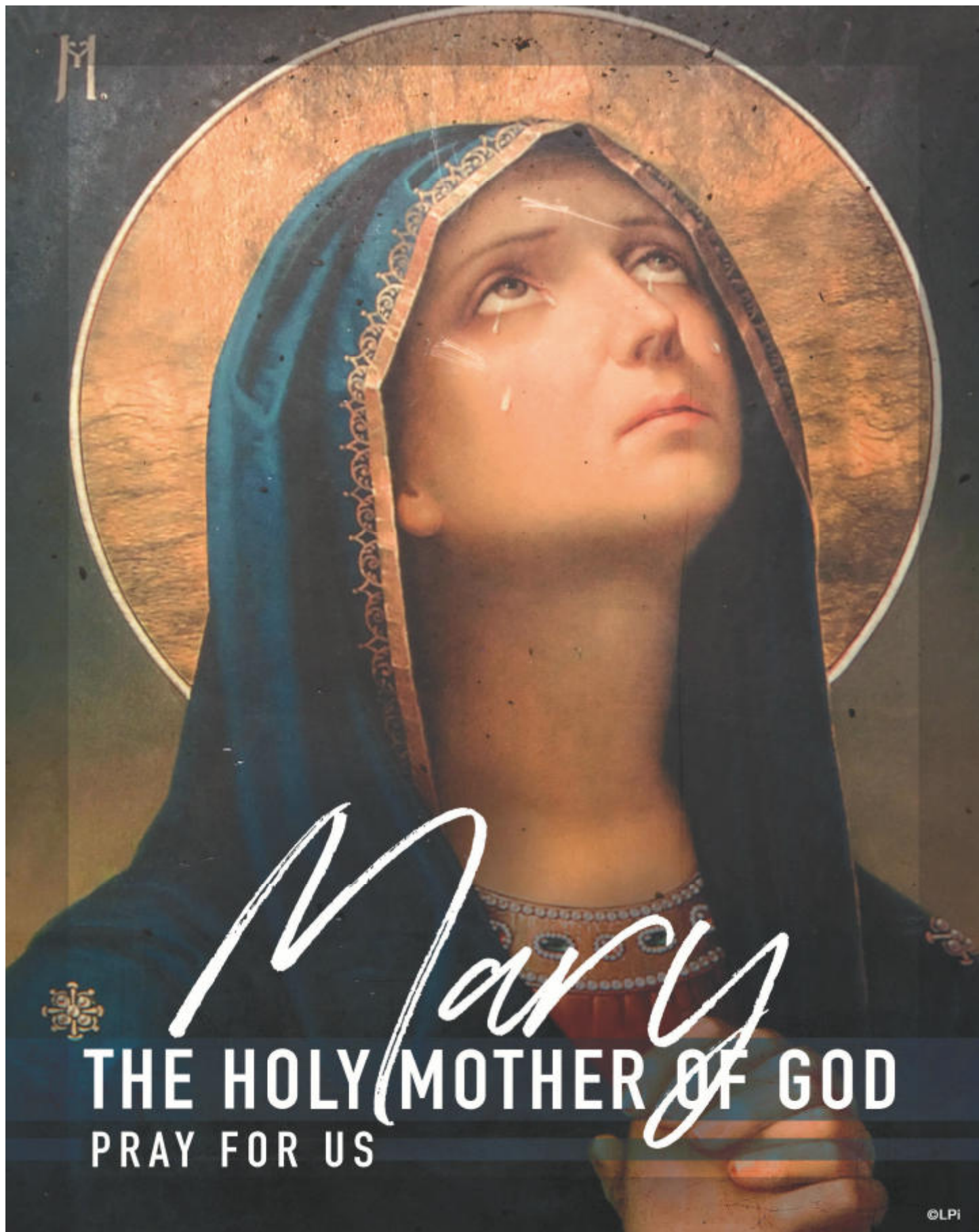


HOLY SPIRIT PARISH



Mary
THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
PRAY FOR US

Mass Intentions

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

<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>INTENTION</u>
Monday, December 27	8:30 AM	St. Mary	Moderno Rossi, by The Matusek Family
Tuesday, December 28	8:30 AM	St. Martha	Robert Barchik, by Henry Wojciechowski
Wednesday, December 29	8:30 AM	St. Mary	Edward Zimolzak, by Angie Waltamath
Thursday, December 30	8:30 AM	St. Mary	No Mass
Friday, December 31	4:00 PM	St. Mary	Theresa Sterowski, by Al & Marlene Januszewicz
Saturday, January 1	4:15 PM	St. Mary	John Naunczek, by Ann McElligott & Stanley Zalesny
Sunday, January 2	8:00 AM	St. Adalbert	John Farrell, by Heidi & Paul Jarecki
	9:45 AM	St. Martha	Shelby Weatherall, by Johnny & Ember Hasay

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: At St. Martha every Tuesday after the 8:30 a.m. Holy Mass until 9:00 p.m. Assigned Eucharistic adorers and substitutes are needed for all hours. Please contact Rebecca at 570-256-7329 to sign up for a specific hour or to be a substitute. **HOLY HOUR FOR PRIESTS** on **January 11th**, 9 - 10:00 a.m. All are welcome to participate in this prayer ministry for the sanctity of priests and for an increase of holy vocations.

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP: Meetings are held the First Monday of each month unless noted. The next meeting will be held on **Monday, January 3rd**, at 1:00 p.m. in St. Mary's Church. Please submit names of those suffering from serious illness who are homebound, in hospitals or in nursing homes to Gloria Handzelek 570-542-5694, Ann McElligott 570-864-2331 or Mary Lou Zaleski 570-736-6336. All members of Holy Spirit Parish are encouraged to pray for those whose names are on our Prayer List, to pray for Pope Francis and the healing of Holy Mother Church, and to attend our prayer meetings. The Scribe is Barbara Yacoboski 570-542-7447 and the Prayer Group Leader is Paulette Monchak 570-542-7242.

