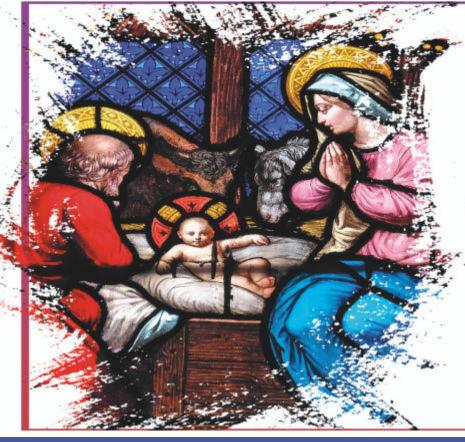
Sunday, December 26, 2021 | THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH (Year C)



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AND THE WORD BECAME FLESH AND MADE HIS **DWELLING AMONG** US. - JN 1:14

> THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

December 25, 2021

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WORSHIP SITES

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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil St. Ann - 4:00 pm St. Hugh - 6:00 pm

Sunday

St. Ann - 8:30 am St. Hugh - 9:30 am St. Marcellus - 10:30 am St. Ignatius - 11:30 am

County website access: www.stmatthiasgreene.org

Reconciliation

Confessions are held on Saturdays, 11:00 am to 11:30 am - schedule below: No Confessions on December 25th or January 1st

JANUARY CONFESSION SCHEDULE

St. Ann - 1st Saturday / NO CONFESSIONS St. Hugh - 2nd Saturday / January 8 St. Ignatius - 3rd Saturday / January 15 St. Marcellus - 4th Saturday / January 22 No Confessions on 5th Saturday / January 29

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

By appointment. Prior to your baby's Baptism, you must be a practicing Catholic and attend a pre-baptism class. A Godparent must be a fully initiated, practicing Catholic, age 16 or older.

Sacrament of Holy Matrimony

Arrangements must be made with the Parish Office at least six (6) months in advance. Participation in marriage program is required.

Anointing of the Sick | Sick Calls

Please call 724-627-7568 for visits of Communion to the sick, shut-ins, and those confined to hospital.

Funerals

Please call 724-627-7568 for funeral arrangements after regular office hours.

Sanctuary Candle



The Sanctuary Candle burns In Loving Remembrance of or for the Special Intention of:

December 19, thru January 1, 2022

St. Ann
Ed Somonick
by niece, Renee Grandas and Family

St. Hugh
The Sieradzki Family

St. Ignatius Joe Spiker & Elissa Spiker-St. Clair By 'Chris Spiker

Sanctuary Candle Remembrances

are available at all four St. Matthias churches, for a donation \$12 per 2 week period.

PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

CHRISTMAS BREAK

- Parish offices closed December 24, 2021 thru January 2, 2022
- ♦ NO CCD December 26, 2021 thru January 2, 2022

Saturday, December 25 - Christmas DAY

11:00 am St. Ann NO Good Neighbor Lunch until 12:00 noon

Sunday, December 26

9:30 am St. Ann NO CCD (all grades) 10:00 am St. Ignatius NO CCD Class (grades 1–8)

10:15 am St. Hugh NO CCD, after Mass (Middle School–grades 6, 7 & 8)

4:00 pm St. Hugh NO RCIA

Monday, December 27

8:25 am St. Hugh Rosary before Mass
9:30 am St. Hugh Divine Mercy Chaplet following Mass
11:00 am St. Ann Good Neighbor Lunch until 12:00 noon
4:30 pm St. Hugh NO Elementary CCD (Grades 1-5)

Tuesday, December 28

8:25 am St. Hugh Rosary before Mass
9:30 am St. Hugh Divine Mercy Chaplet following Mass
11:00 am St. Ignatius Bobtown - Sr. Citizens (Social Hall)
6:00 pm St. Ann NO MOSAIC Choir Practice

Wednesday, December 29

8:25 am St. Hugh Rosary before Mass 9:30 am St. Hugh Divine Mercy Chaplet following Mass

Thursday, December 30

8:25 am St. Hugh Rosary before Mass 9:30 am St. Hugh Divine Mercy Chaplet following Mass

9:30 am St. Hugh Divine Mercy Chaplet following Mass 11:00 am St. Ann Good Neighbor Lunch until 12 noon

