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THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

DECEMBER 31, 2006

DAILY LITURGIES AND INTENTIONS:

Monday	January	1	The Blessed Virgin Mary Mother of God No Liturgy
Tuesday	January	2	Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen Liturgy of the Word with Communion
Wednesday	January	3	Weekday Charles F. Mentrup
Thursday	January	4	Elizabeth Ann Seton, religious Liturgy of the Word with Communion
Friday	January	5	John Neumann, bishop Jim Ryan
Saturday	January	7	Weekday Howard Jackson
Sunday	January	7	Epiphany of the Lord St. Mary Community Charles F. Mentrup Alice Tracy Lawrence Trozzo



"Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man."

Luke 2:41-52



The staff wishes all of our faithful parishioners a happy and holy New Year. We appreciate all you have done for us the last two months. Without your support and prayers we would struggle to keep the parish functioning. The new year brings promise of new beginnings. We trust in the Spirit to guide us on our continuing journey together. Monday, the feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God would normally be a holyday of obligation but when such days fall on Monday the obligation is lifted. We have adhered to the schedule that Fr. Chuck planned and there will be no Mass on that day.

OUR GIFT IN RESPONSE TO GOD'S GENEROSITY: The collection last weekend was \$6,017.09 (160 envelopes); children's offering \$10.00 (2 envelope); and the Christmas collection received \$21,249.00 (276 envelopes). **Thank you for your generosity** and continued support. Thank you for using your offering envelopes. Your dedication to the continued fiscal health of the parish is very appreciated. Those who have used their contribution envelopes may request a statement of 2006 contributions in January by calling the parish office at 937-746-5404.

IN OUR PARISH

CALLED HOME TO THE LORD: Eugene Serena returned to our loving Father on December 25, 2006.

ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Weekend	No PSR
Tuesday	Round Dancing at 7 p.m.
Wednesday	Youth at Pantry at 5:00 p.m. RCIA at 7:00 p.m.
Thursday	Square Dancing at 7:30 p.m.
Friday	Church cleaning at 8:30 a.m.
Sunday	PSR back in session Parish Epiphany Party at 4:30 High School Youth Night at 7:00 p.m.



Parish School of Religion

PSR CHRISTMAS BREAK NO CLASSES NEW YEAR'S EVE, DECEMBER 31, 2006. HAPPY NEW YEAR!

EPIPHANY PARTY! COME CELEBRATE THE TRUE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS DURING THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS. On **Sunday afternoon, January 7, 2007 at 4:00 p.m.** we will have our traditional Christmas Season potluck, Christmas carol songfest, and performance of the Christmas Pageant by our young PSR students. Think about that special dish you want to share with us; the parish will supply the main course and drinks. **Pick up sign-up sheets at the Church doors and drop them in the collection this weekend or to the rectory by Tuesday, January 2, 2007, or contact Tom at 937-746-1404 or tomcox@stmaryfranklin.org.**

FIRST EUCHARIST PREPARATION! Springtime, Easter; seems funny to be thinking of these at this time of the year but if we want our second grade students to receive their First Eucharist then we need to begin to prepare now. **Parents, we will meet at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, January 14, 2007 in the Hall.** We will introduce you to the preparation program, to our process of First Communion at St. Mary, and try to answer any questions you may have.

PREPARATION FOR CONFIRMATION, THE FINAL SACRAMENT OF INITIATION. Junior high and a few high school students, it is time to begin your immediate preparation for Confirmation, where you receive the gifts of the Spirit enabling you to assume responsibility for the mission of the Church. Bring your parents and your sponsor to an important meeting at **7:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 14, 2007 in the Parish Center.** We will talk about the meaning of Confirmation and its implications for you and begin the preparation.

RITE OF ENROLLMENT AND BREAKFAST FOR CONFIRMANDI, THOSE ABOUT TO BE CONFIRMED, takes place at the **9:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, January 21, 2007** following the Mass breakfast will be served in the parish Center. We pray for you and celebrate with you.

