

Principal's Breakfast celebrates students earning straight "A"s during the first marking period.

Principal's Breakfast will be celebrated Tuesday, Dec 11th in the cafeteria.

St. Mary of the Assumption School

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Help "Sandy" Victims

Support your child in the Penny Wars now being waged between all grade levels

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception



**Immaculate Conception
December 8th**

The doctrine of the Immaculate Conception is the doctrine that the Virgin Mary was conceived without original sin, that twist in our nature that makes our will tend not to follow what it knows to be right. It was this grace that enabled Mary to give a true and considered "Yes" to the request, conveyed by the Angel Gabriel, that she should consent to the mother of the incarnate God.

Let us Pray: Father, you prepared the Virgin Mary to be the worthy mother of your Son. You let her share beforehand in the salvation Christ would bring by his death, and kept her sinless from the first moment of her conception. Help us by her prayers to live in your presence without sin. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

Calendar of Events

12/7	Mass 10:10 AM Full Day
12/9	Confirmation Presentation Mass 11:30 AM
12/11	Penance Service @ Church 6:30 PM
12/14	Mass 10:10 AM Christmas Program 6:30 PM Gym

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.

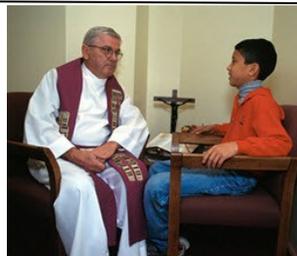
Craft Fair Was a Great Success

A special thanks to our Craft Fair Coordinators Sarah Hernandez, Barbara McCreary and Paula Boccabello, and a dozen others whose names are listed on page four of this newsletter for a job well done. The incorporation of the new Family Life Center into the craft fair was especially nice. It was a great example of parish/school unity!

St. Mary of the Assumption Parish/School Penance Service



Tuesday
December 11, 2012
6:30 PM
See Page 2 for Details



Recess Duty

12/5	Pierce (K) Bonner (5) Martindale (8)
12/6	Pettiford (6) Veny (7) Chukwu (8)
12/7	Pla (3) Marks (7) Sivills (8)
12/10	Addison (8) Amo (3) Galloway (5)
12/11	Sandacz (5) Okeke (7) Foster (6)

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 Mrs. Piazza



St. Mary of the Assumption

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**Congratulations to all of those who participated in the
RCIA Rite of Acceptance/Welcoming
on Sunday, December 2 at our 11:30a.m. Mass!**



Note St. Mary's school students/parents are highlighted in yellow!

Seeking Baptism: Chase Cartledge, Chaunce "C.J." Cartledge, Jr., Charles Engler, Jr., Sydney Engler, Terri McKensie, Milan Payne, Nadia Payne, William "Will" Walker IV, William Walker III

Baptized in another faith seeking full communion with the Catholic Church: Chaunce Cartledge, Sr

Baptized Catholics seeking completion of the sacraments of Initiation: Chantel Engler, Allie Gale

Revitalizing their Faith: Tracy Chesley, Jewel DeCruise, Charles Engler, Sr.

What happened at the Rite?

- ✓ The initial inquiry period for our parish's inquirers ended and on Sunday they moved into the second stage called "the Catechumenate."
- ✓ The unbaptized inquirers (now Catechumens) received the *Rite of Acceptance*, and baptized inquirers (now Candidates) received the *Rite of Welcoming*.
- ✓ On Sunday, they publicly declare their intention to continue their journey towards becoming Catholics (and fully initiated Catholics).
- ✓ We encourage all parishioners and school families to pray for them, as they continue in the initiation process over the coming months. We invite you to take an active role in welcoming them and to reaching out to them as fellow members of the Body of Christ.

From Mr. Jacobs



"Confirmation students & families: There will be a penance service at St. Mary of the Assumption Church on Tuesday, December 11th, at 6:30 pm. Extra priests will be on hand to hear confessions at this time. Students preparing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation are expected to attend, along with their parents. Please contact Mr. Whitney Jacobs with questions (wjacobs@stmaryum.org)."

