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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:15 a.m.

Wednesday–Thursday 8:00 a.m.

RECONCILIATION

Confessions will be heard on
Saturdays from 3:00 to 3:30 p.m.

before the 4:00 p.m. Mass

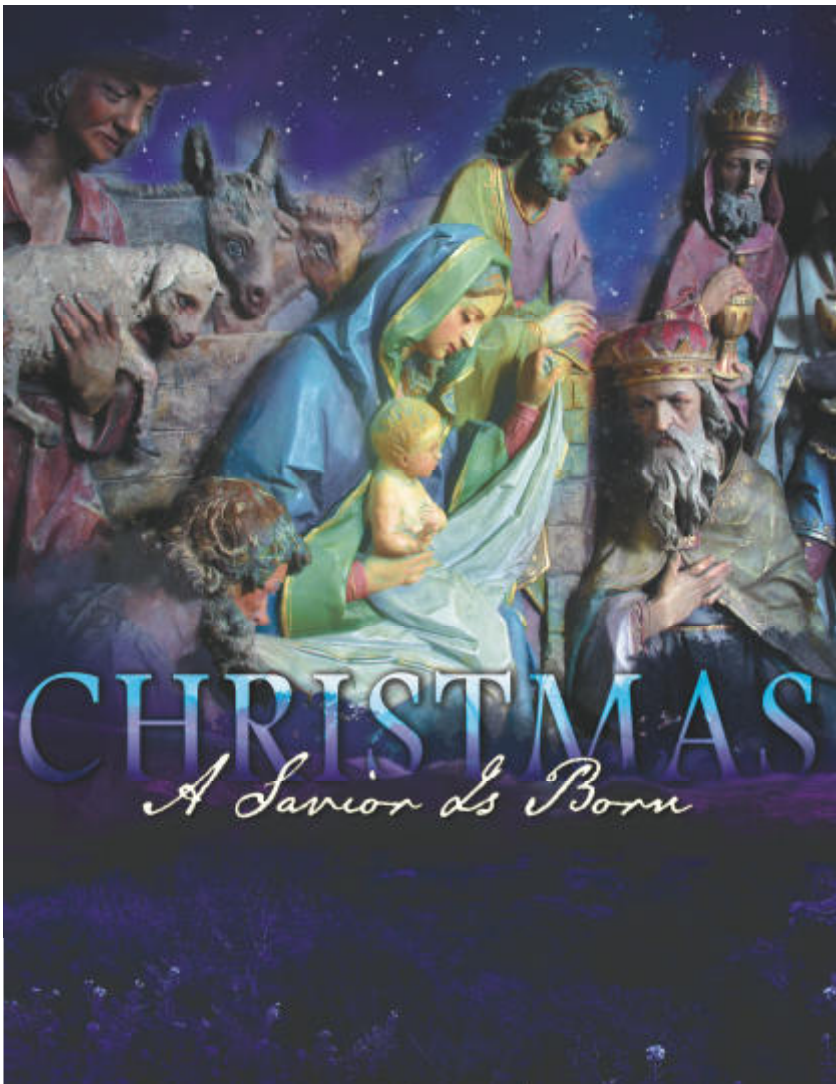
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Mass Intentions—Saint Mary

Saturday, December 25th

CHRISTMAS DAY

Prelude with choir at 8:45 a.m.

9:15 a.m. Frances Wenckus

Sunday, December 26th

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

9:15 a.m. Gertrude McBeath



Wednesday, December 29th

7:30 a.m. - Rosary

8:00 a.m. Mary Novak

Thursday, December 30th

7:30 a.m. - Rosary

8:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Parishioners

Novena to the Miraculous Medal

Saturday, January 1, 2022

NEW YEAR'S DAY

4:00 p.m. Valerie Kahoe

Sunday, January 2nd

9:15 a.m. Mary Novak

If the Mass is for your intention, and you would like to take the gifts up to the altar, please let an usher know before Mass.

Mass Intentions—Our Lady of Hope

Saturday, December 25th

CHRISTMAS DAY

Prelude with choir at 10:30 a.m.

11:00 a.m. Deacon Bill Starkey

Sunday, December 26th

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

11:00 a.m. Nancy Lachowski

Monday, December 27th

8:00 a.m. John & Nancy Lachowski

Tuesday, December 28th

8:00 a.m. Josephine Pucic

Friday, December 31st

8:00 a.m. Virginia Henderson

Saturday, January 1, 2022

NEW YEAR'S DAY

4:00 p.m. Jean Hren

Sunday, January 2nd

11:00 a.m. Jane Coleman

PLEASE REMEMBER THIS

The close of 2021 is just around the corner.

Year End Contributions

A simple rule to remember is that if your donation is deposited in 2021 for the year 2021 or 2022 it will be recorded in 2021. This year it means donations received NO LATER than December 26, 2021. If the donation is deposited in the bank in 2022 for 2021 or 2022 it will be recorded in 2022. Please contact the office with any questions.

