

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

Saturday, December 24 <sup>th</sup> ,	5:00 PM	In Memory – Rocco & Frances Paliotti and Eugene & Evelyn Ruberto
Sunday, December 25 <sup>th</sup> ,	10:00 AM	In Memory – Members of the McKnight Family
Monday, December 26 <sup>th</sup> ,	9:00 AM	Wedding Anniversary Intention – 61 years James & Marion Gillgrist
Tuesday, December 27 <sup>th</sup> ,	9:00 AM	1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary – Donald Ford
Wednesday, December 28 <sup>th</sup> ,	9:00 AM	In Memory – Albert & Rita Phaneuf
Thursday, December 29 <sup>th</sup> ,	9:00 AM	Special Intention
Friday, December 30 <sup>th</sup> ,	9:00 AM	Pro Populo
Saturday, December 31 <sup>st</sup> ,	9:00 AM	In Memory – Padre Achille Rusconi
	5:00 PM	In Memory – Members of the Military
Sunday, January 1 <sup>st</sup> ,	8:00 AM	Marriage & Family Life
	10:00 AM	Special Intention

**St. Veronica Chapel**

Saturday, December 24 <sup>th</sup> ,	6:00 PM	In Memory – Ray Lydon & Walter Stroud
Sunday, December 25 <sup>th</sup> ,	9:00 AM	10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Elizabeth A. Harlowe
	11:00 AM	In Memory – Margaret Eldredge
Saturday, December 31 <sup>st</sup> ,	4:00 PM	Birthday Remembrance – Vincenza Masiello
Sunday, January 1 <sup>st</sup> ,	9:00 AM	In Memory – Patrick & Teresa Dwyre
	11:00 AM	Special Intention – Members of the Sylvia & Gelinas Families



**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

Each Saturday at 7:30 A.M. in the Parish Hall, Men's Prayer Group meets to reflect on Sunday scriptures. All men are welcome.

**MASS SCHEDULE – NEXT WEEKEND**

**DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup> & JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>**

We will have the regular weekend Mass schedule, but we have added the 11:00PM Mass on Saturday, December 31<sup>st</sup> at St. Thomas More with a champagne toast at midnight.

**ROSARY REPAIR**

Bring your rosaries to the Parish Office in an envelope with your name and telephone number on the front and we will call you when they are repaired.



The Parish Office will be closed this Monday, December 26<sup>th</sup> for Christmas.

***Welcome to the Newly Baptized:***

*Riley Savannah Giorgio  
daughter of Stephan & Haley*

*Bridget Katherine O'Malley  
daughter of Jed & Alison*

***Congratulations!!***

## Religious Education Schedule January 2012

- SUN. AM:** JAN. 8<sup>TH</sup>, 22<sup>ND</sup> & 29<sup>TH</sup>  
**GR. 1-4** 10:05-10:55AM @ ST. V.
- MON. PM:** JAN. 9<sup>TH</sup>, 23<sup>RD</sup> & 30<sup>TH</sup>  
**GR. 1-4** 4:10-5:00PM @ STM
- GR. 5 & 6:** WED., JAN. 11<sup>TH</sup>, 18<sup>TH</sup> & 25<sup>TH</sup>  
4:10-5:00PM @ ST. V.
- GR. 7 & 8:** WED., JAN. 11<sup>TH</sup>, 18<sup>TH</sup> & 25<sup>TH</sup>  
7:00-8:00PM @ ST. V.
- CONF. I:** SUN., JAN. 22<sup>ND</sup> & 29<sup>TH</sup> - CLASS  
7:00 – 8:15PM @ ST. V.
- CONF. II:** SUN., JAN. 22<sup>ND</sup> & 29<sup>TH</sup> - CLASS  
7:00 – 8:15PM @ ST. V.

