



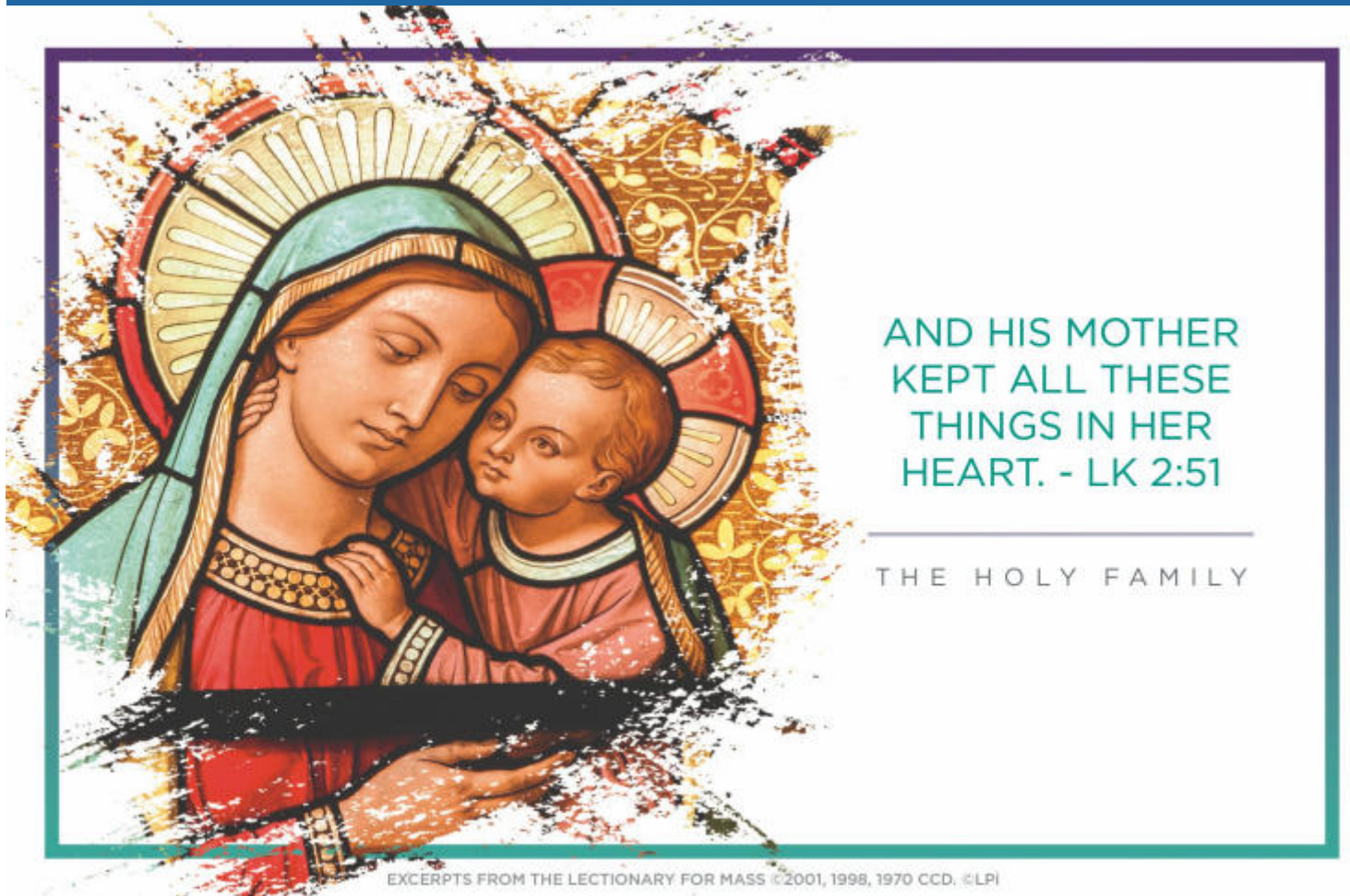
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WELCOME

If you are a visitor to our parish, we welcome you to our celebration of the Liturgy. Your presence blesses our gathering in prayer! We are also happy to welcome new people to our parish family. If you live in the area and would like to become a part of our parish community, please contact Sue Leighton in the Parish Office at 508-278-2226.

