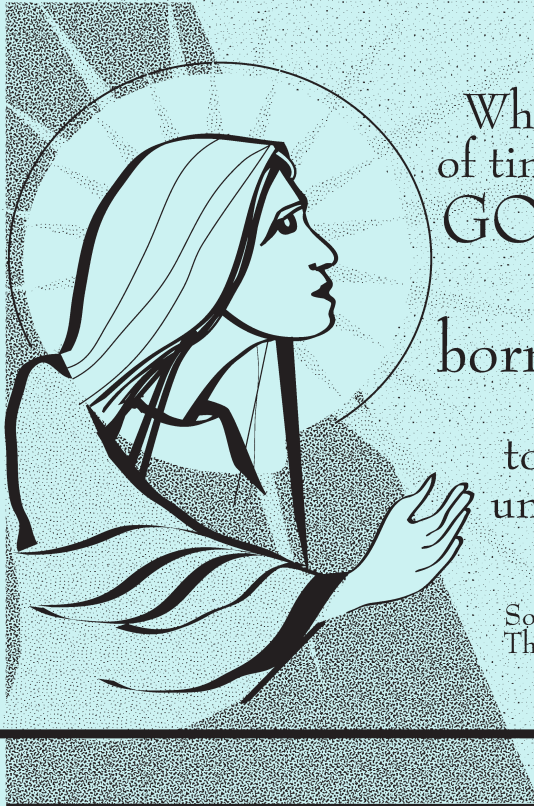


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NEW YEAR'S DAY 2017

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD



When the fullness  
of time had come  
GOD sent  
his SON  
born of a woman  
born under the law  
to ransom those  
under the law

Solemnity of Mary  
The Holy Mother of God

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**Weekly Eucharists**

Saturday 5 pm

Sunday, 9 am, 11 am, 7 pm

Monday – Saturday: 8:15 am

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30 pm or by appt.

Holy Days

8:15 am, 12:10 pm, 7 pm

**Parish Office Hours**

Mon. - Wed, 9:30–2 pm

*Other times & days,  
call to see if office  
is open.*

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## What's Happening This Week?

### Today

No Rel. Ed.  
No 7 pm Mass

### This Week

Saturday. – Euch. Minister Mtg., 10 am

### Next Sunday

Rel. Ed.

### To Come

Lector Mtg., Jan. 28, 10 am  
Usher Mtg., Feb. 4, 10 am - *Change of Date*

### Every Sunday

Pound A Week

### Stewardship of Treasure

Last week: \$ 24,793



## January 1, 2017 World Day of Peace

In our lifetimes alone,  
We have seen plagues beaten back  
We have seen fruits bloom in the desert  
We have seen purses spilled open in times of  
great need  
We have seen strangers reach toward each other  
across every divide  
We have seen your children sacrifice themselves  
over and over for one another  
We have seen rattling sabers drawn, and then  
blessedly resheathed,  
in the face of prayer and wisdom.  
God of peace,  
You sing to us of a time when the wolf shall  
dwell with the lamb  
In our lifetimes alone  
We have seen it.  
How can we doubt that you reign?  
Amen.

### Question for the Week

#### *For Adults:*

How has God blessed and kept your family? What can you do as a family this week to show your gratitude for these blessings?

#### *For Children:*

When have you felt most blessed by God? What can you do to help someone in your family feel the same way?

*As a faith community, we keep in mind who have asked us to pray for them, that they may experience the healing power of our gracious God.*



Special requests for prayers at liturgy and donations made in honor of loved ones. These intentions and names of our sick are noted on the Gifts Table in the Remembrance Book and on the Weekly Sheet.

### At Home with the Word in Big Print

*At Home with the Word* contains scriptures for each Sunday, with reflections for daily living. Please use the accompanying payment envelopes and placed in the collection baskets.

Large print editions are now available.



- 1 Joan Boylan
- 4 Rosemarie Raiola
- 7 Jim Cavanaugh
- 10 Nicole Marie Justo
- 12 Corinne Heslin
- 13 Betsy Reidinger
- 16 Justin Sobers
- 18 Jacob Jordan
- 18 Richard Murphy
- 19 Robert Fitzpatrick
- 19 John Muoio
- 21 Benoy Jose
- 21 Elaine Stroppel
- 23 James Lee
- 24 Ralph Cardello
- 24 Bridie Murphy
- 26 Paul Pizzimenti
- 27 Elena Colicelli, SC
- 28 Bob Bass
- 28 Jean Caputo, 96!



19 Mary Lou & Frank Miles (53)

# *Parish on a Journey*

## **Ministries in the Parish**

### **Minister of The Word**

All Scripture Readings are to be proclamations, not mere recitations. Lectors, priests and deacons should approach the public reading of the Bible with full awareness that it is their honored task to render the official proclamation of the revealed Word of God to the assembled holy people. The character of this reading is such that it must convey that special reverence which is due the Sacred Scriptures above all other words.

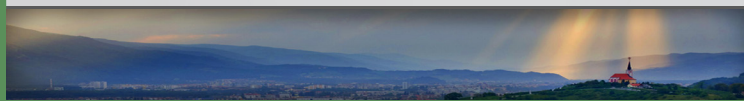
A Reader proclaims the Word of God and takes the place of the author of the text. Readers must communicate the meaning and the emotion and the message as if the evangelist himself were in their place. Because the Scriptures are dramatic, the lector must give the reading all the solemnity and richness that the text deserves. She or he communicates with both voice and entire body. The Lector becomes a true creative artist. The entire liturgy is affected by the Readings.

Like ushers and eucharistic ministers, lectors are representative of the whole assembly who minister within the assembly to the assembled People of God. They should have a keen reverence for the Word of God and recognize the 'mystery' or 'unveiling' of the presence of God in their proclamation of the Word. They are important ministers and true messengers of the message of salvation that God offers us.

We need ministers of the Word badly. Ideally, we should have two Readers per mass. We would like to have mores so that we can have a schedule where people won't be pressured to be there every week.

We will be having meetings for all ministries during the month of January.

The meeting for all lectors, new and old will take place Saturday January 28 at 10:00 pm. Please consider serving as lector or one of the other liturgical ministries.



Take Five for Faith



Daily renewal for busy Catholics

These daily scripture reflections are on the website under "Faith Formation." A few 'hard' copies are in the vestibule as well. Download an app for daily reflections at: <http://www.takefiveforfaith.com/mobile-app>

### **Apostleship of Prayer Intention for January**

#### **Christian Unity.**

That all Christians may be faithful to the Lord's teaching by striving with prayer and fraternal charity to restore ecclesial communion and by collaborating to meet the challenges facing humanity.

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**What's on our  
Website this  
Week?**



**'Events,' 'News' and other columns  
are constantly changing. More up  
to date than our bulletin.**



**Don't forget to check out the  
website.**

## *Today's Readings*

*Numbers 6:22-27; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21*

### *Joseph, the Righteous Man*

- The Book of Numbers, in describing the wanderings of the people in the Sinai Desert, gives two census reports. Today, we hear how God instructed the priestly leaders to bless the people.
- Galatia was located in present central Turkey. Paul visited there and founded a Christian community. In his letter to them, he explains all people, not just a select few, are called to be sons and daughters of God.
- Mary grappled with both sides of the mystery of Jesus' birth: the miraculous and the everyday, the joyous and the painful, what was already unfolding and what was yet to be revealed. In all this she was really pondering the mystery of God's presence and thus sublimely models how we too can recognize the Word being made flesh and dwelling among us.

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