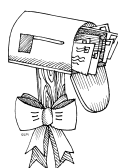


### DISCERNMENT RETREAT

There will be a weekend retreat for men 18-35 who are discerning a call to the priesthood on January 13-14 from 7:00PM on Friday to 6:00PM on Saturday at the Seminary of our Lady of Providence. Do you know someone who might be interested? Even if they are away at college, consider sending in their name. Anyone interested should call Fr. Carl Fisette, Assistant Vocation Director at 831-8011 or contact Fr. Taillon.

### FOOD COLLECTION

Next weekend is our monthly Food Collection. Items needed are: juice boxes, cans of juice, cereal, cookies, crackers, peanut butter, jelly and packages of cheese slices, coffee, pasta, pasta sauce, spaghetti, baked beans, soups, canned fruit, canned meats/tuna fish, personal hygiene products, diapers, dish & laundry detergent and gift certificates. Please deposit items in the bins located at the Church entrances.



from the mailbag. . . .

On behalf of St. Vincent de Paul ministries, St. Charles Borromeo Church, we would like to thank the knitting ministry of St. Thomas More

Parish for the generous donation of scarves, gloves and hats. What a fantastic job!! Your commitment to helping our ministry in our community is sincerely appreciated. Each year, we continue to advance in helping the needy, with the help of donations from supporters such as you.

Thanks again for your generous support!!  
Rev. Jaime Garcia, Pastor

Dear Fr. Taillon,

Please extend my heartfelt appreciation to your parishioners for the outstanding work they did transforming my closet space into an office. I know how labor intensive the job was, how physically demanding it was and how much personal time was spent working on behalf of St. Patrick Academy. As you know St. Patrick Academy serves those who would not otherwise have the opportunity of a Catholic secondary education due to affordability. Our students live in urban and inner city areas and come from low-income families that are diverse in religious, racial and ethnic backgrounds. More than half live in single parent/guardian households. I welcome a visit from your parishioners. If your parishioners would like to help we have mentoring and volunteer opportunities. We can use supplies and funds to support our school. Thank you again for being such good stewards and sharing your time and talents to improve the quality of life for our children. God bless you.

Merry Christmas!

Diane M. Holden, St. Patrick Academy

### NEW SPIRITUAL BOUQUETS

After many requests, we are happy to offer larger spiritual bouquet cards with images of the Sacred Heart or Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. These hardbound cards are now available at the parish office.



Prayer requests write to:  
The Capuchin Sisters of Nazareth  
6100 Jacks Hollow Rd.  
Williamsport, PA 17702  
(Sisters from Lenten mission.)

*DECEMBER 25, 2011*

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### *The God Child's Birthday!*

We gather to celebrate around the manger this day to enter into the blessings and the graces of the Nativity of the Lord. Today, the entire world has a "Godchild"!

How can we celebrate this Christmas? With joy! The joy that comes from prayer, adoration and meditation about who and what has happened to the human race in Christ.

St. Francis of Assisi, who was moved by the Holy Spirit to construct the first manger scene, found that praying and thinking about the way in which our Lord came to save us leads to a deeper experience of love in the human heart. The sheer simplicity, poverty and vulnerability of God the Father's son move the heart to humble adoration. The Nativity of the Lord is so beautiful and moving.

The Christmas season is just beginning culminating with the Feasts of the Epiphany and the Baptism of the Lord. We should keep our Christmas decoration lighted and around us to remind us of the ongoing season. Yes, we really can wish others a "Merry Christmas" throughout this solemn season. We can reach out to the poor and the needy with our visits, calls, cards and prayers. We can deepen our understanding of Christ's presence and vulnerability in the Sacrifice of the Mass – the greatest gift He has left us.

I wish you and all your loved ones a joy-filled celebration of Christmas! May the New Year be one of blessing and graces! May Christ be welcomed into our hearts, homes and lives where he wishes to lay his head. We all have a "Godchild" this Christmas! How blessed we are!

Holy Christmas to you!

*Fr. Tailon*

**If you do not have plans, join us next week for the 11 pm Mass and a midnight toast at St. Thomas More in the courtyard. What a wonderful way to usher in the new year by celebrating Mass together!**