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**PARISH DIRECTORY**

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**MASS SCHEDULE**

Weekday 7:15 a.m.  
Sept. – May, Friday 8:00 a.m.  
Saturday 7:30 a.m.  
Weekend, Saturday 5:00 p.m.  
Weekend, Sunday 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.  
Holy Day, Evening 6:30 p.m.  
Holy Day, Day 7:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE**

Saturday, 3:30-4:30 p.m.  
Anytime upon request.

**BAPTISM**

Sunday after 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday  
Call Rectory to make arrangements.

**WEDDINGS**

No date should be set without consulting the Pastor. Call for an appointment at least six months in advance.

**PARISH MEMBERSHIP**

Please register by calling the Parish Office.

**BULLETIN DEADLINE:** Monday, 4:00 p.m.



Our Gospel from Luke today is a tale of God's actions through the devout to produce future hope. The parents of Jesus are presented by Luke as devout observers of the Jewish law who fulfilled what was required of them to do for Jesus. Only in this Gospel do we read about Mary and Joseph taking the infant Jesus to Jerusalem to fulfill the Law (Luke 2:22-24). While there they meet two godly people. Simeon is described as "righteous and devout" and Anna as a prophetess who "never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer" (2:25, 37).

God responds to these dedicated lives with signs of a rich future opening up for others. Thus, Simeon has a revelation that he would not die until he saw the Christ (2:26). Upon seeing Jesus he proclaims, to the wonderment of Joseph and Mary, that their son would be the means of salvation for all (2:29-35). In turn, Anna acclaims the infant Jesus both to his parents and "to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem" (2:38). After Joseph and Mary complete all the requirements of the Law for that time and return to Galilee, Luke writes that Jesus grew in strength and was filled with wisdom and the favor of God (2:40). God brings a hope-filled future through devout lives.

Today's Gospel passage is about the initial and long-term maintenance of the relationship with God and the hopes to which such a life leads. Mary and Joseph start their son out on the right foot, and Simeon and Anna have grown old in righteousness and worship. Beginning and maintaining the relationship with God opens one to God's future expansive plans.

*Scripture Reflections and Commentaries by  
Msgr. Ralph Kuehner and Rev. Joseph J. Jukialis*

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**Readings for the Week of December 28, 2008**

Sunday The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph  
Sir 3:2-7, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Ps 128;  
Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12,17-19;  
Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

Monday Saint Thomas Becket, bishop, martyr  
1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96; Lk 2:22-35

Tuesday 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96; Lk 2:36-40

Wednesday Saint Sylvester I, pope  
1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96; Jn 1:1-18

Thursday The Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God  
Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Friday Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen,  
bishops, doctors  
1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98; Jn 1:19-28

Saturday The Most Holy Name of Jesus  
1 Jn 2:29—3:6; Ps 98; Jn 1:29-34

Sunday The Epiphany of the Lord  
Is 60:1-6; Ps 147; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY and JOSEPH



**This Week in our Parish**

**Sunday, December 28<sup>th</sup>**

7:40 a.m. Rosary before Mass  
10:10 a.m. Rosary before Mass

**Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>**

7:00 p.m. P.A.C. New Year's Eve Dance

**Saturday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>**

3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Confessions  
4:40 p.m. Rosary before Mass

**Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup>**

7:40 a.m. Rosary before Mass  
10:10 a.m. Rosary before Mass

**ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS**

Rosary Society January Luncheon- the Rosary Society will meet at Riley's Restaurant in Springdale at 11:30 on Tuesday January 6th. The restaurant is located in a shopping center on Springfield Pike and Springdale Road. All are welcome to join us. (We will have gift certificates to sell for this.)

**ST. ANN P.A.C.** New Year's Eve Dance will be Wednesday December 31st. The dance will be held in the school cafeteria from 7:00 pm to 1:00am. Happy hour will be from 7:00-8:00. Tickets will be \$40.00 a person which includes appetizers, beer, party favors, and champagne at midnight. For tickets and information call Jim Kreke at 910-0857 or Phil Kreke at 887-0146.

