

Church of Saint Mary



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December 27, 2015

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 4:00 p.m.	December 26 Living/Deceased Members of Maguire Family
Sunday 7:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	December 27 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Intentions of Mary Shofran - Laurie Hart Intentions of Richard Stiles - Nancy Stiles People of Saint Mary Parish All Those Enrolled in the Memorial Fund
Monday 9:00 a.m.	December 28 The Holy Innocents Eileen Cahill - The Bickel Family
Tuesday 9:00 a.m.	December 29 Saint Thomas Becket Margaret DeStefano - Kristen Seddon
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	December 30 Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas Helen Reiche - Richard & Dolores Bucca
Thursday 9:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	December 31 Saint Sylvester I, Pope Richard Brown - Dawn Brown Living/Deceased Members of the Hinson & Kees Families
Friday 7:30 a.m.	January 1 Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God The Intentions of Linda Nichols and Jan Kolesky - Dawn Brown
10:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	Rosemary Lukens - Karen Mazzio Elizabeth Rose Walsh - The Geller Family
Saturday 9:00 a.m.	January 2 Saint Basil the Great & Saint Gregory Nazianzen Living/Deceased Members of the Luckenbach & Wood Families - Joanne Kunz People of Saint Mary Parish
4:00 p.m.	January 3 The Epiphany of the Lord Fred & Paul Bussell - Mike & Jeanne Zandier Sara & Buck Bowman - Mary Hurst Gregory Walsh - Bernadette & Jack Walsh Living/Deceased Members of the Kunz & Dusza Families - Joanne Kunz

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Kimberly DiPietro Alexander, Kay Allerton, Scott Barton, Pat Beauchamp, Janelle Bergandino, Phillip Bickel, Bill Brooks, Laura Brumbaugh, Vilma Brumbaugh, Bruno Capobianchi, Danielle Carbo, Dolores Carbo, Lisa Caruso, Suzanne Casazza, Randy Cornell, Jonathan Cosgrove, Teri Daring, Leslie DeFrancesco, Diana DeSantis, Jeffrey DiPietro, Louis DiTanna, Madeline Dobbs, Isabella Donaghy, Robert Donaghy Sr., Susan Elizabeth Eggert, Faith Embree, Robert Erwin, Richard Espenship, Dorothy & Donnie Fenyus, Erica Fox, Bill and Charles Fries, Patrick Gardenier, Maria Gellis, Robin Gellis, Lois Walter-Hammer, Mary Hatton, Diane Heal, Art Hinson, Gary Hobson, Richard Hood, Esther Hopkins, Charlotte Frances Hvorecky, Ric Interrante, Joe Jaconski, Debbie Kiester, Elizabeth & Robert Kindermann, Catherine King, Carisa Koziol, Frank Larkins, Theresa Lechner, Maryann Lepone, Carol Lynd, Doris Marsh, Anthony Martin, Joe McGann, Matthew McGann, Nancy McGoldrick, Bill McHugh, Matthew McNamee, Joan Mooney, Bill O'Donnell, Dot Plower, Frank and Dianne Ponzio, Walter Righter, Joe Ryan, Brendan Saboe Jr., Dolores Santorusso, Logan Shaner, Nick Simeo, Morgan Smith, Anthony Stevens, Nancy Stevens, Harry Stumpf, Fran Szewczak, AnnMarie Tate, Nicholas Trojanski, Ed Urick, Katherine Veneziano, Jessalylnn Walsh, May Young, Molly Weidemoyer, Maria Wellis, Beverly Ann and Joseph Zapata, Paul and Dawn Zottoli

LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,
A warm welcome to you, our faithful parishioners and all who may be joining us today for Mass. Please know you always have a home at the Church of Saint Mary!

Many of you have asked me to print my homily from a couple of weeks ago. So...here it is:

The song, "The Twelve Days of Christmas" is an English Christmas carol. From 1558 until 1829, Roman Catholics in England were not permitted to practice their faith openly. Someone during that era wrote this carol as a catechism song for young Catholics.

The "True Love" one hears in the song is not a smitten boy or girlfriend but Jesus Christ, because truly Love was born on Christmas Day. The partridge in the pear tree also represents Him because that bird is willing to sacrifice its life if necessary to protect its young by feigning injury to draw predators.

The two turtle doves were the Old and New Testaments.

