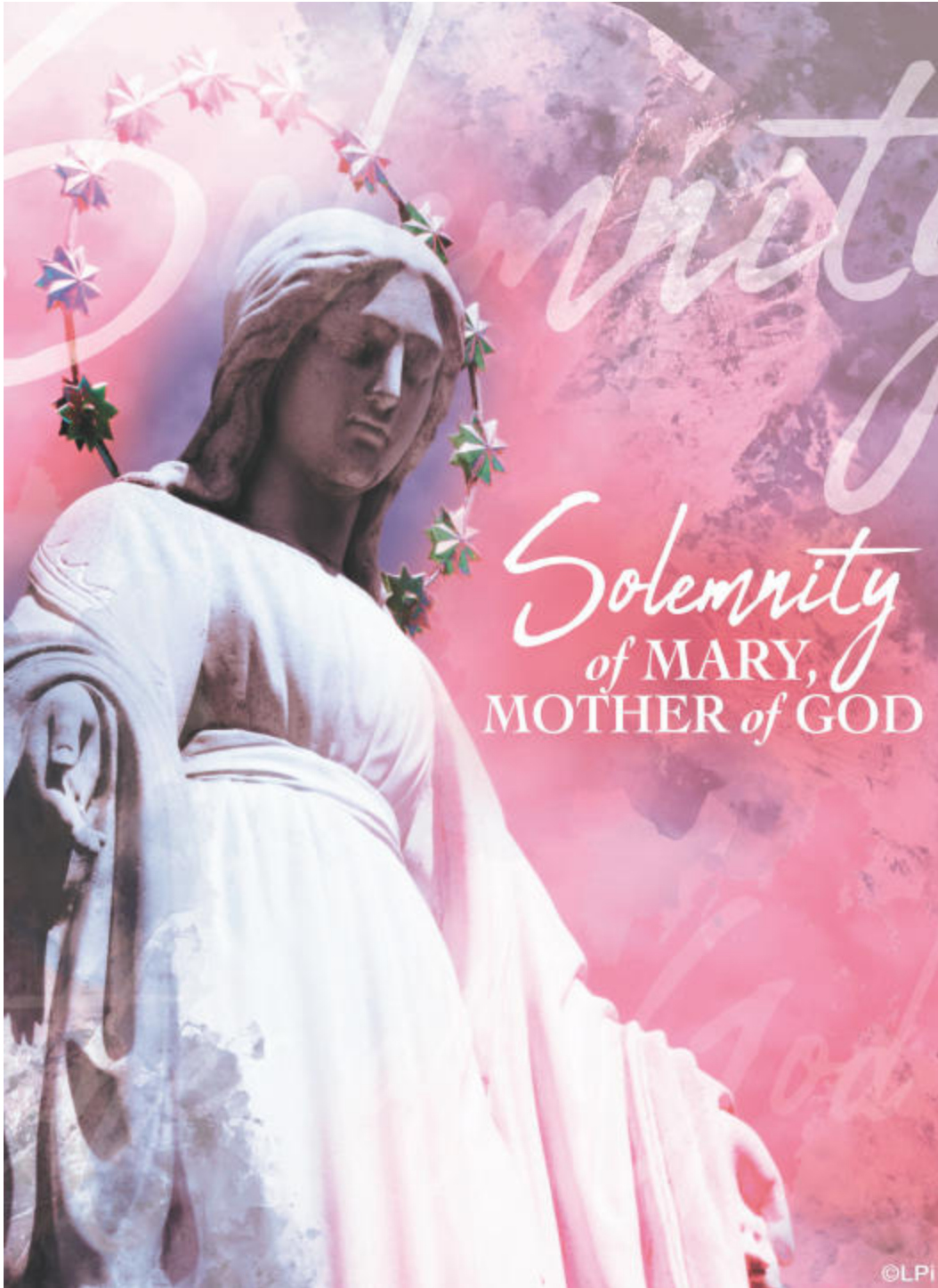


# IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH

DECEMBER 26, 2021 THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH



## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

### Weekend Mass

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM & 10 AM

### Daily Mass

Monday & Thursday 9:00 AM

Tuesday & Wednesday 6:30

Friday: No Mass

## WELCOME!

If you are new to the area, we hope that you would consider making us your spiritual home. If you would like to register, please introduce yourself to the pastor after Mass.

## PARISH STAFF

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### Parish Office Hours

Mon, Tues, Wed - : 9:00 AM—2:00 PM

*Offices are closed on Thursday & Friday*



### Flowers at the Shrine of Mary

*Please call parish office to arrange*

#### Sacrament of Baptism:

Call the Parish Office in advance to schedule.

#### Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick:

Those who are preparing for surgery, homebound, diagnosed with an illness, or advancing in years, are asked to contact the Parish Office for this Sacrament of God's healing, mercy, and grace.

