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**St. Mary of the Assumption School**  
**Weekly Newsletter**  
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**See Important Service Hours Information Attached!!**

**The Great O Antiphons**



**Fourth Week of Advent**

The "O Antiphons" refer to the seven antiphons that are recited (or chanted) preceding the Magnificat during Vespers of the Liturgy of the Hours. They cover the special period of Advent preparation known as the Octave before Christmas, Dec. 17-23, with Dec. 24 being Christmas Eve and Vespers for that evening being for the Christmas Vigil.

The importance of "O Antiphons" is twofold: Each one highlights a title for the Messiah: *O Sapientia* (O Wisdom), *O Adonai* (O Lord), *O Radix Jesse* (O Root of Jesse), *O Clavis David* (O Key of David), *O Oriens* (O Rising Sun), *O Rex Gentium* (O King of the Nations), and *O Emmanuel*. Also, each one refers to the prophecy of Isaiah of the coming of the Messiah. (more info on page 2)

**Calendar of Events**

12/20 Mass 10:10 AM  
12:30 Dismissal  
No Aftercare

01/06 School Resumes

**Recess Duty**

12/20 Barber (3)  
Reynolds (3)  
01/06 Holland (7)  
Azevedo (1)  
Prescott (1)  
01/07 Patterson (4)  
Price (5)  
Carpenter (5)  
01/08 Smith (4)  
Jackson (1)  
01/09 Jeffrey (6)  
Defour Barber (3)  
Riddick (1)

**Father Foley Blesses the Angel Tree**



**HOT LUNCH**

01/06 Picott  
01/07 Addison/ Oladipo  
01/08 Giron  
01/09 Carrington  
01/10 12:30 Dismissal

# **Christmas Mass Schedule**

## **Christmas Mass Schedule**

Parish Offices will be closed on 12/24 thru 12/26/13 and 12/31 & 01/01/14

December 24    4:30pm    Contemporary Choir ~  
Children's Mass and Homily

7:30pm    Gospel Choir

10:30pm    Traditional Choir

**\*\*Please make note of the Mass Time changes for December 24th\*\***

December 25                      10:00am (Cantor & Organist)

December 31                      5:30pm. (No 8:00am Mass)

January 1                      Feast of the Solemnity of Mary  
Holy Day of Obligation  
8:00am & 12noon Masses

# Virtues

November and December's virtues were combined – Thankfulness and Gratitude. The following students displayed a positive attitude of gratitude for learning and appreciating the little things that happened around them. They were chosen because their teachers believe they think positively and appear to be content.

Joshua Jones

Alissa Umanzor

Kemsinachi Anukum

Maximiliano Guillen

Dominic Kaluti

Chinasa Iheagwara

America Rodriquez

Antonio Warren

Skyla Williams

Josiane Chambers

Abby Hernandez

Matthew Hornick

Kacy Craig

Cemille Smedley

Keva Newby

Kelise Newby

Brian Henson

Victoria Hinton

Denise Dearing

James Showalter

# HSA Hours Program

## St. Mary's Families -

According to the St. Mary's Policy Handbook, all families are required to volunteer a minimum of 20 hours during the school year. Families not fulfilling their obligation will be charged \$20 per hour not worked.

This has been the policy at St. Mary's for many, many years.

There are several St. Mary's families that did not fulfill this obligation last year. The school administration, in agreement with the HSA and the SAB, has decided that any unfulfilled obligations, as of the end of the 2012-2013 year will be charged to these families. Families will be given a "make-up period" until 12/31/2013 to fulfill last year's obligation. In January 2014, any remaining 2012-2013 school year obligation will be charged through the TADS system.

Please review the attached list and find your family's name. If there are 20 hours listed by your name, your obligation for the 2012-2013 school year was fulfilled. Thank you for your service! For all other families, the list shows how many hours you worked, how many are still owed and the financial equivalent of those hours. Again, you have until **12/31/2013** to work these hours, or you will be charged through the TADS system.

