

MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN CHURCH

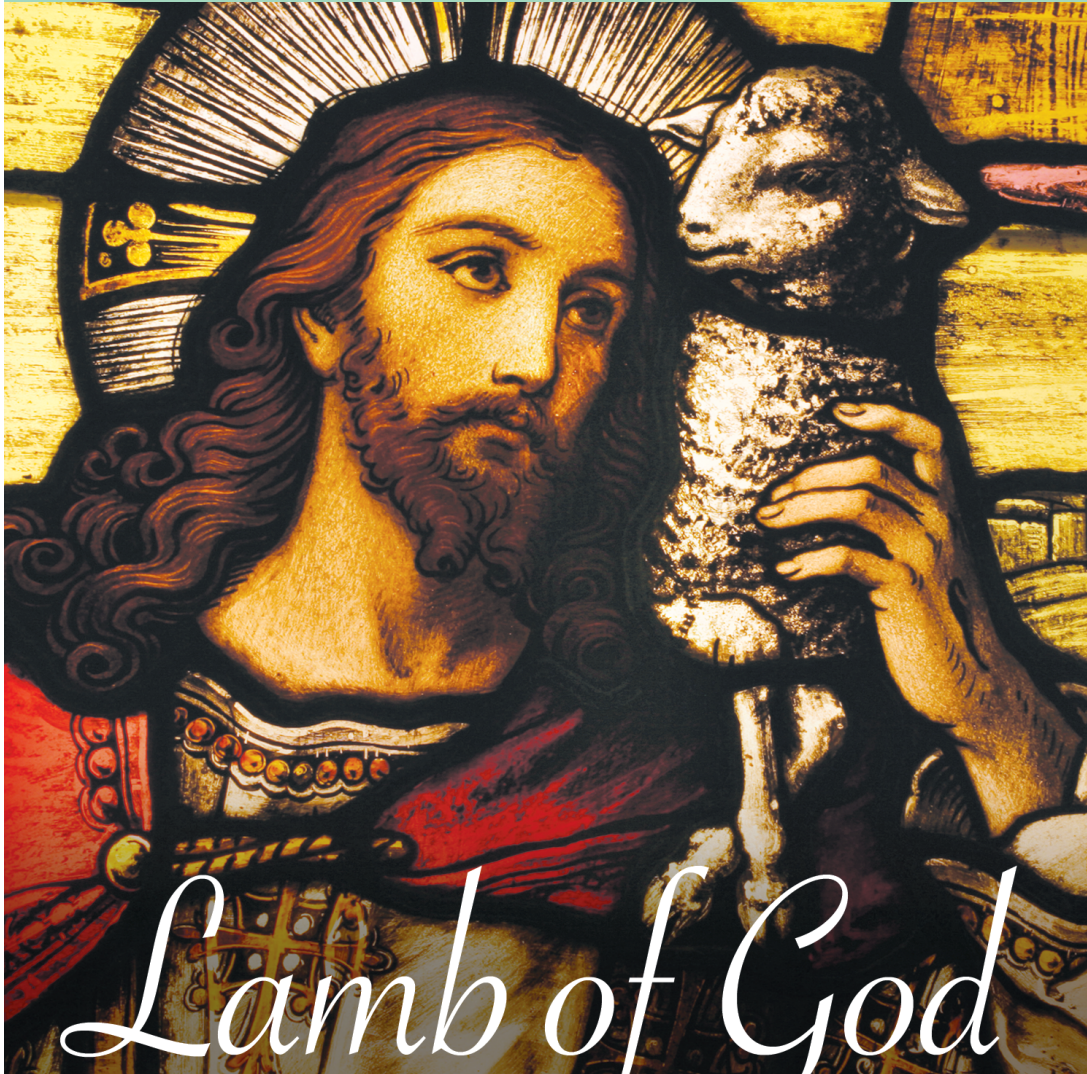
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January 15, 2012

2nd Sunday in
Ordinary Time



Worship Schedule

Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:30 p.m.

