



St. Mary of the *Assumption* Roman Catholic Church

The Baptism of the Lord

January 9, 2022

"... heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove." Luke 3:22

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Masses

Saturday: 4:30 & 7 p.m.
Sunday: 8 a.m., 10 a.m. & 12 Noon
Weekdays: 12 Noon
All Masses are celebrated in Church.

Live Streamed Masses:

Saturday: 4:30 p.m.
Sunday: 10 a.m.
Weekdays: 12 Noon

Confessions

Saturday 3:30 - 4 p.m. or by appointment
Regional Penance Services during Advent & Lent

Parish Registration

We welcome new parishioners to St. Mary's!
Registration may be made by phone or in person.



Readings for This Week

- 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*
- Monday:** *1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20*
- Tuesday:** *1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28*
- Wednesday:** *1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39*
- Thursday:** *1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45*
- Friday:** *1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12*
- Saturday:** *1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/ Mk 2:13-17*
- Next Sunday:** *Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11*

Offer a Mass for a Loved One

As a special way to remember a deceased loved one, or for the intentions of someone living, please consider offering a Mass for them at St. Mary's.

The usual donation for Masses for such intentions is \$15. You may select Mass dates, as they are available. Please contact the Rectory to schedule a Mass, or send the name of the person for whom a Mass is being offered to: St. Mary of the Assumption, 1 St. Mary's Hill, Lancaster, NY, 14086. Your check should be made payable to St. Mary of the Assumption. Please include your name and phone number.



Financial Report

12/25/21 & 12/26/21

Regular	\$ 2,365.00
CPL	\$ 3,322.78
Christmas	\$ 6,655.50
TOTAL	\$ 12,343.28

Masses for the Week

Monday – January 10 – Weekday – (First Week in Ordinary Time)

12:00 p.m. Angel Mass (Bereavement Committee)

Tuesday – January 11 – Weekday

12:00 p.m. Dennis Panasiewicz (Edie Domalski)

Wednesday – January 12 – Weekday

12:00 p.m. Richard Wisniewski (Family)

Thursday – January 13 – Weekday – St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

12:00 p.m. Christopher Prospero
(Ward & Linda Pautler)

Friday – January 14 – Weekday

12:00 p.m. Peter Benzin (Cynthia & David Carter)

Saturday – January 15 – Weekday

4:30 p.m. Bernice Smith (Daughter, Susan)
7:00 p.m. Sylvia Warda (Robert Guenther Family)

Sunday – January 16 – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Jeremy Whitbeck (Kathy & Jerry Yost)
10:00 a.m. Nina Fricano (Mary Lou Diehl)
12:00 p.m. Charlene Schiffler (Joe Nawrocki)

A Vocation View

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Christ gives us the gift of Baptism, through which we each have a vocation in the Church. Pray for those who are discerning a call to live their Baptismal commitment as religious brothers, sisters, priests or deacons. If God is calling you to this, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org.

Financial Report

01/02/22

Regular	\$ 4,182.90
CPL	\$ 11,747.11
Hunger Bowl	\$ 600.00
Christmas	\$ 2,040.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 10.00
Religious Retirement	\$ 100.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 349.00
TOTAL	\$ 19,029.01

A Chalk Blessing for Your Home

It is traditional at, during, and following the celebration of the Epiphany to ask God's blessing on your home and those who live in or visit it during the New Year. To do this, write in chalk above your home's entrance:

20 + C + M + B + 22

The letters stand for the names of the Magi: Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar. It also signifies the Latin "Christus mansionem benedictat" or "May Christ bless this house." The + signs represent the cross and the numbers 20 and 22 mark the New Year.

It is appropriate to bless your door in January, as "janua" means "door" and the first month signifies the "door" to the New Year.

Chalk and instructions are available at Church entrances. Have a blessed and Happy 2022!



Angel Mass to be Celebrated Tomorrow

The deceased who are named on the St. Mary's Tree of Remembrance will be remembered at the annual Angel Mass tomorrow (Monday, January 10) at noon. Please join us in praying for our parishioners' deceased loved ones at this special Mass.



Before Cana Set for February 26

Once a year, St. Mary's hosts a daylong Before Cana program for couples preparing for marriage in the Catholic Church. Before Cana is a Buffalo diocesan requirement prior to being married in the Church.

Our next Before Cana program will take place Saturday, February 26, 2022 from 9:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$90 per couple.

A registration form is available on the St. Mary's website.

For more information, please contact Deacon John Owczarczak at (716) 683-3269 or john@stmarysonthehill.org.



Youth Rally, March, and Mass for Life

St. Gregory the Great is hosting the **Youth Rally, March, and Mass for Life** with Bishop Fisher on January 22, starting at 3:30 pm. This will be in place of the Diocese sending a group of individuals to the March for Life in DC this year.

Schedule of Events:

3:30 Youth Rally in Ministry Center
4:15 March for Life and Rosary on Maple Ave
5:30 Mass in Church with Bishop Fisher
Reception to follow in the Ministry Center

All are welcome to attend. Parental oversight is requested to help with safety. Face coverings will be required. Please dress appropriately as we will be marching outside regardless of the weather. Everyone is encouraged to make appropriate signs.



