

**Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**

**December 31, 2011- January 1, 2012**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 2, 2012**

**12:05PM- No Communion Service**

**No Adoration / No Benediction**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2012**

**12:05PM- Communion Service**

**2:30PM- Autumn Hills- Ann Regalia by Lillian Petero**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2012**

**12:05PM- Infant of Prague by Devotees**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 2012**

**12:05PM- Communion Service**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 6, 2012**

**12:05PM- Dorothy Packo by Lydia Sponseller**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 7, 2012**

**5:00PM- Walter Hackett by Gayle and Anthony Barbarini**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2012**

**9:30AM- Eleanor M. D'Allessandro**

**by Connie Carasi, Greg and Charlene Pastore**

**11:30AM- Sam and Mary Pipino by Jim and Patty Pipino**

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**SANCTUARY LIGHTS THIS WEEK**

**IN MEMORY OF:**

Georgia Kish Dobbs and Greg Monteforte  
Deceased Members of Bufwack and Flaviano families

**REST IN PEACE**

Constantino Scerbo

**BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

Third Time: Philip Zuzolo and Alyson Werner

**January 7-8, 2012**

**5:00PM Mass**

**Lector:** Cathy Lukasko

**Servers:**

**EM's:** Alec Lukasko, Cathy Lukasko, Trish Scarmuzzi, Anna Mae Cuchna

**Ushers:** Jerry Sacco, Jim Davis, Joseph Zuzolo, Dennis Youll, James D'Errico

**9:30AM Mass**

**Lector:** Diane Jamieson

**Servers:**

**EM's:** Mary Jane Mosca, Yvonne Toto, James Kover, Joe Rossi, III

**Ushers:** James Sandy, Joseph Sotak, Rocky Soriano, Ray Vennitti,

Robert Raschilla, Thomas Patrone

**11:30AM Mass**

**Lector:** Tracy Buttar

**Servers:**

**EM's:** Leah Kaniclides, Joyce Cunningham, Mena Miller, Kathy Salapata

**Ushers:** Angelo Falcione, Sam Ragozine, Anthony Skiffey,

Anthony DeMaiolo, Jr., Michael Lastic, George Kaniclides,

Michael DeSantis

**Niles Community Service** is collecting tuna fish during the month of January. Baskets are located in the back of the church.

**Community Suppers** for the month of January will be held at First Methodist Church on Thursdays. Serving hours are 4:45-6:00PM.

December 24-25 collection.....	\$ 4,447.50
Immaculate Conception collection.....	\$1,313.00
Christmas Flowers collection.....	\$ 3,315.00
Christmas collection thus far.....	\$18,454.13

We really appreciate it when you give us your contribution for the weekends you missed in addition to the contributions given when you are here.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**Kathy Zuppo's email address:**

**[kathyzuppo@yahoo.com](mailto:kathyzuppo@yahoo.com)**

**Religious Education Holiday Schedule:**

January 1, 2012, Happy New Year!! No Religious Education Classes for grades K-8. **Classes resume on January 8, 10:30AM-12:00 noon in the Church Annex.**

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We gladly publish in our church bulletin the names of family members and friends who are currently serving our country in the military. We pray for their safety and for an end to conflicts in the Middle East and elsewhere. Please call the parish office with the individual's name and branch of service.

**Ryan Estes-** Army; **Joshua Lewis-** Military Intelligence; **Nicholas Perrone-** Navy; **David Mickey-** Army; **Josh Nutt;** **Patrick Betteridge-** Army; **Robert Infante-** Navy; **Tim Zysk-** Navy; **Guy Martin Capito-** Marines; **Keith Sponseller-** Air Force; **Jonthan Augusta-** Army; **Ronald Ranalli-** Army; **Vito J. Abruzzino-** Army; **Danny Bennett-** Marines; **Curtis Coole-** Army; **Brad DeRubba-** Army; **Gary Lashley-** Navy; **Michael Loychik-** Air Force; **Paul Brown-** Air Force; **Brad Gordon-** Army; **Nicholas Marchese-** Marines; **Philip Ledbetter-** Army; **Mark A. Selak-** Marines; **Timothy Edwards-** Marines; **Benjamin Hicks-** Army; **David Piwinski-** Air Force; **Michael Walton-** Air Force.

