



**Secret Santa  
Nov 26 & 27**

**St. Mary of the Assumption School**

**Weekly Newsletter**

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**Help "Sandy" Victims  
Support your child in  
the Penny Wars now  
being waged between  
all grade levels**

**Presentation of Mary in the Temple**



As we venerate the glorious memory of the most holy Virgin Mary, grant, O Lord, through her intercession, that we, too, may merit to receive from the fullness of your grace. Though our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Calendar of Events**

11/21	Grandparents Mass 10:10 AM 12:30 Dismissal
11/22 11/23	No School
11/26	Secret Santa

Mary's presentation was celebrated in Jerusalem in the sixth century. A church was built there in honor of this mystery. The Eastern Church was more interested in the feast, but it does appear in the West in the 11th century, in the 16th century it became a feast of the universal Church.

As with Mary's birth, we read of Mary's presentation in the temple only in apocryphal literature. In what is recognized as an unhistorical account, the Protoevangelium of James tells us that Anna and Joachim offered Mary to God in the Temple when she was three years old. This was to carry out a promise made to God when Anna was still childless.

**Recess Duty**

11/21	Hoffman (2) Cartledge (6) Royster (7)
11/22	No School
11/23	No School
11/26	Blake (6) Lagman (6) Groeger (7)
11/27	Bonner (5) Northern (6) Ripple (8)
11/28	Smith (3) Wilson (8) Amprey (6)

**2013 - 2014 ADW Tuition Assistance Applications Available Online**

Applications for the 2013 - 2014 Archdiocesan Tuition Assistance Program are now available. The application deadline is Friday, December 7, 2012.

**Make Up Pictures**

Makeup picture date will be Thursday Nov. 29, 2012 between 8:30 and 9:30 am.

**Secret Santa**

Secret Santa Shop will be held November 26 and 27. Pre-order forms went home on Monday November 5 and are due back no later than November 20. There is a five gift purchase limit per child.

**Santa also needs extra helpers to wrap presents for students. If you would like to volunteer, toward service hours, please contact Sandra Bagley at 301.518.5242 or by email bagley\_sandra@yahoo.com.**

Santa could also use donations of wrapping paper, tape and gift bags.

How are you doing for your service hours? Consider working on the Career Day committee. Career Day has proven to be the most exciting day of learning on the school calendar. This year Career Day will be held Thursday, May 2, 2013. Meetings will start in January. Contact: Renee Dearing at 301-218-2720 or by email: rrsdearring@yahoo.com.

## **From Mr. Jacobs**

*The School of Religion at St. Mary's Parish will be organizing a series of talks on religious subjects over the coming months. These talks will take place on the dates shown below, which are all Tuesday evenings, from 7 to 7:45pm, at St. Mary's School. They are provided for the formation of adults with children in the CCD Program, but are open to all members of the parish community. Feel free to bring friends and tell others about the talks. No RSVP is needed. The dates, topics, and speakers are provided below.*

*October 23, 2012: "The Importance of the Sacraments"*  
*Presented by Sisters of the Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matará*

*November 13, 2012: "The Importance of Sunday Mass"*  
*Presented by Sisters of the Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matará*

*December 4, 2012: "Advent"*  
*Presented by Fr. William Foley*

*January 15, 2013: "A Deeper Understanding of the 1st Commandment"*  
*Presented by Sisters of the Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matará*

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*Additional talks will be announced closer to the new year.*

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*Thank you!*

## **From Mrs. Bookwalter**



From the Library . . .

### **Accelerated Reader News**

The school's Accelerated Reader (AR) program has undergone some changes. This year, the AR (Renaissance Learning/Place) is web-based so that the students have access to all AR quizzes offered by Renaissance Learning. The students in grades 4-8 have all received their student IDs and passwords. Students in all grades will take AR quizzes as required by their reading teacher but the AR Points competition will still continue throughout the school year as in past years.

To find out if a book has an AR quiz available and to find the book's book level and points value go to [www.renlearn.com](http://www.renlearn.com) and select "Store" then Quiz Store. Go under "Quiz Search" and follow the directions on the next page.

### **LEXILE**

Do want to gain a better understanding of the Lexile score your child received on his/her Scantron Test report given at Parent-Teacher conferences? Go to [www.Lexile.com](http://www.Lexile.com) for information on the lexile score, lexile level range, and information on books included in your child's lexile range.

