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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

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January 2, 2022



Inclement Weather Cancellation Notices

Please watch WFSB Channel 3 for updates regarding cancellation of weekday or weekend Masses and religious education due to inclement weather. Cancellations can also be accessed on the internet at www.wfsb.com and click on the tab for cancellations.

Announcements for weekday and Sunday Masses will be posted by 6:30 a.m. Announcements for Saturday Masses will be posted by 2 p.m.

Thank you

Once again Ss. Thomas & Anne Parishioners did not disappoint in providing gifts for people in Voluntown. Your generosity and kindness made Christmas brighter for 6 community members, young and not so young. Thank you very much for caring and sharing. God bless you!

*I would like to thank Parishioners of St. Catherine of Siena for the love and support you have shown me during the loss of my husband, Walter. I am very grateful.
Thank you all!
Laura Wisniewski*

If you are not registered in any of our Parishes and would like to, registration forms are at the church entrances. Also, please update any changes to your present registration. Thank you.

SAINT OF THE DAY

SAINT BASIL

“Basil was on his way to becoming a famous teacher when he decided to begin a religious life of gospel poverty. After studying various modes of religious life, he founded what was probably the first monastery in Asia Minor. He is to monks of the East what Saint Benedict is to the West, and Basil’s principles influence Eastern monasticism today.

He was ordained a priest, assisted the archbishop of Caesarea—now southeastern Turkey—and ultimately became archbishop himself, in spite of opposition from some of the bishops under him, probably because they foresaw coming reforms.

Arianism, one of the most damaging heresies in the history of the Church which denied the divinity of Christ, was at its height. Emperor Valens persecuted orthodox believers, and put great pressure on Basil to remain silent and admit the heretics to communion. Basil remained firm, and Valens backed down. But trouble remained. When the great Saint Athanasius died, the mantle of defender of the faith against Arianism fell upon Basil. He strove mightily to unite and rally his fellow Catholics who were crushed by tyranny and torn by internal dissension. He was misunderstood, misrepresented, accused of heresy and ambition. Even appeals to the pope brought no response. “For my sins I seem to be unsuccessful in everything.”

Basil was tireless in pastoral care. He preached twice a day to huge crowds, built a hospital that was called a wonder of the world—as a youth he had organized famine relief and worked in a soup kitchen himself—and fought the prostitution business.

Basil was best known as an orator. Though not recognized greatly in his lifetime, his writings rightly place him among the great teachers of the Church. Seventy-two years after his death, the Council of Chalcedon described him as “the great Basil, minister of grace who has expounded the truth to the whole earth.”

Source: <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-basil-the-great>

COVID-19 Guidelines Update

December 26, 2021

With the rising numbers of COVID cases in our towns, communities, families, and parishes, everyone is strongly encouraged to wear a mask when inside all of our churches.

While a large number of people are vaccinated, we are finding that anyone can still get sick and/or spread viruses. Even people with booster shots are testing positive for COVID-19.

Please be considerate of everyone around you and wear a mask when in Church.

Thank You.

**THIS DAY IN AMERICAN
CATHOLIC HISTORY**
◆ JANUARY 2 ◆

“General James Longstreet was not popular with the Episcopalians in New Orleans. On Sundays, when the former Confederate commander entered his pew, his fellow worshippers routinely rose and walked out. To them, honoring God mattered less than dishonoring Longstreet.

It wasn't just the Episcopalians, however, who had it in for Longstreet. By 1877, most everyone in the former Confederate States of America loathed General Robert E. Lee's one-time second-in-command. Many blamed the south Carolina native for the Confederacy's devastating loss at Gettysburg and blamed him even more for his support of President Ulysses S. Grant's Republican Administration. The value of the services rendered by Longstreet -Lee's "Old War Horse"- at the Battles of Fredricksburg, Second Bull Run, Antietam, and Chickamauga, as well as in the Wilderness Campaign, was lost on his contemporaries. Or, at least, most of his contemporaries.

Hearing of the Episcopalians' scorn for Longstreet, Father Abram Ryan, a former Confederate chaplain, paid the general a visit.

Catholics, Father Ryan informed him, didn't care who worshipped in their midst, and if Longstreet ever decided to convert, they would welcome him with open arms. Longstreet took Ryan up on his offer. He entered the Catholic Church in 1877 and remained a devout communicant to the end of his life.

Over the course of the next 27 years, Longstreet would go on to serve his country as ambassador to the Ottoman Empire, a U.S. Marshal, and U.S. railroad commissioner. History would clear Longstreet's reputation; he had adamantly opposed Lee's battle plan at Gettysburg, ordering the infamous Pickett's Charge only under protest. Longstreet had also been close friends with Grant since their days at West Point.

But Longstreet never lived long enough to see his good name restored in the South. He died of pneumonia on January 2, 1904, at the age of 82.”

Source: *The American Catholic Almanac*, New York, Image Books, 2014, page 4.