The three french hens stood for Faith, Hope and Love.

The four calling birds were the four gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

The five golden rings represent the first five books of the Bible or The Torah. These books describe man's fall into sin and the great love of God in sending a Savior.

The six geese a-laying stood for the Six days of creation.

Seven swans a-swimming represent the Seven-fold Gifts of the Holy

Spirit

The eight maids a-milking represent the Eight Beatitudes.

The nine ladies dancing were the Nine Fruits of the Holy Spirit.

The ten lords a-leaping represent the Ten Commandments.

The eleven pipers piping represent the Eleven Faithful Apostles.

The twelve drummers drumming symbolize the 12 points in the Apostles Creed.

MANY THANKS: I extend my grateful and heartfelt thanks to all of you - the faithful parishioners, volunteers, organizations, ministries, staff and friends of this great community we call Saint Mary Church for all you do. Thank you Thank you Thank you!!!

THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD: New Year's Eve/New Year's Day is a Holy Day of Obligation. All Catholics are kindly asked to attend Holy Mass. *The schedule at Saint Mary Church is Thursday, December 31 Mass is offered at 4 PM; Friday, January 1, Mass is offered at 7:30 AM, 10:30 AM and Noon. Happy New Year - 2016!!!*

SAINT MARY BLOOD DRIVE: Please help us SAVE LIVES. Our goal is 100 productive pints of blood. Saint Mary Parish is a partner with the American Red Cross in saving lives. Monday, December 28 is our Blood Drive. **LOCATION:** SAINT MARY HALL **TIME:** 7:30 AM - 9:00 PM

SUPERBOWL SWEEPSTAKES TICKETS: are on sale at the Parish House for only \$5. You have a chance to win 4 times on each card you purchase. Participants win prize money when the numbers on the back of their game card match the score at the end of each quarter of the play for the Super Bowl Game. Join in the fun.

ANNUAL CENSUS and PARISH APPEAL: Please make an end of the year donation toward our Annual Parish Appeal. We have been saving for the *last two years* for a new HVAC for Church and efficient indoor and outdoor lighting throughout our campus. Your gift toward the *2015 Annual Parish Appeal* is tax deductible. Also, if you have not returned your Census Form I kindly ask you to return it as soon as you can. Thank you for all you do for Saint Mary Parish!

Wishing you and those you love a very Happy New Year - 2016!

Love and prayers,
Father Bellopede

LITURGICAL MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS FOR DECEMBER 26-27

MASS	CELEBRANT	LECTOR	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS	MUSIC	SACRISTAN
4:00 PM	Fr. Bellopede	Tony Rhuberg Damon Lees	Matthews, Moyer, Swantek, Bradbury, Davis, Gdonski	Lees	Organ/Cantor	Little
7:30 AM	Fr. Badeaux	Jody Shollenberger Michelle Dyer	Kosiorek, Zandier, Chalmers, Dewees, Kelly, Kirby	Roberge	Quiet	Bakey
9:00 AM	Fr. Kean	Deborah Ford John Antosh	Storti, Walsh, Bakey, J. Bickel, M. Bickel, Cahill	L. & M. Pelletier	Spirit Choir	Bakey
10:30 AM	Fr. Bellopede	Erin Leone Kethy Blum	McHugh, O'Donnell, Pirrall, Rodzewich, Bintner, Klisch	J. Bakey, S. & T. Wade	Children's Choir	Bakey
12:00 PM	Fr. Kean	Anamaria Hazel Kim Mares	Schnaubelt, Watt, Hamel, Luckenbach, Lugo	Szumiloski, A. & P. Vince	Organ/Cantor	Bakey

UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS FOR JANUARY 2-3

MASS	CELEBRANT	LECTOR	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS	MUSIC	SACRISTAN
4:00 PM	Fr. Bellopede	Fran Satalin Chalmers	F. Freed, Grossbauer, Hines, Hinson, Matthews, Moyer	McCafferty, A. & J. Redmond	Youth Group	Bakey
7:30 AM	Fr. Kean	Sean Chalmers Grace Chalmers	Kosiorek, McCloskey, McGeeney, Whitehead, Zandier, Chalmers	E., S. & V. Haslam	Quiet	Little
9:00 AM	Fr. Kean	Jennett Fassnacht Chalmers	Forsyth, Kunz, Saboe, Storti, Walsh, Bakey	M. & M. Hughes, Lugo	Folk Music Ministry	Little
10:30 AM	Fr. Bellopede	Sam Roberts Joseph A. Martino III	Brady, Cornely, Gentner, Gibson, McHugh, McCarron	Fassnacht, Mazzio, McElroy	Acclaim	Little
12:00 PM	Fr. Bellopede	Steve Imms Tom Walsh	Lugo, Schnaubelt, Smart, Uhl, Watt, Hamel	H. & S. Roberts, Timlin	Organ/Cantor	Little

