

## Liturgy Schedule

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30

8:00 Barry Fink (Wife and Family)  
9:30 Our Lady of Grace Parish  
11:30 Mary Popatak (Carl and Ann Popatak)

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 31

6:45 Katherine Eichenlaub (Paula Elliott)  
9:00 Charlotte Francis (Bill and Mary Duffy)  
6:00 Frank DeAndrea (Dale and Carol Kohser)

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2008

8:00 Judy McCombs (Becky Link)  
9:30 Albert Lira (Jim and Ann Donoghue)  
11:30 Betty Lou Lohman (Lois Varrenti)

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2

6:45 Mae Meadows (Carol and Frank DeAndrea)  
9:00 William P. Roos (Bradley Family)

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 3

6:45 Cecilia McNeilly (Loretta and Steve Petriga)  
9:00 Michele Sweeney (Ralph Brand)

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 4

6:45 Mary Fani (Jack and Julie Emes)  
9:00 Timothy Darnley (Irene Brancewicz)

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 5

9:00 For the Poor Souls (Meadows Family)  
11-12 Sacramental Reconciliation  
6:00 Ida Barthen (Family)  
7:00 Sacramental Reconciliation

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 6

8:00 Marie Morris (Ron and Nancy Morris)  
9:30 Our Lady of Grace Parish  
11:30 Mark Flaherty (Wife Catherine and Family)  
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### MONEY COUNTERS

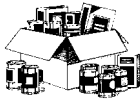
This week: A. Mordacci, J. Lanz, J. Riley, B. McGervey  
Next week: J. Farrell, P. Matvey, J. Dressel

### ALTAR SOCIETY SCHEDULE - JANUARY 4

M. Plank

### FOOD PANTRY DAY

Next Sunday, January 6, 2008 is Food Pantry Day. Parishioners may bring their donations of food to any Mass next Sunday. Baggies, paper products, and cleaning supplies are also welcome. If this is not possible, monetary donations or a shopping certificate for the poor is always appreciated. Members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society thank you for your generosity.



**HELP TO SPONSOR THE MARCH FOR LIFE BUS TRIP** - Over \$600 has been raised to cover the cost of our bus-trip! If you would like to help sponsor the trip, please consider a contribution of \$10-\$20. Make checks payable to Our Lady of Grace and send to Marie Milburn, 1730 Bower Hill Rd., Pittsburgh, PA 15243.

**NEXT SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:** Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12.

## Activities Schedule

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30

7:30 AA, Conroy Hall

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2

7:00 Pre-Baptism Class, Staff Center  
7:00 Pgh. Civ. Orch., Conroy Hall

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 3

7:00 Boy Scouts, Conroy Hall  
7:30 RCIA, Staff Center  
7:30 Fish Fry Meeting, Keefer Hall

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 5

8:00 Tiger Clinic, Miller Pavilion (all day)  
9:00 Recruitment/Retention Mtg., Keefer Hall

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 6

9:30 Children's Liturgy of Word, Church, Keefer Hall  
10:45 Religious Education, School, Conroy Hall  
6:00 Youth Group, Staff Center  
7:30 AA, Conroy Hall

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**PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY:** PFC Daniel Mulvihill, 1st Lt. William J. Shields, Pvt. Anthony J. Laitta, Pvt. 1st Class Angelo Morasca, Lt. Kelsey Barley, 2nd Lt. Christopher Lauff, 1st Sgt. Rick Oddi, Sr. Airman Dion Julian, Capt. Aaron L. B. Cox, Capt. Steven Tingley, Lt. Steve Fichter, David Clay, Jr., Col. Gregory Mark Ferketish, Capt. Sam Gazzo, Lnc. Cpl Ryan Kelsey, Maj. Gen. Scott Gray, Maj. Ken Wheeler, Sgt. Dustin Huff, 2nd Lt. Meghan Cumpston, SSgt. Stephen Lorenzetty, Lt. Jason Simon, Capt. J. J. Serowik, Sgt. Matthew Tardio, PV2 Erik Lind, Maj. Thomas H. Huzzard, PFC Mark Grosso. If you have a family member in the military and would like him/her remembered in prayer, please submit the name and branch of service to the parish office. Their families have let us know they are grateful for our prayers.

