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**ST. MARY OF  
THE CATARACT**

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## DIVINE MERCY

### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: (Vigil) 4 PM  
Sunday: 10:30 AM  
Tuesday & Thursday: 8 AM  
Holy Day: Please consult  
bulletin.

### DEVOTIONS

Holy Rosary: Before daily Masses  
Divine Mercy Chaplet:  
After daily Mass & 15 min. before  
weekend Masses  
Adoration of the Blessed  
Sacrament: Tuesdays after  
8 AM Mass until 10:00 AM & Every  
First Friday of the month 6-8 pm  
including confessions

### TRUSTEES

Mr. Al Frosolone  
Mrs. Dorothy Ducatte-Wozniak

### OFFICE HOURS

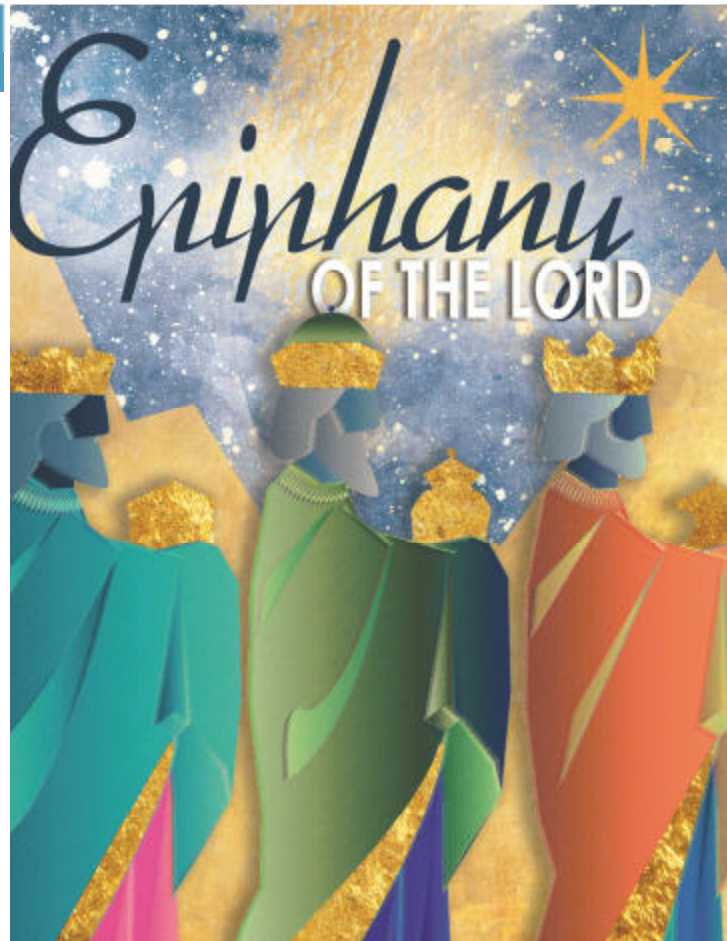
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## ST. MARY OF THE CATARACT

### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: (Vigil) 5:30 PM  
Sunday: 7:15 AM, 9 AM, 12 & 7 PM  
Monday-Friday: 12:10 PM  
Holy Day: Please consult bulletin

### DEVOTIONS

Novena to our Lady of the  
Miraculous Medal:  
Mondays 12 PM  
Novena to St. John Neumann:  
Thursdays after the 12:10  
PM Mass  
Adoration of the Blessed  
Sacrament: First Saturday of the  
month following 5:30 Mass until  
8:00 pm

TRUSTEES: Ms. Carmela Borgese  
& Mr. Frederick P. Caso, Jr.

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### MISSION STATEMENT

At Divine Mercy Parish, in the spirit of our Christian charity and Catholic faith, we dedicate ourselves to imitate the life and ministry of our Merciful Savior Jesus Christ, who lives in our midst. Through spiritual and corporal works of mercy, we share our faith, build up the community and extend a warm welcome to our friends and visitors. We strive to share our blessings and help the less fortunate.

### PASTOR

Rev. Jacek P. Mazur

### PERMANENT DEACONS

David P. Slish (DM)  
Benjamin R. Marino (SM)

### CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION COORDINATOR

Ms. Julie Belkota

### CHOIRMASTER & ORGANIST

Gary A. Sage

We wish to welcome all visitors, members and children who are worshipping with us today. We pray that worshipping with us will give you a sense of fellowship with Christ and with us as God's people, as well as comfort and strength for all your needs. If you have no church of your own, we invite you to join us. But above all, we invite you to come worship with us at any time.