Please note, your obligation for last year and this year should not be confused. You must still fulfill this school year's obligation of 20 service hours by May 2014.

There are many opportunities to complete service hours! Please consult the current school newsletter for our upcoming fundraisers and other opportunities. If you have special skills such as website design, plumbing, carpentry, painting, etc., please contact Sue Ervin. We may have volunteer opportunities to fit your skill set.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Steve Showalter, Principal

Sue Ervin, School Advisory Board Chair

Dennis Hoffman, HSA President

# HSA

## **\*\*Volunteer/Service Hour Opportunities Available\*\***

Here is a quick guide to what's available and who to contact.

Remember, you need to earn 20 HOURS before the end of May 2014, so you will not be charged.

I'm going to try to get this on the website and keep updating it for the newsletter every week.

If you have any other opportunities, please send them to Nicole Werbeck at [quinnwerbeck@verizon.net](mailto:quinnwerbeck@verizon.net).

Thank You,

Nicole

Book Fair (Jan. 27 – 30, 2014)

Contact Sr. Joyce at [srjoyce@stmaryum.org](mailto:srjoyce@stmaryum.org) or 301-627-4170

Mardi Gras Dance (Sat., Feb. 22, 2014 at 6:30 pm)

Contact Paula Boccabello at [poola89@aol.com](mailto:poola89@aol.com) or (410) 867-3736 and Tamera Campbell [attcampbell@stmaryum.org](mailto:attcampbell@stmaryum.org)

Pizza Bingo (Sat., March 1, 2014)

Contact Sue Ervin at [susanervin@hughes.net](mailto:susanervin@hughes.net)

Career Day (Thurs., May 1, 2014)

Planning is underway. Contact Renee Dearing for more information at [rrsdearring@yahoo.com](mailto:rrsdearring@yahoo.com) or Brenda Joseph.

Run for Literacy St. Mary's 5k (Sat., May 3, 2014)

40 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. We will be having a volunteer planning meeting in the multi-purpose room at 6 pm on Wednesday, Dec. 11. Contact Carlos Pla for more information at [mountain\\_hiking@yahoo.com](mailto:mountain_hiking@yahoo.com)

Field Day (Fri., May 16, 2014)

This event usually takes place from 8 am until 12:30 pm at school. Contact Sarah Hernandez at [shernandez@stmaryum.org](mailto:shernandez@stmaryum.org)

# HSA

## **\*\*Volunteer/Service Hour Opportunities Available\*\* Cont'd**

Other opportunities:

### **CYO**

Become a head coach, assistant coach, Boy Scouts, Youth ministries, fundraise, concessions at basketball games, etc. Opportunities are available now. Contact Dan Craig ([adcraig@msn.com](mailto:adcraig@msn.com)) or Bryan Quinn ([bquinn@umd.edu](mailto:bquinn@umd.edu))

### **School Play**

Barbara McCreary is looking for help with Spring play. Contact her at [Barbibaby66@yahoo.com](mailto:Barbibaby66@yahoo.com)

### **Teachers**

Check with your child's teacher. They may have things you can do from home, too.

### **School Office**

Check with Tamera Campbell ([tcampbell@stmaryum.org](mailto:tcampbell@stmaryum.org)) or Sharon Bookwalter ([sbookwalter@stmaryum.org](mailto:sbookwalter@stmaryum.org))

### **Aftercare**

Check with Dr. Camp about her new initiatives and see where she needs help or expertise. ([drcamp@stmaryum.org](mailto:drcamp@stmaryum.org))

## **Scholarship Opportunities**

Fine Arts Scholarship Opportunities - Bishop McNamara High School

8th Grade students who are applying for admission to Bishop McNamara High School can apply for Fine Arts Scholarship in the areas of Dance, Music, Theatre, and Visual Arts

All Students interested must register online by January 10th, at 12:00 noon.

New this year - Students can audition on Piano, Guitar, and Drum Set.