# From Mrs. Bookwalter

## *Thanksgiving Food Drive*



As Thanksgiving draws near, we are grateful for all that we have and are reminded of those families in need. We are asking all school families for food donations of **non-perishable** food items. Please see the following list for your child's designated food item. Please **drop off food items** in your **child's classroom**. All food collected will be donated to the Upper Marlboro Food Bank. Please send in all food donations by **Tuesday, November 20**.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Food Item</u>
Pre-K	Box of jello-0 <b>or</b> pudding mix
Kindergarten	Canned tuna <b>or</b> spam
1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	Instant potatoes <b>or</b> rice
2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	pie filling <b>or</b> pie crust mix
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	Canned vegetables
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Pasta noodles <b>or</b> spaghetti sauce
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Stuffing <b>or</b> gravy
6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Canned fruit
7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Cranberries
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Box of Muffins <b>or</b> rolls mix

**Also**, some parent volunteers are needed to carry the food down to the PCR (red building behind the church) and count the bags of food on Tuesday, Nov. 20 immediately following dismissal at 3:00 p.m. If you can help, please contact me at [sgbookwalter@yahoo.com](mailto:sgbookwalter@yahoo.com).

Thank you for supporting the school's Thanksgiving Food Drive!

# SERVICE PROJECT



Now announcing the St. Mary's



The classes of St. Mary's will be participating in a school-wide fundraising event called the PENNY WARS in order to support those devastated by SuperStorm Sandy. The goal of the PENNY WARS is to put more pennies (only pennies) in your class jar than other classes. The PENNY WARS will take place over the following weeks:

November 13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>

November 26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>

December 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>

December 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>

On the following days, November 30<sup>th</sup> and December 14<sup>th</sup>, students may bring in SILVER change and add it to their other classes' buckets.

This initiative will be led by the 5<sup>th</sup> grade and weekly updates will be announced Friday afternoons. All proceeds will go to the American Red Cross or Catholic Charities.

If you have any questions, please contact the 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, Ms. Martin @ [amartin@stmaryum.org](mailto:amartin@stmaryum.org)

# SCRIP

## St. Mary of the Assumption School Scrip Order Form

Orders sent into School will be filled on **Mondays and Wednesdays**

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are sending this form to School to have order returned home, please complete the following:

Student name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student's Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Retailer (percentage earned by St. Mary's)	Card Value	# of cards	Total
<b>Grocery/Warehouse Stores</b>			
Giant (5%)	\$100		\$0
Giant (5%)	\$25		\$0
Food Lion (5%)	\$100		\$0
Food Lion (5%)	\$25		\$0
Safeway (4%)	\$100		\$0
Safeway (4%)	\$25		\$0
WalMart/Sam's Club (2%)	\$25		\$0
Target (2%)	\$100		\$0
Target (2%)	\$25		\$0

<b>Restaurants</b>			
Domino's (8%)	\$10		\$0
Dunkin' Donuts (4%)	\$10		\$0
Chili's/Macaroni Grill/On the Border (9%)	\$25		\$0
Chipotle (10%)	\$10		\$0
Bonefish/Outback/Carrabba's (8%)	\$25		\$0
Panera Bread (9%)	\$10		\$0
Red Lobster/Olive Garden/Longhorn (9%)	\$25		\$0
Starbucks (9%)	\$10		\$0
Subway (3%)	\$10		\$0
Wendy's (4%)	\$10		\$0

<b>Retail</b>			
Barnes & Noble (9%)	\$10		\$0
Claire's (9%)	\$10		\$0
Home Depot (4%)	\$25		\$0
Home Depot (4%)	\$100		\$0
Kohl's (5%)	\$25		\$0
Kohl's (5%)	\$100		\$0
** NEW Macy's (9%)	\$25		\$0
iTunes (5%)	\$15		\$0

<b>Gasoline</b>			
Shell (2.5%)	\$100		\$0
Shell (2.5%)	\$25		\$0
Wawa (1.5%)	\$25		\$0

<b>Special Orders: (fill in retailer and card value)</b>			
			\$0
			\$0
			\$0

**Total amount of SCRIP purchase** 0

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

Thank you for supporting St. Mary of the Assumption!

There is a \$30 fee for all returned checks.

Please make all checks payable to St. Mary of the Assumption

Please check payment method:  Cash  Check number \_\_\_\_\_

Home and School Association

# Craft Festival

**!!!!12 MORE DAYS UNTIL OUR CRAFT FESTIVAL!!!!**

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!!**

Our Craft Festival is right around the corner!!! PLEASE consider helping St. Mary's in this time honored tradition! Below you will find many areas of our special day that need your help. Please contact the chairperson listed below for more information. This is a great way to earn your hours and get into the Christmas Spirit!

