



<b>Saturday,</b>	<b>December 21, 2013</b>
4:30 p.m.	The Beyer & Preissner family by the Kerchis family
<b>Sunday,</b>	<b>December 22, 2013</b>
7:30 a.m.	Eugene Kupchik by his family
9:30 a.m.	Sid Riendeau by his wife Paulette
11:00 a.m.	Tony Spasiano by Bob & Lynda Bonato
<b>Monday,</b>	<b>December 23, 2013</b>
7:45 a.m.	Alice Flynn
<b>Tuesday,</b>	<b>December 24, 2013</b>
4:00 p.m.	No morning Mass St. Mary Parish
10:00 p.m.	St. Mary Parish
<b>Wednesday,</b>	<b>December 25, 2013</b>
8:00 a.m.	Amy Buckley by the Peterson family
10:00 a.m.	Douglas Cox by his mother
<b>Thursday,</b>	<b>December 26, 2013</b>
7:45 a.m.	Timothy Kelly
<b>Friday,</b>	<b>December 27, 2013</b>
7:45 a.m.	Florence Larkin (5th anniversary) by her friend Clara
<b>Saturday,</b>	<b>December 28, 2013</b>
4:30 p.m.	Antoinette Maras by her family
<b>Sunday,</b>	<b>December 29, 2013</b>
7:30 a.m.	Mom, Dad, Joseph Jr., Robert Gondek by the Gondek family
9:30 a.m.	Alice Flynn
11:00 a.m.	Dorothy Therriault by the Jakobowski family

#### Readings for the Week of December 22, 2013

Sunday:	Is 7:10-14/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24
Monday:	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66
Tuesday:	Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Lk 1:67-79
Wednesday:	Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
	Midnight: Is 9:1-6/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14
	Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20
	Day: Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
Thursday:	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22
Friday:	1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a and 2-8
Saturday:	1 Jn 1:5--2:2/Mt 2:13-18
Next Sunday:	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

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#### Calendar

12/23 9:30 a.m.	Legion of Mary - Hart House
7:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary—Hospitality Room

The sanctuary candle will burn this week in memory of:

*Ed Welcome*

This is a venerable tradition and we ask you to keep him in your prayers.



Christmas Eve—Tuesday, December 24  
4:00 PM, 10:00 PM

Christmas Day—Wednesday, December 25  
8:00 AM, 10:00 AM

New Year's Eve—Tuesday, December 31  
4:00 PM

New Year's Day—Wednesday, January 1  
8:00 AM, 10:00 AM

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# Thank You!

#### Parish Support December 15, 2013

Weekly	<see printed copy>
On-line giving	<see printed copy>
Total	<see printed copy>

**If you have Christmas greeting cards**

that you would be discarding after this year's holiday, please donate them instead to the box in the Fr. Golas Gathering Space for a project for next year's 2014 Children's Christmas Party at the K of C. We will be using the cards to teach the kids how to "sew" them together to make a box. All sizes of cards are welcome. NO envelopes, please; just cards. Many thanks from Olivia Germano and Lynne Murphy.

**For all College Students**

*Weekend College Retreat at Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center*

*February 7 - 9, 2014*

College is a great time but it can also be stressful and bring up serious questions about morality and service, community and faith. This retreat is designed to provide an open and welcoming atmosphere where college students can honestly reflect upon and examine the important aspects of faith, prayer, Church, service, and spirituality. For more information visit [www.holyfamilyretreat.org/college-weekend-retreat](http://www.holyfamilyretreat.org/college-weekend-retreat). If you would like to share this opportunity with your fellow students please let me know and I can send you flyers and registration forms for your campus ministry/student activities offices. If you know a college student that would benefit from this experience encourage them to attend. If you have any questions or would like to attend please contact Amanda McCaffrey 860-716-4978 or [st.marys.peerconnections@gmail.com](mailto:st.marys.peerconnections@gmail.com)

**A Family Perspective**

by Bud Ozar

The child born to Jesus and Mary was named Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." Every child is EMMANUEL, reminding us "God is with us." Children are signs of God's continuing presence in our lives.

**Christmas Quips**

Q. Why are Christmas trees such bad knitters?

A. They are always dropping their needles.

Q. How do you know when Santa's in the room?

A. You can sense his presents.

Q. Why did the gingerbread man go to the doctor?

A. He was feeling crumbly.

**Bulletin article deadline for the new year.**

Beginning January 1 please submit all bulletin articles 10 days prior to publication. For example, articles for the bulletin of January 19 should be submitted by 9:00 a.m. Friday, January 10. Please list the date the article should be published and include a contact name and number. Call Paula at the rectory 860 673-2422 with questions. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Sponsor Certificates**

We are frequently asked to provide certificates of eligibility for persons asked to be sponsors for baptism and confirmation and find there is a great deal of misinformation and misunderstanding concerning this. A sponsor certification does not mean that the applicant was baptized and/or confirmed at St. Mary Parish. It attests that one is a registered member of a parish and a convinced Catholic attempting to live the faith by regular participation at Sunday Eucharist, the Mass, and witness to our faith by example and practice. A sponsor at baptism and/or confirmation accepts responsibility for an ongoing interest and willingness to assist in the spiritual growth and formation of the person sponsored in the Catholic faith. Therefore, a sponsor at these sacraments must be Catholic. A maid/matron of honor and best man at a wedding are official witnesses to the couple making their marriage vows. One need not be Catholic for his responsibility and no sponsor certificate is required.

**Vocations**

Stop asking for a sign and become one. Consider becoming a priest or religious. Call Fr. Anthony Smith, Director of Vocations, Archdiocesan Center at St. Thomas Seminary, tel 860 761-7456 or email [vocations@aohct.org](mailto:vocations@aohct.org)

St. Mary parish family welcomes through the sacrament of baptism:

*Thomas Joseph Dean*



*Merry Christmas*

The rectory office will be closed on Tuesday, December 24 and Wednesday, December 25 in observance of the Christmas holiday and will re-open at 9:00 am. Thursday,.