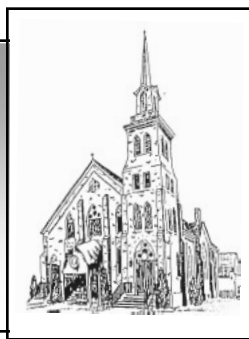


# Saint Mary's Parish

*A Welcoming Oasis of Love, Peace, and Outreach*

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

December 31, 2006



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## Scripture REFLECTIONS

## Feast of the Holy Family



Christian comedian Jeff Allen successfully mixes his faith with his humorous look at everyday life. On his web page, he invites the public to relate funny family stories. One such story involved a boy at school and a homework assignment. On the board, the teacher wrote that the class should all read "Pg. 13" in their books that evening. The boy raised his hand and said he couldn't do the homework because his parents don't allow anything PG-13 in their home.

Family miscommunications have been taking place for as long as there have been families. Thinking they had lost their son, Joseph and Mary searched for three days, only to find him with the teachers in the temple, listening and asking questions like a young man much older than his 12 years. Jesus was surprised at their concern, explaining that he was in the house of his Father. Though the Gospel of Luke says they did not understand what he meant, it also says Mary kept these things in her heart, as mothers always do.

We are taught in The Catechism of the Catholic Church that the Christian family is considered a community of faith, hope, and charity. Our family community is both a sign and an image of the communion of the Father and the Son in the Holy Spirit (CCC 2204-5). By having children and raising them in a holy and prayerful home, we are reflecting God's work of creation. A strong family will remain that way with the love of God.

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## Christmas Generosity Overflows

St. Mary's Parishioners were in an especially generous mood during Advent and Christmas. On Sunday, December 17, parishioners surprised faith formation and youth ministry coordinator **Mary Carol Wall** with a gift card shower at the Pancake Breakfast. Read Mary Carol's Musings on page three.

## Bon Voyage Father Peter!

On December 24, at the 9:00 a.m. Mass, Father Peter was the recipient of surprise Bon Voyage gifts from many members of our parish family. Fr. Peter left on Friday for a month-long visit to his Mother and family in Ghana.

## Guest Presiders

While Father Peter is away, Fr. John Wydeven along with Diocesan Chancellor Fr. Dan Condon and retired Fr. John O'Connor will preside at our weekend Masses. Please check page two for a listing of Masses and Communion Services.

## Mass/Communion/Reconciliation Schedule

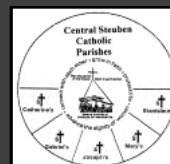
Parish Celebrations of the Lord's Day

Saturday - 4:00 p.m. ✦ Sunday - 9:00 a.m.

Weekday Masses:

See page two for this Week's Schedule of Masses and Scripture/Communion Services

The Sacrament of Reconciliation  
Saturdays at 3:30 p.m.



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## LITURGICAL CALENDAR

- SUNDAY** December 31, The Holy Family  
Of Jesus, Mary & Joseph  
9:00 a.m. In Memory, Janet Beyea  
By Mary Ellen and Gary Haff
- MONDAY** January 1, The Blessed  
Virgin Mary Mother of God  
9:00 a.m. MASS: Thank you to St. Mary's Parish  
From the Wall Family
- TUESDAY** January 2, Basil the Great and Gregory  
Nazianzen, bishops, doctors  
500 p.m. In Memory of Kathleen and Al Gallagher  
By their daughter Marj Thornbloom
- WEDNESDAY** January 3, Weekday  
5:00 p.m. Thank you to St. Mary's Parish  
From the Wall Family
- THURSDAY** January 4, Elizabeth Ann Seton  
9:00 a.m. Communion Service
- FRIDAY** January 5, John Neumann, bishop  
9:00 a.m. To schedule this mass for your loved one,  
Please call the church office - 776-3327
- SATURDAY** January 6, Weekday  
3:30 p.m. Reconciliation  
4:00 p.m. In Memory, Patricia Marie Reister  
By her father Charles Murray
- SUNDAY** January 7, Epiphany of the Lord  
9:00 a.m. Thank you to St. Mary's Parish  
From the Wall Family

There are many Mass intentions available in the upcoming months. (Stipend is \$10). Please call the office to schedule.



### Liturgical Assembly Schedule

Jan. 6 - Sat. 4:00 p.m. - Willing Hearts  
Jan. 7 - Sun. 9:00 a.m. - Willing Hearts  
To form or join an assembly, call 776-3327

## YOUR STEWARDSHIP GIFTS

### Upcoming Second Collections

December 30/31 -

January 6/7 - Maintenance

January 13/14 - Heating




## Thank You!

Deacon Ray, Fr. Peter, Fr. John and the Parish Staff sincerely thank you for the generous outpouring of love, cards, gifts and goodies from parishioners and friends over the Christmas Holidays.

May the Holy Family bring peace and holiness to your family in the New Year 2007.



