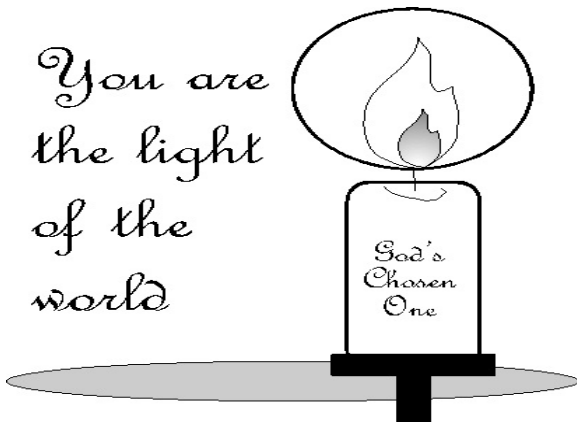


You are  
the light  
of the  
world



### **Finances for January 12/13, 2008**

Loose \$ 113.00 White Offering \$ 1930.00  
Total: \$ 2043,00  
Last Year: 2975.31  
Christmas Collection: \$5,126.00  
Thank you

*Invite a friend back home to St. Mary's, tell them we miss them.*

### **Mass Schedule**

#### **Monday, January 21, 2008**

8:00 A.M. - Walter Ganc, requested by  
Henry and Joan Davenport

#### **Tuesday, January 22, 2008**

8:00 A.M. - George Krawchak, Sr. requested by  
Estate of Anne Krawchak

#### **Wednesday, January 23, 2008**

8:00 A.M. - Joseph Thomas, requested by  
Mr. & Mrs. John Welgosh

#### **Thursday, January 24, 2008**

8:00 A.M. - Tara Ann Zajac, requested by  
Robert Gaydos

#### **Friday, January 25, 2008**

8:00 A.M. - Louise Otlowski, requested by  
John & Rose Bigos

#### **Saturday, January 26, 2008**

5:00 P.M. - Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Zugarek, requested  
by Daughters

#### **Sunday, January 27, 2008**

8:30 A.M. - Parishioners  
10:30 A.M. - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade CCD Students, requested by  
Mrs. Mendofik

### **Altar Servers Schedule**

#### **Saturday, January 26, 2008**

5:00 P.M. - Kimberly Price, Gabrielle Konopczyk  
Ryan Konopczyk

#### **Sunday, January 27, 2008**

8:30 A.M. - Sean Ashford, Christopher Lukashewski  
John Sidonis  
10:30 A.M. - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade CCD Class

### **Lector Schedule**

#### **Saturday, January 26, 2008**

5:00 P.M. - Patricia Lavan, Rob Rosner

#### **Sunday, January 26, 2008**

8:30 A.M. - Terry Miller, Bill Magnotta  
10:30 A.M. - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade CCD Class

### **Knights of Columbus**

K of C dance is on for February 9, 2008. Bring your Sweetheart for a nice dinner, five piece band, drinks and a great night on the town all for only \$15.00 a person. See or call Marc Mickowski at 868-8566 for more information or see a Brother Knight for tickets.

### **Altar and Rosary Society**

The next meeting for Altar and Rosary will be on Monday, January 21 at 7:00 P.M. in the rectory meeting room. All are welcome to attend.

### **St. Theresa Guild**

St. Theresa's Guild will be selling "Bon-Ton Community Day" booklets in the vestibule of the hall after Mass. Booklets cost \$5.00 and include a coupon for \$10.00 in merchandise and four 20% off coupons for Saturday, March 1-Bon-Ton Day. All monies raised from the sale remain with our parish. Please support this fund raiser.

### **Reminder for St. Theresa Guild Members**

The Annual Valentine's Dinner of the St. Theresa Guild will be on Sunday, February 10, 2008 at 1:00 P.M. at Cavanaugh's, N. Main St., Mountain Top, PA. Please RSVP to Margaret Lukashewski at 379-3321 on or before February 1, 2008.

### **CCD**

The fifth grade CCD Class will have their class Mass on Sunday, January 27 at 10:30 A.M. Students will be serving coffee and bake good immediately following Mass.

### **Nite at the Races**

St. Mary's will be sponsoring a "Nite at the Races" on Saturday, March 1, 2008. Please mark your calendars and watch the bulletin for further details.