### MISSION STATEMENT

At St. Mary of the Cataract R.C. Parish, in the Spirit of St. John Neumann, our mission is to provide the local community and the faithful visiting the majestic Falls with the opportunity to experience the presence of Jesus in our midst and in the Sacraments. We dedicate ourselves to teach our Catholic Faith and how to live it daily. We strive to share our blessings and help the less fortunate.



**DIVINE MERCY  
MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**Saturday, January 1 - Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**

**10:30 AM** +Ann Placek, req. by Children  
For the Souls of All Faithful Departed &  
All the Souls in Purgatory

**Sunday, January 2 - The Epiphany of the Lord**

**10:30 AM** Intentions for Fr. Jacek Mazur, req. by  
Brian & Joan Stanish  
  
Luis Rodenas & Family, req. by Brian &  
Joan Stanish

**Tuesday, January 4 - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**

**8:00 AM** For the Souls of All Faithful Departed &  
All the Souls in Purgatory

**Thursday, January 6**

**8:00 AM** For the Souls of All Faithful Departed &  
All the Souls in Purgatory

**Saturday, January 8 - The Baptism of the Lord**

**4:00 PM** +Melanie Wilson, req. by Napoleon  
Family  
For the Souls of All Faithful Departed &  
All the Souls in Purgatory

**Sunday, January 9 - The Baptism of the Lord**

**10:30 AM** +John & Helen McKean & Joseph Insana,  
req. by Mary Curylo  
For the Souls of All Faithful Departed &  
All the Souls in Purgatory



**ST. MARY OF THE CATARACT  
MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**Saturday, January 1 - Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**

**12:00 PM** +Lenore Mary Connolly

**Sunday, January 2 - The Epiphany of the Lord**

**7:15 AM** +Elizabeth Rose Connolly Bond  
**9:00 AM** Living & Deceased Parishioners of Divine  
Mercy & St. Mary of the Cataract, req. by  
Fr. Mazur  
  
**12:00 PM** +Ronald R. Koban, 13th Anniversary, req.  
by Wife Dorothy, Daughter Marsha &  
Grandchildren

**7:00 PM** +Geri Siegel, req. by the Stender Family

**Monday, January 3**

**12:00 PM** Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous  
Medal  
  
**12:10 PM** +Lois Wilson, req. by Ellen

**Tuesday, January 4 - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**

**12:10 PM** Living & Deceased Members of the House &  
Sauvageau Families, req. by Laurie House

**Thursday, January 6**

**12:10 PM** +James Caprio, req. by Stender Family

**Friday, January 7 - St. Raymond of Penyafort**

**12:10 PM** +Bettie Goodall, req. by Family

**Saturday, January 8 - The Baptism of the Lord**

**5:30 PM** Living & Deceased Members of St. Mary of  
the Cataract

**Sunday, January 9 - The Baptism of the Lord**

**7:15 AM** Living & Deceased Parishioners of Divine  
Mercy & St. Mary of the Cataract, req. by  
Fr. Mazur  
  
**9:00 AM** +Dominic Del Grosso, req. by Sister Marie  
  
**12:00 PM** +Dominick Milicia, req. by Lucy Andrew &  
Family  
  
**7:00 PM** Living & Deceased Members of Donald &  
Joanna Aldrich Family, req. by the Stender  
Family



**This Week the Sanctuary  
Candle at Divine Mercy  
will burn in Loving  
Memory of:**

**Edward & Jane  
Kasprzycki,**

**req. by Daughter Louise & Family**

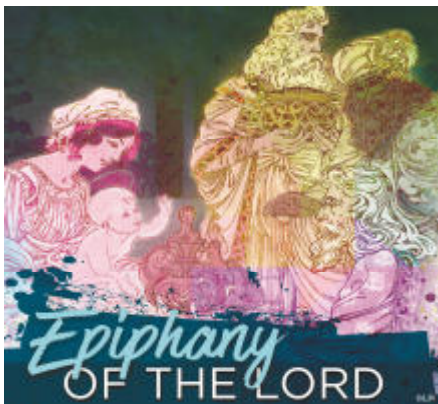


*Thank you to everyone for the beautiful and warm Christmas wishes, cards, gifts, goodies and invitations. Everyone was so thoughtful and generous.*

*Have a Blessed and a Grace filled New Year*

**Fr. Jacek Mazur**

The 21 members of our Divine Mercy Cenacle Group (E.A.D.M.) Eucharistic Apostles of Divine Mercy, pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet daily for the intentions of the sick and dying. To request prayers for anyone call 297-2738, you may leave a message.



Please join us to discuss the First Friday Devotions, Patriotic Rosary format / protocol.

