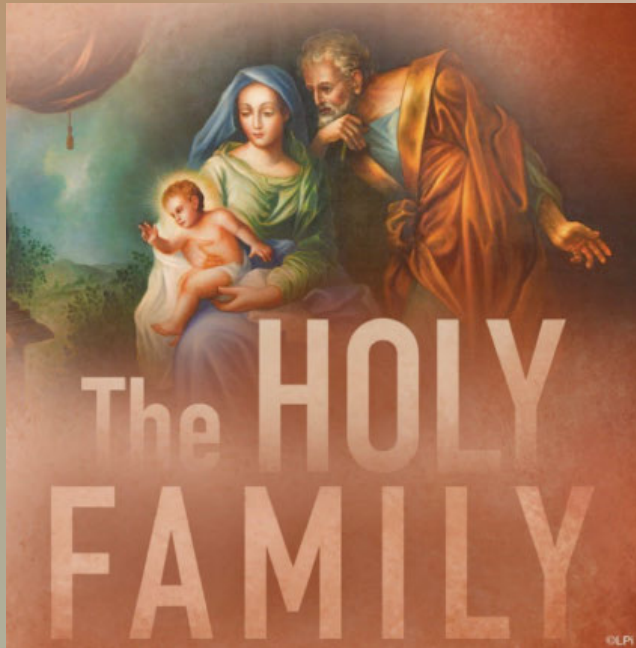


December 26, 2021 *Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*



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He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and His mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man.

Lk. 2:51-52

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Call the office (378-4431 ext. 2) to register full or part-time.

Support Local Business

Mass Schedule

Sunday: 8:30 am—St. Pius and 10:30 am—St. Mary
Monday: No Mass
Tuesday: 9 am—St. Pius
Wednesday: 9am—St. Mary's
Thursday: 9 am—St. Anthony
Friday: 9 AM - St Pius (Mass within the Octave of the Nativity)
Saturday: St. Anthony 4 PM

The Solemnity of Mary is NOT a Holy day of obligation this year. There will not be a Mass for this Solemnity this year.

Mass Intentions Week of
12/26/21—01/01/22
† Carla Balscik
† William Albright
† Arlene Johnson 12/28/21
† Pat & Patti Cosgrove 12/29/21

The Second Collection this weekend is for Haiti.

Visitation of the Sick

We are most eager to help anyone who cannot celebrate Mass with us because of illness, handicap or age. If you wish to receive the sacrament please call the rectory. Please notify us of any hospitalizations so that we may be of assistance.



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Dec. 25, 2021: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) Mass at Dawn
by Mary M. McGlone

If you happen to be in Rome on Christmas Day, you can visit the Vatican's [featured Nativity scene from Peru](#). It's populated by some 30 characters — people and animals — authentically garbed and posed as contemporary folks from the Andean highlands. The Magi might be mistaken for extra shepherds as they accompany their llamas laden with the fabulous foods people of the area have enjoyed since before the time of the Incas.

This is a cultural translation or interpretation of the meaning of the Incarnation. The Italian tourism industry expects more than 100 million people to see the display — whether in person or via the world of media communications.

If we could anthropomorphize a little (When would it be more appropriate than at Christmas?), we might imagine the Trinity taking great pleasure in this and myriad other representations in which people depict the Holy Family and the rest of the cast in their own style of dress and following local customs.

The people who do that have captured the message of the Incarnation: God decided to be like us to give us faith in our divine potential. Imagining the Trinity being entertained and pleased by our various Nativity scenes may not be so far fetched from a scriptural point of view. Today's reading from Isaiah portrays God shouting to the ends of the earth to let everyone know that a savior is on the way. For whom? For Israel, and by extension for people who have felt sinful and/or forsaken. And that's a list that can include everyone!

When these chosen people receive the God who comes, their identity will be transformed. They will know themselves as holy, as a community permeated with the presence of God.

Christmas emphasizes the fact that ours is a God who does something more than just sit around the heavens! The Letter to Titus underlines this with one of Paul's favorite themes: God's love took flesh among us, not because we deserved it, but because of God's great love. If there were one question we might imagine God asking to sum up the motive for the Incarnation it is, "What can I do to help you?"

The Fourth Eucharistic Prayer reminds us of this in the form of a prayer of praise that says, "Time and again you offered [us] covenants ... so that those who seek you might find you."

Today, Luke presents the shepherds as models for disciples, and an interesting lot they are. While Scripture frequently presents shepherds as models for leadership, we do well to remember that they have not always enjoyed a sterling reputation.

Not only are there the bad shepherds like the ones Jeremiah described, but shepherding was anything but a prestigious occupation. It requires so little that it is often left to the very young or very old.