**Parking-** Jim could use your help on December 1<sup>st</sup> to help park and guide our guests. Contact Jim Sandacz 301-952-9445

**Children's Raffle-** Sue could use your help on November 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> from 8:30-11:00 during Santa's Secret shop. She also needs help December 1<sup>st</sup> during the festival. You will have a great time helping the children select the gifts they would like to win. Contact Susan Perras 301-627-4836

**Bake Table-** EARN hours by making goodies for Michelle to sell at our Yummy Bake Table! Contact Michele Baird 240-778-4192

**Publicity-** PLEASE spread the word. Please help by printing out the Christmas Craft flyer located in the newsletter. Contact Kim Cutter 410-286-3406

**Kitchen-** Be a part of serving up Sister Joyce's famous Chicken Salad! Contact Paula Boccabello- 410-867-3736

**Clean Up-** Who wouldn't want to earn hours this way! Fun and easy! Contact Henry and Jeri Russell- 410-610-3754

**Signs-** If you know of a good place to post one of our large signs please Contact Dustin and Dawn Harris 301-782-2929

**Decorating-** After eating all that Turkey come help on Sunday November 25<sup>th</sup> at 12:30, to decorate the school and get into the Christmas Spirit. Contact Cecilia Rodriguez 240-413-6867

For those of you already signed up to volunteer for a committee, the chairperson will be contacting you soon. Please contact Sarah at [shernandez@stmaryum.org](mailto:shernandez@stmaryum.org) with any questions! Hope to see everyone there!

Thanks,  
Sarah Hernandez and Barbara McCreary  
Co-Chairs 2012 Christmas Craft Festival

# Craft Festival



## 2012 St. Mary's Children's Christmas Raffle

HO! HO! HO! It's that time for the year again for the Children's Christmas Raffle! We are starting to collect items for the children to take a chance on for themselves or for their families. Each grade will have an opportunity to visit the raffle tables during the Secret Santa Shop and the Christmas Craft Festival. We are hoping for a wide range of items to entice our shoppers. Raffle tickets are .25 each. With your help this year's raffle will be fun and successful for St. Mary's. Thanks in advance for your support!!!

Please send items marked "Christmas Raffle" and turn them into the main office. If you have any question or would like to help please email Sarah Hernandez at: [sarahcarlos4@hotmail.com](mailto:sarahcarlos4@hotmail.com).

**We really need help on November 26, 2012 and November 27, 2012 helping our children to select which prizes they want to win.**

Example of Items: gift cards, games, dolls, jewelry, dvd, cd, stuffed animals, cars, trucks, bobble heads, dishes, books, etc.

Please send them in no later than Friday, November 19, 2010



# Craft Festival Bake Sale

St. Mary's Craft Festival  
2013 Bake Table

December 1



Calling all bakers!

The festival is quickly approaching! We need cookies, brownies, whole cakes, whole pies, jams, breads & spreads! Volunteer hours will be given for time baked!

We will be happily accepting donations of home made baked goods on Friday evening, 11/30, thru 1pm on the day of the event. Please remember, all items must be wrapped.

If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to contact Michele Baird @ [baird76@hotmail.com](mailto:baird76@hotmail.com)

Happy Holidays!



# Craft Festival

*St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic School*

*Presents our 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Craft Festival*

**Saturday, December 1, 2012**

**10AM - 4PM**

Many crafters with handmade items \* Religious items Bake  
Table \* Music \* Food \* St. Mary's Craft Table  
Raffles \* Door Prizes & more!

**INSIDE EVENT - FREE PARKING - FREE ADMISSION**

**This event will surely put you in the Christmas spirit!**

Crafters welcome - Contact Barbara McCreary  
[Barbibaby66@yahoo.com](mailto:Barbibaby66@yahoo.com)

*St. Mary of the Assumption School*

*4610 Largo Road (Rt. 202)*

*Upper Marlboro, MD 20772*

*(301)627-4170*

# GIANT

**Home and School Association**

Dear Parents, friends and families of St. Mary's of the Assumption.

Welcome to the start of a new school year and another year of A+ School Rewards. Starting October 5, 2012 through March 28, 2013 and St. Mary's the Assumption will have the opportunity to earn cash through Giant A+ School Rewards Program.

All you have to do is:

Log on to [www.giantfood.com/aplus](http://www.giantfood.com/aplus) to register online. Our school code is 00578.

LAST NAME \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_

ALL DIGITS

**Send c/o Shannon McCreary 7<sup>th</sup>  
grade**

You can also email me your card number at [barbibaby66@yahoo.com](mailto:barbibaby66@yahoo.com).

Thank you

Barbara McCreary

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