Upcoming Classes:
Saturday K-5 Classes: 1/22
Sunday High School Classes: 1/23
Monday Middle School Classes: 1/24

There will be no Faith Formation classes the weekend of 1/8, 1/9, & 1/10. An updated Faith Formation calendar is available on the St. Mary's website. The First Reconciliation Retreat will take place on 1/15 for those who opted to attend in-person.

Thank You for Supporting St. Mary's!

Need a Gift Card? Shop Scrip!

When St. Mary's parishioners purchase gift cards through our Scrip Program, they are purchasing gift cards that can be used just like cash - with no activation fees! The St. Mary's Scrip Program benefits the church by supporting the school. Christmas may be over but birthdays, celebrations, and special occasions happen all year long! Shop from available inventory in the Rectory, Monday-Friday between 9:00-4:00. Questions? Call (716) 683-6445, Ext. 12, or email: scrip@smeschool.com



\$300 Bi-Monthly Draw Winner Announced!

Congratulations to our November/ December winner:

Mrs. Jeanne Colvin

To participate in the Bi-Monthly Draw Club, please use the red and white envelopes available at the entrances to the church.



Calendar Club 2022

Thank you to all who supported our 2nd annual Calendar Club! All winning checks will be mailed out the first week of the month for the previous month. The first round of winning checks will be mailed out in February (for January). Winning numbers will also be posted on our website and in the bulletin.

For more information, email jesskulpit@gmail.com.

A Note From Our Pastor

THANK YOU TO ALL

The Christmas season liturgically ends today with the celebration of the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River. This year the Christmas season has been somewhat short due to a little longer Advent time. Hopefully this Advent-Christmas season, despite the limitations imposed by the Covid virus, has afforded some special time with family and friends.

This year again you as a parish have blessed me with a variety of gifts – special baked- goods (cookies, cakes), candy (some handmade), a few challenging items (puzzles), sweaters, gift cards, some collector's items, and monetary gifts (which are always appreciated). A sincere "Thank you" for each and every one of them. You are most kind and generous and each of them is much appreciated.

As we begin this new year we will be looking together with others throughout our Depew-Lancaster parishes for renewing, refashioning, and strengthening ways to live our baptismal call and to share our faith story with others. We pray that as a parish we will be open and eager to become even stronger in the message given us by Jesus to share with one another.

Thanks again for all your wonderful Christmas gifts, all your support in building and sharing faith, hope, and love at St. Mary's. Prayers for good health for all who share faith life here at St. Mary's!

Fr. Paul

Bible Study



The ***Bible in a Year*** is a free podcast from Ascension and Fr. Mike Schmitz. The podcast walks listeners and readers through the entire Bible in 365 days. It's available free on YouTube, the Ascension website, and all major podcast platforms.

Listen on your own or with friends or family!

Those interested in joining a discussion group and journeying through this podcast together may contact Therese Milkowski at 716-473-6003 or raymilkowski@gmail.com.

A Prayer for Renewal

In every age, O God, you have called us to be your people, to be your Church. In this time, we begin anew to discern the pathways that will lead us, your people, closer to you.

Continually Bless our journey as we proclaim your Good News, celebrate your saving presence among us, serve others with charity and justice, and steward the world you have entrusted to our care.

Send your Spirit to lead and guide our Emmaus journey as we commit ourselves to the renewal of our Church. This we ask through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Amazon Smile

Shop on Amazon? Support St. Mary's while you shop! The next time you need to place an order, visit [smile.amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com/smile).

Select St. Mary of the Assumption as your charity. That's it! With every purchase you make through Amazon Smile, Amazon will donate a percentage of the sale to St. Mary's - at no extra cost to you!

With this simple, one time selection, the following contributions have been made to St. Mary's from AmazonSmile:
For the quarter: \$93.77
To date: \$647.33

Thank you for your support!

Volunteers Needed For Live Streaming

Additional volunteers are needed to assist with live streaming Masses at St. Mary's. This can be done at Church and possibly from home in the future, with minimal training and time commitment. If you can help, please call the Rectory at (716) 683-6445. *Thank you!*

Around the Area

- **Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta Parish**, 496 Terrace Boulevard, Depew, invites everyone to attend its **Eucharistic Holy Hour** every Tuesday from 7 to 8 p.m., with Deacon John Hendricks presiding.
- **Our Lady of Pompeii Parish**, 129 Laverack Ave, Lancaster, will hold its free monthly **Faith Enrichment Series** on Monday, February 7, 2022 from 7 to 8 p.m. Michael Sacilowski will present "**God's Son, My Son**": **St. Joseph, a one-man play**. For more information, visit olpparish.com or call (716) 683-6522.
- **UB North Newman Center**, 495 Skiddersville Road, Amherst, will host an Annulment Workshop on Saturday, February 5 from 9 to 11 a.m. The session will include information on the recent changes in the annulment process and step-by-step help in getting started. A nominal registration fee will cover the cost of materials. For additional information, contact Barbara at 716-633-7786 or BJWTR@aol.com. Walk-ins are welcome.