Registration and more info at [www.bmhs.org](http://www.bmhs.org)

**BISHOP MCNAMARA**

# **CYO**

## **St. Mary of the Assumption CYO BASKETBALL**

### **JV GIRLS LADY SAINTS WIN IN A GAME OF RUNS!**

Congratulations to the JV Girls basketball team as they won their second straight game defeating St. Mary of the Mills 19-16. The Lady Saints led 5-0 after the first quarter but trailed 7-5 at halftime. The Lady Saints took a 12-8 lead at the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter and broke it open in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter as the Lady Saints led 17-9 with a less than two minutes left in the game. St. Mary's of the Mills made a run closing the score to 17-16, but the Lady Saints were able to hold off the Mills squad to hand them their first loss of the season. The Lady Saints' guards, Victoria Anderson, Katherine Craig, Imani Francis, and Kai Massiah hustled and applied intense pressure throughout the game. The Lady Saints' forwards and centers, Kelsey Etoundi (mistakenly left out of last week's write-up), Keva Newby, Indira Nzerue, Chika Oboh, and Alana Paul provided hands-up defense and were strong in the paint. The Lady Saints scoring efforts were led by Brooke Varner, Jade Greene and Mia Bookhard. The coaches noted there was a significant improvement in the Lady Saints play in their second game of the season. The JV Lady Saints face St. Camillus/St. Francis on Saturday, December 21st @ 3:00 pm. The Lady Saints appreciate your continued support and ask that you come out again for our final game before the Christmas Holiday!

Congratulations to the JV-A MidAtlantic Boys Basketball Team on their great team work which lead to their 52-1 win over St. Phillips. Thank you to our parents and fans for supporting the team.  
Coach Troy

The Varsity Boys took on a quick team from St. Ambrose on Saturday night, and despite a slow start, put together both a great offensive and defensive game to come out on top 33-12. The night featured great outside shooting by Ashby Ervin, Robert Hanson and Anthony Robinson, and great inside work by our big men, Arinze Okeke and our leading scorer, Jacob Dougherty. Come out and cheer on our 2-0 Varsity Boys this Friday night at 8:00 as we take on St. Mary's Landover Hills.



# **CYO**

Earn HSA Hours by working CYO Concessions on Saturdays and/ or Sundays through February.

Must serve a minimum of 2 hours.  
Please contact Chandra Cartledge @  
joyrob04@aol.com  
Or Juanita Crampton @  
jy.crampton@verizon.net

# Box Tops



THE BOX TOPS CONTEST

IS

BACK!!!!



Start collecting those Box Tops and dropping them off in the Box Tops Collection Box located in the school lobby.

Please list your child's name and grade on your plastic baggies so that their class gets the proper credit. All submissions by families with multiple children will be split evenly amongst the children.

**First Place Winner – Rita's Ice Party**

**Second Place Winner – Donut Party**

You may also use the attached Box Tops Collection Sheet to submit your Box Tops. **DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS:**

**FEBRUARY 21, 2014**

Chandra Cartledge, Box Tops Coordinator/[joyrob04@aol.com](mailto:joyrob04@aol.com)



# SCRIP

Christmas is just around the corner! Want to do your holiday shopping without the hassle and crowds? Do you want to support the school with your gas and grocery purchases?

**Then buy Scrip Gift Cards!**

There are 3 easy ways to place an order:

1. Send in the order form (attached) with payment in your child's folder
2. Place an order online at [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) using enrollment code 8231A98D152L. You can either pay online with PrestoPay or send in a check.
3. Email [scripfundraising@gmail.com](mailto:scripfundraising@gmail.com) with your order and send in a check with your child.