CANDLES/FLOWER REMEMBRANCE

St. Adalbert Sanctuary Candle: In Loving Memory of Sharon (Vishnefski) Winckowski, by Jim & JoAnne Thomas

St. Adalbert Candle for Mary: In Loving Memory of (10th Anniversary) John Frelle, by Family

St. Adalbert Candle for Joseph: In Loving Memory Clem Olshefski, by Family

St. Adalbert Tabernacle Candle: In Loving Memory of Frank & Jessie Olshefski, by Family

St. Martha Flowers: In Loving Memory of Eva Stonikinis, by The Micca Family

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PARISH HAPPENINGS

FUNDRAISER LOTTERY CALENDARS: The Church of St. Adalbert will once again be selling Fundraiser Lottery Calendars. There is still time to purchase a calendar, there are 300 left. Calendars make great Christmas presents!! Each calendar is \$20.00 and good for 4 months, beginning January 2022. Please call the Parish Office at 570-736-6372.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT: The Religious Education students from St. Martha's will present their annual Christmas Pageant on Sunday, January 2 at 9:30 a.m. (fifteen minutes before Mass). **Rehearsal will be held on Wednesday, December 29 at 6:00 p.m.** All children of the parish are welcome to participate. For more information, please call Rebecca Micca at 570-256-7329.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY: The annual Children's Christmas Party at St. Martha's will be held on Sunday, January 2 following the 9:45 a.m. Mass. All families are welcome to attend. Hot food and drinks will be provided.

ST. MARTHA'S MEN'S ASSOCIATION: The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 6 at 7:30 p.m. in St. Martha's hall. New members are welcome. The next Men's Club Rosary is scheduled for Sunday, January 9 at 9:15 a.m.