Memorials

The **Rose For Life** in front of the Blessed Mother statue is in memory of **Dorothy Shofran** at the request of **Laurie Hart**.
 The **Rose for Resurrection** in front of the Saint Joseph statue is in memory of **John Shofran** at the request of **Laurie Hart**.
 The **Vigil Light** in our Chapel burning next to an image of our Blessed Mother is in honor of the **Blessed Mother** at the request of **Mary Farrell**.
 The **Sanctuary Lamp** burning next to our tabernacle in our Church is in honor of **Mary Shofran** at the request of **Laurie Hart**.
 The **Sanctuary Lamp** burning next to our tabernacle in our Chapel is in memory of _____ at the request of _____.
 The **Altar Candles** burning on the Altar in our Church this week are in honor of **Mary Shofran** at the request of **Laurie Hart**.
 The **Altar Candles** burning on the Altar in our Chapel this week are in honor of **Mary Shofran** at the request of **Pat McMahan**.
 The **Altar Bread and Wine** donated this week is in memory of **Mary Shofran** at the request of **Laurie Hart**.
 The **Altar Flowers** donated this week are in memory of _____ at the request of _____.

If you are interested in having Memorials in memory or honor of a loved one, please contact the Parish House. Memorials are for one week.

Donations: Rose for Life, Rose for Resurrection, Vigil Light are \$5, Sanctuary Lamps are \$10, Altar Candles are \$20, Bread and Wine is \$50, Altar Flowers are \$175

PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY

Tim Fitzgerald	Matthew Foley	Jim Gotlewski	Jennifer Foley	Eric Himmel
Yaphet Blair	John Walsh	Gerard Pettine	Richard Granzio	Bobby McCall
Frank P. Roth	John Weaver	Brian Smith	Sharon Hyland Keyser	Geoff Ostrowski
Michael Hood	Jonathan Minkler	Brett R. Karkheck	Ed Loughery Jr.	David Casas
David Sinnk	William Ian Holdsworth	Michael Boehret	Jacob McLendon	Shannon D. Revit
Brian Dunn	Michael E. Ingram	Joseph Wolf	Ian Keyser	Nick Harris
Keith E. Mason	Wayne Cherry, Jr.	George Lockbaum	Michael Regan	Tim Harris
Timothy Ryan McGinnis	Kyra Chamberlain	Collin Hamel	Ryan Decker	Jordan Mares
Lauren Shaw	Dominic D. Zottoli	Matthew Kearney	William Schweitzer	Molly Winters
Ryan Nolan	David Gentner	Charles Joseph Maloney III	Eric Funk	Brianna Carroll
Madeline Augustine	Bridgette Augustine	Thomas Fisher	Kevin K. O'Malley	Matthew Bulen
Albert Joseph Augustine	Tim Murray	Matthew Dager	Kyle Kearney	Eric Roy
Blaise Fountaine	Andrew Schnaubelt	Tom Gutherman	Kyle Houchins	
Kayla Carroll	Shawn O'Connor	Jackie Perrie	Brian Murray	
Fr. David A. Daigle	Brian Sinclair	Aaron Hart	Alexander Klobusicky	

PARISH NEWS

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION



'This is the wonderful TRUTH my dear friends: the WORD which became flesh two thousand years ago, is present today in the EUCHARIST.' ~ St. John Paul II. OPEN HOURS: Wed @ 5:00AM, Fri @ 11:00AM & 7:00PM, Sat @ 5:00PM. We need additional scheduled adorers and substitutes. Please call MaryKay @ [484-415-0338](tel:484-415-0338).