## St. Leo's/Holy Rosary Church

Cyrenians of St. Leo's Holy Rosary Church, Ashley will hold a "Nite at the Races" on Saturday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> at St. Leo's Hall, 33 Manhattan St., Ashley. Doors open at 6 P.M. Post time is at 7 P.M. Admission is \$3.00 which includes food and beverages. If interested in buying a horse for \$10.00, call Joe at 823-2550.

## Military Prayer List

The following Military people are now serving in a dangerous place.

<i>Michael Boothe</i>	<i>Derek Jankowski</i>
<i>Ryan Curry</i>	<i>Christopher Kenney</i>
<i>Jonathan Cupina</i>	<i>Andrew Lukashewski</i>
<i>Charles Dixon</i>	<i>Brian Lukashewski</i>
<i>Peter Dolan</i>	<i>Joseph Lukashewski</i>
<i>John Folmar</i>	<i>Adam Wendalski</i>
<i>Michael Janosov</i>	

## Parish Sick List

*Come to us, O risen Savior, faithful physician of our bodies and souls, and grant relief to our sick and aging who suffer:*

<i>Christopher Badman</i>	<i>Donald Myers Sr.</i>
<i>Thomas Bodek</i>	<i>Dorothy Novicki</i>
<i>Dianne Burick</i>	<i>John Paul Magauran</i>
<i>Jennifer Haydt</i>	<i>Wayne Justin Parks</i>
<i>Jack Kania</i>	<i>Michael Popiak</i>
<i>Diane Kovalski</i>	<i>Luke Sechevich</i>
<i>Donna Lynn Myers</i>	<i>R. T.</i>
<i>Betty Ann Levy</i>	<i>Helen Sherksnas</i>
<i>Adrienne Wanyo</i>	<i>Donald Taney, Sr.</i>
<i>Marie Zajac</i>	

## Financial Statements

We will not be mailing our financial statements to each family in our parish this year for tax purposes. However, if anyone would like a copy of their statement, we would be most happy to send one to you upon request. Office Hours are: Monday through Wednesday (9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.). The telephone number for the office is: 570-868-5855.

## Bazaar Meeting

A meeting to discuss the 2008 bazaar will be on Monday, January 28, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. in the rectory meeting room. All are invited to attend.

## Collection for Human Development

Thank you for your generous contributions this weekend for Human Development. It is appreciated.

## **SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JANUARY 20, 2008**

"I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth... But I say I did not recognize Him. The one who sent me to baptize with water told me: 'When you see the Spirit descend and rest on someone, it is He who is to be baptized with the Holy Spirit. Now I have seen for myself and have testified: this is God's chosen One.'"

How often we use the expression "I recognized your voice" or "I recognize the face, but not the name." Someone calls, and immediately the familiar voice needs no introduction. The use of certain words often betrays one's place of origin.

John the Baptist's role was to help us recognize the person of the Christ. He knew Him as relative, perhaps growing up together as cousins. The hidden years may have found them together often. Now, as John preaches and lives a different life style, Jesus comes upon the scene. A sign is given and John acknowledges His presence and reveals His role.

We who claim discipleship of Jesus as others earlier did of John, recognize Jesus as our Lord and Savior. We are the disciples of today, called and challenged to know Him and make Him known, love Him and have Him loved, and serve Him and have Him served. Beginning a New Year allows us to gather our forces and dedicate ourselves to the spread of the gospel in which we believe.

We use different measures to recognize the Christian life. How do we recognize Jesus alive and operating in our world? When was the last time you told someone about your life and your life in Christ Jesus?

## **WE THE PEOPLE OF THE BEATITUDES**

### **BLESSED TOO ARE THE SORROWING THEY SHALL BE CONSOLED**

Our world, the one in which we are privileged to live, to direct and to find God, certainly knows suffering. The hurts we feel, the evil we observe, the tragedies which surround us – natural disasters, man-made conflicts – all fall into the realm of human suffering. Sometimes we contribute to it, often we fail to do something about it. A famous sermon "The Cross of Christ, the Measure of the World" of Cardinal Newman; taught us to use the

suffering we know and experience to be in communion with Christ and our world's redemption. We believe that the saving action of Christ continues today, and we are able to unite ourselves with the Lord.

Consolation takes place when we find support and hope in a Christian community. Consolation takes place with the Easter moment and the glory the Lord promises