MASSES & MASS INTENTIONS

SAINTS THOMAS & ANNE

Saturday, January 1st, Mary, Mother of God

9:00 am *Donald Wunderlich*
Req. by family
5:45pm Mass

Sunday, January 2nd

8:00 am Reconciliation
9:00 am Mass

Monday, January 3rd

8:00 am **MASS @ St. Mary**

Tuesday, January 4th

7:00 pm Mass

Friday, January 7th

8:00 am *Albert & Hilda Jolin*
Req. by Esther Hebert

Saturday, January 8th

5:45 pm *Raymond Gromko*
Req. by Denise & David Magario

Sunday, January 9th

8:00 am Reconciliation
9:00 am Mass



The Sanctuary Lamp at St. Mary will be lit for the week of January 2nd
For Philip & Louise Anthony
Req. by their loving children

The Sanctuary Lamp at
SS. Thomas & Anne
will be lit for the Month of January
For Bob & Blanche Osga
Req. by Sandra and family

SAINT MARY

Saturday, January 1st, Mary, Mother of God

4:00 pm Mass

Sunday, January 2nd

8:00 am *Richard Cook*
Req. by Steve & Peg Cook
11:00 am Mass

Monday, January 3rd

8:00 am Mass

Tuesday, January 4th

8:00 am Mass

Wednesday, January 5th

8:00 am Mass

Thursday, January 6th

8:00 am *Alex & Madeline Salustri*

Saturday, January 8th

4:00 pm Mass

Sunday, January 9th

8:00 am *Stan & Patricia Drobiak*
Leon, Evalyn & Kevin Drobiak
Req. by the family
11:00 am *Loretta Manning*
Req. by Karen Tyler

All weekday Masses are in the
Chapel in the Parish Center.

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA

Saturday, January 1st, Mary, Mother of God

4:30 pm Mass

Sunday, January 2nd

10:00 am *Walter Wisniewski*
Req. by Dorothy Baker

Thursday, January 6th

10:00 am *Walter Wisniewski*
Req. by family

Saturday, January 8th

4:30 pm Mass

Sunday, January 9th

10:00 am Mass

SAINT MARY PARISH

Total 2021-2022 Budget—\$305,101.00

Divided by 52 weeks equals a weekly budget of
\$ 5,867.33

December 19th Income:

| | |
|--------------------------|------------------|
| Offertory | \$3,231.00 |
| Snow Removal | \$ 386.00 |
| <u>Electronic Giving</u> | <u>\$ 264.73</u> |
| Total Income Dec. 19 | \$3,881.73 |
| Deficit | \$-1,985.60 |

Christmas \$2,588.00

December 26th Income:

| | |
|--------------------------|------------------|
| Offertory | \$1,656.00 |
| Christmas Flowers | \$ 879.00 |
| Debt reduction | \$ 407.00 |
| <u>Electronic giving</u> | <u>\$ 532.20</u> |
| Total Income Dec. 26th | \$6,062.22 |
| Surplus | \$ 194.87 |

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SAINT CATHERINE PARISH

Total 2021-2022 Budget—\$141,015.00

Divided by 52 weeks equals a weekly budget of
\$ 2,711.83

December 19th Income:

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|--------------------------|------------------|
| Offertory | \$2,426.00 |
| Maintenance | \$ 60.00 |
| Memorial | \$ 180.00 |
| <u>Electronic Giving</u> | <u>\$ 225.42</u> |
| Total Income Dec. 19 | \$2,891.42 |
| Surplus | \$ 179.59 |

Christmas \$1,467.00

December 26th Income:

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|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Offertory | \$1,194.00 |
| Christmas Flowers | \$ 489.00 |
| Memorial | \$2,400.00 |
| <u>Electronic giving</u> | <u>\$ 80.00</u> |
| Total Income Dec. 26 | \$5,630.00 |
| Surplus | \$2,918.17 |

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SAINTS THOMAS & ANNE PARISH

Total 2021-2022 Budget—\$124,534.80

Divided by 52 weeks equals a weekly budget of
\$ 2,394.90

December 19th Income:

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|----------------------|-----------------|
| Offertory | \$ 1,945.00 |
| Fuel | \$ 265.00 |
| <u>Memorial</u> | <u>\$ 50.00</u> |
| Total Income Dec. 19 | \$ 2,260.00 |
| Deficit | \$- 134.90 |

Christmas \$1,469.00

December 26th Income:

| | |
|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Offertory | \$1,137.00 |
| Christmas Flowers | \$ 508.00 |
| Memorial | \$ 300.00 |
| <u>Electronic giving</u> | <u>\$ 96.80</u> |
| Total Income Dec. 26th | \$3,510.80 |
| Surplus | \$1,115.90 |

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"...They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh." MATTHEW 2:11

What gifts do you give to the Lord? Pope St. Gregory said that these three gifts represent what we should give God every day. Gold—we should reflect Christ’s wisdom in all our relationships. Frankincense—represents our daily prayer and adoration to god. Myrrh—is a symbol of our daily sacrifices that we unite with Jesus for the sake of others.



Christopher Hart, Cheryl Wakely, Hunter Picco, James Gauthier, Damaris, Cherrill Gemeasky, David Gemeasky, Margaret Labriola, Sister Charles Marie, Mike & Jan Clancy, Grady Sadosky, Mary Mitchell, TJ Faulise, and Dolores Davidsson, James Gauthier



Readings for the week of January 02, 2022

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 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

St. Mary Food Pantry

The Pantry currently needs donations
Of the following items:

Baked Beans
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Assorted Juice Boxes

Donated items can be left Monday—Thursday
from 9am—1pm or they can be left in the donation
bins in the rear of St. Mary church, or on the table
in front of the Rectory. Thank you!

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860-608-6772**

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St. Mary St. Thomas Cemetery

Call Sheila at the office ,860-376-2044

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