Additionally, in the time of Jesus, the educated classes typically accused shepherds of grazing their sheep on private land or poaching sheep from other flocks. Then there's the fact that their profession prevented them from observing the Sabbath and other requirements of the law. These were the people to whom the angels announced the birth of the savior and who responded by dropping everything and saying, "Let us go and see!" If that sounds like Jesus' call to his followers, we can assume Luke wanted it that way.

According to Luke's tale, the simple shepherds, like Mary, heeded the message of angels, investigated and then "made known the message." Listening and seeing transformed the shepherds, making them the first evangelizers. Isaiah's promise came true through them, and they led others to wonder.

Luke tells us that as Mary witnessed, she "kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart." Perhaps the shepherds could proclaim what they had seen because, in comparison to Mary, they had seen so little — just some angels and a baby.

Mary was the one through whom all of this was happening. She had believed the angel's message and become pregnant, she had shared the wonders and wonderings with Elizabeth, she had seen Joseph miraculously stand by her, and she had given birth to this child of God in the humblest of circumstances, where they had not even their own roof over their heads.

The mystery was more than she could have explained, she could only live it in ongoing everydayness.

Today, we celebrate God's entry into our everydayness. Our Nativity scenes remind us that God has taken flesh like ours as one of the humblest. Luke invites us to enter into the scene with both the shepherds and with Mary.

At times, we can proclaim the amazing, simple news of God's nearness. We can also give ourselves time to enter deeply into mystery and grace to be so awed that words cannot suffice.

[St. Joseph Sr. Mary M. McGlone serves on the congregational leadership team of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet.]

12/14/21	Solon	Gordon	Minong
Envelopes	\$1404	\$137.50	\$936
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Immaculate Conception	\$95	\$108.50	\$23
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Christmas Flowers	\$105	\$5	\$5
Total	\$1677	\$309	\$1031
Electronic Donations ((November)	\$755	\$320	\$1404.14
CSA Goals (2021/22)	\$10,655	\$6,460	\$14,026
CSA Results (as of: 11/02/21)	\$4530	\$5965	\$6795
% of Goal	43%	92%	48%

Pray For our friends and neighbors who are ill or home-bound. If you know someone who should be put on or removed from this list, please call the office.

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Little Flowers Girls Club

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January 5th - Meeting from 5-7

in the Old Village Hall

January 19th - Epiphany Party

from 5-7 in the Old Village Hall

Contact Megan Trautman at:

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Readings for the week of December 26, 2021

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52
or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40

Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18

Saturday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/ Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Announcements and Upcoming Events

- ◆ St. Mary's is looking for nominations or volunteers for two Parish Counsel members. Please contact the parish office for nominations or to volunteer for these positions.
- ◆ If you are interested in being a Reader/Lector please contact Fr. Kinney at the parish office: 715-378-4431
- ◆ There will be a 9 AM mass Friday, December 31 at St. Pius. This mass is not the Solemnity of Mary.

December 31: NO MASS - The Solemnity of Mary is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation this year.

Schedule for the Solemnity of the Epiphany

January 1 (Saturday): 4PM St. Anthony's -

January 2: 8:30 AM St. Pius

10:30 AM St. Mary's

PLEASE NOTE :The Solemnity of Mary is NOT a holy day of obligation this year. Therefore, there will not be a Mass for this Solemnity.

- ◆ After the Christmas holidays, please save your used Christmas cards for CCWM to make homemade Christmas cards for Middle River/Aspen nursing home in 2022. There will be a box at the back of each of the churches for you to drop in your used Christmas cards. Or you may give them to Emily Stegmann or Megan Trautman at St. Pius, Janet Johnson at St. Anthony, and Josie Johnson at St. Mary's. CCWM appreciated your assistance by providing us with your used Christmas cards."
- ◆ Milly Thiesson and Sharon Monahan will be ending their positions as co-presidents of the CCWM on January 1. We send our gratitude and appreciation to these ladies for their service, love and care they dedicated to this position!
Emily Stegman and Megan Trautman will be the new co-presidents of the CCWM beginning on January 1. We thank these ladies for their "yes"!

For more information on events and activities, Little Flowers or Catechesis of the Good Shepherd check out our website at:
Stspiusmaryanthony.com



Prayer for the Synod on Synodality

The Bishops have requested this prayer be recited for the Synod of 2021-2023. This prayer invites the Holy Spirit to operate within us so that we may be a community and a people of grace.


We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever.

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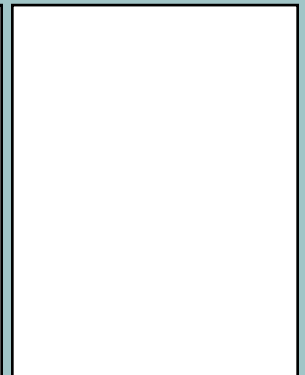
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