Sunday 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Weekday Schedule

Mon., Tues., Wed., and Thurs.: Mass

Fri.: Communion Service

First Friday of the month: Mass

All at 8:30 a.m.

Rosary Devotion

Monday through Friday: 8:00 AM

Sacraments

Reconciliation - Saturday 3:30 p.m.

Baptism

1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at 2:00 p.m. Required Baptismal preparation on the 2nd Tues. at 7:30 p.m. Call Deacon Tom to register.

Marriage

Please contact the Pastor 6 months in advance.

Parish Office Hours

Mon.-Fri.:9:00am-4:00pm

Pastoral Staff

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Pastor

Rev. John Barrett
Pastor Emeritus

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• John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus.

Jn 1:35-37

Note from the Pastor



Poetry and Prayer

If, "in the springtime a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love," what do they turn to in the dead of the winter? When the snow falls and the cold comes and it's just too hard to go out to exercise the body, what do you do? May I suggest that you exercise your soul. Pray. And read poetry. The two are quite connected to each other. In prayer we go beyond our little ego selves to be present to the divine Presence. In poetry we try to put into words that which cannot be spoken of: the joy, the mystery, the sorrow, the utter transcendence of life. Both are transformative, both go beyond.

We have just come out of a season where we have listened to one of the greatest poets of all time, the prophet Isaiah. If we read the prophets carefully and ponder what they write and allow it to sink in, you will slowly come to realize that this is pure, unadulterated poetry. Here, let this sink in.

Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her service is at an end, her guilt is expiated; indeed, she has received from the hand of the Lord double for all her sins.

A voice cries out: in the desert prepare the way of the Lord! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God! Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill shall be made low; the rugged land shall be made a plane, the rough country a broad valley.

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; He has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the broken hearted, to proclaim liberty to captives and release the prisoners, to pronounce a year of favor from the Lord and a day of vindication by our God.

And the wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and a little child shall lead them.

Shear poetry. Lions and lambs do not lie down together. Virgins do not bear children. Valleys do not rise up and mountains are not made flat. Not in prose anyway. But in poetry? In prayer?

There is a poet in each and every one of us. In these dark days of winter, it would be good to let him/her out to do the fully mystical work it is meant to do: To unite the soul with Eternity. Poetry bypasses the left brain logic of prose and enters straight into the heart of the matter, the soul. It speaks a transformative word that changes us by sitting with it and pondering it. Just like prayer. Several months ago I was handed a poem-prayer written by one of our young parishioners, Heather Styka. It makes for good winter pondering and prayer:

Holiday

God's packed up his bags and moved to Coney where he and I rode the Cyclone all night. He's been going to wars, sitting through boring meetings, needs some time off from incantations. They've been calling him up in matters of state, faxing plans for new pipelines, even though they had promised to keep all that separate. And God said, *Look*. Stop calling me. I won't show. I'm leaving steeples for parachute jumps and Steeplechase Park, Deno's Wonder Wheel. No more bureaucratic [bull], I feel like a hot knish and a sprinkle cone. Tell all the world leaders, and Peter, and Paul, I'm going to Coney to play skee-ball.

Me and God tried to win the ladder climb until my soles were sore. I'd been leaving him voice-mails, waiting for answers, so I nearly tripped over my flip-flops when I first saw him, strolling dirty boardwalks in shorts and big gold aviators, rippling the mirrors in the fun house, shaking up the stars above the wooden roller coasters. I watched him shuffle down to the water and walk across with heavy eyelids, sore hands. *This* is how I love, said God. Forget about death, I believe in hot dogs and a coke. I give you people soft pretzels, bumper cars, and you still want more answers?

In Jesus, the Poetry of God,

Jr. Tony

Ecumenical Prayer Service

*Come, Pray for Christian Unity
Tuesday, January 24 at 7:00 p.m.*



**First United Methodist Church
232 S. York Road, Elmhurst**



Participants are invited to bring cans of
food to benefit patrons of the
Elmhurst food pantries

Plans for this event were
developed in cooperation with
the Episcopal Church of Our Saviour,
Immaculate Conception Church,
and St. Peter's United Church of Christ.