Saturday, January 15, 2:00 pm at Divine Mercy Church community room, please use back door of the Food Pantry. All are welcome

Please remember our RCIA Candidates in your prayers

**The Feast of the Epiphany.** Epiphany means “manifestation”, and so this feast is the celebration of God’s glory being manifest to all nations, symbolically through the Magi. This is a good day to set the Magi in the nativity scene and share the story from the Gospel of Matthew.



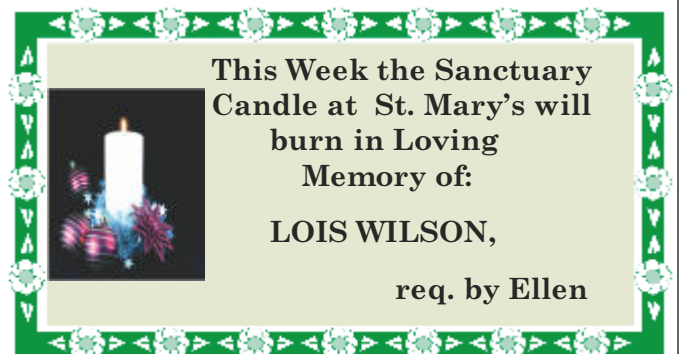
Please keep our Military in your prayers: Christopher Ganczewski, Roy David Collin, Peter Cali, Thomas Human, Maria Morinello, David Alvarez, Michael Ferrusi, Kathryn Mitchell,



Please pray for our sick Divine Mercy & St. Mary's Parish-ioners: Ryan Cali, Rebecca Cali-Cuddahee, Cheryl Ryan, Loretta Dominick, Stephanie Borelis, Pauline Dempsey, Hugh Mellan, Ginny Sukmanowski, Cindy Rodenas, Stanley & Sandy Krajkowski, Eugene Piotrowski, Jamison Hokanson, Donna Robbins, Peter Sinclair, Gabby Parisi, Lori Kozera, Julia Harrigan, Todd Schwartz, Lillian Nasca,

WISH LIST: We are in need of new/used laptop with camera and flat screen TV for use in our catechism class for those who can't join us in person, but are able to participate remotely.

Thank you



**Epiphany** is also a traditional day to bless homes. This blessing incorporates inscribing the year, bracketing the initials of the Magi (Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar) above the door, usually in chalk. Another tradition claims the initials stand for Christus mansionem benedicat, meaning “May Christ bless this home”.



January 2, 2022 The Epiphany of the Lord

In his Apostolic Exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, "Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God's love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being."

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

**ST. MARY OF THE CATARACT:**

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT  
FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH 6:30 - 8:00 PM

&

FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH  
7:00 - 8:00 PM

**DIVINE MERCY PARISH:**

FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH  
6:00 - 8:00 PM

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT  
AND CONFESSIONS

## CONFESSIONS

Saturday & Sunday before each Mass and by appointment.

## BAPTISMS

Arrangements to be made in advance. A pre-baptismal instruction is required for all parents prior to the date of baptism. Call the parish office for application. Godparents must present a letter of recommendation.

## MARRIAGE

Congratulations! Arrangements must be made at least 6 months in advance. Couples are required to attend a Pre-Cana Conference, or equivalent pre-marriage preparation program. A parish Pre-Cana program is available. Contact the parish office for information.

## NEW PARISHIONERS

You are welcome! Contact the parish office.

## VISITATION OF SICK/CARE FOR THE SICK

Parishioners who are in spiritual need may contact Fr. Mazur at 282-0059 or 284-6641. Please notify the parish office of parishioners confined to their home or hospital.

## RCIA: RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

We welcome those wishing information and instruction:

- ◆ Non - baptized persons desiring the Sacrament of Baptism for themselves or their children
    - ◆ Those seeking the fullness of faith as members of the Catholic Church
  - ◆ Those Catholics wishing to complete the Sacraments of First Eucharist and/or Confirmation
- Please call 946-1403 for more information

## LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

Gladly given to those registered members of the parish (*at least 3 months*) who have received the 3 Sacraments of Initiation; practice their faith regularly and support the parish through their sharing of time, talents and treasures.

**Are you struggling with addiction of any kind and in need of a support system and/or just someone to talk with confidentially? Please call 284-6641 for more information.**

WLOF 101.7 FM You can listen to our pastor, Fr. Jacek Mazur on Tuesdays at 8:00pm or Sundays at 11:00am as he speaks about aspects of the message of Divine Mercy as revealed by Jesus to St. Maria Faustina. Or you can listen by logging to: [www.stationofthecross.com](http://www.stationofthecross.com), under: PODCASTS click: Divine Mercy in my Soul.

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