Friday, December 31 - NEW YEAR'S EVE

8:25 am St. Hugh Rosary before Mass

9:30 am St. Hugh Eucharistic Adoration following Mass

Saturday, January 1 - NEW YEAR'S DAY

11:00 am St. Ann NO Good Neighbor Lunch until 12:00 noon

Sunday, January 2

9:30 am St. Ann NO CCD (all grades) 10:00 am St. Ignatius NO CCD Class (grades 1– 8)

10:15 am St. Hugh NO CCD, after Mass (Middle School-grades 6, 7 & 8)

4:00 pm St. Hugh NO RCIA

THE PRESCHOOL AT ST. ANN

Information can be found on our website at https://stmatthiasgreene.org/the-preschool-at-st-ann or call the St. Ann office at 724-627-7568.

Offertory Envelopes

All Offertory envelopes may be mailed to St. Ann Office/St. Matthias Parish 232 E. High St., Waynesburg PA 15370

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Call 911 immediately if a child is in danger.

MASS INTENTIONS SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, December 24 - Christmas Eve Vigil Masses

4:00 pm For the People of St. Matthias Parish St. Ann 4:00 pm St. Hugh For the People of St. Matthias Parish St. Marcellus 6:00 pm For the People of St. Matthias Parish 8:00 pm St. Ann For the People of St. Matthias Parish 8:00 pm St. Hugh For the People of St. Matthias Parish SATURDAY, December 25 - The Nativity of the Lord; Christmas Day 9:30 am St. Hugh For the People of St. Matthias Parish 10:00 am For the People of St. Matthias Parish St. Ann 11:30 am St. Ignatius For the People of St. Matthias Parish

- NO SUNDAY VIGIL MASSES

SUNDAY, December 26 -The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

8:30 am St. Ann Clem and Rose Trader by Archie and Jeanette Trader

9:30 am St. Hugh Chrysan Franco by Children
10:30 am St. Marcellus Colby Simkovic by Granma and Pap

11:30 am St. Ignatius Edward Polosky (Anniversary) Gary and Carol Polosky

MONDAY, December 27 - St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

8:00 am St. Ann Jack Smith by Jackie Smith

9:00 am St. Hugh Bill Staun, Philip Staun III and Brian Renfro by Family

TUESDAY, December 28 - The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

9:00 am St. Hugh Dave Antonelli by Family and Friends 9:00 am St. Marcellus Jennie Confortini by the D'Antonio Family

WEDNESDAY, December 29 - Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord / St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr

9:00 am St. Hugh Kenny Tennant by the Staun Family 6:30 pm St. Ann Mary Matis by Patty and Al Jarek

THURSDAY, December 30 - Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

9:00 am St. Hugh Robert Polander by Terry and Andrea Sememoff

9:00 am St. Ignatius Paul Martin by Joel Martin

FRIDAY, December 31 - Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord / St. Sylvester I, Pope (New Year's Eve)

8:00 am St. Ann NO MASS

9:00 am St. Hugh Marilyn Nickler (Anniversary) by daughter, Cassie and John

Vigil Mass: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

6:00 pm St. Ann Father Lonergan by The People of St. Matthias Parish

SATURDAY, January 1 - Solemnity of Mary Mother of God (Not a Holy Day of Obligation)

*12:00 noon St. Hugh Victoria Andria by Shara and Bill Dorsey (*note Mass time changed to 12:00 noon)

Sunday Vigil Masses: Epiphany of the Lord

4:00 pm St. Ann Matthias Yan by Elizabeth Wang

6:00 pm St. Hugh Esther Kovach by Jerry and Margaret McCombs

SUNDAY, January 2 - The Epiphany of the Lord

8:30 am St. Ann William Lee Schifko by John and Michelle Krysak

9:30 am St. Hugh Margaret Mosco (Anniversary) by daughter, Suzanne and Dave Sarra

10:30 am
 St. Marcellus
 Edna Comba by Betty and Bill Phillips
 11:30 am
 St. Ignatius
 For the People of St. Matthias Parish

WORSHIP SITES: St. Ann (Waynesburg); St. Hugh (Carmichaels); St. Ignatius (Bobtown); St. Marcellus (Jefferson)

CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL FLOWER FUND

THANK YOU!