### **REGISTRATION TABLE FOR THE OLG**

**MARCH FOR LIFE BUS-TRIP** - Next weekend a registration table for the Our Lady of Grace Bus-trip to the 35th annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. will be set up in the vestibule following all Masses. The trip will take place Tuesday, January 22, 2008. Don't miss out! Here's what participants have said about the trip: "It led me to appreciate my life and the lives of others even more." "It was very encouraging to see so many people willing to stand and be counted." It is a great opportunity to respectfully and peacefully express our views on the importance of life." The cost for the trip is \$10/person. For more information, contact Marie Milburn, Director of Family Life and Adult Catechesis, 412-276-0278.



**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** those who are sick, especially Carolyn Shankovich, Ann Lee, James Selden, Glenn Mamula, Jeannine Mongelli, Ron Morris, Virginia Daniels, Dorothy Barley, Marge Wallace, Laura Seli, Sue Sweeney, Mark Vernino, Adele Koczaja, Connie All, Ryan Markel, Mary Weidl, Joe Wilhem, Matthew Werner, Carl Rupprecht, Carl Murawski, Theresa Hawkins, Rosemary Serowik, Jane Herscoe, Bill Snyder, Fannie Calderone, Alberta Taylor, Bernadette Hale, Charlie Scarvace, Debbie Wessolek, Joel Namy.



The Feast of the Holy Family is always observed within the octave of Christmas, the eight days, because our first look at the Holy Family in the gospel is in the stable at Bethlehem with the birth of the Lord. The family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph was perfectly dedicated to God and to each other. Devotion to Jesus, Mary and Joseph as the Holy Family has long been a comforting and inspiring practice among Christian people.

Pope Leo XIII first established this feast in 1893. Pope Benedict XV extended the Feast of the Holy Family to the whole Church in 1921. The artistic practice of portraying the Holy Family with Jesus as a baby or child is based on the traditional belief that St. Joseph died while Jesus was still young. The sisters who used to have us write "JMJ" at the top of our school papers were teaching us to keep the example of the Holy Family in front of our eyes because their love for each other and for God is a model of care, respect and humility for all of us to emulate.

For the family, as created and intended by God, is 'a school of love.' The beautiful readings from the Old and New Testaments set before us the ideal way that our families should honor and serve each other in love. The wise Sirach urges us to honor and respect our aging parents. St. Paul teaches us about the mutual love and cooperation that should motivate husbands and wives and the care and encouragement that should exist between parents and their children. And even our psalm response echoed this familial theme comparing a man's wife and children to graceful vines and fruitful plants filling up his house with life and love.

On this Feast of the Holy Family, during this Christmas Season, be certain to love the family God has given you.

Rev. Richard A. Infante  
Pastor



**FROM THE DESK OF SISTER GRACE MARIE**

You have purchased and wrapped many packages that now are waiting for the smiling and joyful faces of children on Christmas morning. Toys, clothing and food certificates have been provided by your generosity, for 219 children (93 families)! The following areas were helped: Carnegie/Bridgeville, Lincoln-Larimer, Beechview, Hill District and refugee children. Thank you for thinking of others! Your generosity is outstanding! Thanks also to all who were on hand to shop, wrap, sort and deliver the gifts.

A special thanks to the Ladies of Charity who prepared Thanksgiving and Christmas gifts for our shut-ins, and for all who helped deliver them.

This Christmas and New Year may all that is beautiful and peaceful fill your world and the peace and love of Christ, Our Savior, enrich your life.

