

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK
JANUARY 1, 2012**

Monday, January 2, Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

No Mass

**Tuesday, January 3, The Most Holy Name of Jesus
8:15AM James Howie by Family**

**Wednesday, January 4, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
10:00AM Roberta Postman**

Thursday, January 5, St. John Neumann

No Mass

**Friday, January 6, St. Andre Bessette
8:15AM Paul Schmerbauch by Roger & Ruth Petrowske**

**Saturday, January 7, St. Raymond of Penyafort
5:00PM For the Parish**

**Sunday, January 8, The Epiphany of the Lord
9:00AM Norbert Cushman by Loren & Peggy**



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: Do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of.

WHAT'S IN YOUR BUCKET? If you were walking back from a well carrying a bucket of water and someone jostled you, there could be spilled from that bucket only that which it contained. As you walk along the way of life, people are constantly bumping into you. If your heart is full of ill nature, bad temper and ugly disposition, only those things will be spilled from it. On the other hand, if it is full of life, you will spill a smile or a pleasant remark. You can spill from your bucket only that which it contains.

SCHOOL: Thanks to one and all for your help in the various fundraisers we had this past fall. The next PTO Fundraiser is TRIVIA Night Sat., Feb. 4th. More info to come later. Start organizing your team for that evening.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK JAN. 1ST THRU JAN. 8TH

Sunday	HAPPY NEW YEAR Mass at 9AM No PSR Class/No Preschool Sunday School
Monday	No School No Mass Parish/School Offices Closed
Tuesday	School in Session (No Bus Service)
Wednesday	10AM Mass at Chester Rehab Center
Thursday	Fr. Gene's Day Off
Friday	4:30-7:30PM K of C Fish Fry (Benefit Chester Christian Food Pantry)
Saturday	5PM Mass
Sunday	9AM Mass 9:45AM - 11AM PSR Class Pre-School Sunday School During 9AM Mass

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR: ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRE PARISH AND SCHOOL STAFF, I WISH TO EXTEND TO ALL OF YOU A BLESSED AND HOLY NEW YEAR, 2012. Fr. Gene

On this feast, we can see how devotion to Mary has been a beacon of hope to the sick throughout history. In the new cathedral of Los Angeles, the faithful enter through a single door topped by a striking sculpture of Mary with arms stretched down in compassion. Sculpted into the massive bronze doors are the titles of Mary most treasured by various cultures. Many of them speak of how the sick are consoled by a sense of Mary's presence.

Dorothy Day once recalled St. Bonaventure's remark that after the Lord's long forty days of fasting in the desert, when he was diminished and weak from his struggle, the angels who ministered to him went first to the Blessed Mother's house. There they saw the soup that was on her stove, and took some to the Lord so that he would delight in it even more since his mother had prepared it. "Of course," said Dorothy Day matter-of-factly. In praying the rosary and savoring the stories of Mary's steadfast love in the face of all suffering, the sick are strengthened by one of our tradition's most shining treasures, and the whole Church is enriched.

SERVERS SCHEDULE: Jan. 8, 5PM, Hanna Bert, Colin Wingerter; 9AM, Elizabeth Heffernan, Nick Heffernan

OUR GIFTS TO GOD for Dec. 25.: \$5,308.00 from 143 env.; Christmas, \$8,630.00; Improvement Fund, \$1,516.00; Collection for Needy, \$847.00; Children,

SPECIAL THANKS to all for your Christmas Cards, Greetings & Gifts. God Bless You - Fr. Gene

AFTER THORWALDSEN had completed his famous statue of Christ, he brought a friend to see it. Christ's arms were outstretched, his head bowed between them. The friend said, "But I cannot see his face." The sculptor replied, "If you want to see the face of Christ, you must get on your knees."

FIND HELP FOR YOUR TROUBLED MARRIAGE through the next RETROUVAILLE Program that starts Feb. 10-12, 2012, with a Weekend (Friday night thru Sunday), and has six follow-up sessions held over three months. You need not be Catholic to attend and we can work with people having financial difficulties. For confidential information, call 1-800-470-2230 toll free - or visit www.retrouvaille.org.

CEMETERY INCREASES: The new prices are:

Grave Opening	\$450.00
Grave Opening for Cremains	150.00
Cemetery Lots	350.00
Cemetery Lots in Old Section	250.00

These prices go into effect January 1, 2012.

CHURCH CALENDARS: We still have some calendars available at the doors. Take one to a family member, neighbor or friend. Thank our sponsors for their support.

ST. MARY'S ANNUAL SPRING GALA DINNER & AUCTION will be Mar. 24, 2012. We need **NEW & QUALITY ITEMS** for the silent & main auctions. Why not get together with a neighbor or friend & donate something together.

FR. LOU - Fr. Lou is recuperating at Aviston Nursing Home. Please keep him in your prayers for a quick recuperation and to return home quickly.