PARISH OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: This year we are using Our Sunday Visitor for our Offertory envelopes. Your parishioners number will remain the same, the only thing that is changing is that the envelope packets will be mailed to your home monthly beginning December 2021 (for January 2022). If you do not receive your packet, please contact the Parish Office.

2022 Calendars: We have not received our 2022 calendars yet this year. As soon as they are delivered they will be placed in each worship site.

The SMMA 2022 "MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD" is available for eligible St. Martha students. Our Scholarship Selection Committee will accept applications (available in the Sacristy) from current year eligible students until February 28, 2022. The Committee will decide the winner(s) before our March meeting. The decision of the Committee is final. The scholarship checks for \$500.00 will be awarded no later than the graduation of the student(s). If you have any questions please see any member of the Selection Committee. Thank you to everyone who supports our SMMA fundraisers. Without your help we couldn't help these deserving young people of our Parish. If you would like to donate money to increase the scholarships, please see President Jim Howanitz.

SOCKS FOR THE HOMELESS: There is a great need for socks for the homeless who are living in shelters and especially for those who are living outside in tents. The socks should be men's socks. White crew socks are preferred (size 6-12) as many of the homeless have infected sores or blisters on their feet. Also needed is men's deodorant and men's body wash. The items can be left in the Church entrance and marked homeless. If you have any questions, please call Bernie Baluta at 570-332-8542. Thank you and God bless you for your kindness.

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL: Goal— (28,000.00) OUR PARISH IS AT \$13,655.00 (\$14,345.00) We are grateful to the 145 parishioners who supported the 2020 Annual Appeal to date. If you have not yet given your support, please: 1) Call the Development Office at 570-207-2250 to make a pledge or give a gift by credit card. 2) Mail a check to the Diocesan Appeal Office at 300 Wyoming Ave., Scranton, PA 18503, or give online at DioceseofScranton.org.

ALL IN THE FAMILY

At first glance, we can often find the image of the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph and the Christ Child intimidating — who are we to aspire to that level of discipleship? How could we ever hope to conform ourselves to that mold? Sometimes, it can even be painful — perhaps we hail from a broken family or struggle with a broken relationship within our family, or perhaps we long to be a mother or a father ourselves and that state in life has eluded us.

But the image of the Holy Family is, in reality, a beautiful invitation to us all, no matter our vocation or our state in life, and the example of Mary, Joseph and Jesus is rich with the symbolism of stewardship.

You need not be a biological mother who has carried a child in her womb to be a mother

in spirit. Who in your world needs you to love them with the heart of a mother?

The same goes for fatherhood. The Church and the world are crying out for the courageous witness of Christian men like St. Joseph. Who can you love with the steadfast, selfless protection of a father?

Who in your life needs you to love them with the faithful, unconditional love of a son? Who needs your gentle and constant love as a daughter?

We are the Body of Christ, friends. Those of us rejoicing in heaven, those of us suffering in purgatory, and those of us struggling here on earth. We are the great family. Let us love each other well.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

I HAVE BEEN AWAY FROM THE CHURCH FOR A FEW YEARS AND REALLY WANT TO GET ACTIVE AGAIN, NOT SO MUCH FOR ME, BUT FOR MY CHILDREN. IS THIS A BAD REASON TO COME BACK TO CHURCH?

If you are on your way to the supermarket, and you are forced to detour from your usual route because of road work, does the food you buy taste different? Is the meal less filling? Are the vegetables less tasty? Of course not. In our faith journey, there are many detours called sin. Some are greater than others, some are even a bit longer.

But God's grace comes to us in ways we understand and recognize and need. Your children leading you back to the Church is not as important as the fact that you are back.

This is an opportunity for you to renew, strengthen, and deepen your faith. Regardless of how we get to Church, or what draws us closer to God, the fact is

we are there. Do what you need to do to get right with God and the Church. Go to confession, begin good family religious practices, and be involved in the ministries your parish offers. Be more than a lukewarm parishioner. Be the kind of Catholic you want your children to be.



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