

Ministry of Spiritual Support

The month of FEBRUARY is dedicated to the HOLY FAMILY, reminding us of the sacredness of our own family and its members. The intentions for the Ministry of Spiritual Support are:

That all families may be rooted in the example of the Holy Family...

That those who have no family on earth may experience the support of their Christian family...

FOOD for the NEEDY

The February schedule for items to be distributed through the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry is:

- A through G - Bring canned vegetables.
- H through N - Bring personal care items: soap, deodorant, toothpaste, etc.
- O through T - Bring pasta and sauce, rice, cereal, crackers, or cookies, etc.
- U through Z - Bring canned fruits.

Children's Envelopes

Children's 2012 Offertory Envelopes are available in the back vestibule of the church. If your child's name/box is not listed, please take an unlabeled box and return the enclosed form to the Parish Office. Last year's high school graduates have been placed on the adult envelope mailing list and will receive mailed envelopes.

Boy Scout Sunday



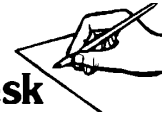
The month of February is National Boy Scout Month. We at St. Mary (Nativity) Parish are proud to sponsor Troop #620, one of the most active troops in Fayette County. We salute the boys and their leaders and thank them for their service to our Parish.

Generations of Faith

Today's bulletin contains a flyer/RSVP for our Lenten Generations of Faith event which will take place on Monday, March 5 beginning with a light meal at 5:45 PM. This year we will look at the symbols of the Lenten season, helping us to more fully appreciate the Liturgies and devotions of the Lenten Season. All members of the parish, not just families with children, are encouraged to join us as we form our Faith in the celebrations of the Lenten season.



From the Pastor's Desk



As explained at last weekend's Masses, we are being asked to adjust one of our postures during the Mass so that all parishes in the diocese will be in unity in their actions at Mass. The change occurs after the Presentation and Preparation of the Gifts, when the Priest prays, "... that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father," and the People respond, "May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church." Rather than standing at the beginning of the priest's prayer, as we have done in the past, we are now asked to stand as we begin the People's response. Our adjustments to the revised prayers of the Mass over the past two months have gone well, and we are confident that this change in posture will go smoothly, too.

Thought for the Week

A ritual is anything we do repeatedly or do in a particular manner. A common morning ritual might be to get a cup of coffee soon after waking up. It's noticeably missed on mornings if it's not done.

A religious ritual has these same elements, but adds the powerful dimension of symbol and meaning. Liturgy, for example, consists of many public rituals involving sacred times, spaces, and objects, and using gestures, movement, and a variety of means to involve our senses.

Ritual can play a very important part in our growing ability to find intimacy with God in our everyday lives. This is often an unexplored means. In today's secular world too often the only religious ritual left in our daily lives is going to church on Sunday.

One way to restore some religious sense and feel to our daily lives is to add some religious ritual. Adding ritual to our daily lives is a recognition that we are body-spirits and that "being spiritual" is not simply a matter of having spiritual minds but also involves our actions. When we use our bodies in some ritual act such as daily prayer, scripture reading, or a religious act, however small, and engage our imaginations, our emotions and our faith, the religious experience we have is not only deeper, it becomes an integrated part of our lives.

Ash Wednesday Fish Dinner

An insert in today's bulletin contains details about the Christian Mothers' annual Ash Wednesday Fish Dinner. Advanced tickets will be available before and after weekend Masses beginning next weekend. See the flyer for complete information.



Women at the Well

The next gathering of *Women at the Well* will be on Wed., Feb. 8, 2012, from 6:30 to 8:00 PM in the school. The February session will explore "Personal Growth: The Value of Friendship." All women seeking to develop and deepen their personal spirituality by sharing and discovering the common bond of Christian women in today's world are invited to attend. For additional details, contact Nancy at the Parish Office.

Golden Club Meeting

The St. Mary Golden Club meeting for February will be a luncheon at the Flamingo Restaurant on Route 119, Uniontown at 1 PM on February 13th. Please call 724-439-3023 by February 7th to make your reservation and choice of menu: Prime Rib, Stuffed Chicken Breast, or Veal Parmigiana. Total cost is \$20 per person. Guests and new members are welcome but they must have a reservation.

MARCH BASKET RAFFLE

St. Mary (Nativity) Church is sponsoring a Longaberger Basket Raffle Ticket. Each day in March, one lucky person will be the winner of a beautiful basket filled with a small gift. The cost of the ticket is \$10.00. Anyone wishing to purchase a ticket should call Diane Cavinee @ 724-438-5392 or Laura Buckel @ 724-246-1474. Thank you for your support.



We appreciate your saving of Campbells, Prego, Pepperidge Farm, Post Cereal, Dannon, and other qualifying points for our Faith Formation program. We remind you that it is the UPC bar code that is needed - recently a number of cut label fronts were received without the necessary UPC. You may also register your Giant Eagle card to earn double points for us at www.eLabelsForEducation.com. Contact Nancy at the Parish Office for additional details.