**Readings for January 8, 2012:**

Isaiah 60:1-6

Ephesians 3:2-3a

Matthew 2:1-12

**You may take the ornaments (angels)** that were made for your loved one from the Christmas Tree near the front of church this weekend.

**The Mount Carmel Society** has been doing pizza for many years in the parish and we are always looking for anyone willing to donate a few hours at the monthly pizza sale. If you are interested in helping out, please call Geri at (330) 727-7843. All are welcome!

**Due to the unforeseen future regarding booking of Masses** with the new Pastor, his vacation schedule, days off, etc. we are unable to continue calling people about scheduling Masses at this time. As soon as time permits and situations are more stable, we will continue this process. Thank you for your patience in this matter.

**Infant Jesus of Prague Guild** will **not** have a meeting in January and February. See you in March!!!!

**The parish office will be closed on Monday, January 2 for New Year's.** The office will reopen on Tuesday, January 3 at 9:00AM.

**The parish office will be closed on Wednesday, January 4 from 12:30-2:30PM for a staff meeting.** The office will be open on Wednesday except for the hours listed above.

**St. Vincent de Paul Society** will meet on Tuesday, January 10 from 4:00-5:30PM in the Marian Hall.

**Parish Pastoral Council** will meet on Wednesday, January 11 at 7:00PM in Marian Hall.

## **Reporting Child Abuse in the Diocese of Youngstown and the State of Ohio**

The Diocese of Youngstown *Child Protection Policy* states: Persons who feel that they have been a victim of child abuse by a priest, deacon, seminarian, religious, diocesan employee or volunteer, and persons who have reason to suspect that someone they know has been a victim, shall bring the allegation to civil authorities and diocesan officials.

To assist in the reporting process, the Chancery Office has created a booklet with information about who needs to report, how to report, phone numbers and references.

Each parish has received a quantity of the reporting booklet. You are encouraged to take a copy and keep for your reference. The booklet may be found in the back of the church on the table.

If you have any questions on reporting procedures, please contact Nancy Yuhasz at the Chancery Office, (330) 744-8451.

**The Avenue and Main** will be holding a Town Hall Meeting on Tuesday, January 3 at 6:30PM at Ciminero's Banquet Centre. We will be discussing the city's new Commercial Code, which our organization helped spearhead; we will also be talking about our successful Beyond Neighbors, Neighborhood Watch Program. Upcoming 2012 projects will be reviewed. All are welcome and encouraged to attend to help revitalize our city.

**A thank you note** was received from Sr. Judy Gomila for a wonderful faith-filled experience and the generous check to the Advent Luncheon Committee. Sr. Judy hasn't stopped talking about the luncheon celebration with you. A Christmas Novena of Masses will be celebrated for your intentions from December 24-January 1 through the Marianite Guild.

**Ss. Cyril and Methodius Church**, 185 Laird Ave. NE, Warren is sponsoring a Pirohy Sale on Friday, January 6. Four varieties will be offered: potato, sweet cabbage, sauerkraut and lekvar (prune). The cost is \$4.25 dozen. Haluski (cabbage and noodles) is also available. Advanced orders may be placed by calling (330) 393-0781 on Wednesday, January 4 and Thursday, January 5 from 8:00AM-4:00PM, and picked up on Friday, January 6 from 12:00-4:00PM.

**Dave Schmidt, Pastoral Associate, Will Be Taking a New Position**  
As of January 1, 2012, I will become the Pastoral Associate at Regina Coeli (Alliance) and St. Joseph (Maximo) parishes in Stark County. These parishes are only about 15 minutes from my home. Presently, I live 50 miles away from Niles and drive an hour one way in order to serve at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish.