SOME (So Others May Eat): St. Mary Parishioners have a long history of helping stock the shelves of Franklin Area Community Services (FACS), 345 S. Main St., Franklin. The first Sunday of each month plan to bring shelf storable food (canned fruits, vegetables, peanut butter, etc.), baby supplies (food, formula-Similac & Isomil, baby wipes, etc.) and household supplies (toilet paper, laundry detergent, bath soap, etc.) We can also use plastic bags for repackaging of bulk supplies. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to work at FACS, call Anne Langsdale at 937-746-5404 or Terry at FACS, 937-746-7791. Thank you for helping.

CARE FOR HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS We have a great need for someone or several people to visit our homebound parishioners. A weekly mutually agreed on visit will keep these people in touch with the parish. We would especially like people who would take the Eucharist to the homebound. Visitors to the hospitals is also needed. If you feel called to be active in this ministry please call Anne at the parish office 937-746-5404.

CALLING ALL MEN: Have you considered the “old” new year’s resolution making? Consider the Men’s Group which will meet Saturday January 13, 2007 at 7 a.m. All men are invited to join this fellowship for prayer and discussion. What a great way put a little more prayer in your life with other men in the parish.

RCIA

DISMISSAL OF THE CATECHUMEN AND CANDIDATES AFTER THE LITURGY OF THE WORD. You may have noticed that a few people are dismissed from Mass on Sunday after the Liturgy of the Word. These are those who are preparing to enter the Church. They are not yet full members and, therefore, are not yet permitted to partake of the Eucharist. Please, welcome them and pray for them as they make their way to full membership in the Church on Holy Saturday night.

THE FOREVER BEGINNERS BASKET CLASS is planning the next class for Monday, January 22 at 9:00 a.m. everyone is welcome to join in the fun. January is a time to do those inside crafts and a good time to learn a new one. For information call Charlene 937-746-9460 or Dorothy 937-885-3053



AMONG OTHER GIFTS CHRIST GAVE US HIS BODY AND BLOOD AS FOOD AND TOLD US TO DO AS HE DID. We need you to be a part of feeding the hungry in this area of Warren County. Can you come help us ‘Feed the Hungry’? We need your help at the **Food Pantry at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 3, 2007.**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2007 IS OUR FIRST YOUTH NIGHT OF THE YEAR. Come and join us for fellowship, reflection and fun.

BOWLING, ANYONE? Mid January seems like a good time to go bowling. What do you think? Would you like to go Bowling Sunday evening, January 14, 2007? How about bowling, a movie and pizza for only \$5? Come and sign up at the Youth Night or contact Tom at 937-746-1404 or tomcox@stmaryfranklin.org.



No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church, no matter what your current family and marital situation, no matter what your personal history, age, background, race, etc., no matter what your own self-image; you are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected here at St. Mary Parish.

PARISHIONERS HAVE ID NUMBERS!! When you registered you received contribution envelopes with a number. This is your parish ID number. Each year new boxes of envelopes are distributed. If you do not pick up the new envelopes we are forced to question if you left the parish. We have too many unclaimed boxes of envelopes in the room off the entrance of the church. If you have not taken your envelopes since October please pick them up, use them, and let us know you are still a parishioner. We will be checking the census next month and removing those we have not heard from.

ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS OR SERVICE in our weekly bulletin. Let our parishioners know what you can do for them. Let us help you grow your business through your faith community by placing an ad in our parish bulletin. Parishioners are always looking for help and would appreciate knowing that you have the skills they are looking for. For more information please contact Anne or Karen in the parish office at 937-746-5404

DO YOU HAVE A LITTLE FREE TIME? A parishioner in Springboro is in need of a little help with running errands and light housekeeping. This companion care would be for compensation and hours are flexible. This would be a great way to help another. If you would like to fill this need please call Ann at 937-885-3222.

EXERCISE AT CHURCH! Burn calories, build muscle, increase flexibility. How you ask? There is a crew who gives the church building a good cleaning once a month on First Friday after Mass. Anyone interested is invited to join them this Friday. **If you can't make it** we have noticed that the dust and spiders are getting ahead of us so we are looking for a few good cleaners to join the faithfully fit (or the fit and faithful) to increase the cleaning schedule to twice a month. If this sounds like something you would like to do call the parish office at 937-746-5404 and offer your services and pick your own time. We have the supplies all we need is the workers. If we have enough volunteers you may only have to clean every two or three months!



NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY SCHEDULES:

January 6-7	4:00 p.m. Sat.	7:30 a.m. Sun.	9:00 a.m. Sun.	10:30 Sun.	6:30 p.m.
Servers	Maggie Bangert Cassie McCurley	Pete Schaaf Jack Schaaf	Collette Telatko Luke Sillies	Taylor Schlachter Joshua Plandowski	Michael Kapolka Tyler Kapolka
Eucharistic Ministers	N Pfeifer J Pfeifer Joe Borosic Pat Monnin	Mike Hutchinson Susan Marine Larry Strimpfel	K Adams T Adams P. Brazie A M Brewster	J. Martin R Hobe T Hobe Marge Braun	D. Kapolka Martha Ilg, R. Onderko K. O'Brien
Lectors	Mark Haenni	Diane Kinsworthy	Wayne Simpson	Rich Hobbs	Gary Beall
Gift Bearers	Ambach	Foley	Ball		Duckett

PARISH LIFE INFORMATION

Office Phone No. 937-746-5404

Office Hours 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m. Monday—Friday

Anointing of the Sick: Call immediately in case of a serious illness. Hospitals can no longer call for you.

Communion to the Homebound: Call the rectory to arrange a visit.

Reconciliation: Call the rectory for an appointment.

Matrimony: Call the rectory for an appointment before setting a date. Six months of preparation are required.

Baptism: Preparation is required before Baptism, preferable during pregnancy. Call the rectory to make arrangements.

Bulletin Deadline: noon the Tuesday before the weekend. E-mail notices to Annelpasmf@sbcglobal.net.

Parish Pastoral Council Members:

Lonnie Acree	937-748-2960	Andrea Dapkus	937-885-0487	Pat Monnin	937-885-1630
Rocky Adams	937-743-0226	Dan Fedders	937-746-4123	Roger Stebelton	937-855-6897
Eileen Avellano	937-748-0043	Mark Fields	937-743-9077	Mary Steed	937-746-6571

BEYOND THE PARISH

IS YOUR MARRIAGE HURTING IN ANYWAY?

Has your marriage grown cold, distant, unloving or uncaring?? Then please consider Retrouvaille (ret'ro-vi) - a program designed to help heal and renew marriages. It is for marriages that have lost some of their spark or having difficulties in communication and even for marriages on the edge of separation or divorce. Next program begins January 19-21, 2007. For information call 513-398-3137.

THE FRANKLIN PARKINSON SUPPORT

GROUP will meet Tuesday, January 9, 2007 at 1:30 p.m. Whether planning a short trip locally or a tour of Europe, travel presents challenges not only for people with Parkinson's, but many older adults. "What You Need to Know Before You Leave on Your Trip", is the topic of our January meeting. The meeting is held in the Parish Center. Persons with Parkinson Disease, their care partners and those interested in learning about PD are invited to attend. the Center is handicap accessible. For information, call Rose Wurst, RN, BSW, at 937-748-4768.

ONE-DAY RETREAT FOR YOUNG ADULTS:

Fr. Michael Sparough, SJ will be presenting: *Teach Us to Pray—A Day of Reflection for Young Adults At*

the Jesuit Spiritual Center at Milford, OH January 27, 2007, 9:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; \$45 per person. For information and registration, visit www.catholiccincinnati.org/yamin

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT – Are you as a young adult living the life you always wanted? For many of us that quality of life escapes us. We search for it through people, work and material possessions, yet we never seem to find satisfaction. Join Fr. John Ferone, SJ, and Al Cucchetti January 19-20 at the Jesuit Spiritual Center as we learn to tap into the one true source of happiness. For more information, call 513-248-3500, ext. 10.

FENWICK'S ANNUAL REVERSE RAFFLE:

Only 450 tickets to be sold! On Saturday, January 20, 2007, Fenwick High School will host an evening of chance and entertainment. Tickets are \$50 (1 adult) or \$60 (2 adults) The last ticket drawn takes home the \$5,000 grand prize. Drinks, appetizers and dancing included. Contact Samantha Palmer at 937-746-7903 for tickets or more details. Sponsored by the Fenwick Booster Association. Winners need not be present to win

Thought for today

Jesus grew in wisdom, age, and grace in the midst of his family. How is your family growing in the midst of these challenging times? Seek out God's grace.

(Luke 2:41-52)