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Weekend Masses: Saturday: 4:00pm

and Sunday: 9:00am

*Daily Masses: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 8:00am
Monday and Friday: 12:05pm*

Parish Priests:

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Mass Readings

Sunday, Dec 26
 Sir 3:2-6, 12-14
 Col 3:12-21
 Lk 2:41-52

Monday, Dec 27
 1 Jn 1:1-4
 Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Tuesday, Dec 28
 1 Jn 1:5-2:2
 Mt 2:13-18

Wednesday, Dec. 29
 1 Jn 2:3-11
 Lk 2:22-35

Thursday, Dec. 30
 1 Jn 2:12-17
 Lk 2:36-40

Friday, Dec. 31
 1 Jn 2:18-21
 Jn 1:1-18

Saturday, Jan. 1
 Nm 6:22-27
 Gal 4:4-7
 Lk 2:16-21

Sunday, Jan. 2
 Is 60:1-6
 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6
 Mt 2:1-12

December– January Confession Dates:

5:00 to 6:00 pm

Tuesdays: December 28, January 11, 18, 25 at St. Mary’s with Fr. Scott

Wednesday: January 5 at St. Patrick’s with Fr. Rick

*** Every Saturday: St. Mary’s Church from 2:45 to 3:45pm.**

Sanctuary Candles will burn the week of Dec. 26-Jan. 1 in memory of or for:

- ◇ Patricia Duffy by Family (15th anniversary)
- ◇ Karen Janeski (anniversary) by Husband,

Bread & Wine:

- ◇ Robert Vetter by Pat & Beth
- ◇ Deceased of Hoodak & Tokarski Families

Call the Office to request a Candle or Bread/Wine intention. Donation \$10

*We extend our sympathy to the Families of any recently deceased—
 Parishioners, Family Members or Friends especially –*

Ann Johnson, Donna Rinwalske

2022 Parish Calendars are in the churches & parish office

We would like to thank the business that donated them.

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If you are homebound and would like a calendar, please call the parish office. We can mail/deliver one to you.

The Act of Spiritual Communion—

When we can’t go to Mass and receive.

“My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Mass Intentions and Daily Schedule: December 25-January 2, 2022

Saturday, Dec 25	8:00am	St. Mary's	Brenna O'Brien by John Ferratella
	10:30am	St. Patrick's	Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary by the Current Legion of Mary Members
Sunday, Dec 26	7:30am	St. Patrick's	Kathleen Wigsten by Anne DeMott
	9:00am	St. Mary's	Sam & Ida Cornacchio by Family
	10:30am	St. Patrick's	Robert & Patricia Vetter by Beth
Monday, Dec 27	8:00am	St. Patrick's	Bob Composto by Marilyn Sullivan
	11:30am	St. Mary's	Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe
	12:05pm	St. Mary's	Patricia Duffy (15th anniv) by Family
Tuesday, Dec 28	8:00am	St. Patrick's	Mary Lou Thurber by Jack & Lorraine Williams
	5-6pm	St. Mary's	Confessions
Wed. December 29	8:00am	St. Patrick's	Prayer Service with Holy Communion
Thursday, Dec. 30	8:00am	St. Patrick's	Rev. Robert MacNamara by Carl & Liz Russell
	11:30am	St. Mary's	Rosary (In-person and livestream)
Friday, Dec. 31	12:05pm	St. Mary's	For the People of the Parish
	5:30pm	St. Patrick's	Margaret Donahue by Jim & Carin Kujawski
Sat. January 1	9:00am	St. Mary's	Patricia Werda by Theresa Banik
	2:45pm	St. Mary's	Confessions
	4:00pm	St. Mary's	Alfred Stermer by SSPP Ushers
Sunday, January 2	7:30am	St. Patrick's	Emma Novotny by Bruce & Diane Elston
	9:00am	St. Mary's	For the People of the Parish
	10:30am	St. Patrick's	Joseph & Katherine Walanin by Ken & Jane Stalica
	1:00pm	Faith Formation	Seeds

*Please notice that First Saturday devotions will take place before First Friday in the month of January.

