

“Immaculate Conception is a Stewardship Parish”

HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY [‘B’]

DECEMBER 28TH, 2014

“The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom, and the favor of God was upon him.”

[The Gospel according to Luke 2:40]

The **Community will gather for Eucharist** this week at the following times.

Come, join us!

[MASSES in ST. MARY’S HALL, 64 Hunns Lake Rd.]

Saturday, 12/27	5:00 P.M.	{only at St. Anthony’s}
Sunday, 12/28	10:30 A.M.	Kacper Juerss by Pat Scully
Monday, 12/29	No Mass	{
Tuesday, 12/30	No Mass	{ Mon. & Tues. this week
Wed’day, 12/31	No Mass	{ Mass at 8:30 A.M. at St. Anthony’s
Thursday, 1/1	10:30 A.M.	{ Also Wed. at 5:00 P.M. &
Friday, 1/2	No Mass	{ Thurs. at 8:30 A.M.
Saturday, 1/3	5:00 P.M.	{only at St. Anthony’s}
Sunday, 1/4	10:30 A.M.	[available]



Ministers of the Liturgy

December 28 5:00 P.M.

Servers/

Acolytes

Readers at St. Anthony’s

Eucharistic

Ministers

Ministers of

Hospitality _____

10:30 A.M.

Matthew Leach

Sarah Leach

Pat Scully

Sr. Jean Flannelly

Lisa Shay

Michael Hardner

Joseph Salvia

December 21 5:00 P.M.

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The Christmas Season extends to The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, January 11th.



CHRISTMAS
TIME

STEWARDSHIP – Last week’s collection totaled **\$1,014.00**. Our weekly Sunday collection total for the new fiscal year has reached **\$15,815.63 - 64%**. In order to meet our budget we need each week **\$1,650.00**, which would bring us to a total **\$24,725.00**. The **Christmas collection** raised **\$1,163.00**. Our Music Group received freewill offerings of **\$59.07** at their concert on December 14th at the Clinton Corners Cheese Shop. The children’s collection - **0** envelopes.

Thank you for your generosity!

Prepare for the Lord’s Day

NEXT SUNDAY: Epiphany Sunday

- 1] The Book of the Prophet Isaiah 60:1-6
- 2] Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13
- 3] The Letter to the Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
- 4] The Gospel according to Matthew 2:1-12

Parents: Please make certain that children do not leave the body of the church during Mass unless they are accompanied by an adult.

Our vigilance for the protection of children must be a priority.

Forget not ‘Flocknote’!
You can simply go online and type in:
<www.flocknote.com/ICCfamily>
and you are in!

MEN’S PRAYER GROUP

meets on Saturdays in St. Mary’s Hall at 7:30 A.M.
Join us!

Library at St. Mary’s Hall

If anyone would like to borrow a book from the Library, it is still in the Church Hall. Please sign books out with cards provided. Helen Berger would be able to answer any questions, 868-1961.

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CATECHETICAL PROGRAM FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

+ The Catechetical program will now be located in either of two venues –
at St. Joseph’s in Millbrook or St. Anthony’s in Pine Plains.
Call Jeanne Stroly at 845-868-1043 for information.

YEAR OF
MARK



January 4th, 2015 Solemnity of the Epiphany

The feast of the Epiphany reminds us that Christ came to save all people. The magi represent those who come to know God through nature. The Second Vatican Council’s *Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation (Dei Verbum)* teaches that God was first made known “in created realities” (3). The magi read the sky and are led to find the light of the world. Herod’s advisors turn to the Scriptures and learn that the Messiah is to be born “in Bethlehem of Judea” (Mt 2:5). But Herod’s response is not “to do him homage” like the magi (v2); he seeks to destroy the child. While Herod is “greatly troubled” by the birth of the child, the magi are “overjoyed” (v10). Our response to God’s revelation is key to our salvation.

Today’s text from Isaiah is often interpreted through the lens of the story of the magi. Writing five centuries before Christ’s birth, our prophet, Third Isaiah, envisions a time when Zion, God’s mountain, will be a place where the nations of the world will encounter the Lord. “Your light has come,” he says to his people, “the glory of the Lord shines upon you” (v1). Writing some years after the exile, our prophet has a strong sense of universalism: God desires to save all people. We are called to walk in God’s light.

Paul writes to the Ephesians of God’s mystery, which “was made known to me by revelation” (v3). This is a new message, “not made known to human beings in other generations” but now made known “by the Spirit” (v5). In Christ this mystery has been revealed: “the Gentiles are coheirs ... in the promise of Christ Jesus” (v6). Christ came for all. It is up to us to accept or reject him.

For reflection: What is my attitude toward those who seek God in places other than the church? How can I better carry Christ’s light to the world in this new calendar year?

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Resources for Faith Development

Fr. Felix Just, SJ, webmaster of <catholic-resources.org >

[excellent for knowledge about the Bible, Liturgy, Art, and Theology]

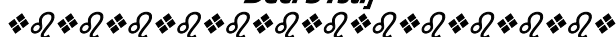
Fr. George M. Smiga, website <buildingontheword.org>

Fr. Daniel P. Horan, <DatingGod.org>

Sr. Melannie Svoboda, SND “Sunflower Seeds” at <melanniesvobodasnd.org>



Trial subscription of “Give Us This Day” for \$10 [covering Lent and Easter Time {Feb. thru May}] a gift for yourself or another. Order must be placed by Dec. 31, 2014. [Give an envelope with name and address and \$10 to Fr. White] - order due before Dec. 31st.]



WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

“The Lord remembers his covenant forever.”

Your marriage is a covenant. Learn how to keep it strong on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend.

For more information on dates and locations go to:

www.wwme.org or call toll free:
877-NYS-WWME ext. 3.

A Christmas gift to each other?

“Wake Up The World”

Prayer for the Year of Consecrated Life

O God, throughout the ages you have called women and men to pursue lives of perfect charity through the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity, and obedience.

During this year of Consecrated Life, we give you thanks for these courageous witnesses of Faith and models of inspiration.

Their pursuit of holy lives teaches us to make a more perfect offering of ourselves to you.

Continue to enrich your Church by calling forth sons and daughters who, having found the pearl of great price, treasure the Kingdom of Heaven above all things.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Blessing of a Family

{For the family when gathered together during this Season around the Christmas Tree, the Nativity Scene, or Table.}

We bless your name, O Lord, for sending your own incarnate Son to become part of a family, so that, as he lived his life, he would experience its worries and its joys.

We ask you, Lord, to protect and watch over this family, so that in the strength of your grace its members may enjoy prosperity, possess the priceless gift of your peace, and, as the Church alive in the home, bear witness in this world to your glory.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Feeding Our Neighbors: A Catholic Response

A Campaign to restock the food pantries and soup kitchens throughout the Archdiocese of New York during the week from

Sunday, January 25th through Sunday, February 1st, 2015
Watch for the details on how to participate.