Please Remember in Your Prayers

Eddie Krajewski, Joan Pomietlarz, Stephanie Merenda, Rose Marie Nowak, Tracey Rogowski, Richard Marr, Judith Zielinski, Robert Nye, Joseph Scandurra, Richard Zielinski, Tammy Bosse Phillips, John Netter, Christine Zgoda, Molly Fleischman, Chris Nicastro, Thomas Barniak, Jennifer LaValley, John Zbock, Mary Peterson, Bob Lipiarz, Lisa Schmidt, Virginia Nowak, Mark Antonio, Sr., M. Margaret Benz, Erik Slimko, Leigh Szablewski, Stephen Czaplá, Kathleen Slawatycki, Thomas Kostek, Mario Petrosky, Alice Ann Ott, Sandra Lisowski, Jim Doherty, Samuel Suzano, Robert Stevens, Robert Niznansky, Monica Niznansky, Mark Niewiemski, Sr., Linda Rugani, Patricia Singleton, Shirley Rinow, Augusta Stefano, Erin Heerdt, Tim Bosse, Charles Friedmann, Barb Kegler, Tracy Martell, Robert Knauber, Gertrude Hauserman, Matthew Schmidt, David Hake, Carole Olejniczak, Rosemary Schmitt, Arlene Jason, Ruth Wunner, and Suzanne Notarpole.

Please Pray for Those in the Armed Forces...

Raymond Herr, Jeremiah & Rebecca Herr (Air Force), Robert Napper (Navy), LTC Evelyn Vento, M.D. (Army), Christopher Pfeil, Jr. (Air Force), Chief Fireman William Noll (Coast Guard), Capt. Kelly Lelito (Army), Patrick Brotka (Navy), Capt. Thomas Derion (Army), Col. David J. Roll (Air Force), LCPL Anthony Celano (Marines), Anthony Celani, Jr., Maj. Jeffrey Buczak (Army), Lance Corporal Stephen St. George (Marines), Msgr. Mark T. Braun (Marines), PV2 Jacob C. White (Army), Maj. Geoff Guinnup (Army), Matthew Banach (Air Force), Capt. Robert Gold (Army), Capt. Daniel Warner (Army), Capt. Joshua T. Mertzluft (Air Force), Sgt. Gregory Glauber (Army), Capt. Ethan Rugani (Army), Capt. Benjamin Geblein (Army), Capt. Matthew A. Keysa (Army), Lt. Jacob Concannon (Air Force), MC3 Joseph Calabrese (Navy), AMAA Vincent DiJoseph (Navy), Lt. Marcus Knoll (Navy), and MA1 Mitchell Cayea (Navy).

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Ablaze Young Adult Ministry	Jennifer Gaglione	480-0510	Ladies of Charity	Holly Walter	656-9583
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Before Cana Marriage Prep	Deacon John Owczarczak	683-3269	Meditation & Yoga	Jane Schmitt	984-6282
Bereavement	Marilyn Streit	684-9864	Ministry of Praise	Rectory	683-6445
Care of the Soul Book Club	Diane Knittel	601-7860	Music	Andrea Ross	330-9182
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Funeral Breakfasts	Josie Wienckowski	683-4749	SME School	Kim Kwitowski	683-2112
Greeters	Paula Clarone	685-9356	Social Justice Ministry	Holly Walter	656-9583
Hospitality	Elaine Driscoll	683-8611	St. Vincent de Paul	Jim Snyder	395-5677
Junior Ladies Of Charity	Marian Snyder	681-2957	Ushers	Harold Knittel	260-0911
Knights of Columbus	Rectory	683-6445	WINGS (Women's Bible Study)	Kim Dobiesz	683-6445

Parish Registration

St. Mary's welcomes new parishioners at anytime. Please call the Rectory or register in person.

Baptism

Parishioners are asked to contact the Rectory before the birth of a child and to participate in a program of preparation for the celebration of Baptism. Baptisms are celebrated the second and fourth Sundays of each month at 1:15 p.m. or during any weekend Mass. A godparent should be a practicing Catholic and must obtain a Letter of Recommendation from his or her own parish. Please call the Rectory for details and registration.

Confessions

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered on Saturdays from 3:30 to 4 p.m. or by appointment, by calling the Rectory. Area Penance Services are offered during Advent and Lent.

Marriages

Before a wedding date is scheduled, arrangements must be made with the pastor at least six months in advance. Weddings may be scheduled anytime after 3:00 p.m. on Fridays and before 1:30 p.m. on Saturdays. Throwing of rice, birdseed, confetti, etc. is prohibited.

Ministry to the Sick

Mass with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be held the third Sundays of May and November at 3:00 p.m. in the Church. Due to COVID restrictions,

we have paused taking Communion to parishioners at home. Please notify the Rectory when a parishioner is admitted to a hospital or nursing home.

Bulletin Announcements

Bulletin Editor: Kaitlin Scirri
Email materials to kaitlin@stmarysonthehill.org at least nine days before the date of the bulletin in which they are to appear. Please allow extra time during holidays.

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