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AND HIS MOTHER
KEPT ALL THESE
THINGS IN HER
HEART. - LK 2:51

THE HOLY FAMILY

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CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Sunday Mass | 7:30, 9:00, 11:00am
Saturday Vigil Mass | 5:00pm
Weekday Mass | 7:00am (Mon.-Thurs.)
7:00am (On Civic Holidays)
Holyday Masses as announced



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DECEMBER 26, 2021
THE HOLY FAMILY, JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH
This Sunday's Readings: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 Colossians 3:12-21 Luke 2:41-52



**THE
SOLEMNITY
OF MARY,
THE HOLY
MOTHER OF
GOD**

(NOT A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION THIS YEAR)

NEW YEARS MASS SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31
NEW YEARS EVE
VIGIL OF THE SOLEMNITY OF
MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
5:00 PM

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1
NEW YEARS DAY
THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY,
MOTHER OF GOD
10:00 AM

"And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart." (LUKE 2:19)
 Mary is the perfect role model for living a Stewardship lifestyle. She listened to God and said "yes" to His invitation to be the Holy Mother of His son. She also trusted in God's providence on a daily basis. As we start a new year, take time every day to listen to how God is calling you; trust that He has a better plan for you than you could ever imagine.

**SCHEDULE OF MASSES ON THE
EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**



SATURDAY, JANUARY 1,
VIGIL MAS
5:00PM

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2
7:30AM
9:00AM
11:00AM

TIME Talents TREASURE

December 12, 2021

Ordinary	\$ 6,037.00
Fuel and Energy	\$ 150.00
Renovations	\$ 76.00
Youth Activities	\$ 84.00
Christmas Flower	\$ 145.00
Day's Pay	\$ 20.00
Rel. Education	\$ 5.00
Fall Coll/Schools	\$ 3.00
All Saints Day	\$ 21.00
All Souls Day	\$ 1.00
Sol. of Mary	\$ 120.00
Imm. Conception	\$ 315.00
Christmas Day	\$ 175.00
World Mission	\$ 1.00
Retirement Rel.	\$ 385.00
Human Devel.	\$ 26.00
Total	 \$ 7,564.00

Thank you and may God bless you for your generous return to the Lord.

IN NEED OF OUR PRAYER

In the charity of your prayers, please remember the sick of our parish and others especially (in alphabetical order): Lily Agostino, Theresa Aldrich, Greg Anacki, Agnes Anselmo, Leland C. Atonson, Frances Bachant, Gloria Baldor, Dcn. Joe Baniukiewicz, Sr. Yvette Beford, Michelle Beland, Maureen Bernard, Lucille Blair, Elizabeth Brennan, Dr. Ken Burgwinn, Fr. Ron Calhoun, Deborah Carmichael, David Caron, Karen Ciepielowski, Anthony Clark, James Clark, Henry L. Cordero, Tim Costa, Bill Cote, Mary Cove, Lorraine Crawford, Morgan Creighton, Sr., Tim Crowley, Betty Cusson, Elizabeth Cybulski, Cathy Davis, Janet Davis, Joe Deslouriers, Bill Doty, Connie Dwyer, Robbie East, Stephen Fearebay, Gus Fiore, Lisa Firth, Steven Forman, Daniel Gagnon, Carolyn Gariepy, Lisa Gariepy, John Garrity, Walter Gion, Paulette Girard, Debra Gniadek, Frances Gniadek, Sandra Goff, Donald Gordon, Bob Gray, Ron Griffin, Donna Hall, Philip Harcourt, Joan Hauge, Rick Hirko, Joseph Hoffman, Rose Hudon, Matthew Jackson, Don Jasmin, Sheila Jeziorski, Don & Madeleine Jolin, Malia Jusczyk, Jacquelyn Kleya, Alex Larsen, Kevin Larson, Artie Leary, Erlene LeBorgne, Michael & Laurie MacCarthy, Michelle Mashak, Marley Jean Martin, Lisa Martini, Josephine Mason, Lorna McWilliam, Jim Moro, Joan Mulligan, Pat O'Melia, Meagan Philip, Sharon Popham, Linda Poulin, "Mac" Quinn, Kenny Richards, Peter Rice, Sandra Robbins, Christin Sanchez, Angel Santos, Kairo Santiago, Mary Sather, George Shaheen, Jonathan A. Shaw, Carol Smith, Joan Smith, Justin Smith, Todd Smith, Carl Speight, Debbie Stafford, Jack Stafford, Elise Strickland, Alice Susskey, Shirley Tellier, Alan Titus, Maureen Tracy, Seth Updergraff, Ronald Valliere, Laura Wayland, Jeanette White, and all our service members serving away from home.

