

**Dear Parishioners,**

Your Christmas cards, treats and thoughtfulness throughout this season are greatly appreciated!

As we prepare to welcome 2017 and as we make New Year's goals and resolutions, let us remember to pray to the Holy Spirit for guidance. We pray that the New Year will be a time of spiritual growth for all of us as we walk in the footsteps of Jesus.

**Best wishes and God's blessings to all for the New Year!**

**Fr. John**

**God speaks to us in many ways,  
including through this Sunday's Scripture readings.**

***Jesus, our Savior, was born of the Virgin Mary, so that God could dwell among us.***

**Reading 1** Numbers 6:22-27

**Reading 2** Galatians 4:4-7

**Gospel** Luke 2:16-21

**Question of the Week – What is a Holy Day of Obligation?**

On December 13, 1991 the members of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops of the United States of America made the following general decree concerning holy days of obligation for Latin Rite Catholics:

In addition to Sunday, the days to be observed as holy days of obligation in the Latin Rite dioceses of the United States of America, in conformity with canon 1246, are as follows:

- January 1, the solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
- Thursday of the sixth Week of Easter, the solemnity of the Ascension
- August 15, the solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- November 1, the solemnity of All Saints
- December 8, the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
- December 25, the solemnity of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Whenever January 1, the solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, or August 15, the solemnity of the Assumption, or November 1, the solemnity of All Saints, falls on a Saturday or on a Monday, the precept to attend Mass is abrogated.

<b>PARISH SUPPORT WEEK OF DEC. 18 – 24</b>		<b>DID YOU KNOW...</b> St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament Parish is part of your life every day of the year? Now you can be sure your gift to support our parish is there regularly. Sign up for on-line giving or EFT (electronic funds transfer) and never worry about writing a check or remembering a special collection. Go to our website: <a href="http://saintphilipneriblessedsacrament.org/">http://saintphilipneriblessedsacrament.org/</a> and click on the "Donation" button or call the Parish Office for the EFT form.
<b>WEEKLY REVENUE</b>	<b>\$55,497.99</b>	
<b>WEEKLY EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$11,810.06</b>	
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	<b>\$43,687.93</b>	
<b>YEAR TO DATE REVENUE</b>	<b>\$594,827.57</b>	
<b>YEAR TO DATE EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$660,077.87</b>	
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	<b>(\$65,250.30)</b>	

**THANK YOU TO EACH OF YOU WHO DONATED MONEY FOR POINSETTIAS AND DECORATIONS.** The poinsettias beautifying our Church this Christmas are in honor of or in memory of these loved ones: Merl Core, Joseph Thibodeau, Al Little, Simpson Family, Francis and Margaret Pleiss, John and Agnes Schaffart Sr., Tammy Gatrost, Greg Pinker, David Burke, John Gubbels, Marshall and Mausbach Families – living and deceased, Deceased members of the Pfeiffer and Poell families, Harry Schlotfeld, Mr. and Mrs. Schlotfeld, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, Bill Johnson, Deceased Family Members, Ethel and Joe Mailander, Max, Andy and Bill Mailander, Pauline Stieha, Kathleen W. Smith Family, Gerald and Virginia Toohey, Jeanette and Chris Haman, Dale Taylor, Sharon Lemkau, Cloudt Family Deceased, Jim Kubes, Phil and Ruth Hughes, Elmer and Hazel Wirth, Becky Hughes, Marjorie Henn, Bob, Lula, and Virginia Todd, Gene Kafka, Bertha McCants, Larry McCants, Gregory Mc Cants, Frankie McCants, Family of Barbara Sims, Deceased Members of the Rossitto and Anderson Families, Mrs. Emelia Robinson, Mr. Herbert Robinson, Mr. Bruno Kozimor, All Unborn Children, Mary Ahrens, Aleman and Hernandez Family, Bev Rawley, Katie and Jerry Zenk, Bill Sammons, Si and Esther Locher, John Locher,

Zach Locher and Donna Workerbragen

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS:**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 7**