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

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

- **Thank you!**

From Mrs. Hernandez

THANKS! THANKS! THANKS!

Thanks to all of our volunteers who gave so much of their time to help make our Christmas Craft Fair a HUGE success!!! It was so nice to see so many parents working together. I appreciate all of you!! A big thanks to Barbara McCreary who filled our school and the Family Life Center with 90 vendors, AWESOME BARB! We couldn't have gotten the word out any better than Kim Cutter, our publicity chair. Thanks to Dawn and Dustin Harris, who hung all our signs around town. Our school was transformed and filled with Christmas spirit compliments to our Chair Cecilia Rodriguez! Thanks to Cindy Glotfelty, whose son graduated 2 years ago, and her team who did a great job setting up. Our Kitchen Crew headed by Paula Boccabello, Sister Joyce and all the amazing chefs, that served ALL day! The line to the kitchen never ended and the food was fabulous!!! Thanks to Michele Baird, our bake table chair, and all those talented elves that sent in yummy treats and special handmade crafts. Sue Perras, our children's raffle, we thank you and so do those kiddos who won special prizes! Thanks to DaNeeka Cotton and her \$500 raffle crew, always answering the question, "Did I Win?" Thanks so much to Pat Musselman, the man behind the wrapping paper on the office windows, counting all the money!! Jeri and Henry Russell, our cleanup leaders and their excited clean-up crew. They got our school back together in record time! A BIG BIG thanks to Jim Sandacz and Elizabeth Joy our only 2 parking attendants the whole day!!! You guys are so dedicated! I promise more help next year!

THANKS TO ALL!!!

Sarah Hernandez

Set Up Crew- Jen Santini, Meg Dillman

Checking In the Vendors - Alice Jung and Zel Windsor

Children's Raffle- Sue Perras, Rachele Pla, Uka Udeh

Decorating Crew- Zoe Houser, Pamela Hill, Desiree Lombe-Elad

Kitchen Crew- Sue Ervin, Paul Martindale, Janice Oakley, Claudeth Jeffrey, Natalie Summers, Kevin and Kim Kuczynski, Lisa Dandridge, Renee Clark, Chandra Cartledge. Thanks to Ida Ward who made the chili

Clean Up Crew-Kelvin Blake, Jesse Gutierrez, Carlos and Rachele Pla, Uzoaku Chukwu, Monica Sivills, Kalisia Cox

\$500 Raffle- Cathy Isom, Angela and Geoffrey Varner

Scrip Table -Tish Musselman, Patricia Trainor,Zoe Houser and Renee Clark,

A big thanks to the 8th graders who earned service hours and did a wonderful job!!

Please Forgive Me If I forgot you. Many thanks to you!

CYO

SMA Basketball:

The St Mary's of Assumption CYO Basketball program kicked off the opening of the new Monsignor Hughes Gymnasium to large crowds of supporters all day. Father Foley began the day with a ceremonial jump ball to start the season and open the play at our new gym. SMA began the day with victories in the first two games played. The JV Boys Gold team won by forfeit over Queen of Peace and the Varsity Girls team coming from behind in an exciting hard fought 9-4 victory over St. Joseph's of Beltsville. Each girl played their hearts out showing great hustle and team work.

To end the day of games at the MH Gym, the Varsity Boys and JV Boys Blue team took to the court. The Varsity Boys played hard in all four quarters until the end, but lost to St Jerome and was led by the guard play of Elijah Amo and Albert Summers. The mix of experienced players and new players shows great promise for this team to be very competitive in the league. The evening ended before a full crowd of cheering fans, especially SMA student body and alumni to cheer on the JV Boys Blue team. The JV Blue team came away with a 36-21 victory over the yellow jackets as Kene Okeke and Ryson Oakley led the boards in rebounds with Tre Boone's 10pts from the floor. Each of the boys contributed mightily to the victory utilizing an effective full court press to pull away for the victory.