THE DECEASED

In the charity of your prayers, please pray for those who have died, and for all the victims of war and terrorism.

THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

In the charity of your prayers please pray for all those serving in the armed services, especially, Sgt. Michael St. Jean, Ashley Wallis, Ryan Carnell, Maj. Eric Calvey, Lt. Evan Depetrillo, Ens. Samuel P. Rose, Maj. Sean Cahill, Adam Lareau, LCpl. Trevor Benoit, Cpt. Justin Trimble, Pfc. Jonah Boudreau, Sr. Airman Jacob Platt.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER CHAIN

If you wish to have a personal intention, please contact Donna Featherstone.

Sun., 12/26 The Holy Family, Jesus, Mary & Joseph

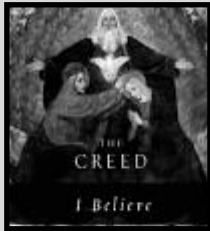
7:30AM	For Pauline Pokornicki	by the Family
	For Arthur Manstream	by the Ethier Family
9:00AM	For Roger Potter (2nd Anniv.)	by the Family
	For Robert Schollard	by the Sarrasin Family
11:00AM	For Victor Ramla	by the Family
	For Robert Norton	by the Family
Mon., 12/27 St. John the Evangelist		
7:00AM	For Ann & Carol Smith	by A Parishioner
Tues., 12/28 Feast of The Holy Innocents, Martyrs		
7:00AM	For Sheila Curran	by the Robbins Family
Wed., 12/29 St. Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr		
7:00AM	For Therese Harrington	by a Parishioner
Thurs., 12/30 St. Edwin		
7:00AM	For John Courtois (3rd Anniv.)	by Una Rice
Fri., 12/31 The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God (Vigil Mass)		
	(Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year)	
5:00PM	For The People of St. Mary Parish	
Sat., 01/01 The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God		
	(Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year)	
10:00AM	For the People of St. Mary Parish	
Sat., 01/01 The Epiphany of The Lord (Vigil Mass)		
	Candle Intention: Paulyne Lynch	
5:00PM	For: Ann & Carl Smith	by a Parishioner
Sun., 01/02 The Epiphany of The Lord		
7:30AM	For the People of St. Mary Parish	
9:00AM	For David Murphy	by the Featherstone Family
11:00AM	For Fr. Dennis O'Brien	by a Parishioner

THE HOLY FAMILY, JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

"...and Jesus advanced [in] wisdom and age and favor before God and man." (Luke 2:52)
 Let's take time to reflect with awe and joy upon the magnitude of the gift given to us by God in the Incarnation, and the way one person can change the world.
 The birth of this particular baby is a powerful sign that God most assuredly thinks that the world should go on.

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY, JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

UPCOMING *Events*



ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Monday nights, 6:30 to 8:15 in the parish hall starting January 10. The Creed is a new film series blending both documentary footage and dynamic talks. Bishop Robert Barron guides viewers into the depths of the Nicene Creed, a fourth-century statement of faith that has profoundly influenced both Eastern and Western spirituality, theology, and liturgy.

Go to <https://stmaryuxbridge.org/creed> to sign up and get a (FREE) study guide.

MUSICAL PRESENTATION & BROWN BAG LUNCH

Dan Zabinski, (our Music Director), and his daughter, Esther, have prepared some Christmas music for 4-handed piano, and would like to play their selections in a small free concert. You are all invited to come and enjoy this lovely music tomorrow, Monday, December 27th, at 12 Noon in the Parish Center.

Feel free to bring your own lunch, or just come and listen in!

Hope you can join us!



MANDATORY FIRST RECONCILIATION RETREAT

Saturday, 1/8/22 10:00 am--12:00 pm

Second-grade students and their parents are required to attend the upcoming retreat as a part of the sacramental preparation for **First Reconciliation on Saturday, 1/22/22**. Please be sure to RSVP using the Sign-Up Genius link ASAP, and remit your retreat fee to the Religious Education Office. Questions? Call the office (508) 278-3777.



What is the importance of the Holy Family in your own family?