**Fr. Tony Taschetta will be
preaching the Homily.**

Parish News



CALENDAR OF EVENTS JANUARY 15 - JANUARY 22

Sunday, January 15, 2012

8:30 am MQH Mass
 9:30 am - 10:30 am Gospel of Mark in Conf. Room
 9:30 am - 11:30 am RCIA
 10:30 am MQH Mass
 11:30 am - 1:00 pm CRHP (Men) in Conf. Room
 11:30 am - 1:00 pm Fellowship in Barrett Hall
 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm Baptisms in Church
 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm CRHP (Men) in Conf. Room

Monday, January 16, 2012

Martin Luther King Day - Office Closed

8:30 am MQH Mass
 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Commission Meeting in Barrett Hall
 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm CRHP (Men) in School Room 13

Tuesday, January 17, 2012

8:30 AM MQH Mass

Wednesday, January 18 2012

8:30 am MQH Mass
 3:15 am - 8:15 pm RE Classes

Thursday, January 19, 2012

8:30 am MQH Mass
 9:00 am - 10:00 am Yoga in Barrett Hall
 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry in School Rm 4-5

Friday, January 20, 2012

DEADLINE BULLETIN ARTICLES FEBRUARY 5, 2012

8:30 am Communion Service

Saturday, January 21, 2012

10:30 am Altar Server Training
 3:30 pm Confessions
 4:30 pm MQH Mass

Sunday, January 22, 2012

8:30 am MQH Mass
 9:30 am - 10:30 am Gospel of Mark in Conf. Room
 9:30 am - 11:30 am RCIA
 10:30 am MQH Mass
 11:30 am - 1:00 pm CRHP (Men) in Conf. Room
 11:30 am - 1:00 pm Wings to Heaven in Barrett Hall
 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm CRHP (Men) in Conf. Room

**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON
MONDAY, JANUARY 16
DUE TO MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY**



Fellowship

CRHP MINISTRY IS HOSTING FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY ON JANUARY 15

CRHP is hosting Fellowship after the 10:30 a.m. Mass on January 15. Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) is a spiritual renewal process designed to bring members of our parish together in Christ. The CRHP process begins with a 30 hour renewal weekend that runs from Saturday morning through Sunday afternoon. It offers an opportunity to step back from daily life and re-examine our relationship with Jesus.

Yet those who wait for the Lord will gain new strength; they will mount up with wings like eagles, they will run and not get tired, they will walk and not become weary. Isaiah 40:31



THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS

Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners we were able to take care of 29 families for Christmas. Each family received two baskets of food, two gifts for every member of their family and Gift Cards to purchase meat either at Dominick's, Jewel or elsewhere. We also provided Elmhurst Extended Care Nursing Home with two presents each for all of the residents

It is wonderful that our parish can be so giving! We may be a small parish but we are kind and always willing to help those in need. May God bless you and your family this new year. Thank you again for helping us help others!!!

We are also especially grateful to all the people who helped us pack the food baskets and sort the presents.

St. Vincent DePaul Society



ALTAR SERVER TRAINING January 21, 2012 (Saturday) 10:30 a.m. in Church

There will be Altar Server Training for any new and current servers on January 21 at 10:30 a.m. New servers must at least be in 4th grade. The training will last between 45 minutes to an hour. Pizza will be served after the training session. Please contact John Vosicky at (630) 833-2039 with questions.

**MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN
FREE ICE SKATING AT THE EDGE
ICE ARENA IN BENSENVILLE
SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2012**

*Sponsored by Mary Queen of Heaven Men's Group and
the Edge Ice Arena*



**The MQH Men's Group is sponsoring
FREE Ice Skating for MQH Parishioners
On Sunday, January 29, 2012
From 4:40 PM to 5:40 PM.**

**The Edge Ice Arena (John Street Rink)
is located at 545 John Street in
Bensenville.**

**(Take York Road North to Bensenville,
turn right (East) on Jefferson to John Street.
Turn right on John Street.
Roughly 10 minutes from MQH!)**

**No pre-registration is required,
but maximum capacity for the ice
rink is roughly 200, so please come early.**

**Ice Skates will be available at the rink
at no charge. If you have your own
skates, feel free to bring them along.**

**For more information, call
Paul Letourneau at 630-698-0081**

***Special thanks to Todd Finner and the Edge for
helping sponsor this event for our
MQH Parish!***

CANDLELIGHT BOWL

Sponsored by Mary Queen of Heaven CCW



Join us for a fun evening
At Stardust Bowl in Addison

Saturday, February 4, 2012
Beginning at 8 p.m.

