GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST AND ON EARTH PEACE TO THOSE ON WHOM HIS FAVOR RESTS.

LUKE 2:14
Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, December 26
No Mass.

Tuesday, December 27
5:30 p.m.  No Mass.

Wednesday, December 28
8:30 a.m.  No Mass.

Thursday, December 29
5:30 p.m.  † In loving memory of Kay Anne Klinker.

Friday, December 30
8:30 a.m.  † In loving memory of John Bedel.
          Rosary

Saturday, December 31  New Year’s Eve
5:00 p.m.  † In loving memory of Tim Cooney.

Sunday, January 1  Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God
8:00 a.m.  For our family, Mary, Queen of Peace.
10:30 a.m.  † In loving memory of Gary Steinmetz.

In Honor of our Blessed Mother
Mary, Queen of Peace,
The Sacred Heart of Jesus,
or St. Joseph
Mary Leondis

If you would like to make a donation for fresh flowers to be placed before one of the statues in the church, please use the envelopes that are located in the vestibule. Donations will be accepted in honor of our Blessed Mother, Mary, Queen of Peace, The Sacred Heart of Jesus, or St. Joseph and given in the name of whomever you choose. Envelopes can be dropped in the collection. Thank you, The Liturgy Committee.

For all those living in assisted living and nursing homes, also Ken Warner, Rita Fritsch, Pauline Cave, Meeda Lentz, Don Fritsch, Peggy Cave, Marie Wimsett, Paul Leondis, Velma Spears, and Tom Strauss. We ask that the Lord heal them and restore them to good health.

Prayer Line
If you know of someone who needs the special healing power of prayer, or to become a part of this ministry, call Fran Strauss at 317-745-5640.

Time ~ Talent ~ Treasure

Treasure
Collection for December 18, 2016

This Week's Regular Collection (81 envelopes)  $4,109.18
This Week’s Gold Envelope Collection (6 envelopes)  $195.00
Immaculate Conception Collection (3 envelopes)  $85.xx
Religious Retirement Collection (4 envelopes)  $130.00

Budgeted Year-to-Date  $197,875.00
Actually Received  $191,436.01
Variance to Budget  - $6,438.99

Time & Talent
Thank you to the Schneider family for donating the set of Adoring Angels by the tabernacle in loving memory of Charlie Schneider.

The staff would like to wish our parish family a Holy and Blessed Christmas!

The Parish Office will be closed the week between Christmas and New Year’s Day.
Closed December 26-30.
Reopening on Monday, January 2.

The parishioners of St. Mary, Queen of Peace extend a warm welcome to our newest members:
Bill & Susan Bliss

Sacrament of Reconciliation Schedule

St. Malachy
Saturday, 8:45 – 10:00 a.m.
Or anytime by appointment

St. Susanna
Saturday, 4:30 – 5:00 p.m.
Or anytime by appointment

Mary, Queen of Peace
Saturday, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.
Or anytime by appointment
“God has found me worthy to be a minister of His Gospel, and so when I speak, I strive to please God and not men.”

1 Thessalonians 2:4

+Dear Friends,

A MERRY AND BLESSED CHRISTMAS TO ONE AND ALL!

May the celebration of Christ’s humble birth once again fill your hearts and lives with a spirit of simplicity and hope! To our visitors, welcome! I pray that everyone truly finds these holy days of Christmas to be ones of peace!

Our Advent longing has been fulfilled as we gather to celebrate the birth of our Savior. The joy of Christmas is that the Son of God comes into our lives to proclaim eternal life. Too often we may see the celebration of the Incarnation as just a fond memory of something that happened over two thousand years ago. But always remember my friends, that Christmas is not about a thing; it is about a Person!

Like the shepherds that once hastened to Bethlehem, we have come to this holy place to find and meet Jesus Christ. We come into His Eucharistic Presence; we come to celebrate His Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity!

Here we embrace the eternal promise of hope in a darkened world. Jesus, Emmanuel, has come! Let us join our voices with the angelic choir who raised a song of gladness and thanksgiving!