The Holy Family is a great example for families everywhere to always be open to whatever God's will might be and to always be listening for God to speak. He might speak his will in prayer or through another person. By our own prayer and discernment, we too can follow God's lead for our life.

SAVE THE DATE: St. Mary's 4th Annual TRIVIA NIGHT!

Parish Hall,
Saturday, January 22nd, 6:30pm
Tickets will go on sale in January. Watch the bulletin for further information.



Prepare to celebrate the Epiphany!

The Christmas season is a season of celebration. The Church celebrates many important feasts during this time. **Epiphany** is one of the many important feasts during the Christmas season. The word *epiphany* comes from the Greek *Epiphania*, meaning "revelation."

Also called Three Kings Day, at Epiphany, we recall the visit of the Magi to the newborn Jesus. The Magi opened their treasures and offered Jesus gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

The epiphany, or showing, of Jesus, teaches us that Jesus' coming into the world was important to the whole world and that the Good News of Jesus Christ is meant for everyone!

ON-GOING GRIEF SUPPORT

On-going grief support will be held once a month on Fridays in the parish hall from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm. Linda Small and Mary Ellen Bartlett from the Grieving with Great Hope Ministry will be facilitating. These gatherings will be prayerful, rooted in Christ, and will utilize the GWGH seven intentions of mourning. This is an opportunity for fellowship and support. Our next gathering is on January 14th. All are welcome.



Come and Eat to Support The G.R.A.C.E. Center

Tuesday, December 28, Morning

The Depot Cafe in Uxbridge invites you and your family and friends to come and enjoy breakfast to support The G.R.A.C.E. Center. Proprietors Matthew and Janna Tyrell, proud OLV parents, have graciously agreed to donate all proceeds from the morning's breakfast service on Tuesday, December 28th to The G.R.A.C.E. Center. **Please consider inviting family and friends to The Depot Cafe on the morning of Tuesday, December 28th**, to share a delicious breakfast and to help Our Lady of the Valley Regional School complete The G.R.A.C.E. Center building project. We are blessed to have so many wonderful friends in the greater community! All are welcome.

The G.R.A.C.E. Center

Grace Rett Athletic Complex and Education

There are many exciting opportunities and events coming up that will help us reach our goal and the completion of the G.R.A.C.E. Center. Below are just a sampling of what is being offered:

- ◆ Fr. Dennis O'Brien Academic Wing
- ◆ Touchstone Crystals
- ◆ Gift Card Raffle
- ◆ Online Silent Auction
- ◆ Cousin David Bauer—Live Music from Teddy Gallagher's Pub, Friday, Dec. 17th at 8:00pm on Zoom
- ◆ St. Mary's Religious Ed vs. OLV Students in "Penny Wars"
- ◆ Indoor Golf Tournament—Saturday, Dec. 18th.
- ◆ Grace Day at Kool Kone—Saturday, Dec. 18th
- ◆ Donate to team Hannah/Rowhouse Rowing 62:03 minutes—Sunday, Dec. 19 at 11:00am

Be a part of the Live Zoom Link 62 hours.

To learn more about the exciting fundraisers listed here and others that are being added for the G.R.A.C.E. TO THE FINISH II, go to:

<https://www.gracetothefinish.com/events>

Those interested in donating towards the construction of the Grace Rett Athletic Complex and Education Center can do so **on-line** at www.gracetothefinish.com or by mailing a check made out to **Our Lady of the Valley Regional School at 75 Mendon Street, Uxbridge, MA 01569**. Please include **Grace Center** in the memo line to properly **direct your donation**. Thank you and God bless you for your attention to this and for your generous spirit!





The St. Mary Parish family joyfully welcomes Briar Marie Brown & Brynn Young Brown, (daughters of Michael & Morgan) who joined our community of faith through Baptism on Sunday, December 12, 2021.

May God continue to bless Briar & Brynn, their parents and Godparent as they continue their journey of faith as a family



As we begin a new year, the liturgy directs our attention to Mary whom we greet as "full of grace." New Year's Day is called the *Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God* in the Church's calendar. This is no coincidence.

With Mary, the Mother of Jesus, as our model, we are called to look to the coming year as a time that is "full of grace." We can certainly choose to look at the next 365 days simply as a series of deadlines, projects, and goals to accomplish. We can look at our calendar as "stuff to get through." We can also view it as something more. We can choose to embrace 2022 as an opportunity to grow in grace. We can begin the New Year trusting as Mary did that life and the journey ahead will be filled with "grace-filled" moments and opportunities.