Your donations have greatly helped cover the cost of our Christmas poinsettias and decorations at all St. Matthias churches.

We take pride in decorating our sanctuaries in a noble and rich way heralding the birthday of our Savior.

All names will be placed on our worship sites' altars in remembrance of these, our loved ones, during Masses throughout the Christmas Season.



HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

Both of the St. Matthias Parish offices will be closed December 24, 2021, thru January 2, 2022. IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY:

To reach Fr. Francis call the St. Ann office at 724-627-7568,

To reach Fr. Jim call the St. Hugh office at 724-966-7270.

December 25th The Nativity of the Lord

A Christmas message from our pastor, Fr. Jim \dots

One of the most controversial revelations of God is found in the Incarnation, the second person of the blessed Trinity becoming human. Whenever we profess this truth many in our world become very insulted, angry, and even violent. That's because it really is an amazing thing. Almighty God humbled himself to become a human like us. Wow. When you look at a manger scene ask yourself, "Would I become one of the farm animals out of love for someone?" Because the Incarnation is an even greater act of humility than us becoming an animal. During this Christmas season my prayer is that you realize more deeply that God loves you so much that he would give himself completely for your good. Merry Christmas!

... Rev. James B. Farnan

Fr. Francis's Christmas Message...

Christmas is a time of hope. The birth of a child is the occasion of hope for any family. What will he/she grow up to be — president of a corporation or even the USA, a doctor, nurse, priest, nun or brother, a scientist who finds a cure for cancer or the solution to global warming — the possibilities are endless. But the child whose birth we celebrate at Christmas proved to be much more — nothing less than the savior of the world. Because of Christ our hope for the future has changed dramatically. Instead of a vague hope for something better in the future with his birth we celebrate the greatest hope of all realized. Have a most blessed Christmas.

... Rev. J. Francis Frazer

"She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name

Jesus

because he will save his people from their sins."

Matthew 1:21



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve - December 24

4:00 pm ... Children's MASS at St. Ann 4:00 pm ... Children's MASS at St. Hugh

6:00 pm . . . Children's MASS at St. Marcellus

8:00 pm . . . MASS at St. Ann 8:00 pm . . . MASS at St. Hugh

Merry Christmas!

Christmas Day - December 25

9:30 am . . . MASS at St. Hugh 10:00 am . . . MASS at St. Ann 11:30 am . . . MASS at St. Ignatius

Sunday - December 26

NO Sunday Vigil Masses on Sat., December 25th

8:30 am ... MASS at St. Ann 9:30 am ... MASS at St. Hugh 10:30 am ... MASS at St. Marcellus

11:30 am ... MASS at St. Marcenus

NEW YEAR'S DAY SOLEMNITY OF MARY, The Holy Mother of God

January 1, 2022, is not a Holy Day of Obligation because it falls on a Saturday in 2022. Nevertheless, it is still a Holy Day and the Mass Schedule for the Solemnity is as follows:

December 31 - VIGIL: Solemnity of Mary - 6:00 pm at St. Ann,

January 1 - SOLEMNITY OF MARY - *12:00 noon at St. Hugh. (*note Mass time moved to 12:00 noon.)

The Vigil Mass schedule on Saturday, January 1, is for Sunday, January 2, The Epiphany of the Lord.

OPLATKI - CHRISTMAS WAFERS

Breaking and sharing the Christmas Wafers in traditional ways, we make our Christmas oblation of best wishes to family and friends, accompanied by expressions of forgiveness. Our tradition continues. Packets available at all St. Matthias churches. A donation of \$2.00 per packet is appreciated.

BAPTISM



Congratulations to our Newly Baptized,

Jack William Mitchell

Child of Michael and Christa (Ziefel) Mitchell on December 19, 2021.

"There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all." — Ephesians 4:5-6

Sacred Steps



Remember Lord.

and welcome into your kingdom those who have died marked with a sign of faith, especially those of St. Matthias Parish,

Marie Beck, Edward J. Cech, Joanne Burkus, Joseph Bolam

May the angels lead them into paradise.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION — CCD NEWS

ALL CCD CLASSES ARE NOW IN SESSION AT ALL SITES.