#### Sacrament of Matrimony:

As part of Diocesan requirement, preparations should be made at least six (6) months in advance. Please contact the Parish Office for more details.

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Each Saturday at 3:00 PM, & by appointment.

## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 25th: The Nativity of the Lord

10:00 AM +Ann Carpenter

*Requested by: Yvonne Page*

Sunday, December 26th: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

10:00 AM +Kenneth Rollins

*Requested by: Judy Philbrick*

Monday, December 27th: Advent Weekday

9:00 AM +Genevieve DeFava

*Requested by: Alan & Laurie Hallquist*

Tuesday, December 28th Holy Innocents, Weekday

6:30 PM +Arthur Cullen Jr

*Requested by: Doreen Page*

Wednesday, December 29th: Weekday

6:30 PM +William & Joan Lemire

*Requested by: The Page Family*

Thursday, December 30th: Weekday

9:00 AM +Our Beloved Ones

Friday, December 31st: Weekday

4:00 PM No mass on Friday

Saturday, January 1st: 1st Saturday, Mary mother of God

10:00 AM +Ann Mathieu

*Requested by: Mansfield Family*

4:00 PM +Kathleen (Kay) Hunt

*Requested by: Mansfield Family*

Sunday, January 2nd: Epiphany of the Lord

10:00 AM +Marshall Carrier

*Requested by: His Family*

## STEWARDSHIP OFFERTORY

SUNDAY OFFERING & MAILED	\$3070
ONLINE GIVING	\$330
FLOWERS	\$76
TOTAL	\$3476

### NEW YEAR'S MASSES

#### Mary Mother of God

Saturday January 1st: 10:00 am

#### Vigil of the Epiphany

Saturday January 1st. 4:00 pm

#### Mass of the Epiphany

Sunday January 2nd: 10:00 am



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My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, Each year the celebration of Christmas resounds with the glad tidings of great joy that brought awe, wonder and peace to the shepherds at Bethlehem. Each of us has treasured family traditions that surround and support our celebration of Christ's birth - a family gathering after Mass, delivering dinners, trimming trees, displaying crèches, exchanging gifts or visiting friends.

For many months, COVID precautions have disrupted, curtailed or postponed the traditions and practices of everyday life. We long for a return to normalcy. As we edge closer to normalcy, reports of COVID variants, breakthrough infections and rising hospitalizations can give us the jitters and make us skittish.

But even as we heed prudent precautions, that skittishness and those jitters should not shake us. We should not be shaken because the essence of Christmas, the source of our joy and the cause of our awe, wonder and peace remain the same - God so loved the world that He sent His Son to take on human flesh, to become one of us so that we might become children of God and share forever in His love. Because of that, no virus, no variant, not even death itself will keep the faithful from sharing the joy of God's love both here amidst earth's uncertainties or forever in Heaven where no threat, shadow or separation will vex us.

While the essence of Christmas remains the same, its message never becomes static or grows stale. When our prayer life deepens, our sacramental life is sustained, our holiness grows and we gain an ever more profound awareness of God's closeness to us and His love for us. That realization is grace, God Himself with us, Emmanuel dwelling in our souls. That grace frees us from fear, allows us to persevere with prudence and fills us with confidence and peace to face and overcome every challenge.

In the new year may our weekly communal worship at Mass continue to inspire us with the Word of God and nourish us in the Eucharist that we may grow ever more confident in our conviction and joy that the Savior born to us at Bethlehem remains with us now and forever.

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus  
Bishop of Worcester .

## **OUR NEIGHBOR'S KITCHEN**

Thursday December 30th

At 5:30pm:

### **Parishioner's potluck**

Everyone is invited and welcome to share some of your food with the people who can not afford to have a nutritious meal at home.

Blessings to all.

If anyone is interested in helping with Our Neighbor's Kitchen, please contact Fr. Henry. Thank you in advance for your help!



Thank you to all parishioner for your gift cards for the CAC and Our neighbor's kitchen.

Blessings to you all.

## **THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH**

### **Tuesday, December 28**

2:00 Pm-Heal Winchendon

### **Wednesday, December 29th**

4:30pm-Adoration

6:05pm-Holy Rosary

6:30 pm-Mass

### **Thursday, December 30th.**

5:00 pm ONK



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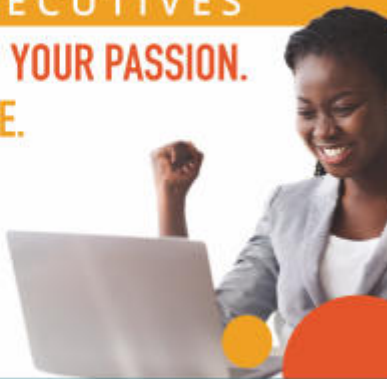
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