The Perkiomen Valley Council 3633 of the Knights  **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

of Columbus of St. Eleanor and St. Mary Parishes are offering two Scholarships to Pope John Paul II Catholic High School. Each Scholarship is for an entering Freshman and is limited to a one year award of \$1,500.00. These competitive Scholarships are available to any Catholic eighth grade student enrolled in either St. Mary School or Holy Cross Regional School, or belonging to St. Eleanor or St. Mary Parish, regardless of where or how they complete their elementary education. The applicant must have made a request for admission to Pope John Paul II High School and received notification of eligibility prior to the awarding of the scholarship. Please go to the Council Website @ www.kofc3633.org to download the complete application form and criteria. All essays and applications must be postmarked no later than February 1, 2016.

JANUARY 1 - SOLEMNITY OF MARY HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION



Mass Times:

December 31, 2015

4:00 PM

January 1, 2016

7:30 AM ~ 10:30 AM ~ 12:00 PM

FOOTBALL MANIA WEEK 14 WINNERS:

Robin John - \$25
Barb Junod - \$25
Mary Beth O'Connor - \$25
Richard Schlanser - \$25



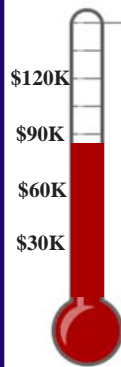
FOOTBALL MANIA WEEK 15 WINNERS:

Due to early transmission of the bulletin, we do not have the Week 15 Winners. They will be published next week.

SUPER BOWL FOOTBALL MANIA



Super Bowl Football Mania Tickets are still available in the Parish House. Each card costs \$5 and has four chances to win. Look for weekend sales after Mass in the near future. All proceeds benefit the Parish!



PHASE 1
GOAL:

\$150,000

2014 APPEAL
TOTAL
\$52,057.35

2015 APPEAL
TOTAL
TO DATE

\$35,014.00

TOTAL
COLLECTED
\$86,672.35

ANNUAL APPEAL

Saint Mary Annual Appeal is used for Parish needs that are not covered in our operating budget. Proceeds from our annual appeals will be used to update the church's HVAC system and improve lighting in and around our campus. Our goal for these projects is \$150,000. Please help us reach our goal by returning your census form and appeal donation to the Parish House. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

PRAYER PILLOWCASES

Showcasing favorite saints and Catholic prayers combined with beautiful original artwork, these pillowcases are sure to appeal to all ages and will make unique Confirmation and First



Communion gifts. Each pillowcase cost \$15 and there are over 20 designs to choose from. Saint Mary receives a portion of each purchase. All proceeds will benefit the Campus Improvements Fund and will be used to upgrade the tables and chairs in our Parish Hall. Pillowcases can be purchased in the Parish House.

BEREAVEMENT CORNER



If you or someone you know has suffered a loss and would like to talk with a member of our bereavement ministry, please call: Joe or Patti Bluhm at [215-234-4062](tel:215-234-4062), Gail Gallagher at [610-454-7228](tel:610-454-7228) or Saunie Kirby at [610-754-6927](tel:610-754-6927). All calls are confidential.

SCHOOL NEWS

SAINT MARY SCHOOL

PREK AND KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS

Now is the time to start thinking about registration for next year. St. Mary School (SMS) offers a Preschool and Kindergarten program that assists in developing the total child. Realizing that each child possesses strengths and weaknesses in all areas of development, a rich variety of activities are planned to fulfill the needs of all students. This is accomplished in an atmosphere that is permeated with a spirit of Christian love and concern. Half-day and full day options are available for 2016-2017 school year! If you are interested in learning more about Saint Mary School please call Elizabeth Pastorius or Suzette Moyer at [610-287-7757](tel:610-287-7757) and arrange a private tour!

FINANCIAL FACTS

Collection for December 13, 2015

Week 24

Weekend Collection (Weekly Offering Envelopes)

Target Needed for the 15-16 Fiscal Year.....\$962,000.00
 Weekly Target Needed for 15-16 Fiscal Year.....\$18,500.00
Collection for Weekend of December 13\$15,408.00
 Electronic Funds Transfer (Parish Giving).....\$2,339.28
 Over (Under) Target.....(\$752.72)

Hands Together Capital Campaign (Blue Envelope)

Target Needed for the 15-16 Fiscal Year.....\$96,512.00
 Mortgage Owed for Catholic Education Center \$1,743,874.45
 Weekly Target Needed\$1,856.00
Collection for Weekend of December 13.....\$1,755.00
 Over (Under) Target.....(\$101.00)

Total Collected To Date.....\$410,415.83
 Total Envelopes Mailed.....754
 Total Envelopes Used.....328

Parish Debt (Gold Envelope)

Debt.....\$782,054.00
 Debt Reduction (Gold Envelope).....\$405.00
 New Debt Total.....\$781,649.00

Collection for December 20, 2015

Week 25

Due to early transmission of the bulletin, we do not have the financial numbers for the above weekend. They will be published in next week's bulletin.

