



**Mary, Mother of God**  
**December 31-January 1, 2011**  
**Luke 2:16-21**

This feast, closely connected to the feast of Christmas, is the most important and oldest of the major feasts of Mary. It is based on the source of her privileges: her motherhood. Jesus Christ, God's Son "born of a woman," came to deliver us from sin and make us children of God. He is also Mary's Son, and she, his mother, helps bring his blessings to the world.

Mary was not simply a passive instrument in God's hands; rather she discovered and accepted new dimensions to her motherhood as her life unfolded.

**PRAYER TO MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**

Let us pray, in the name of Jesus, born of the Virgin and Son of God.

Father, source of light in every age,  
 the Virgin conceived and bore your Son  
 who is called Wonderful God, Prince of Peace.  
 May her prayer, the gift of a mother's love,  
 be your people's joy through all ages.  
 May her response, born of a humble heart  
 draw your Spirit to rest on your people.  
 Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**PRAYER LIST FOR January ...**we pray for: Judy Stark, Joyce Jolles, Mike & Virginia Evans, Laura Harrison, Arden Bothe, Annemarie Poyer, Jack Ward, Kathy Hemmer, Tom Stuckey, Patrick Ashby, Sharon & Pat Rothman, all the sick of our parish, and all military personnel. God bless them all. (Names are taken off on the first weekend of each month. You may call the office at any time during the month.)

**All married couples** are cordially invited to join Archbishop Edwin O'Brien for the special World Marriage Day Mass and Reception at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen, 5200 N. Charles Street (*not the Basilica downtown*), **February 12, 2012 at 3:00 P.M.** The Mass will be bilingual in English and Spanish and interpreted for the deaf.

**SEEKING OUR LONGEST MARRIED COUPLE:**  
**We are participating in Worldwide Marriage Encounter's search for the longest married couple in the Archdiocese of Baltimore.** One couple from each parish will be honored during a special Mass celebrated by Archbishop Edwin O'Brien. Please report your names, address, wedding date, and phone number, **if you have been married at least 50 years, to the PARISH OFFICE no later than January 24, 2012.**

**HAPPY 2012 to our Parish Family!**  
**GOD BLESS YOU!**

**✠ Mass Intentions-Dec. 31-Jan. 8, 2012, 2011 ✠**

**NEW YEAR'S--MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**

**MASSES AT THE CHURCH**

Sat.	Carly Rivadeneiro Family	4:00pm
Sun.	Parish Family	9:00am
Mon.	Daniel Beggy ✠	8:15am
Tues.	Larry Douglas Carter ✠	6:30pm
Wed.	Virginia & Ricardo Mondragon ✠	12:00pm
Thurs.	Communion Service	8:15am
Fri.	Joseph Broz ✠	8:15am
Sat.	Parish Family	4:00pm
Sun.	Larry Douglas Carter ✠	9:00am

*(Daily Mass Intentions are subject to change due to emergencies, weather or the availability of a priest.)*

**Keep the Spirit Up - A Day for Job Seekers and Career Changes,** a day to support job seekers and those in the midst of career change. Led by Grace Garrett of Appreciative Cafe Coaching and Consulting, the day includes personal prayer, guided reflection and time for relaxation. After lunch, afternoon workshops on personal and job search management skills are available. **Call to make a reservation. Fri. Jan 13<sup>th</sup> - 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.** Cost: Free Will Offering - Suggested Amount \$15. Join us at Bon Secours Spiritual Center, Marriottsville MD. To register, please call (410) 442-1320.

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults will be held each Sunday in the basement of the church after the 9am Mass. Join now!**

1/8/12...Salvation History & How it Relates to Christianity.

1/15/12...Prayer (including Lord's Prayer)

Please call the church office or contact Patti Battista at 301-616-1644 for more information on the classes.

**COMMUNION CLOTH MINISTRY:**

01/01/12...Jean Coviello 01/08/12...Patti Battista

**✠Lay Minister Schedule:**

1-7-12 4pm Read: Broderick

EM's: Lander, Rathgeb, Myers

1-8-12 9am Read: YOUTH

EM's: F & N Callis, Huber, \*Huber

**☺Parish Donations and Support in the Community.**

Because of you and your generosity to our Poor Box Collections throughout 2011, our parish has made donations in your name to the following community efforts: Warm the Children, the House of Hope, Meals on Wheels, Hospice of Garrett County, the Rotary Giving Tree Project, Area Agency on Aging, the Dove Center, Habitat for Humanity, Garrett County Mentors, and the Garrett County Memorial Hospital Foundation.