## PARISH LIFE CALENDAR

- SUNDAY** December 31  
No Coffee Hour/Religious Education  
1:00 p.m. Sunday Supper, O'Malley Hall  
7:00 p.m. AA, Room 101
- MONDAY** January 1  
HAPPY NEW YEAR! 
- TUESDAY** January 2  
6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts, Room 202  
7:30 p.m. Charismatic Prayer Group, Rectory
- WEDNESDAY** January 3
- THURSDAY** January 4  
5:30 p.m. Weight Watchers, O'Malley Hall  
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, Room 202/203  
7:00 p.m. Scrap booking, Room 101
- FRIDAY** January 5
- SATURDAY** January 6  
1:00 p.m. NA, Room 101
- SUNDAY** January 7  
10:30 a.m. Religious Education  
1:00 p.m. Sunday Supper, O'Malley Hall  
7:00 p.m. AA, O'Malley Hall



## Happy Birthday To You!

12/31	Hailey Gaudino	01/03	Lauren Mack
01/01	Vincent Pallegriano	01/03	Rita Dwyer
01/01	Jay Maslyn	01/03	Jackson Lyle
01/01	Elizabeth Grimmer	01/05	Mary Catherine Colomaio
01/01	Rena Ruest	01/05	Dianna DuBois
01/01	Dale Thompson	01/06	Blanche Shaner
01/01	Lucille Yannie	01/06	Erinn Muller
01/01	Paul Hogan	01/06	Elizabeth Hopkins
01/02	Michael Anderson	01/06	Randy Brezinski
01/02	Devonte Carter	01/06	Elizabeth Tunney
01/02	Nancy Schoeffler		
01/02	Blaine Young		



Gift cards for Tops, P&C and Kwik Fill are sold after mass and throughout the week in the parish office. St. Mary's receives 5% of the face value for every card we sell. They are great for gifts or for your own use!



## SAINT MARY'S PARISH

"A Parish of Very Good Stewards"

Thank you for - Making Parish a Priority!

December 23/24/25 2006

Sacrificial Gifts Total: \$2,804.50 THANK YOU!

Christmas Envelopes: \$3,291.00

We are unable to publish donation totals this week because, due to the Holidays, the bulletin had to be sent to



**Mary Carol's Musing**  
Notes from Mary Carol Wall

*Merry Christmas and Thank You!*

**A** little under a week ago I was feeling a little low... the last chemo was hitting a bit harder (tho' I continually am grateful it is so much better than the first chemo!), I have been unable to resolve some early lymphedema issues (tho' still hopeful), and was dwelling a bit too much on some changes that will always remain... still and all, I count up my blessings, and thank God for each and everyone of you out there... even those folks I don't know that are so supportive of us in many ways.

Well, on Sunday I was dashing to get handouts to all the Sunday School rooms before Mass began... I popped in briefly to the cafeteria (OMalley Hall) where wonderful folks were preparing the monthly pancake breakfast and saw Amy Badeau.

Now, those of you out there who know our Amy know that she is ALWAYS up to something! Out of habit, I asked her what she was up to... and she answered, "Oh, nothing...". I knew something was definitely up, then!

Whether or which, it was time to run, so I hugged her and dashed off... made it to each classroom, and then down to church just in time... and thought no more about it. After Mass I visited with a few folks and gradually worked my way down the hallway to the breakfast, and joined the end of the line. As the end of the line approached the center of the room, I learned what Amy... and hundreds of other folks... were up to! They had a beautifully decorated Christmas table filled with gifts for me! There were gorgeous lotions, a wonderfully scented Yankee Candle, teas, a water warmer for my tea, a hat/glove/scarf set, a box full of gift cards and money, and more! All from this beautiful faith community and some friends from elsewhere... I was stunned! Folks knew Christmas could be a tight time, and wanted us to be able to celebrate with our family without stress... and how generous everyone was!

*God certainly gave me a considerable pick-me-up!*

We are definitely using the money and gifts as was intended... but a bit of it we are sharing with folks who have a whole heck of a lot on their plates with which to deal... and it is in ways that each of you loving folks would support.

For close to a year, now, I have been praying in thanksgiving



*Amy Badeau (left) and Nancy Cardona helped organize a Suprize Card Shower for Mary Carol Wall at the Sunday, December 17 Pancake Breakfast*

for all of you, and have asked God to help all of us be so very aware that he is holding us in the palm of his hands... your cheer, your prayers, your laughter and thoughts and many gifts of love and support have left us often speechless at your generosity and thoughtfulness. There is NO way we could begin to adequately thank you...

If I could give one gift this Christmas, I would take each of you to see The Nativity Story... and see how very real and ordinary were the people who lived out the events surrounding Christ's birth. To have a sense that even Mary and Joseph had very real, very worried, and even frightened reactions to what was happening to them, to see that they did not automatically know where they were going, or how to do what was required of them, and yet kept trying to follow God's path anyways, gave me great comfort. We are asked to follow in their footsteps... and to know that they did as God asked even as they did not always know exactly what it was they were doing was very reassuring.

God is HERE. God is NOW. And for some crazy reason, God is in love with us. May the coming of Christmas bring us all very much home to this reality. Thank you all. May God's laughter, love, peace and joy surround you... always.

Much love,

*Mary Carol, Jim, and family*

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