**National Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe
Monday, December 27 at 11:30am in St. Mary's Church
Mass at 12:05pm with Mary devotions to follow. All welcome.**



Mary has appeared throughout the last 2000 years to different peoples all around the world. We have all heard the story of how Mary appeared to Juan Diego and told him to build a church on the hill in her honor. Upon returning to his town and informing the archbishop of what he had seen, the Archbishop instructed him to return to Tepeyac and ask for a sign that this was indeed the Virgin Mary. Mary instructed Juan Diego to fill his tilma with roses and carry them back to the archbishop. When Juan Diego laid the roses before the archbishop there on his tilma was an image of the Virgin Mary, the image that we know today as Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Pope Francis, in an audience shortly before her feast day in 2013, spoke of one of the most important aspects of Mary: "When the image of the Virgin appeared on the tilma of Juan Diego, it was the prophecy of an embrace: Mary's embrace of all the people of the vast expanses of America—the peoples who already lived there, and those who were yet to come. Mary's embrace showed what America

—North and South—is called to be: a land where different peoples come together; a land prepared to accept human life at every stage, from the mother's womb to old age; a land which welcomes immigrants, and the poor and the marginalized in every age; a land of generosity." Mary as our Mother, a Mother for all peoples.

March for Life:

January 21, 2022. Ride by bus at 11:30pm on January 20, arrive in Washington in time for food and Mass. Visit the offices of our congressman and senators, see Capital Hill, attend the Rally for Life on the National Mall, and the March for Life to the Supreme Court Building. Arrive home 11pm on the 21st.

Cost \$50. Adults and school age children are welcome. Call Steve Spaulding for info. 739-9282.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter:

January 14-16 at Notre Dame Retreat House in Canandaigua. Register online at wwme.org. The weekend teaches communication techniques such as active listening, listening with the heart and empathy towards your spouse's feelings. It is based on the sacrament of Holy Matrimony and expresses the importance of love in the union and encourages this love be taken out into the world in various ministries to serve God by strengthening the couples and families in the church. The Marriage Encounter gives busy couples much needed time together to focus on each other and deepen their communication. After the Experience couples often return to their life and families refreshed with renewed commitment to each other.

Mark your calendars:

Monday, January 3rd is the Feast Day of Our Parish—

Are You hurting in your Marriage:

If your marriage has become troubled or stressed, unloving, or uncaring; if your relationship has grown cold and distant; if you are thinking of separation or divorce, or if you are already separated or divorced but want to try again, then the Retrouvaille Program can help you. For more information call: 1-800-470-2230. or visit: <http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com>.



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OUR PARISH'S 2021 CHRISTMAS GIFT BAGS: WORKS OF LOVE FOR OUR NEIGHBORS

Thanks to all who generously contributed personal care items or funds for the **100 gift bags** we assembled for families in our community. Social Ministry Committee members filled the bags with shampoo, toothpaste/brushes, lotion, soap, tissues, laundry detergent, bath towels, and a family activity kit. These gift bags were paired with boxes of food provided by Catholic Charities and were picked up by the families on December 14 at the Samaritan Center. Blessed Christmas season to you!

HELP FOR HOMEOWNERS.....

CONTACT CATHOLIC CHARITIES TODAY

Homeowners in NY State who were financially affected by COVID-19 and who are behind on their mortgage or other housing payments/fees may be eligible for help from the NY State Homeowner Assistance Fund (NY HAF). Contact Catholic Charities Elmira office (607-734-9784) for more information. (www.cs-cc.org). Applications open from January 3-February 3, 2022

Catholic Relief Services (CRS)

has recently formed a chapter here in the Rochester Diocese that enables our parishioners to gain insight into how we can advocate as our Christian Faith calls us.

