

MASS INTENTIONS

Christmas Eve	5:30 PM	Donna Walsh by Jack & Lucy Walsh
	10:00 PM	Donnie & Ruth Eva Butt by Family
Christmas Monday	10:00	Nancy Nincehelser by John Nincehelser
		No Mass
Tuesday	10:00	Helen Dever by Jack & Lucy Walsh
Wednesday		No Mass
Thursday	10:00	Joanne Stevenson by Jim & Elaine Hackett
Friday		No Mass
New Year's Eve	5:30 PM	Mary Cesar by Bill & Karen Hottinger
New Year's Day	8:30	Parish Family
	11:00	Martha & Nancy Nincehelser by John Nincehelser

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, December 25th	– Is 52:7-10 / Heb 1:1-6 / Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5,9-14
Monday, December 26th	– Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 / Mt 10:17-22
Tuesday, December 27th	– 1 Jn 1:1-4 / Jn 20:1a,2-8
Wednesday, December 28th	– 1 Jn 1:5-2:2 / Mt 2:13-18
Thursday, December 29th	– 1 Jn 2:3-11 / Lk 2:22-35
Friday, December 30th	– Sir 3:2-7,12-14 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 / Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22,39-40
Saturday, December 31st	– 1 Jn 2:18-21 / Jn 1:1-18
Sunday, January 1st	– Nm 6:22-27 / Gal 4:4-7 / Lk 2:16-21

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

December 25, 2011 – The Nativity of the Lord

Saturday 5:30 p.m.

Saturday 10:00 p.m.

Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Eucharistic Ministers:

Lectors:

Servers:

Greeters:

Cantors:

SEE VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP LISTS

Kristen Treadway

Maria Dellapina

Guitar Group

January 1, 2012 – Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

Saturday 5:30 p.m.

Sunday 8:30 a.m.

Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Eucharistic Ministers:

Lectors:

Servers:

Greeters:

Cantors:

*Julie Burke, Eileen Baesmann
Joyce Curran, Chris Smith
Janet Flood, Christie Weiner
Natalie Hudson, Micalah Treadway
Sandro & Eileen Hudson
Melissa Jungers

*Crystal Kapavik, Dolores Hoovler
Dan Townsend, Susan Welch
Donna Kashuk, Ali Staneart
Rebecca, Madison, Connor, Chuckie
Ray & Rockie Hetterscheidt
Joe Lindsay

*Brenda Murdock, Laura Sammons
Art & Pat Urban
Jolene & Dave Bogner
Marko, Abby, Emily
Richard Cherry, Emily Sammons
Guitar Group

A PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS

Oh, God, our loving Father, help us rightly to remember the birth of Jesus,
that we may share in the song of the angels,
the gladness of the shepherds, and the worship of the wise men.
May the Christmas morning make us happy to be your children
and Christmas evening bring us to our beds
with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen.
- Robert Louis Stevenson

If you have not already done so, please use the envelope in your packet to contribute to the **DIOCESAN CHARITIES COLLECTION**.

YOUR GIFTS TO GOD - Due to early holiday bulletin deadlines, the collection results will appear in later bulletins.

A plethora of thanks to the **Crouse, Kauber, Sammons Funeral Home** for providing us with our 2012 calendars.

Thank you to all who donated to the **TOYS FOR TOTS DRIVE** in order to brighten a child's Christmas this year. God bless you!

Many thanks for the tremendous response to the Jessie Tree this year. Your donations of hats, gloves, scarves and mittens are greatly appreciated.

God bless everyone who participated in the Spiritual Adoption Program these past 10 months. Anyone who wishes to may donate a baby gift that will be delivered to Heartbeats of Licking County. There will be a collection box in the gathering space after Christmas.

Many thanks to those who supported the **RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS** and were willing to Share in the Care and give to those who have given a lifetime. It is not too late, if you still wish to contribute, please use your envelope or mark your check accordingly.

Our **2012 CHURCH ENVELOPES** are available for pick-up in the east hallway across from the restrooms. Please note that you may or may not have the same number as last year, so please double check your name before taking them. If there is not a set with your name on them, please see the sheet at the table for instructions.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED

Our prayers this week are asked for: Catherine Bisang, Joe Vocca, Kathy Hanninger, Barbara VanHoose, Mackenzie Grogan, Jim Wahl, Nioma Bowmar, Debbie Hlad, Tony Dellapina, Peggy Sanders, Storm Stevens, Mary Jane Downey, Ron Writesel, Frank Fiamingo, Hilde Hildebrandt, Mary Ann Williams, Fr. Reichert, Jim Sweet, Mary Sweet, Lucy Heller, Margie Bemiller, Bev Meholick, Bob Meholick, Ralph Downey, Marion Disbennett, Mary Phalen, and for those who have no one to pray for them.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Our church is beautifully decorated for the celebration of Christ's birth by donations from parishioners for poinsettias in honor of loved ones. Thank you to all who contributed for the flowers for Christmas.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Mass Schedule

New Year's Eve, Saturday, December 31 - Mass at 5:30 pm.

Sunday, January 1 - Mass at 8:30 and 11:00 am. (NO PSR)

Please submit articles, poems, stories, announcements, photos, etc. for the next **ASCENSION CONNECTION** newsletter to Lora.Dunfee@StateAuto.com or mail to Lora Dunfee, 13313 Jug St Rd NW, Johnstown OH 43031 ASAP!

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS - We would like to have a representative from all active groups to attend the next Parish Council meeting on Wednesday, January 4, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. This will be a follow up to the last group meeting and a look ahead for the coming year. Any questions, contact Donna Kashuk at 967-3388.

We are in need of a couple who would be willing to take over the role of **baptism preparation** for our parish. This is a limited time commitment but such an important ministry in our church family. Please call Kathy at the church office at 967-7871 or see Deacon Bill if you are interested.

THANK YOU RECEPTION FOR FATHER KLEE

Make plans now to attend a thank you reception for Fr. Klee on Sunday, January 15 after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. We will be serving soup and chili and we invite all parishioners to join us to thank Fr. Klee for helping us out during Fr. Reichert's absence. We intend to show him our appreciation by giving him some gas and Kroger gift cards. If any of you would be kind enough to make a donation for Father Klee, it would be very much appreciated. Just place your donation in an envelope with Father Klee's name on it, and place it in the weekly collection. God Bless You.

The **SOCIAL COMMITTEE** will meet on Tuesday, January 3, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in order to start planning our events for the new year. All are welcome!

BIBLE STUDY resumes on Thursday, January 5 at 7:00 pm and will continue to be held on the first and third Thursdays of the month. Anyone is welcome to join us!

PARISH WEBSITE UPDATED - The Ascension website - <http://www.johnstownascension.org> has been completely updated. New features include a Parish Calendar listing upcoming events; pages for each ministry with contact information, events, documents and photo galleries; download current and previous bulletins/Ascension Connection; directions to the church for out-of-towners with a map; and a link to sign up to the parish email list. Ministry contacts have the ability to update their own page, documents, photos and event listings. If you have photos of parish events you are encouraged to email them to the webmaster, theresa@duick.com, for sharing on the site. Ministry contacts, please email david@duick.com to setup a training session on updating your groups page and event calendar.