Congratulations to all of the teams on their play and to all of the volunteer, especially Mark James, for making the first weekend of competitive play in our new basketball home a success.

CYO Concessions will start this weekend. The concession stand will be open from 8am - 5pm. If you would like to volunteer to work the concession stand, please contact Chandra Cartledge, chancart421@aol.com. You may earn a maximum of 5 volunteer hours.

St. Mary's basketball teams are off to a great start! Come on out, support your teams

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 13th – 16th

November 26th – 30th

December 3rd – 7th

December 10th – 14th

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

This initiative will be led by the 5th 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 5th grade teacher, Ms. Martin @ amartin@stmaryum.org

Mrs. Bookwalter

FROM THE LIBRARY . . .

Library Schedule

In an effort to help students and parents remember library books on library day, the following is the library schedule:

Grade	Library Day
Pre-K (Books are not checked out)	Wednesday
Kindergarten (Books stay in classroom)	Wednesday
First	Monday
Second	Monday
Third	Monday
Fourth (1/2 Class at a time)	Monday & Tuesday
Fifth	Monday
Sixth	Tuesday
Seventh	Wednesday
Eighth	Tuesday

MANY THANKS FOR FOOD DONATIONS!

Thank you to all school families who helped to make St. Mary of the Assumption School's Thanksgiving Food Drive a success. The students donated 70 bags of food to the Marlboro Food Bank through the school's food drive.

Thank you also to Mrs. Meg Dillman, Mrs. Evelyn Brewer, Miss Maggie Bookwalter, and the 8th Grade Jr. National Honor Society for assisting Mrs. Bookwalter with loading and/or delivering the food to the food bank.

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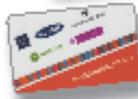
Home and School Association

HOLIDAY GIFT GUIDE



FASHION GIFTS

Aeropostale
American Eagle
Gap/Banana Republic
JCPenney
Kohl's
Macy's
TJMaxx



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TOYS FOR ALL AGES

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GameStop
PetSmart
Shutterfly
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Toys R Us



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Bass Pro Shops
Cabela's
Dick's Sporting Goods
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BUSINESS GIFTS

Chipotle
Harry & David
Honey Baked Ham
See's Candies



STOCKING STUFFERS

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Regal Entertainment



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IF YOU'RE STUMPED

Amazon.com
American Airlines
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St. Mary of the Assumption School
Scrip Gift Card Order Form

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

Your name: _____ Daytime phone #: _____

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

Student's name: _____ Student's grade: _____

Retailer (percentage earned St. Mary's)	by	Card Value	Quantity	Total
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Grocery/Warehouse Stores

Giant (5%)		\$100		
Giant (5%)		\$25		
Food Lion (5%)		\$100		
Food Lion (5%)		\$25		
Safeway (4%)		\$100		
Safeway (4%)		\$25		
WalMart/Sam's Club (2%)		\$25		
Target (2%)		\$25		

If you do not see what you are searching for on this form, over 400 businesses are listed online at www.shopwithscrip.com. Please note that special orders take about a week to fill.

Restaurants

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

Retail

Barnes & Noble (9%)		\$10		
Home Depot (4%)		\$25		
Home Depot (4%)		\$100		
Kohl's (5%)		\$25		
Kohl's (5%)		\$100		
NEW Macy's (9%)		\$25		
ITunes (5%)		\$15		

Gasoline

Shell (2.5%)		\$100		
Shell (2.5%)		\$25		
Wawa (1.5%)		\$25		

Special Orders: (fill in retailer and card value)

Total amount of SCRIP purchase

Please indicate payment method: Cash

Check number*

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

*Note: Returned check fee is \$30.

Thank you for Supporting St. Mary of the Assumption School!

Home and School Association

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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 to register online. Our school code is 00578.

LAST NAME _____

Card Number _____

ALL DIGITS

**Send c/o Shannon McCreary 7th
grade**

You can also email me your card number at barbibaby66@yahoo.com.

Thank you

Barbara McCreary

301-675-0752