See CCD weekly schedules on bulletin page 2, Parish Events Calendar.

CCD CHRISTMAS BREAK

No CCD December 26, 2021 thru January 2, 2022

St. Hugh, Monday Elementary CCD resumes on January 3, 2022. All Sunday CCD classes resume on Sunday, January 9, 2022 (St.. Ann, St. Hugh, St. Ignatius).

For more CCD information visit our website: www.stmatthiasgreene.org > Religious Education. Or contact Linette Kerr, at linettekerr@windstream.net.

ALTAR SERVER NEWS

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING AT ALL ST. MATTHIAS CHURCHES.

This training is for anyone who wishes to be an altar server at any of our churches and will also serve as a "refresher" course for our current altar servers.

- New altar servers must have received his/her First Communion and be in the third grade or older.
- Our current altar servers are strongly encouraged to attend to brush-up on their skills.
- Adult servers are also welcome; especially needed for funerals. Adults must have received the sacrament of Confirmation.
- There will be sign-up sheets at the entrances of each church. Please complete one and drop it in the "Ask Fr. Farnan" box. Students may also give there name to their CCD teacher or anyone may sign-up on the St. Matthias webpage at www.stmatthiasgreene.org>Schedules

CLASSES WILL BE HELD CHRISTMAS WEEK

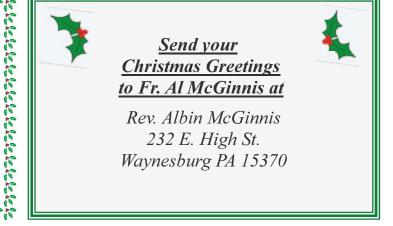
- 9:45 am Monday, December 27 at St. Hugh (following 9:00 am Mass).
- 9:45 am Tuesday, December 28 at St. Marcellus (following 9:00 am Mass).
- 5:30 pm Wednesday, December 29 at St. Ann (before 6:30 pm Mass).
- 9:45 am Thursday, December 30 at St. Ignatius (following 9:00 am Mass). If you wish to serve at more than one church you must attend the classes for each site your wish to serve.

Call one of our parish offices if you would like more information. St. Ann at 724-627-7568 or St. Hugh at 724-966-7270.



Send your Christmas Greetings
to Fr. John Bauer at

Rev. John M. Bauer
The Grand Residence
45 McMurray Road
Upper St. Clair PA 15241



FAITH LIFE



"ASK FR. FARNAN"

I will continue my discussion on marriage this week with an explanation on what is lack of form.

When a Catholic party gets married they ordinarily must have a Catholic wedding ceremony in order for the marriage to be valid. This usually entails a marriage contracted before a deacon, priest or bishop in the presence of two witnesses. Once a person is a Catholic, he remains bound by the Church's *form* of marriage even if he later falls away from the Church.

The Code of Canon Law states, "The form . . . must be observed if at least one of the parties contracting the marriage was baptized in the Catholic Church or received into it" (can. 1117). The Church's Godgiven authority imposes this law—Jesus gave the Church the authority to enact such laws that bind her citizens (see Matthew 16:18, 18:18). Thus, a Catholic ordinarily must observe canonical form in order for the marriage to be valid.

If a Catholic wishes to validly marry any other way (for example, observing the fiancé's Protestant form), he must obtain a dispensation from the Catholic canonical form from his bishop. (This is ordinarily handled through his local priest.) If they fail to obtain a dispensation and proceed with a wedding apart from the Church, theis wedding lacks canonical form and the marriage is not valid. Lack of canonical form constitutes grounds for annulment.

(Note: An exception to this exists in the case of a Catholic marrying a non-Catholic Christian of an Eastern rite, such as an Eastern Orthodox Christian, in that party's church's setting. In such a case, failure to obtain a dispensation makes the marriage illicit but does not invalidate the marriage.)

Additionally, if a Catholic wishes to marry a non-Christian, he must first obtain a dispensation from his bishop in order for his marriage to be valid. To receive such a dispensation the Catholic party must declare that he is prepared to remove dangers of defecting from the Catholic Faith and he must sincerely promise to do all that is in his power to raise offspring resulting from the marriage in the Catholic Church.