Cost is \$23.00 per adult
and includes:
dinner, dessert, 3 games of Bowling
and bowling Shoes

Reservation deadline: Sunday, January 29.
Please return your reservation form
and payment to the rectory
or to Debbie Styka
4N165 Wood Dale Rd, Addison 60101

Make checks payable to
Mary Queen of Heaven CCW.
For more information,
call Debbie at 630-941-7224 or
email Debbie@styka.com

Name(s) _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

Parish News



CHOIR OPPORTUNITIES

Our own Mary Queen of Heaven parish choir invites you to join them to sing every Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m. in the choir loft. Our choirmaster Ed Nowak will also rehearse on Sundays after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Come and sing, for the "one who sings prays twice."

Also, the Spirito singers are looking for men to sing in the winter/spring semester. If interested, call (630) 941-0744 or email at:

spirit@spiritosingers.org.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD KICKS OFF FOR 2012

On Sunday, January 15 at the 10:30 a.m. Mass, we will kick off the new Children's Liturgy of the Word program. Children's Liturgy is intended for children ages 4 to 8 who feel comfortable attending without a parent and/or older siblings. While we do not want to turn away any child, we can realistically accommodate only 25 children. Passes will be distributed starting at 10:15 a.m. in the vestibule. A sign-up sheet also will be available in the vestibule for children who were not able to receive a pass. If the number of children who wish to attend significantly exceeds 25, additional leaders and volunteers will be solicited and another classroom created. Thanks to all who have volunteered for this ministry already. Contact Maria Balice Kresnicka at RMBalice@comcast.net or (312) 543-6630 for more information.



GOSPEL OF MARK SUNDAY STUDY

The study of the Gospel of Mark is continuing on Sunday mornings at 9:40 a.m. for 30 minutes. Remaining dates are January 15, 22, and 29 in the Conference Room in Mary's gathering space. Please bring your bible. For more information, call Lynn Suwanski at (630) 530-2523.

Religious Education News

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



Please mark your calendars:

- **Saturday, January 28 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.** Confirmation Retreat for 8th graders in Barrett Hall. Families are asked to join their Confirmation candidates for Mass at 4:30 p.m. in church on the 28th. If your student has not returned their permission form for the retreat, please do so as soon as possible. Without a permission form, candidates will not be permitted to attend the retreat. Retreat attendance is a Confirmation requirement.
- **Wednesday, February 8 – First Eucharist Meeting at 7:00 p.m.** in church for **parents only** of children celebrating First Eucharist in the spring.

For more information, please contact
Mary Ann Woods at the REO: (630) 832-8962
or email: mqhmanwoods@sbcglobal.net.

Prayer List

Please pray for the sick of our Parish

Baby Sophia Kathleen Nolan
Brenda Scanlon
Arlene Sima
Dennis White
Patrick White



Please call the Rectory to add a name to our Parish Prayer List.



MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN ENRICHMENT

For information please contact :
Ms. Brenda Scanlon, Director
Mary Queen of Heaven Preschool (630) 833-9500
Website: www.maryqueenpreschool.org
E-mail: mqhpreschool@maryqueen.org

Parish News



SIGN UP FOR CRHP THIS WEEKEND JANUARY 14-15, 2012

Please think about registering for a Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) spiritual renewal weekend here at Mary Queen of Heaven. The cost is minimal (\$35 suggested donation) but the rewards will last a lifetime. **The Men's weekend is February 11-12, 2012 and the Women's weekend will be February 25-26, 2012. Sign-up Sunday is this weekend of January 14-15, 2012.** There will be plenty of team members in Church after each Mass to take your registration and answer any questions.