When our old world is in deepest darkness of the longest nights and the shortest days, Catholics dare to revel in feasts of Light! While the powers of darkness speak ever more loudly of doom, terror and war, we celebrate with faith and hope! Christ Jesus offers us the means to not only live in but to overcome the world. We celebrate His everlasting Presence among us!

Jesus, Emmanuel, has come!
Come, let us worship Him!
Let us praise our Father for the Gift beyond measure!

Please note in today’s bulletin the Mass schedule for next weekend’s celebration of the Holy Day of Obligation, Mary, Mother of God. We will observe the usual Mass schedule.

Know of my every good wish for you and all the families of our parish as we celebrate Christ’s birth! God bless and keep you all!

Religious education classes will resume Sunday, January 8.

Thank you to the Level 3 students and catechists who performed the Nativity play for all of our religious education classes.

Congratulations to our Level 2 students who participated in the sacrament of penance and reconciliation for the first time at our parish penance service! May you always rely on God’s love and forgiveness given to us in the sacrament.

Test Your Knowledge of the Catholic Faith

Our Archdiocese has baseline standards we want all our religious education students to attain in knowledge, attitude and practice of the faith. Some of the classes are tested each year to gauge how well the educational efforts of families and the parish are helping them achieve this.

Any adults who would like to see how well they would perform on the test given to high school juniors are invited to give it a try! We will test the adults in a separate area, and results will be kept confidential - unless you want to strut your 'Bishop-level' awareness of our Church and faith!

Testing will take place Sunday, January 15 at 9:07 a.m. in the lower level, or Monday, January 16 at 7:30 p.m. Contact Matthew Fallon in the office (ext. 13) to reserve a spot, or show up and see if a test book is still available.

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Holy Day Mass Schedule

Masses for New Year's
Saturday, December 31
5:00 p.m.  Mary, Mother of God Vigil Mass

Sunday, January 1
8:00 Mary, Mother of God Solemnity Mass
10:30 a.m. Mary, Mother of God

Save the date! January 28, 2017, will be the date of our annual taco bingo night after the 5 p.m. Mass. More information to come.

Liturgical Meditations

Monday, December 26, 2016
Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Psalms 31/Matthew 10:17-22

Tuesday, December 27, 2016
1 John 1:1-4/Psalms 97/John 20:1a, 2-8

Wednesday, December 28, 2016
1 John 1:5-2:2/Psalms 124/Matthew 2:13-18

Thursday, December 29, 2016
1 John 2:3-11/Psalms 96/Luke 2:22-35

Friday, December 30, 2016
Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 or Colossians 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Psalms 128/Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

Saturday, December 31, 2016
1 John 2:18-21/Psalms 96/John 1:1-18

Sunday, January 1, 2016

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Weekend of December 31 & January 1

COORDINATORS
5:00 p.m. Phil Schneider
8:00 a.m. Jeannie Thurnall
10:30 a.m. Mary O'Brien

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY
5:00 p.m. Michael Guadaitis, Dianne Guadaitis
          Roman Kmickiewycz, Jack Williams
8:00 a.m. Dave Adams, Austin Arnold
          Timothy Arnold, Juan Walliser (San Martin)
10:30 a.m. Austin Brown, Eli Brown
          Derek Brown, Isaac Brown

READERS
5:00 p.m. Helen Disney, Jim Disney
8:00 a.m. Logan Walliser, Dusti VanLaere
10:30 a.m. Mary Kay Hood, Mary Lovejoy

SERVERS
5:00 p.m. Alyssa Scales, Averie Wray
8:00 a.m. Luke Howard, Braden Walliser
10:30 a.m. Thaddeus Brown, Daniel Hazelton

EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION
5:00 p.m. George Juza, Tom Konechnik
          JoAnn Morton, Judy Schneider
          Margie Williams
8:00 a.m. Margie Cope, Nick Pell
          Charlotte Pell, Tony Steinmetz
          Jeannie Thurnall
10:30 a.m. Pat Baldwin, Marcia Castagno
          Vince Castagno, Dixie Chaille
          Matthew Fallon, Beth Dieckmann
          Kim Lovejoy

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