God bless you all for your donations!



Jan. 1-NO SUNDAY SCHOOL  
*May our Sunday School Staff  
 & Families*

*have a blessed, happy and safe 2012!*

**Jan. 8-12<sup>th</sup> Class**

Teachers' Luncheon & Meeting after class.

**Jan. 15-13<sup>th</sup> Class**

**Cookies, Cocoa & Sledding Party**

Meet at Veterans' Park at 11:30am

☺ EVERYONE WELCOME ☺

**HOMEBOUND PRAYER INTENTION for**

**JANUARY:** That the victims of natural disasters may receive the spiritual and material comfort they need to rebuild their lives.

**HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR**

**JANUARY:** That the dedication of Christians to peace may bear witness to the name of Christ before all people of good will.



**A New Year Prayer**



Holy Father, God of our yesterdays, our today, and our tomorrows. We praise You for Your unequaled greatness. Thank You for the year behind us and for the year ahead. Help us in Your new year, Father, to fret less and laugh more. To teach our children to laugh by laughing with them. To teach others to love by loving them.

Knowing, when Love came to the stable in Bethlehem, He came for us so that Love could be with us, and we could know You that we could share Love with others. Help us, Father, to hear Your love song in every sunrise, in the chirping of sparrows in our backyards, in the stories of our old folks, and the fantasies of our children. Help us to stop and listen to Your love songs, so that we may know You better and better.

We rejoice in the world You loved into being. Thank You for another new year and for new chances every day. We pray for peace, for light, and for hope, that we might spread them to others. Forgive us for falling short this past year. We leave the irreparable past in your hands, and step out into the unknown new year knowing You will go with us. We accept Your gift of a new year and we rejoice in what's ahead, depending on You to help us do exactly what You want. Again, we rejoice!  
 In Jesus name, Amen.

**Parish Offices will be Closed on Monday,  
 January 2, 2012. See you on 1/3/12 ☺**

**MARCH FOR LIFE—JAN. 23, 2012...** Since the anniversary of Roe v. Wade falls on a Sunday, the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual March for Life in Washington, D.C., will be held on Monday, **Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup>**. This day you will have an extraordinary opportunity to put your faith into action and take a stand for those most vulnerable in our society – the unborn babies! They have no voice but ours!! For further information regarding the March for Life Convention and the Rose Dinner, go to [www.marchforlife.org](http://www.marchforlife.org)

**CALCULATORS' SCHEDULE:**

Jan. 1/Church: Team #2-Coviellos, Bakers

Jan. 1/Center: Team #6-Myers, Lynch

Jan. 8/Church: Team #4-Thorn, Stem, Gregory, Matthews

Jan. 8/Center: Team #7-Gloeckl, Stahl, Mitchell

**Parish Gift Shop!** Shop in the church basement and at the Lake Center for that special gift! Maybe for someone you skipped on your list!

**Get your NEW ST. JOSEPH SUNDAY MISSAL... available at both gift shop locations and at the church office for \$3.** This missal has the Sunday readings for the liturgical year 2012. Purchase yours today! The 3-cycle missals will be available soon.

**Senior Moments to gather! Join our 55+ group on Friday, January 6, 2012 at 12:30pm.** This will be a GAME DAY to come out and enjoy spending some time out of the house. Bring cards, monopoly, checkers or share what we have! Come and have a cup of coffee and some lively conversation. We will have snacks, too ☺



**DAILY MASS...(WEEKDAYS)**

**Bad Weather Policy**

If school is delayed or closed,  
**no** Mass at 8:15am.

If school is closed or dismissed early,  
**no** Mass at 6:30pm.

If school is closed or dismissed before lunch,  
**no** Mass at 12 noon.

**ADDITIONALLY...**

**THE OBLIGATION TO ATTEND MASS ON THE WEEKEND OR ON A HOLY DAY** does NOT apply if you are sick. **ALSO...** It does NOT apply if the weather is too treacherous for travel. CONSIDER YOUR SAFETY AND THE SAFETY OF OTHERS ON THE ROAD. **➡ We will have any cancellations of Sunday/Holy Day Masses due to snowy/icy weather conditions announced on the local radio stations.**