CRS believes that our work together in the United States is the outward expression of missionary discipleship. Together, we are called to encounter Christ in the members of our human family most in need, and to share the Good News with others, becoming prophetic advocates for justice and the common good. CRS' campaigns to lead the way on the global issues of hunger, forced displacement and migration which allow us to do just that. Your advocacy is an opportunity to stand with migrants, refugees and those experiencing hunger and malnutrition. Pope Francis reminds us, "This is not a time for indifference, because the whole world is suffering and needs to be united in facing the pandemic."

Linked to that, each year, Congress negotiates how to spend U.S. taxpayer dollars through a process called appropriations. Of the \$4 trillion U.S. federal budget, about 1% is appropriated, or allocated for spending by Congress, to foreign assistance. Half of that 1% is directed toward poverty-reducing humanitarian and development aid. Through the U.S. Department of State, the U.S. Agency for International Development and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, organizations such as CRS partner with the U.S. government to implement programming funded by the U.S. Congress. Foreign aid maintains strong bipartisan support.

Over the next few weeks look here in the bulletin for more information how you can advocate that this important component of the federal budget continue.

-Faith Tarby—CRS team coordinator.

Nourish New York: Last year this was the issue on the Diocesan Public Policy Committee petition and **IT PASSED**. Now there is funding to purchase products like cheese, yogurt, milk, apples, etc from NY farms and makes it available to food pantries & soup kitchens. (including our Parish Food Pantry and Elmira Community Kitchen).

February 13-14 will be the annual *Diocesan Public Policy Advocacy Weekend*. This year the petition will focus on the NY State budget, specifically—a **child tax credit for families with young children (age 0-4) and funding for community-based drug/alcohol addiction prevention/treatment and mental health**.

Your support will again be needed, so please continue to educate yourselves on these important issues.



“CHRISTMAS TAKES A LEAP ” by Fr. Walt Wainwright

Just yesterday we celebrated the birthday of our Savior Jesus Christ and today we are jumping ahead twelve years. Jesus is now a twelve-year-old and in the Jewish faith that is the age when all males begin to learn and observe the laws and traditions of the Jewish faith... So, Mary and Joseph take Jesus with them when they go to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover.

The gospel for today takes us through the events of their visit to Jerusalem: Jesus becoming lost, His parents searching for Him for three days, they're finally finding Him in the temple, their great relief and surprise when Jesus tells them that He had to be at home in His Father's house discussing the law and the prophets with the elders of the temple.

Afterwards Jesus returns to Nazareth with His parents and we are told that Jesus grew in age, wisdom, and grace.

Family life has always been treasured as the most important part of society. One thing we have all become conscious of is that a lot about family life has changed over the years. Very often we hear of someone saying that they wish we were back twenty or more years ago because life was much slower and quieter then. If that is true go back forty or fifty years when life, family life and most of society was not only quieter but closer to one another than it is today.

All too often we hear on the evening news or read in the paper of another teenager who is missing. So often he or she has 'taken off' because of some family difficulty, a tough family situation, abuse, or neglect. There are all kinds of reasons for these unhappy situations and far too many in comparison with years past.

Family life is going through a difficult time too. Perhaps one of the solutions might well be found in the Father's House (church). I mean both within the building of our churches but also in the realm of community life of which church certainly has an important role to play.

I would like to give a strong word of encouragement to our parents. Keep prayer in the family alive and strong. Don't presume that your kids get too old to want to say grace before meals and so on. And what about Sunday Mass? All too often I hear the comment from parents that goes, 'well my son/daughter doesn't want to go to church anymore and I'm not going to fight with them.' Don't accept that and remember that your own example is of greatest importance. All too often I've heard of youngsters saying, 'my parents don't go to church why should I?'

You know, there is more power in prayer than we can ever imagine. So, please pray fervently for your own family, the families of your relatives and friends. Pray too for any families you know are in a difficult situation. Try to be supportive when you can.

May you all continue to enjoy this beautiful Christmas season.

Fr. Walt



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