The New Year will certainly present opportunities to grow in our understanding of ourselves and of others. Surely, 2022 will challenge each of us to mature in our faith and to serve our neighbors in need. The next twelve months will be graced moments beckoning each of us to be more aware of God's presence in our lives.

The woman we greet as "full of grace" points to a path ahead brimming with new life and opportunities. She who is "grace filled" invites us to walk with her, following Christ, as fellow pilgrims through time.

THANKS A MILLION!

My sincerest thanks to all those who gave of their time and talent to make the celebration of Christmas at Saint Mary Church such a joyous one. Thank you to all of the liturgical ministers, ushers, greeters, musicians, cantors, choir members, and decorators who contributed to the beauty of the liturgy.

Thank you also to all of the parishioners who were warm and welcoming to the many guests who were here to worship with us on Christmas. You are a shining example of what a Christian community should be!

TUESDAY



The **SVdP** Monthly Meeting
Associates / Full Members
6:30 / 7:00PM in the Parish Center
12/28/2021

WEDNESDAY



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Continues on Wednesdays
The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will open Adoration at 3:00pm.
Benediction will take place at 6:00pm. All are Welcome.

THURSDAY



WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study meets on Thursday evenings from **7:00pm-8:15pm** in the St. Mary Parish Conference Room. The Scripture readings for the upcoming Sunday are explored through discussion and historical reference. The study ends with Bishop Robert Barron's homily for the Gospel.



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays at 4:00pm-4:45pm in the church and at other times by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The baptism of infants and children is celebrated monthly. A gathering of parents preparing for the baptism of their child is held periodically in the parish center. Please contact the parish office for more information.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Couples planning to be married should contact the Pastor one year prior to the wedding. A Program of preparation is required of all couples planning to marry in the church.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

If you wish to receive the Sacraments (Reconciliation, Anointing, Communion) at home or in the hospital, please contact a member of the pastoral staff.

R.C.I.A.

(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Adults who are interested in becoming members of the Catholic Community are invited to contact the Parish Office.

HEATING OUR CHURCH DURING THE COLDER WEATHER

As the weather turns colder and winter approaches, it is good to remember that our church, while both beautiful and majestic, is a very expensive place to heat. As good stewards of our parish's resources we try to balance the comfort of our parishioners with financial common sense. Therefore, during the winter months the temperature in the church is kept at 66 degrees during the celebration of the liturgy. At all other times the thermostat is set to 58 degrees.

During the colder months everyone wears coats and warmer clothing so 66 degrees should be a reasonable and fairly comfortable setting for most people. (Most business offices are now set to 65 degrees!) Of course, the areas closest to the doors of the church will always remain the "coldest," due to the constant opening and closing of the doors. The "warmest" part of the church is usually the area up-front closest to the sanctuary. Thank you for your understanding.



Announcing the FATHER DENNIS J. O'BRIEN ACADEMIC WING at THE G.R.A.C.E. CENTER

Since the passing of Fr. Dennis O'Brien, friends, students, and former parishioners have sought to memorialize him in a very special way. We have begun raising funds to name the academic wing of The Grace Rett Athletic Complex and Education Center at Our Lady of the Valley School in Uxbridge in honor of Father Dennis J. O'Brien. The G.R.A.C.E. Center includes a high-school sized gymnasium, two classrooms that will house a middle school academy, a concessions area, lobby, and restrooms. Grace Rett tragically passed in January 2020 one day after her twentieth birthday in a motor vehicle accident in Florida while training with the members of her rowing team from the College of the Holy Cross. Fr. O'Brien was greatly affected by Grace's passing and the depth of her faith. He would often visit her grave site to pray for strength and intercession whenever faced with a difficult challenge. Like so many, he found courage and conviction through the story of Grace.

Anyone who wishes to participate in this effort by making a gift to the Father Dennis J. O'Brien Academic Wing at The G.R.A.C.E. Center can do so either online at www.gracetothefinish.com/father-ob or by check made payable to Our Lady of the Valley School, 75 Mendon Street, Uxbridge, Massachusetts 01569. Donations of \$5,000 or more will be recognized with a name plaque in the Fr. O'Brien Wing.



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