**THE OPEN DOOR FOOD PANTRY** thanks you for your donations of plastic bags and egg cartons. The Pantry is in great need of paper and plastic bags at this time. Thank you!

**OFFERTORY SCHEDULE for JANUARY**

*January 3/4*

5:00 p.m. Adelsperger Family  
8:00 a.m. Cepluch Family  
10:30 a.m. Charles Morris Family

*January 10/11*

5:00 p.m. Williams Family  
8:00 a.m. Dean & Mary Sue Wright  
10:30 a.m. Bueheit Family

*January 17/18*

5:00 p.m. Craig Brown Family  
8:00 a.m. Mark & Jennifer Sanders Family  
10:30 a.m. de la Court Family

*January 24/25*

5:00 p.m. Doug Conrad Family  
8:00 a.m. Ted Fontaine Family  
10:30 a.m. Maurits Family

*January 31/ February 1*

5:00 p.m. Reif Family  
8:00 a.m. Kiep / Baumann  
10:30 a.m. Madden Family

**USHERS for JANUARY**

5:00 p.m. Joe Keller, Sr., John Keller *Need Two Volunteers*  
8:00 a.m. Heidi Keller, Judy Oda  
Harry Epp, Terry Malone  
10:30 a.m. Steve Austin, Steve Mignery  
Mari Schellenbach, Ted Schellenbach



**Saturday, December 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**  
5:00 p.m. Elaine Eichhold (Jim & Marian Zettler)

**Sunday, December 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**  
8:00 a.m. For the Intentions of St. Ann People

10:30 a.m. Leo & Helen Hensler (Robert & Sandy Hensler)

**Monday, December 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Fifth Day in Octave of Christmas**  
7:15 a.m. Ruth Huentelman (Anthony & Sue Angilecchia)

**Tuesday, December 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Sixth Day in Octave of Christmas**  
7:15 a.m. Susan Tozzi (Mark Hingsbergen Family)

**Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>**

**Vigil Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God**  
7:15 a.m. Poor Souls in Purgatory

6:30 p.m. For the Intentions of St. Ann People

**Thursday, January 1, 2009 Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God**

9:00 a.m. Elaine Eichhold (The Sullivan Family)

**Friday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Basil the Great, Gregory the Nazianzen**  
7:15 a.m. For the Intentions of Dr. Terry Alan Hudson (Norm Zinns)

*No First Friday Mass tonight*

**Saturday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**The Epiphany of the Lord**  
7:30 a.m. Intentions of the Celebrant

5:00 p.m. Charles Keene Family

**Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup>**

**The Epiphany of the Lord**  
8:00 a.m. Leo & Luella Wenzel – Birthday Remembrance (Karen)

10:30 a.m. For the Intentions of St. Ann People

<b>Budgeted Weekly Offering</b>	\$ 12,072.00
<b>12/21/2008</b>	\$
	\$
<b>Year to Date Budgeted Offering</b>	\$ 289,728.00
<b>Year to Date Actual Offering</b>	\$ 226,546.93
<b>Shortfall</b>	\$ (63,181.07)

**NOTE:** *Figures not available at the time of this printing.*

**ST. ANN MUSIC NEWS** The choir will be singing their Christmas Program at the Neiderman Christmas Farm on December 28th, Sunday evening at 7pm. There is no admission to the farm because they do this as a service to the community so we volunteer to help them out.

**THE COMBONI NATIVITY** Take a break from the rush of these hectic days and immerse yourself in the sacred meaning of Christmas. The Comboni Missionaries animated nativity scene has brought the power of the incarnation to Tri State families for more than 60 years. Open daily, December 14-30, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Let this magical experience become a tradition for your family tradition. For directions and more information go to: [www.ComboniMissionaries.org](http://www.ComboniMissionaries.org) or call 513-474-4997.

**The La Salle 25th Annual Sports Stag** will take place on Wednesday, January 28, 2009. Guest speaker will be recent Baseball Hall of Fame Inductee - Goose Gossage. Tickets can be purchased at La Salle from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call 741-2687 for ticket information.