CHRISTMAS GIFT ANGEL

Once again we are giving to parishioners who reside at Light of Hearts Villa. We ask that you give them \$25.00 cash or a VISA gift card. Please return all gifts to the church no later than January 16th. Your gift will make their new year much brighter.



Please Remember In Your Prayers . . .

Nancy Belsito, Gen Cannella, Pat Christian, JoAnn Conway, Alice Cotter, Deb David, Robin Davis, Bill Deak, Dick Dolan, Jim Goersmeyer, Darillinn Grubbs, Mary Hills, Dolores P. Hovan, Ken Hudak, Helen Husky, Cindy Jerick, Carlotta Jones, Carol Kainec, Matt Kish, Judy Kobus, Kelly Kostilo, Ken Krawczyk, Corey Kurilko, Ryleeann Kurilko, Lucy Lagaza, Cindy Lowe, Wiletta Lynch, Ryan Martin, Richard Moore, Marcy Nero, Delores Nose, Lucille Novak, Virginia Pfeffer, Conner Press, Clara Rizzo, Eileen Salupo, Charles Saraniti, Jonathan Sedor, David Shostek, Anna Marie Slaby, Bill Smith, Gabe Sobina, Madyson Strohl, LueRean Talley, Mary Ann Taylor, Ed Thorsby, Diane Whitelaw, Carl Wilson Jr., Loretta Yarish, Gwen Yates, Patricia Zak, Special Intention and all those affected by the coronavirus throughout the world

Please get permission from the family before asking us to add someone to the Prayer List.

Parish Support

for 12/19/2021

Due to the bulletin having to be in early, we do not have the Mass counts and contribution totals for December 19th. They will appear in next week's bulletin.

Thank you for your continued generosity

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners.

A year ago Christmas Eve, my mom was discharged from the hospital after a three week stay due to Covid. She was one step from the ventilator and landed in hospice for six months after leaving the hospital. Today, she is in a one-bedroom assisted living apartment and can walk and leave the home to visit my brother's family for Christmas. A true Christmas miracle indeed! I continue to pray that she progresses far enough to visit me in Bedford for Easter or Christmas next year. I was looking through the holy cards she gave me, and there was one from 2008 that she labeled, "Thought provoking," and it was called "Mary's Christmas Dream" (author unknown). It's an apropos Christmas reflection:

"I had a dream Joseph. I don't understand it, but I think it was about a birthday celebration for our Son. The people had been preparing for it for about six weeks. They had decorated the house and bought new clothes. They had gone shopping many times and bought elaborate gifts. It was peculiar, though, because the presents weren't for our Son. They wrapped them in beautiful paper and tied them with lovely bows and stacked them under a tree. Yes, a tree, Joseph, right in their house. They decorated the tree too. The branches were full of glowing balls and sparkling ornaments. There was a figure on the top of the tree. It looked like an angel. Oh, it was beautiful, and everyone was laughing and happy.

They were all excited about the gifts. They gave the gifts to each other, Joseph, not to our Son. I don't think they even knew Him. They never mentioned His name. Doesn't it seem odd for people to go to all that trouble to celebrate someone's birthday if they don't know Him? I had the strangest feeling that if our Son had gone to this celebration He would have been intruding. Everything was so beautiful, Joseph, and everyone was so happy, but it made me want to cry. How sad for Jesus not to be wanted at His own birthday party. I'm glad it was only a dream. How terrible, Joseph, if it had been real." Let's keep Christ in Christmas this year and resolve to get to know Him better so Jesus always feels welcomed in our homes and in our hearts.

*Merry Christmas,
Father Joe*

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

Our Lady of Hope & St. Mary Parishes

Saturday, January 1, 2022, The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, is not a Holy Day of Obligation this coming year. Our Masses will be the regular 8:00 a.m. Mass on Friday, December 31, 2021 at Our Lady of Hope and on Saturday, January 1, 2022 is the regular 4:00 p.m. Mass at both churches.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Today is the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, and so we can celebrate that we all belong to the holy family of God which makes us brothers and sisters to each other.



At Christmas this year, through your monetary and food pantry gifts, the St. Vincent de Paul Society was able to bring the joy and hope to our "brothers and sisters" who are poor by assisting many families with food and help with utilities, etc. Thank you!

Our Food Pantry is open on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month from 3-4:30 p.m. with outside pick-up only.

Our pantry is not only here for the surrounding community, but for our own parishioners. If you are in need, please call the parish and leave a message on our St. Vincent de Paul Society voicemail. All calls and information will remain confidential.

2022 PARISH CALENDARS

2022 parish calendars will be available this weekend, December 25/26 at the doors of the church and in the foyer of Our Lady of Hope parish office. We are grateful to the St. John family who is providing the parish calendars. Please feel free to take one.

**Fr. Joe Seebauer,
Fr. Isidore,
Fr. Mrosso, and the
staff of Our Lady
of Hope & St. Mary
parishes wish you
and your family a**



very Blessed and Happy New Year. The parish offices will be closed and staff will not be available to return your calls on Thursday, December 30th and Friday, December 31st and will resume business on Monday, January 3rd.

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