Parish Giving All of our parishioners are invited to use our new option of electronic funds transfer by logging onto our web-site and clicking 'PARISH GIVING'.

PLANNED GIVING: All parishioners and friends of The Church of Saint Mary are kindly asked to include Saint Mary Parish in their will and estate planning. We kindly thank you in advance for remembering this great community of faith in your will so its mission and ministry may continue in the years ahead.



NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE

The Retrouvaille Marriage Program offers help for struggling marriages. Tens of thousands of couples have successfully saved their marriages by attending a Retrouvaille weekend and the six post sessions that follow it. Retrouvaille is not just a social gathering or series of seminars, but rather a way to rediscover and rekindle the loving relationship in your marriage. The next program begins on the weekend of February 12, 2016 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information or to register for our upcoming weekend, visit our web site at www.helpourmarriage.com or call 1-800-470-2230. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.

Saint Vincent dePaul Grocery List



Shopping this week? Can you pick up a few items from the list below and donate them to Saint Vincent dePaul? They can be dropped off during the week in any vestibule of the Church or on the first Sunday of the month in the Hall!

Cereal, Grain, Snacks		Canned Food, Soups	
Cereal		Hearty Soups	
Instant Potatoes/Rice		Pasta Sauce	
Mac and Cheese		Canned Fruits/Veggies	
Pre-packaged snacks		Canned Tuna	
Jelly		Pork and Beans	
Paper, Cleaning		Health	
Napkins, Paper towels		Hand Soap	
Toilet Paper, Tissues		Deodorant	
Dish Soap/Clorox		Shampoo/Conditioner	
All Purpose Cleaners		Toothbrush, Toothpaste	
Special Need			
We have several families in need of a car, van or SUV, inspected and in good running condition. For more information, or if you or someone you know are able to help, please call Mary Cosgrove at 610-287-6552.			
Client Needs			
#22	New clothes for girl, size 0-6mos; diapers, newborn or size 1 and wipes	#52	Women's jeans, size 12; jogging pants, size 12-14; men's jeans, size 42/30; 4 drawer chest of drawers
#208	Men's pants, size 46/30 and shirts, size 2XL	#66	Adult Female Diapers, Small and Medium
#1	Men's sweatpants, size large; Men's tshirts, size large	#187	Gently used washer & dryer
#4	Gently used dressers	#2	Men's Pants, size 36/34

LIFE MINISTRIES



Saint Mary Parish is committed to the promotion and sanctity of all Human Life from the first moment of conception until natural death. Let us together as a parish community stand up and speak boldly for every person born and unborn.

Rachel's Vineyard: 1-800-395-HELP(4357)
 Helpline for Abortion Recovery: 1-866-482-LIFE(5433)
 Suicide Hotline: 1-800-273-8255
 Domestic Abuse: 1-866-Safe-014
 Pregnancy Hotline: 1 (800) 712-HELP

HONESTY, HEALING & HOPE IN CHRIST

Confronting Sexual Violence in Our Archdiocese

Don't let sexual violence silence you. Healing can start with a call. Visit www.pacrimevictims.com/healing or call 1-888-800-8780.