**OLG ACTION YOUTH GROUP:** Prayer-Service-Fun! All are welcome. We wish all of you a very blessed Christmas season. THANK YOU for your generous support of our Appalachia Mission trip by purchasing the live Christmas wreaths. Enjoy the fresh scent and know you helped. Hoagies will be coming in January! Gathering, Youth Group, Sun., Jan. 6; Staff Center; 6:30-8:00 p.m. New members are ALWAYS invited and encouraged to come. March for Life: Jan. 21 - One day trip; \$5 March for Life: Jan. 20-21; Awesome 2-day trip to D.C. with Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, the largest Roman Catholic Church in the Western Hemisphere. Cost \$40. We will visit the Holocaust Memorial Museum and monuments. Money and permission forms turn in NO LATER than Sun., Jan. 6th. Soupier Bowl: Feb. 2; to help the homeless of Pittsburgh. 18th LOVEWALK for the Poor; Feb. 10. March Lenten Winter/Ski Retreat: Que Vadis?—"Where are you going? Freedom Trails Friday, March 7 - Sunday, March 9th. Cost for retreat is \$85. Additional group rate if you want to ski, snowboard, snowtube, indoor swimming, bowling, miniature golf, etc., during our free time. If any parishioners would like to donate to help reduce the cost of the \$85 retreat expense, please contact the rectory. Thank you. High School Boys Basketball Sign Up: First games Jan. 6; 8:00-11:00 p.m. and Jan. 7; 9:30-11:00 p.m. Questions: call Coach Mike Durr.

**Additional Christmas Flower Memorials...**

*In memory of Mary Kenney, Jack Kenney, Grace Kenney, Anne Kenney Licata by Jane Krauth.*  
*In memory of Mario William Anesetti by wife, Geri, and children and grandchildren*  
*In memory of Paul & Mary Byrnes; Anthony & Elizabeth Martucci; Gilbert & Martha Byrnes; Jacob & Pearl Harmon by Karen B. Harmon.*

**SCHOOL NEWS**

Our Lady of Grace School would like to wish everyone a healthy and blessed New Year. School resumes on Wednesday, January 2, 2008



**MANY THANKS TO ALL** who so generously support the **Shopping Certificate Program**. Also, thanks are extended to those whose dedication, cooperation and time make this program such a success! Shopping Certificates are sold after all masses on the weekend and daily throughout the week at the school and parish office. Please continue to participate in this fundraiser for our school and parish community. A prosperous New Year to all!

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH ENVELOPES** - Children who have not received their boxed church envelopes, whether you go to OLG School, participate in the CCD Program or are home-schooled, can contact the Religious Education Office (412-276-0277) to pick up a box.

**RACHEL'S VINEYARD**, a weekend retreat designed to heal the emotional and spiritual wounds of abortion, will be held on Feb. 1-3, 2008. Open to both women and men, the retreat will take place at the Spiritan Center in Bethel Park. Rachel's Vineyard provides a beautiful experience of God's love, forgiveness, and compassion for those struggling with abortion's aftermath. There is a fee to cover the cost of food and lodging, but financial aid is available. Catholic Charities and the Diocese of Pittsburgh are co-sponsors. To register or for more information, call Ann Depner or Karen LaFrance at 412-456-6999 by January 25.

**THE OFFICE FOR VOCATIONS** is hosting an overnight gathering at Saint Paul Seminary Friday and Saturday, Jan. 25-26, 2008, for all college and career men who are interested in learning about the priestly formation program, seminary life, and the priesthood itself. The schedule includes time for prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, discussions led by our seminarians, a review of the priestly formation program by the rector, Father James Wehner, and opportunity for individual discussion with the diocesan vocation director, Father Thomas Sparacino. For more information, please contact Father Thomas Sparacino at 412-672-9763 or Father James Wehner at 412-456-3048.



**THANK YOU! THANK YOU!** to all who supported, either by monetary donation, baked goodies or by volunteering your help, the **Women's Guild Holiday Bake Sale**. It was a "sweet" success! May God bless you and yours in the New Year.

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**Special Instructions:**

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