Contact Karen Sutkus at (630) 279-3240 or ksutkus1@comcast.net or Deacon Tom Nolan at: thomasdeacon@sbcglobal.net.

VIDEO DVD OF CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MASS AVAILABLE

To purchase a video DVD of the Children's Christmas Mass, please send \$8 cash or check made payable to Mary Queen of Heaven Church to the parish office as soon as possible. Disks will be available for pickup at the parish office after January 29.

Community News

"COPING WITH GRIEF"

(A ten week general grief group for adults)

For any adult who has experienced the death of someone they have loved

Starting Date: Monday – January 16, 2012

Then 1st and 3rd Mondays
of each month thru June 4, 2012

Time: 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Cost: None

Place: Elmhurst Memorial Hospital – Main Campus

Facilitator: Chaplain Don Dahlheimer,

M.Div., LCSW, LMFT

Manager of Spiritual Care

For more information call: (331) 221-0451

Diocesan News

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BISHOP Latin America

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches us that "the disciple of Christ must not only keep the faith and live on it, but also profess it, confidently bear witness to it, and spread it" (no. 1816). As we give generously to the Collection for the Church in Latin America, we **keep faith** and help spread it with our support.

In 2010, the generosity of Catholics in the United States allowed the Collection to distribute over \$7.5 million to support the Church in Latin America. It funded seminarian formation and the continuing education of clergy as well as the formation of lay ministers. By using collected funds for these causes and more, we are able to ensure that our impact will be felt for years to come and will help create self-sustaining Catholic communities.

Our diocese takes up this collection the weekend of January 21/22. Please be generous in the Collection for the Church in Latin America and **keep faith**. Your support will truly make a difference.

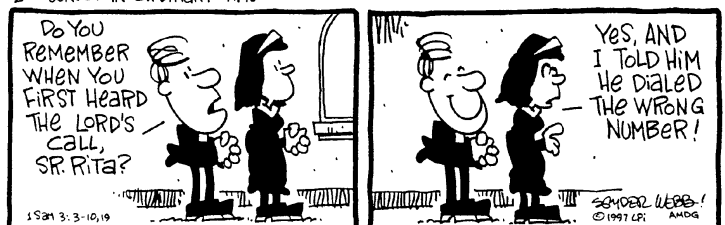
Thank you and God bless you.

Most Reverend R. Daniel Colon
Bishop of Joliet

For more information on the Church in Latin America and the projects funded by the Collection, please visit:

<http://www.usccb.org/about/national-collections/>

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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2012 NATIONAL MIGRATION WEEK

“Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you.” (Isaiah 60: 1)

These words of hope from the Prophet Isaiah speak to a people who have long faced struggles and who seek hope in darkness. We, the Catholic Bishops of Illinois, on the cusp of a New Year, seek to offer that same voice of hope to another people in struggle: immigrant families. The fact that there are 11 million men, women and children in our nation who live in the shadows and are fearful of family separation by deportation is proof that our current system is flawed and our immigration policies have failed us. Let us pray that in this New Year we may recognize the need for comprehensive immigration reform that respects the rule of law, yet also ensures that the law is applied fairly and compassionately to those immigrant families among us who need our help.

How appropriate it is that we celebrate National Migration Week (January 8-14) beginning with the Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! Like the journey of the Magi following the star to the Source of hope, love and freedom found in the Holy Child lying in the Bethlehem manger, many families are also on a journey seeking hope in a new country. They seek a place of economic, emotional, physical and spiritual security, longing for those things needed to live in human dignity: productive work and fair wages, food, shelter, education, health care, and protection from harm, all too often out of reach in their native land. Yet, under the current immigration system in our country, we see the tragic separation of many of these families. Their hopes turn to despair. But it need not remain this way; we should seek to accompany these families on their journey and support them in their hopes. We should do this because their hopes for themselves and their families are also ours.