This change is unrelated to Fr. Larry Frient's recent transfer. The timing is purely coincidental. In other words, I would have accepted this new position even if Fr. Larry was still pastor at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish.

Transitions are exciting and sad at the same time. While I look forward to working with the parishioners of Alliance and Maximo, I regret leaving the people of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. My prayers are with you all, especially as you await the arrival of a new pastor. And I ask you to pray for me, that I may be effective at Regina Coeli and St. Joseph parishes.

May God bless you, Dave Schmidt

## **Attention: Those Interested in Feeding the Needy at the St. Vincent de Paul Dining Hall**

On Tuesday, January 10, at 7:00PM in Marian Hall, there will be a meeting of those who plan to help at the St. Vincent de Paul Dining Hall. OLMC parishioners are responsible for serving a meal for the needy the fourth Tuesday of each month.

**The Catholic Tour**, a 30 year old Catholic Pilgrimage Apostolate is pleased to announce a departure to the Holy Land, following the footsteps of Our Lord. The pilgrimage is being done to introduce all to "The Beginnings of Our Catholic Church" at prices that include all land arrangements, superior tourist hotel throughout the Holy Land, most meals, deluxe motor coach, tour guide, and Airfare from JFK airport in New York. The price does not include taxes, airline surcharges, lunches, or table drinks besides tap water. Call 1-877-627-4268 toll free for further information, reservation forms, etc. First-come; first-served with only 35 seats available. Also available: Paris, France; Rome, Italy; and Fatima, Portugal at below cost pricings.

### **A Family Perspective**

The gospel tells us "Mary kept all these things, pondering them in her heart." We would do well to imitate Mary in our New Year's resolution, reflecting on all the blessings that God has given us.

**Villa Maria Education and Spirituality Center** will have Coffee and Contemplation: "Christian Response to Violence" on Tuesday, January 10, 2012 from 9:30-11:30AM. This is a monthly program series that focuses on a variety of spiritual and holistic topics which includes time for reflection and discussion. Cost is \$7.00. Cost to attend program and lunch is \$12.00. Registration is required. To register call (724) 964-8886 or [www.villaprograms.org](http://www.villaprograms.org)

### **Catholic Cruise to the Exotic Western Carribean**

Come and sail away on a 7 night Catholic Exotic Western Carribean Cruise with Fr. Martin Jones May 6-13, 2012 on the Carnival Legend out of Tampa, FL. Ports of Call: Cozumel (Mexico), Belize, Mahogany Bay (Isla Roatan), Grand Caymen (Caymen Island). Prices begin at \$1,326 for two passengers which includes all port fees and taxes. Daily Mass and Rosary offered. Deposits of only \$50 per person will reserve your cabin. Space is limited. For further information or to register, contact Doug or Eileen at 1-860-399-1785 or [dpayttc@aol.com](mailto:dpayttc@aol.com)

**New Hope United Methodist Church**, 21 Fairview Ave., Niles is a host site for the Smart Choice Food Source Program. The boxes range in size from \$14.00 to \$35.00 and includes meat and pasta. There are no income restrictions or guidelines. Preorder and prepay with cash, money orders, or food stamps. Orders for January will be accepted from 7:00-8:00PM on Thursday, January 5. Food stamps will be accepted on January 5. Distribution time is January 21, 2012 from 9:00-10:00AM. For more information, call (330) 652-3625. If you need assistance, someone will be available to help carry your food order to your car. No refunds or credits will be given for food orders not picked up on distribution day. The food will be donated to Niles Community Services. Please check to make sure you have received everything you ordered before leaving.

**Lighthouse Catholic Media Display:** The "Lighthouse Catholic Media" Display on the table in the main entrance of the church contains CD's and brochures dealing with our Catholic Faith. Of special note is a CD by Dr. Edward Sri entitled "A Walk through the New Mass Translation."

The suggested donation is \$3.00 for CD's and .50 for brochures. To make a donation, please use the envelopes with the display.

**The 2012 calendars have been mailed this week.** If you did not receive a calendar please call Joe Rossi at (330) 652-3511 to get one.