H. Davis
- Rodney Dillon
- Art & Vicki Duncan
- John Duffy
- Edwards Family
- Stephen A. Elgin
- Clyde Elliott
- Elizabeth Moore-Elliott
- Jeff Elliott
- Endres Family
- JoAnn Navin Federer
- Jack Finn
- Gary Fox
- Tracy L. Frank
- Jack Fuerst
- Austn & Helen Grady
- Michael E. Grady
- Paul E. Griffith
- Helene, Thomas, Jim & Patty Groom
- Betty Grosh
- Elsie Haninger
- Margaret Haninger
- Haninger Family
- Emil & Johanna Heider
- Bonnie J. Henry
- Jane Higgins
- William Higgins
- Chris Igel
- Chad James
- Terry James
- Kral Family
- Kustron Family

THANKS!

DECEMBER 18, 2011 OFFERINGS

Designated Collections (Funds forwarded directly to the Diocese)	Offertory.....\$2,508.35
	Votives.....28.00
	Novena338.68
	Repair0.00
Mass Attendance	Less 5% tax.....(143.75)
9:00 a.m. = 87	
11:00 a.m. = 104	
	Net to Parish: \$2,731.28

THE WORD

The beautiful feet of Isaiah’s messengers announcing peace and bringing glad tidings can seem distant from our lives. Living in the digital age can diminish any excitement at receiving a message, since they pour in all the time. E-mail, cell phones, and digital intersections like Facebook and LinkedIn bring instantaneous connection, obliterating time and space barriers once crossed by such “antiquated” forms as snail mail, the telegram, and does anyone remember the rotary phone?

But still, at the heart of all communication is the word, and that is the image today’s readings present to us in speaking of the mystery of the incarnation, our God becoming human. Luke’s baby of Bethlehem, wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger, is first presented in John’s Gospel as the eternal Word of creation, as life, as light shining in the darkness, as the Father’s only Son, full of grace and truth, and finally, as the Word become flesh who dwelled among us, true God and true man.

Give yourself time over these days to *ponder* (a good Christmas word) not only the babe in the creche but also the profound mystery of the Word of God in whom and through whom all things were made, this Word who became human, revealing the image of the invisible God. The human warmth Luke presents in his Bethlehem story is matched by John’s image of Jesus as the only Son, standing (as the *New English Bible* translation has it) “nearest to the father’s heart.”

from “Living the Word”

Training Session

We need to “build up” our roster of Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors, so if you are interested in serving in either of these roles, we have just the meeting for you! Mark your calendars for a training session on Tuesday, January 10, 2012, 6:00 p.m. and/or 7:00 p.m. More details will follow after the New Year. If you have any questions, please contact Sr. Anne at the Rectory Office (614-224-3416).

**† December 25, 2011 †
The Nativity of Our Lord**

Gathering Hymn	497	Good Christian Friends, Rejoice
Gloria	Worship Aid	Mass of St. Benedict
Readings	Missalette p 44	
Psalm	Missalette p 45	All the ends of the earth have seen the saving pow’r of God.
Gospel		
Acclamation	Worship Aid	Mass of St. Benedict
Preparation of Gifts	488	Away in a Manger
Eucharistic		
Acclamations	Worship Aid	Mass of St. Benedict
Communion Hymn	514	What Child Is This?
Closing Hymn	481	Angels We Have Heard on High

Special Parish Dates

Mark your calendars for the following important dates for the parish:

- 1) **Sunday, January 1, 2012 –
The Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God –
Open House following each Mass.**

New Year’s Blessing

God of the ages and God of now, give us what we need to undertake new things – new trials and new triumphs, new blessings and new burdens, but also a new year that might bring more of the same. God of the new covenant and a new commandment, help us take new directions in our lives without losing our appreciation for the old. Help us not to seek new for newness’ sake – new friends, new clothes, new jobs – but as the next right step in fulfilling Your timeless plan for us. God who forever creates and renews, let us honor Your example by giving people second chances, reclaiming our right to hope, and looking for You in unexpected places. Let us never forget what You did through Jesus, the new promise of Your ancient love.

**LOVED ONES REMEMBERED BY
POINSETTIA DONATIONS**

(CONTINUED)

Departed Members of Kelly & Bartley Families

Jim Klausman

Lane Family

Edna & Bill Leitch

Gary Stephen Lyle

Mary Maki

James Manley

Patricia Manley

Bessie McCoy

McGee Family

Deceased of Merdert, Scanlan, and Cataline Families

Theresa Messmer

Michel Family

Dan & Mildred Morris

Cris, Luke & Ryan Morbitzer

Don & Sybilla Murnane

Gina Murraya

Mushrush Family

Naumavski Family

Fred & Josephine Newton

William O’Reilly

Maxine Overfield

Pesci Family

Deceased Members of the Plank Family

Dolores Probasco

Michael G. Reid

Roberts Family

Ross & Ethel Roush

Mrs. Jorgelina Maria Saracho

Carol Scholl

Frank Scholl

Kathleen Scholl

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Anna Marie Sheline

Francis & William Sheline

Michael Sheline

Edna Shirey

Sisler Family

The Sloan Family

Herb R. Spiers

Stluka Family

Szymkowiak Family

Urban & Pelleschi Family

R. J. Urban

Deceased Members of Visocan & Fabianski Families

Michael P. Walsh

Wilma & Jack Weilbacher

John H. Welch

Rita Peregrine White

Wishau Family

Tom & Rose Wolfe