

Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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JANUARY 2, 2022

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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
and also by appointment.

BAPTISM

For information, please contact the
rectory at 440-359-8205 Monday– Friday
between 8:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

Mass Intentions—Saint Mary

Saturday, January 1, 2022
NEW YEAR'S DAY

4:00 p.m. Valerie Kahoe

Sunday, January 2nd

9:15 a.m. Mary Novak

Wednesday, January 5th
7:30 a.m. - Rosary

8:00 a.m. Mary & Peter Dudak

Thursday, January 6th
7:30 a.m. - Rosary

8:00 a.m. Mildred Fenc
Novena to the Miraculous Medal

Saturday, January 8th

4:00 p.m. Donna Noble

Sunday, January 9th

9:15 a.m. Michael Seebauer's Birthday

Mass Intentions—Our Lady of Hope

Monday, January 3rd

8:00 a.m. Cassie Smith

Tuesday, January 4th

8:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Parishioners

Friday, January 7th

8:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Parishioners

Sunday, January 9th

11:00 a.m. Irma Falorio

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.

CENTENNIAL NEWS

Congratulations to the Centennial Committee and all the volunteers who made our Centennial celebrations such a success!!! Thank you for all your help.

2022 MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions are only \$10.00. To book intentions for someone who is ill, deceased, etc., please call or stop in either parish office during office hours.



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., 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.

IT'S TAX TIME ONCE AGAIN

Please send a copy of my 2021 contribution statement for St. Mary to:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ **ZIP:** _____

Please fill out and send back to the parish office. If you can include a first class stamp we would appreciate it.

**Parish Support
for 12/19/2021**

Church Support	\$1963.00
Parish Improvement	<u>\$0844.00</u>
TOTAL	\$2807 00

Retirement for the Religious—\$35.00
Immaculate Conception—\$80.00; Flowers & Decorations—\$30.00; Donations for the Poor—\$121.00

for 12/26/2021

Church Support	\$1298.50
Parish Improvement	<u>\$0817.00</u>
TOTAL	\$2115 50

Christmas—\$ 4,571.00; Solemnity of Mary—\$140.00
Campaign for Human Development—\$10.00

MASS COUNTS for Christmas

SM:	4 pm—126; 9:15 am—93	Total—219
OLH:	4 pm—79; 11 am—56	Total—135

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners.

Merry Christmas to all, and blessings for a happy and healthy New Year! The Octave of Christmas just ended with the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, but we are still in the liturgical season of Christmas until the Baptism of the Lord on January 9th. The crowds were smaller than expected for Christmas, but Covid is taking its toll at both parishes. I continue to pray that everyone stays as safe and healthy as possible moving into the New Year. Both Our Lady of Hope and Saint Mary were decorated so beautifully for the Christmas season, and I want to thank all the volunteers on the decorating committees of both parishes who gave of their time and talent to make the churches look so festive. Thanks also to the music ministries of both parishes for adding great richness and beautiful song to the liturgical celebrations. It was wonderful to hear the singing this year as opposed to the instrumental music that was necessitated by Covid last Christmas. Many thanks also to the Eucharistic ministers, lectors, altar servers, ushers, sacristans, money counters who faithfully minister at both churches. All your efforts are deeply appreciated!

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany. We only know the story of the Magi from Matthew's Gospel, and they probably traveled from the Kingdom of Persia, which would be modern-day Iran. The Magi were skilled in philosophy, medicine, and natural science. According to Matthew's Gospel: "When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem saying, 'Where is the newborn king of the Jews?'" (Mt 2:1) It was later assumed in the Tradition, that since there were three gifts, there must have been three magi. Later tradition increased the status of the wise men, making them kings. There were three of them: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. According to the Bible, the Magi brought gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Since the Epiphany is a feast which remembers the gifts brought to Christ, it is a most appropriate time to give a big "Thank You" to all of you who sent me cards and gifts for Christmas. Thanks also to those who participated in the St. Mary Giving Angel and the OLH Giving Tree. Your thoughtfulness is heart-warming.

Wishing you a blessed Christmas season and happy New Year!
Father Joe

2022 PARISH CALENDARS

2022 parish calendars are available 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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

In the Gospel today, Jesus tells us: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength...and you shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Through your monetary and food gifts to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you can show your love for our Lord and your love of your neighbor who is hungry, hopeless, alone and frightened.

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.

**THE FEST!!**

Calling all college students looking for a paid summer internship! The FEST (www.theFEST.us) is looking for summer interns to make this year's event the best FEST yet! We are looking for students with interests in theology, business marketing & communications, event planning, or logistics management to join the team that puts together our annual Diocesan Family Festival. Interns will be a part of a fast-paced team and will play a critical role in the marketing, planning and coordination of annual event for thousands of people. For more information or to apply, please send your resume to Caitlin@theFEST.us by January 9th.

FURNITURE COLLECTION

Do you have used furniture in good condition you just don't use? Are you moving or downsizing and need to unload some unneeded pieces? We'll come pick it up and you can help a refugee family start a new life in the process. Catholic Charities helps place many families who have not much more than an empty apartment. If you have Queen & Full sized mattresses, tables & chairs, end tables or other furniture you would be willing to donate, please visit <https://onehopeneo.com/homeless-refugee/>



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