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Mass Schedule

Sat.— 5:30 pm

Reconciliation:

Before Mass or by Appointment

Sacrament of Baptism – Baptisms are celebrated during the Saturday 5:30p.m. Mass. Please call the Rectory to make arrangements.

Marriages – Diocesan Policy require at least a six month preparation process. Couples who are planning to marry should speak directly with the Pastor before setting a date. No Weddings are scheduled on Sundays.

Hospitalized Parishioners – Due to a change in the privacy law, Father cannot go to the hospital and ask for a list of parishioners for him to visit. As a patient, you must ask the hospital to notify the Rectory that you are requesting a visit. For our homebound parishioners, if you would like Father to visit, please call the Rectory and Father will be more than happy to come and visit you. Thank you!

Mass Intentions:

1/02/16 Sat. 5:30pm +Ralph Ferrari (Monica Ruder)
1/07/16 Thurs. No Daily Mass
1/09/16 Sat. 5:30pm +Mary Jo Murphy

If you would like a Mass Intention said, please contact the Rectory.
Suggested Donation is \$10.

Remember in Prayer our deceased relatives and friends, the ill of our parish and community, nursing home residents, the homeless, hungry and unemployed, those living alone and our own special intentions we hold deep in our hearts. Keep in prayer all men and women serving our country, the injured and those being held prisoners. Let us not forget all men and women who gave up their lives so that we may live in freedom and peace!

Liturgical Schedule for Lectors

1/02/16 Sat. 5:30pm Lector-Bridget
1/09/16 Sat. 5:30pm Lector-Melinda



Holy Father's Intention for the month of January:

General Intention: That sincere dialogue among men and women of different faiths may produce the fruits of peace and justice.

Weekly Income:

Sunday Collection	\$ 381.00
Christmas Collection	\$1801.01
Thank you for your generosity!	

Prayers for Sick

Sue Eich, and Heidi Ehrhardt.

During the months of January and February we will not have Daily Mass. If you would like to attend Daily Mass during these months, please join me in South Wilmington Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings at 7:30am. Thank you! Fr. Stan

Please pick up your 2016 Offertory Envelopes at the entrance of the Church. If you do not see a box with your name on it and would like a box of envelopes please call the Rectory.

Thank you to all the parishioners for your prayers, cards and gifts. Your kindness is very much appreciated. God Bless all of you in the New Year. Fr. Stan

We need your help. We are in the process of updating our information on each member in our parish. Please complete the parish forms and return to the parish office or put into the collection basket. If you did not receive an envelope with parish census paperwork, please call the rectory 815-237-2230. Thank you!

How to Be Married and Stay Engaged- A relaxing Marriage Enrichment Seminar presented by Dr. James Healy in Immaculate Conception Parish at 516 E. Jackson St., Morris on Sunday, January 17th from 3:30pm to 6:30pm. His presentation includes three (3) related topics with scheduled BREAKS and HEALTHY REFRESHMENTS, which are designed to be practical and informative with a dash of humor. This **SEMINAR IS FREE**, thanks to a private donation and a Diocesan Grant! Registration is Required, and those received by December 31st will be entered into a drawing for CD's in English or Spanish entitled "When The Cake Is Gone" All adults are welcome, registration forms/Name & phone number only will be accepted through January 10th (as space is available). Please review the Printed Event Flier on the bulletin board or call Julie 815-942-0620 if needed.

The Epiphany of the Lord January 2/3, 2016 -Today we hear Saint Paul proclaim that he exercises stewardship of "God's grace" for the benefit of the Christian community. Earlier in this letter to the Ephesians, he prayed they would come to realize the actual value of "these riches" of God's grace they inherited. This letter was written to remind, encourage, and spiritually motivate this Eucharistic community to appreciate just how immeasurably wealthy they had become to inherit a life in Christ. What value do we place on our life in Christ? If someone asked us to put a price on this life in today's currency, how

**A STEWARDSHIP PRAYER
FOR THE NEW YEAR**

Gracious and Loving God, The old year has passed and a new year begun. We thank you for Your active presence in our busy lives, for the opportunities given, and for blessings received. As we embrace a new year, breathe freely through us and renew our spirits with fresh resolve and purpose. Give us the grace to be good stewards of all that You have entrusted to us and to serve You with generous, compassionate and loving hearts. Bless our days ahead. Give us the courage to be faithful. And show us how to proclaim the Good News of Your Son, Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

Epiphany is Manifestation Day



It is the day for sharing. It is another day for gifts. It is the Twelfth Day of Christmas. The gift, clearly, is Christ Jesus the Lord. The gift, clearly, is given not just to me, not just to "us", but also to "them".

- How can I be like God today and manifest some goodness and grace to both us and them?