- Night at the Races - St. Edward Parish, Herminie. Sat., Feb. 18th. Doors open at 7:00; races begin at 7:30. Tickets - \$15 includes food and beverages. Must be 21. Call Dawna @ 724-446-1802 for details.
- Lenten Day of Prayer - Mt. St. Macrina House of Prayer, Mar. 4, 1:15-4:30PM or Mar. 10, 9:15AM-12:30PM. Registration \$25 includes meal. Also Spiritual Reading Series, each Tues. of March, 9:30-11AM. Call 724-438-7149 for details or to register.
- Gathering of Catholic Men - Sponsored by Christian Men's Fellowship; Sat., Apr. 14, A.J. Palumbo Center. For info contact Mike at 724-438-0459 or CMF.Uniontown@yahoo.com.
- Peroghi Sale - Holy Rosary Parish, Republic; Uncooked, frozen potato-cheese, cabbage, or prune peroghi: \$6/doz. Orders taken Tuesdays & Thursdays 10AM-Noon beginning Feb. 14 at 724-436-9639. Pickup date given when ordered. Do not leave a message/voicemail.
- Girl Scout Spirit Day - Sponsored by the Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting for Girls; Sat., Mar. 24 at Mt. St. Macrina, 8:30 - 4:00. Registration: \$18 by Mar. 2 or \$20 by Mar. 16. Call Glenda @ 724-446-5197. Both scouts and non-scouts grades 2-12 are invited.

Diocesan Youth Ministry Retreat

Youth in grades 9 -12 are invited to the Diocesan High School Youth Ministry Retreat sponsored by the Diocese of Greensburg Office for Evangelization and Faith Formation, Feb. 24-26, at Jumonville Retreat and Conference Center. Register now through your youth ministry leader or faith formation office. The deadline to register is Feb. 8th. For more information visit www.full-filled.org.

St. John the Evangelist Regional Catholic School News

- Mon., Feb. 6 - Dibels Testing for Grades K-3
- Tues., Feb. 7 - 6:30PM: Charter night for Leo Club
- Wed., Feb. 8 - Marathon Mailers due
- Thurs., Feb. 9 - Writing Assessment for Grade 4
- Fri., Feb. 10 - Deficiencies mailed

MASS INTENTIONS



- SATURDAY** **February 4**
4:30 P.M. Carolyn A. Mrowca
 by M/M Ronald Frame
 & M/M Ronald Wilson
- SUNDAY** **February 5**
7:30 A.M. *Pro Populo*
- 10:00 A.M.** Elizabeth "Libby" Mosko
 by Lisa Swartz
 Children's Liturgy of the Word
 during this Mass
- MONDAY** **February 6**
7:00 A.M. Josephine J. Smorada
 by M/M Richard DeCenzo
- 6:00 P.M.** *Children's Faith Formation*
 (in the School)
- TUESDAY** **February 7**
7:00 A.M. **30th Day** - Michael Polach
 by Wife, Margaret
- WEDNESDAY** **February 8**
7:00 A.M. No Mass
- THURSDAY** **February 9**
7:00 A.M. Ronald Pisano
 by M/M Val Ostrosky
- FRIDAY** **February 10**
7:00 A.M. Joseph Thomas Valigore
 by Fred & Patty Yoder
- SATURDAY** **February 11**
4:30 P.M. Mildred Morris
 by Son, Donald Morris
- SUNDAY** **February 12**
7:30 A.M. Evan Miller
 by Earl, Darcy, Eric & Ashley
- 10:00 A.M.** *Pro Populo*



Memorial Candles

For the Week of February 11 to February 17

The Sanctuary Lamp is burning in memory of Robert J. Monaghan by Patti & Fred Yoder & Kayleigh.

The Blessed Mother Candle is burning in memory of Joseph Honza by Wife, Ann.

The Sacred Heart Candle is burning in memory of Charles Mihaliak by Daughter, MaryAnn Nemchik.

ST. MARY (NATIVITY) CHURCH

MASS SERVERS

SATURDAY February 11

4:30 P.M. C, Homer, A. Pisano

SUNDAY February 12

7:30 A.M. M. Shimko, A. Pisano

10:00 A.M. D. Cavinee, C. Cavinee

*LECTORS AND
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS*

SATURDAY February 11

4:30 P.M. M. Homer / B. Blake,
N. Blake, C. Homer, K. Toth,
C. Ostrosky, M. Kosco, R. Tajc.

SUNDAY February 12

7:30 A.M. D. Dunaway / D. Centofanti,
R. Pramuk, L. Constantine, D. Gmitter
P. Semans, L. Noche, B. Pillar.

10:00 A.M. M. Williams / J. Walters,
S. Conley, D. Stepanik, G. Saluga,
J. Hughes, B. Hughes, M. Prah.

MONEY COUNTERS

Sunday, February 5 - Counting Team 2

Sunday, February 12 - Counting Team 3

COLLECTION REPORT

*Fourth Sunday in
Ordinary Time*

Adults: \$6,845.75 Youth: \$17.00

Accent: \$413.25 Energy: \$20.00

Soup and Salad Fundraiser Report

Income:

Dinner Tickets: \$980.00

50/50 Drawing: 118.00

Chance Drawing: 137.00

Total Income/Deposit \$1,235.00

Through the generosity of many, there were
no expenses. Much thanks to all who made
this event a success for the parish.