



st. cecilia church
lagunitas



CHRISTMAS NATIVITY OF THE LORD

December 25, 2016

Mission Statement of St. Cecilia's & St. Mary's

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 24th**
Sing-along 5:15 p.m.
Mass 5:30 p.m. at St. Mary's.
Bring a bell for the Gloria.
- ★ **Christmas Day - December 25th**
Mass 9:30 a.m. at St. Cecilia's.
(No Mass at St. Mary's on Sun. Dec 25th)

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
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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%

Did you know?

Artificial Christmas trees have out-sold real ones since 1991.



Eamon's baptism at St. Mary

St. Mary Catechism 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:	<u>\$ 899.25</u>



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

Mass	Sundays	at St. Cecilia's	9:30 a.m.
		at St. Mary's	11:15 a.m.
	Weekdays	at St. Cecilia's	8 a.m. (Mon. Wed. Fri.)
		at St. Mary's	8 a.m. (Thur.)
Confessions	Sundays	at St. Cecilia's	9 to 9:25 a.m.

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

Saturday	5:30 p.m.	... Christmas Eve – Parishioners Intentions
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	... Christmas Day – Parishioners Intentions