**5:00 PM:**  
**ALTAR SERVERS:** Autumn-Rose Barnes,  
 Jackson Cramer  
**CANDLE BEARERS:** Kobe Mulcahy,  
 Lydia Treves  
**LECTOR:** Hugh Reilly  
**EMHCs:** Mike Holmgren, Jeanette Pinker,  
 Jennifer Russell, Jim Shepherd,  
 Diane Sullivan, Matt Swoboda  
**GIFTBEARERS:** Treves Family  
**MUSICIANS:** Children's Choir

**NERI DOLLAR SELLER:**

**USHERS:** Fred Bonacci, Dave Sedlacek,  
 Jim Coe, Ron Allbright,  
 Rock Cramer

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 8**

**7:30 AM:**  
**LECTOR:** Hank Henkenius  
**EMHCs:** Regina Cronkhite,  
 Bev Demkowski, Larry Ziska  
 Maria Hackenberg,  
 Dorothy Polan, Norine Hoffman  
**GIFTBEARERS:** Polan Family  
**NERI DOLLAR SELLER:**  
**USHERS:** Bill Wilber, Carl Sedlacek,  
 Chuck Holderness,  
 Chuck Livengood

**10:30 AM:**  
**ALTAR SERVERS:** CJ Buell,  
 Tiana Earlywine  
**CANDLE BEARERS:** Ryan Greenwood,  
 Frances Holmstedt  
**LECTOR:** Kelli Brock  
**EMHCs:** Trudie Ahlstrom, Bill Cheese,  
 Cathy Fluckey,  
 Nancy Ryckman,  
 Tamatha Buell, Fannie Parker  
**GIFTBEARERS:** Wolodkewitsch Family  
**MUSICIANS:** Kim Becker and  
 Friends  
**NERI DOLLAR SELLER:**  
**USHERS:** Rick Krebs, Fred Maycock,  
 Tim Kiuntke, Carl Cramer,  
 Mark Lampe

**COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND:** Mary Breitkrutz, Ellen and Wayne Russell, Mary Ann Taylor

**COLLECTION MONEY COUNTERS:**

**IMMANUEL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS – THURSDAY, JANUARY 5:** Roy Edwards, Rich McShane

**Mass Intentions January 2 - 8**

Monday	8:15 AM	No Communion Service
Tuesday	8:15 AM	Our Garden Angels Int.
Wednesday	8:15 AM	Our Parish Family
Thursday	8:15 AM	Jerry Goeken + Vincent and Maxine McMahon+
Friday	8:15 AM	Memorial Society +
Saturday	5:00 PM	Francis Pleiss + Fr. John Int.
Sunday	7:30 AM	Jim Johnson + Joe Rossitto +
	10:30 AM	Joe Reeves + Greg Haney +

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY OF JOHN WONDER.** John is the brother-brother-in-law of Jim and Carol Wonder. He was buried this past Friday.

**ATTENTION! Bible Study on Matthew Participants**  
 - We will be starting back up on Tues. Jan. 3 and Wed. Jan. 4th. We are on Session 13. Dust off the bible and we will see ya soon!

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 1 – HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

- KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION – Trailer in Parking Lot**
- NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER MASS**
- NO FAMILY FAITH FORMATION CLASS**
- NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 3**

7:00 P.M. **MATTHEW BIBLE STUDY – Parish Center**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4**

9:00 A.M. **MATTHEW BIBLE STUDY – Activity Center Meeting Room**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 5**

**CLASSES RESUME - School**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 6**

8:15 A.M. **ALL SCHOOL MASS - Church**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 7**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION - Trailer in Parking Lot**

**SPECIAL COLLECTION - Seminary**

**NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER MASS**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 8 - THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION – Trailer in Parking Lot**

**SPECIAL COLLECTION – Seminary – At all Masses**

**NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER MASS**

**FAMILY FAITH FORMATION CLASS - School**

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD –**

**CHRISTIAN HUMOR** I got a dog for Christmas. I named it "Twenty Miles". This way I can tell people that I walk twenty miles every day.

**~ NERI DOLLAR NEWS ~**

Special Thanks to everyone who purchased Neri Dollars over the past year. We appreciate your

