

THE CHURCH OF SAINT MARY

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MISSION STATEMENT

To share the gifts God has entrusted us by "being Christ to one another" through welcoming, comforting, healing and teaching in loving service of our brothers and sisters, mindful of His unconditional love for all His children.



Sunday 1030 am Mass

Entrance: #518, Good Christian Friends Rejoice

Introit: Arise, Jerusalem, and look to the East and see your children gathered from the rising to the setting of the sun.

Psalm:

Refrain: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

O God, with your judgment endow the king, and with your justice, the king's son; He shall govern your people with justice and your afflicted ones with judgment.

Refrain: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Justice shall flower in his days, and profound peace, till the moon be no more. May he rule from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

Refrain: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

The kings of Tarshish and the Isles shall offer gifts; the kings of Arabia and Seba shall bring tribute. All kings shall pay him homage, all nations shall serve him.

Refrain: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

For he shall rescue the poor when he cries out, and the afflicted when he has no one to help him. He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor; the lives of the poor he shall save.

Refrain: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Offertory:

Communion Antiphon: When have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

Communion Hymn: #499, O Come All Ye Faithful the World

Recessional: #524, Joy to the World

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BULLETIN DEADLINE

Monday 12:00 pm

Archdiocesan Victim Assistance Hotline 651-291-4497

Mass Schedule:

Weekend:

Saturday 4:30 pm;

Sunday 7:30 am & 10:30 am

Weekdays: Mon. - Fri. 12:00 pm

Holy Days: 12:00 pm & 5:30 pm

Reconciliation:

Mon. - Fri. 11:30 am - 11:50 am

Sat. 3:30 pm - 4:20 pm and by appointment

Baptism & Marriage:

Register online via parish website.

JANUARY

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, NEW YEAR'S DAY

9:00 am John Mercado†

Sunday, 2nd

7:30 am Gregory and Erin Joseph†

10:30 am Caroline & Lawrence Schloert

Monday, 3rd

12:00 pm Ints. of Dan Mazzaro

Tuesday, 4th

12:00 pm Oscar Bonilla†

Wednesday, 5th

12:00 pm Scott Langer†

Thursday, 6th

12:00 pm William Zinniewicz†

Friday, 7th

12:00 pm Mary Lou Fleischhacker†

Next Saturday, 8th

4:30 pm Bob Meehl†

Next Sunday, 9th

7:30 am Parishioners†

10:30 am John A. Stackpole, III†

† Denotes deceased



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

Monday:

1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt
4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday:

1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk
6:34-44

Wednesday:

1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk
6:45-52

Thursday:

1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc,
17/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday:

1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-
20/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday:

1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a
and 9b/Jn 3:22-3 @LPi

FROM THE PASTORS

Making Sense of Christmas in the 21st Century

The Christmas season is increasingly out-of-step with our life in the 21st century and thus its continued existence must be justified to the modern person on new grounds. The project of secularism has emancipated western society from its self-conscious beholden-ness to tradition, except that “tradition” be the tradition of having no tradition. The modern person is convinced that tradition is against autonomy and autonomy is the only definition of freedom that the modern person possesses. We have created a world in which the radical individual is sovereign and free, which means we are under no obligation to understand ourselves through any defining narrative except, in the words of the protestant theologian Stanley Hauerwas, “the story we chose when we had no story.”

And so when we are reminded again each year of the story of Christmas—the Shepherds and the Wise Men gathered round the Holy Family at the manger—we feel in touch again, if only for a fleeting moment, with an ancient tradition, and our hearts can be warmed with a sense of belonging, a connection to identity and community with an authentic history. Christmas is *our* tradition. The “thickness” of the scene, to the extent it isn’t trivialized by a shallow, commercial sentimentality or eviscerated by deconstructive “interpretation,” can seasonally alter the consciousness of what the Catholic philosopher Charles Taylor has called the “buffered self,” (where we feel insulated from pre-modern history and culture with its mythical world of meaning) and put us in touch with a reality that has survived the transition to modernity but could never have been authored by it. Would I be permitted to argue that in this moment of being “determined by tradition”—that awful, freedom-destroying authority from which the modern self recoils—we sense that we are being offered a restored identity, that an offer of freedom, love even, has been extended to us by (dare we whisper it?) God himself?

Looking to the sacred cave of Bethlehem, what have we seen? Not a disparate collection of mere “seekers,” but rather a human *ecclesia*, a unity-in-diversity, a community formed in joy, peace, and hope, and all at the intersection of human wisdom and divine revelation. What we see at the sacred cave is, among other things, the seed of authentic Western culture. And that, I propose, is a crucial aspect of the meaning of Christmas for our time. Let us each in this new year make ourselves part of the vanguard, and travel once again from Bethlehem to the world, and from the world to Bethlehem—in our daily work, our neighborhoods and city, our friendships, our families, our parishes. “Glory to God in the highest; and on earth peace to men of good will.”

- Fr. Hagan





ADDITIONAL OPERATIONS FUND COLLECTION

Today! There will be taking a second collection for the Additional Operations Fund (AOF) for the month of January 2022. If you mail your donation to the parish office, please note on the payment that it is for the Additional Operations Fund (AOF). You may also donate online thru our website. Your continued support and generosity to this fund is very much appreciated.

Thanks in advance.



***BLESSINGS TO OUR
PARISHIONERS, FRIENDS AND
VISITORS FOR A HAPPY AND
HEALTHY NEW YEAR FROM
FR. BYRON HAGAN
AND FR. BRYCE EVANS
AND ST. MARY'S STAFF.***

YEAR END GIVING

Dear Parishioners: 2021 has been a year of many changes, repairs and upgrades to our beloved St. Mary's. Without your prayers, support and generous contributions, these things would not be possible. We are planning on doing more in the coming year and will continue to take care of and keep up with our aging facility. As we approach the end of another year, please consider making a special year end donation of \$50, \$100 or whatever you can afford to St. Mary's Church in thanksgiving. You may donate online, send a check to the parish office or put your donation in the collection basket. Your support and contributions will make a real, lasting impact on the future of YOUR St. Mary's. We hope and pray that you will continue your commitment to building up St. Mary's in the coming year.

Thank You! Fr Hagan and Fr. Evans

2022 CALENDARS

2022 Calendars are available at the entrances to the church. Please take one for your family.

Upcoming Events

Parish Council Mtg, Jan. 25th, 5:00pm

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

RE Class, January 8th, 9-10:15 am

(Grades: K thru 8th)

PCYI 2nd meeting younger grades



Louis Pothen 1st, Clay Bunch 1st, Rachel McDonough 1st, Stephen Diaz 1st, Alexis Ruberto 1st, Elaine Meader 3rd, Esther Schlieff 3rd, Barb Kelley 3rd, Regina Gonzalez 3rd, Jeffrey Haider 4th, Lily Ziniewicz 4th, Susie Diaz 5th and Donna Hauptert 7th.



Irene Stackpole and Parris Veeder

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS

January 1st, 9:00 am

No 4:30pm Mass

COLLECTION FOR WEEK OF

December 14th THRU December 20th

Additional Operations Fund: \$4.00

COLLECTIONS

Envelopes\$1,585
Plate\$1,336
Auto Withdrawal & Online Giving.....\$515
Sunday, December 19, 2021.....\$3,436

COLLECTION FOR WEEK OF

December 21st THRU December 27th

Second Collection:

Christmas Eve & Day: \$2,131

COLLECTIONS

Envelopes\$1,455
Plate\$2,079
Auto Withdrawal & Online Giving.....\$632
Sunday, December 26, 2021.....\$4,166

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