In addition to the regular cards, we also have the following cards in stock for the holidays:

AMC Theaters (\$25)  
Barnes and Noble (\$5)  
Champs (\$25)  
Dick's Sporting Goods (\$25)  
Dominos (\$10)  
Game Stop (\$25)  
Gap/Old Navy (\$25)  
IHOP (\$25)  
Jcpenney (\$25 and \$100)  
L.L. Bean (\$25)  
Lowe's (\$25)  
Michaels (\$25)  
Pinkberry (\$10)  
Sports Authority (\$25)  
Target (\$10)  
TGI Fridays (\$25)  
Toys R Us (\$20)

We also have beautiful holiday gift card wrappers for \$0.20 each (please indicate on order form how many you would like).

Of course you can always place a special order for one of the hundreds of other cards available through the website, just allow 1 week for the card to come in, or get it instantly with ScripNow (a printable e-gift card)!

# SCRIP

## St. Mary's Scrip Gift Card Order Form

Orders sent into School will be filled on Mondays and Thursdays

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Students Name/Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Retailer (% earned by St. Mary's)	Value	Quantity	Total
<b>Grocery/Warehouse Stores</b>			
Giant (4%)	\$100		
Giant (4%)	\$25		
Food Lion (5%)	\$100		
Food Lion (5%)	\$25		
Safeway (4%)	\$100		
Safeway (4%)	\$25		
WalMart/Sam's Club (2.5%)	\$25		
Target (2.5%)	\$25		
NEW Target (2.5%)	\$10		

If you do not see what you are searching for on this form, over 400 businesses are listed online at [www.scripwithscrip.com](http://www.scripwithscrip.com). Please note that special orders take about a week to fill.

<b>Restaurants/Entertainment</b>			
NEW AMC Theaters (10%)	\$25		
Applebee's (10%)	\$25		
Bonefish/Outback/Carrabba's (8%)	\$25		
Dunkin' Donuts (3%)	\$10		
Chili's/Macaroni Grill/On the Border (11%)	\$25		
Chipotle (10%)	\$10		
NEW Domino's (8%)	\$10		
NEW IHOP (8%)	\$25		
Panera Bread (9%)	\$10		
NEW Pinkberry (5%)	\$10		
Red Lobster/Olive Garden/Longhorn (9%)	\$25		
Starbucks (7%)	\$10		
NEW Subway (3%)	\$10		
NEW TGI Fridays (11%)	\$25		
Wendy's (4%)	\$10		

Please send in this form in an envelope labeled scrip with payment in your child's folder. You can also place orders online at [scripwithscrip.com](http://scripwithscrip.com). Register using enrollment code: 8231A98D152L.

<b>Retail</b>			
NEW Amazon (3%)	\$25		
Bath & Body Works (13%)	\$10		
Barnes & Noble (9%)	\$10		
NEW Barnes & Noble (9%)	\$5		
NEW Best Buy (3%)	\$25		
NEW Champs Sports (9%)	\$25		
NEW Dick's Sporting Goods (8%)	\$25		
NEW GameStop (3%)	\$25		
NEW Gap/Old Navy (16%)	\$25		
Home Depot (4%)	\$25		
iTunes (5%)	\$15		
NEW Jcpenney (7%)	\$100		
NEW Jcpenney (7%)	\$25		
Kohl's (4%)	\$25		
Kohl's (4%)	\$100		
NEW L.L. Bean (18%)	\$25		
NEW Lowe's (4%)	\$25		
Macy's (10%)	\$25		
Michael's (4%)	\$25		
NEW Sports Authority (8%)	\$25		
NEW Toys R Us (3%)	\$20		

Thank you for supporting St. Mary's School! If you have any questions please email [scripfundraising@gmail.com](mailto:scripfundraising@gmail.com)

<b>Gasoline</b>			
Shell (2.5%)	\$100		
Shell (2.5%)	\$25		
Wawa (1.5%)	\$25		

Special Orders: (fill in retailer and card value)			

Please indicate payment method:  
Cash: \_\_\_\_\_  
Check: \_\_\_\_\_ Check #: \_\_\_\_\_

**Total amount of SCRIP purchase**

Please make checks payable to: St. Mary of the Assumption  
\*returned check fee is \$30