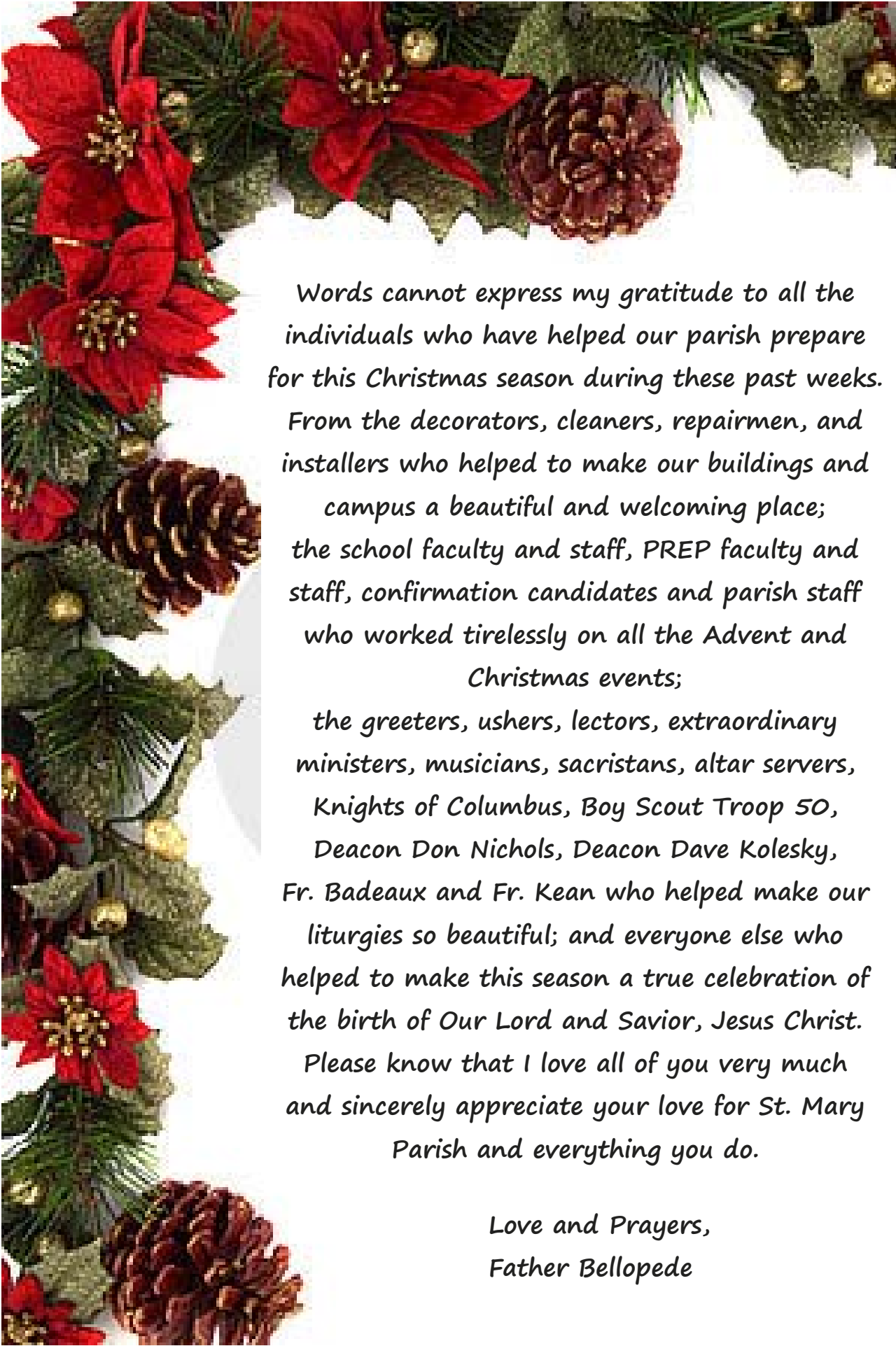


JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

December 8, 2015—November 20, 2016

"We constantly need to contemplate the mystery of mercy. It is a wellspring of joy, serenity, and peace. Our salvation depends on it."

~ Pope Francis



Words cannot express my gratitude to all the individuals who have helped our parish prepare for this Christmas season during these past weeks.

From the decorators, cleaners, repairmen, and installers who helped to make our buildings and campus a beautiful and welcoming place; the school faculty and staff, PREP faculty and staff, confirmation candidates and parish staff who worked tirelessly on all the Advent and Christmas events;

the greeters, ushers, lectors, extraordinary ministers, musicians, sacristans, altar servers, Knights of Columbus, Boy Scout Troop 50, Deacon Don Nichols, Deacon Dave Kolesky, Fr. Badeaux and Fr. Kean who helped make our liturgies so beautiful; and everyone else who helped to make this season a true celebration of the birth of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Please know that I love all of you very much and sincerely appreciate your love for St. Mary Parish and everything you do.

*Love and Prayers,
Father Bellopede*