st. cecilia church lagunitas	CHRISTMAS NATIVITY OF THE LORD December 25, 2016 <u>Mission Statement of St. Cecilia's & St. Mary's</u> To be Nurtured by Christ's Word, Supported by a Faith Loving Community, and to Serve the Needs of Others as Called to Minister + St. Joseph Church, Magdalena, Colombia (sister parish) +			st. mary church nicasio	From the Pew Christmas Mass Schedule: Christmas Eve - December 24 th Sing-along 5:15 p.m. Mass 5:30 p.m. at St. Mary's. Bring a bell for the Gloria.	
Mass	Sundays	at St. Cecilia's at St. Mary's	9:30 a.m. 11:15 a.m.		 Christmas Day - December 25th Mass 9:30 a.m. at St. Cecilia's. 	
	Weekdays	at St. Cecilia's at St. Mary's	8 a.m. (Mon. We 8 a.m. (Thur.)	d. Fri.)	(No Mass at St. Mary's on Sun. Dec 25 th)	
Confessions	Sundays	at St. Cecilia's	9 to 9:25 a.m.		St. Mary Catechism Class collecting winter	

Luke 2 : 1 - 14

The Nativity set is the most important Faith symbol of Christmas. It affords us the true meaning of Christmas. You can have a full set in your home or a

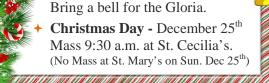
small set not having everything in the Nativity scene, even as small as an ornament on a Christmas tree.





Parish Christmas Party Mass Intentions: Week of December 25, 2016 ... Christmas Eve – Parishioners Intentions Saturday 5:30 p.m. Sunday 9:30 a.m.

... Christmas Day – Parishioners Intentions



Class collecting winter socks & gloves. Trip to St. Vincent de Paul, San Rafael on Thur, 12/29. Contact Margaret Farley.

Parish Christmas Party last Fri. was enjoyed by all who came. Many thanks to all the volunteers who organized the event: Shopping, cooking, decorating, entertainments, cleanup. Special thanks to Confirmation Class working the entire evening.

Welcome Eamon Cuminskey to our Faith Family. He was baptized at St. Mary's last Sunday.

Pray for the Sick of our parish.

Thank you to **Diana & Tora** for hosting the Capital Campaign Dinner last week. If you would like to host a dinner to benefit St. Mary's Preservation works in 2017, let Fr. O' or Craig Carlson know.

2nd Collection today, **Parish Youth Trip** in the summer.

Meals for Homeless Women. Check with Cia the schedule dates if you would like to help.

Carmelite Sisters thank you for supporting their jam sale. Collect your jams from Fr.

Last Week's Collections:

St. Cecilia's, Lagunitas \$ 497.00 St. Mary's, Nicasio 402.25 Total: 899 25



The Vatican Boys Choir and Adults is the oldest choir in the world. 7th Century, known as the Pope's Choir.

Upcoming Parish Events

December

- 12/24 (Sat.) ... Christmas Eve 5:30 pm @SM
- 12/25 (Sun.) ... Christmas Day 9:30 am @SC
- 12/29 (Thu.) ... SM-CCD trip to St. Vincent de Paul

For updates visit http://www.stcecilia-lagunitas.org.

Pope Francis is to visit Ireland November 28th, 2018 World Meeting of Families. Dublin and Armagh the most likely sites to visit. It will be 39 years since the last Papal visit 🚄 of Pope John Paul II to Ireland.

Papal Longevity Between 1503 to 2000, the average age of Popes when they left office was 74. 21st Century we have Popes in their 80's. Pope Francis is now one of them. Pope Leo XIII is the oldest pontiff who died 1903 at the age of 93. Bishops have to submit their resignations to the Pope when they turn 75. Canon Law has no norms for a Pope to resign unless he wants to. Only six Popes have resigned in Church history.

By the percents Spending on Christmas gifts 2016, average \$752.

\$1,000 or more	30%
\$250 to \$999	33%
\$250 and less	23%
None, don't celebrate Christmas	. 9%
Not Sure	. 5%
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Did vou know? Artificial Christmas trees have out-sold real ones since 1991. ***



Eamon's baptism at St. Mary

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