

The Week Ahead

Sat / December 30

4pm - Vigil Mass: Sarah Burton - SI by T & T Taylor

Anointing of the Sick after Mass, in the Church

Sun / December 31 - Feast of the Holy Family

9am - Mass: People of the Parish by Knights of Columbus

Anointing of the Sick after Mass, in the Church

Coffee & Donuts after Mass, in the Parish Hall

New Years Eve - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

4pm - Vigil Mass: People of the Parish

5pm - BINGO Party in the Church Hall, see article

Mon / January 1, 2018 - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Church Office Closed / Adoration Chapel Open after Mass

9am - Mass: Dorothy Beardslee † by D Beardslee

Tue / January 2 - Ss. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

Wed / January 3 - The Most Holy Name of Jesus

3:45pm - Scripture Study, in the Parish Hall

6pm - Mass: Anna Senior † by G & C Harris

Thu / January 4 - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

9am - Mass: Gordon Hickert † by R & S Vander Zyl

6pm - B--I--N--G--O

Fri / January 5 - St. John Neumann

9am - Mass: Kevin & Lori Templet - SI by Elenty/Dasher

First Friday Confessions after Mass

Sat / January 6 - St. André Bessette

9am - Mass: Jeannie Marnello † by C Kirsch

First Saturday Confessions after Mass

3-3:45pm - Confessions

4pm - Vigil Mass: Irene Barrack † by M Barrack

Food Pantry Collection

Sun / January 7 - Epiphany of the Lord

9am - Mass: Eugene Schneider † by J & D Schneider

Food Pantry Collection

Coffee & Donuts after Mass, in the Parish Hall

10:30am - CCD

NO B--I--N--G--O

No Latin Mass

Christmas Flowers

Again, many thanks to all for your generous support of our November collection for Christmas Flowers to decorate our altar this Christmas Season. The poinsettias will remain on the altar until the Baptism of Our Lord, Monday, January 8th. After that time, anyone wanting a poinsettia may take one (please leave the other plants). May God richly bless you this Holy Season!

January 1st - Solemnity of

Mary, Mother of God

Hail, Mary, Mother of God, venerable treasure of the whole universe, O Mother & Virgin. Through you all the holy Gospels call blessed the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Through you the Most Holy Trinity is adored & glorified. Through you the heavens rejoice & the angels & archangels are filled with gladness. Through you the demons are banished & the tempter fell from heaven. Through you the fallen human race is admitted to heaven. Through you kings rule & the only-begotten Son of God has become a star of light to those who were sitting in darkness & in the shadow of death. Hail, Mary, Mother of God, pray for us!

Mass Schedule

Sun/Dec. 31: 4pm Mass

Mon/Jan. 1: 9am Mass

(There will be 1 collection which will remain in the Parish)

January 1st is normally a Holy Day of Obligation; seeing it falls on Monday this year, the USCCB has removed the "obligation" to attend Mass. This day is still a Holy Day and the faithful are encouraged to attend Mass.

Coffee & Donuts next week, January 7th, will be served by Sharon Williams & group # 1.

Next PC Meeting, Jan. 11th, 12noon

Parish Council meetings are held in the Library; parishioners are welcome to attend.

New Year's Eve

BINGO & Potluck Dinner

Come join us for a night of fun ~ Door Prizes

Please bring a dish to share

Doors open - 5pm / Dinner - 5:30pm

BINGO approx. 7:15-10:30pm

*For more info call Izzy, 994-2243 ;
or Ed, 257-2375*

(NO BINGO Sunday, January 7th)

Items Needed for Next Weekend's

Food Pantry Collection:

*Box Dinners; Mac & Cheese; Cereal; Puddings;
Canned Vegetables, Meat and Fruit;
Canned or Powdered Milk, Laundry Soap,
Shampoo, Dish Soap and Toilet Paper.*

Thank you for your response to last month's Food Pantry Collection, 308 items were donated! God bless you!

Birthdays Next Week:

2 - James Branch, Rollie Vander Zyl

3 - Buddy Kootz

4 - Nancy Paluck

5 - Lenore Walz

We wish you many blessings on your birthday!

Grief Support Group

Peace Lutheran Church will be hosting a 13 week Grief-Share Program beginning Tuesday, January 9th. The group will meet from 10am to 12Noon weekly. The program is non-denominational and features biblical concepts for healing from grief. For more information call the church at 870-257-3957.

Scripture Study will Resume Jan. 3rd

Scripture Study will meet in the Parish Hall at 3:45pm. Please read the introduction and first lesson prior to coming. See you then! For questions, call Sharon, 847-3095.

"Come and See Tea"

Mary Ark of the Covenant Chapter of Magnificat International invites all women to a coffee/tea at 2pm, Saturday, Jan. 20th, in the Parish Hall. There will be a brief presentation on Magnificat after which several of us who were blessed to attend the October Magnificat International Leadership Conference in Orange County, CA, will share about our experiences there. Come to learn and be inspired. Refreshments will be served.

Holy Father's Prayer Intention

2018

That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practice their faith in full freedom.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK...

Dear Past, Thank you for your lessons.

Dear Future, I'm ready.

Dear God, Thank you for another chance.

**We wish you a Happy
New Year 2018**



Training Session Planned for EMHC

There will be another training session for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, for both at Mass and to the Sick, on Wednesday, January 10th, following the 6pm Mass. Please pray about volunteering for this important ministry in our parish. Some who have served are no longer able. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

Inclement Weather Policy Reminder

We want to remind everyone of our winter weather policy: **Weekend Mass** is rarely cancelled, but we ask that you please use prudent judgment, according to your own particular circumstances and road conditions, as to whether it is safe for YOU to drive. In the case of severe snow or ice when Mass needs to be cancelled, we will communicate with you through our email/phone tree, as well as have it announced on the local radio station. **If you are elderly** and there is snow or ice on the roads, *please stay home*, you don't need to be out and take the chance of falling. (Even if you can get here, we can't guarantee what condition our side street/parking lot/walkways will be.) *Please use caution and be safe!*

Adorers - *If school would normally be in session but is cancelled due to bad weather, then the chapel will also be closed. If you have questions, call your coordinator.*

Weekday Mass - *If weekday Mass is cancelled, the Text/Phone tree will be activated. If you want to be part of this communication, let Diana know in the Office.*