Over the months to come, each Catholic diocese in Illinois will be sharing stories of immigrant families who are members of our parishes and communities. They will share their experiences of past and current struggles as well as their successes and hopes for the future. These stories will be shared in diocesan publications, in parish bulletins and on the Catholic Conference of Illinois' website (www.catholicconferenceofillinois.org), as well as other sources. Please take the time to read their stories and learn about the immigration issues that significantly affect your neighbors and fellow parishioners.

We call on all Catholics and people of faith in Illinois to pray for these families and to become those epiphanies: previously hidden manifestations of the Christ within, now revealing to others the deep compassion of Christ through our individual and collective efforts to provide hope and support to immigrant families and to advocate for comprehensive reform of our nation's immigration laws.

The Catholic Bishops of Illinois

His Eminence Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
Archdiocese of Chicago

Most Reverend Daniel R. Jenky, C.S.C.
Diocese of Peoria

Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki
Diocese of Springfield

Most Reverend Thomas G. Doran
Diocese of Rockford

Most Reverend Edward K. Braxton
Diocese of Belleville

Most Reverend R. Daniel Colon
Diocese of Joliet

MINISTRY SCHEDULE
SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 2012 - SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 2012

	4:30 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
Presider	Fr. Taschetta	Fr. Taschetta	Fr. Taschetta
Lector	B. Lawlor	M. Grozik	T. Kowalski
Eucharistic Ministers	B. Eadon (S) J. Duprey (C) G. Los G. Los H. Todd M. White K. Passarelli	J. Unger (S) K. Vicary (C) D. Bernstein G. Regan J. Eichorst T. Nanak	D. Styka (S) R. Styka (C) D. Justus G. Pstrzoch J. Spears J. Lindberg K. Mueller M. McCall
Altar Servers	M. Piszczor E. Zielinski J. Alonso	J. Reginelli I. Weigel D. Dunn	J. Vosicky A. Frank R. Hendron



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- Sunday, January 15, 2012**
 8:30 AM † Patrick Enright
 10:30 AM † Thomas Ennis
- Monday, January 16, 2012**
 8:30 AM † Maria Santa Taschetta
- Tuesday, January 17, 2012**
 8:30 AM † Michael Coleman
- Wednesday, January 18, 2012**
 8:30 AM † Robert Maricich
- Thursday, January 19, 2012**
 8:30 AM † Jean Carrico
- Friday, January 21, 2012**
 8:30 AM Communion Service
- Saturday, January 22, 2012**
 4:30 PM † Norman Balthasar
- Sunday, January 23, 2012**
 8:30 AM † Vincent Palmer
 10:30 AM † John Rojicek

† indicates person is deceased



Church Support

Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

**Collection Totals for:
 Sunday, December 25, 2011**

Adults	\$8,613.00
Parish Pay	\$4,670.16
Children	\$92.00
Collection Total	\$13,815.62

113 parishioner envelopes were used.
 128 parishioners - Parish Pay.

**Collection Totals for:
 Sunday, January 1, 2012**

Adults	\$7,542.00
Parish Pay	\$4,670.16
Children	\$19.80
Collection Total	\$12,231.96

188 parishioner envelopes were used.
 128 parishioners - Parish Pay.

**Collection Totals for:
 Sunday, January 8, 2012**

Adults	\$8,275.92
Parish Pay	\$4,670.16
Children	\$102.82
Collection Total	\$13,048.90

201 parishioner envelopes were used.
 128 parishioners - Parish Pay.

**Christmas Collection:
 \$29,376.00**

Readings for the Week of January 15, 2012

- Sunday:** 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42
- Monday:** 1 Sm 15:16-23/Mk 2:18-22
- Tuesday:** 1 Sm 16:1-13/Mk 2:23-28
- Wednesday:** 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Mk 3:1-6
- Thursday:** 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Mk 3:7-12
- Friday:** 1 Sm 24:3-21/Mk 3:13-19
- Saturday:** 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/
 Mk 3:20-21
- Next Sunday:** Jon 3:1-5, 10/1 Cor 7:29-31/
 Mk 1:14-20