The non-Christian spouse must be informed of the Catholic party's obligations and promises in this regard, and both parties must be instructed about the essentials of marriage that cannot be excluded. Failure of the Catholic party to obtain a dispensation from his bishop before entering into such a marriage impedes a valid marriage from coming into existence. As such, it constitutes grounds for annulment.

In next week's column I will finish my teaching on validity of marriage and specifically address the two questions that started this series of teachings.



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My Dear St. Matthias Parishioners,

It gives me great joy to share with you that our parish has renewed our subscription to FORMED, a premier online platform filled with over 4,000 Catholic studies, movies, audio dramas, talks, e-books, and even cartoons for our children. FORMED has content from over 60 apostolates, including Augustine Institute, Ignatius Press, and the Knights of Columbus, with material that is professionally produced, engaging, and solid in its catechism. Best of all, this material is free to you.

Our parish will be using the material on FORMED to support our ministries and provide continuing education for staff members and parishioners, as well as outreach for our sick and homebound members. Much of FORMED's content is available in both English and Spanish.

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Are you hesitant to return to the Sacraments after a long absence? Watch *Forgiven: The Transforming Power of Confession* or listen to The Lamb's Supper by Dr. Scott Hahn.

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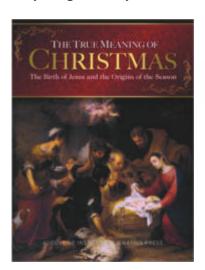
Do you search for a reliable source of Catholic teaching on current issues? Tune in each week to *The Augustine Institute Show with Dr. Tim Gray* or view Symbolon: The Faith Explained.

Have you despaired of finding good movies that your family can enjoy together on a Friday night? Start with *Mother Teresa*, the story of the selfless saint who brought hope and love to the poorest of the poor. For young children, watch Brother Francis episodes.

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My hope and prayer is that the content on FORMED will enrich, deepen, and inspire your faith. Please pray for the people at the Augustine Institute who create this wonderful and much-needed Catholic content for our people.

If you wish to make a donation to subsidize this subscription for the Parish, please feel free to make a check payable to St. Matthias Parish, note in the memo "Formed," and place in the offertory basket. Thank you for your generosity.



May you have a blessed Christmas and Happy New Year! Rev. James B. Farnan, Pastor

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FAITH LIFE - CHILDREN'S PAGE



GOSPEL

The angels shared the good news about Jesus so people could worship him, too. Maybe it was the way they glowed when they sang about Jesus. Maybe it was the words or the tune of their songs. After the angels left, those shepherds were curious enough to stop what they were doing and look for Jesus themselves. When they found him, they were thrilled. Everything the angels told them was true.



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St. Matthias Prayer Requests for 2021

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We pray for all those who are ill or infirm, asking the Lord for his consoling grace to heal those in need.
We also remember all those in personal care/nursing homes.

Pray for those in the Military



Mychael Barzanti, (US Air Force, Guam); Joshua Boyle, SSGT (US Army, Fort Knox, KY); Jessica Breuer (US Air Force, Korea), Andrew Buchtan, (US Army Specialist, Houston, TX) Sam Cuss, (US Navy Petty Officer Third Class, Oceania, VA); Wendy Dickerson (US Navy, Jacksonville, FL); Anna Farnan (US Navy); Elizabeth Farnan (US Navy); Joseph Farnan (US Navy); Michael Farnan (USMC); Petty Officer 1st Class Elizabeth Fedora Gillum (Andrews Air Force Base); Capt. Aaron Lazuka D.D.S. (US Army, El Paso, TX); Airman Justin Maddich (Incirlik, Turkey Air Force Base); Emily Phillips (USMC) & Brandon Phillips (US Army); Lieutenant Colonel Luke Vitolo (Air Force, Doha, Qatar); Lieutenant Colonel John Vitolo (Air Force, Colorado Springs, CO); Lance Corporal Ryan Woods (USMC, 29 Palms, CA).

Military and Veterans Prayer

Dottie Hopkins

Heavenly Father, thank you that you defend your people with your mighty hand. Please hear my prayer as I lift up our military and veterans before you now. They work tirelessly to defend our country. Bless and protect them Lord and use their work for the good of our nation and your glory. May they know your presence with them at this time. May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with them always.

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Merciful God,
We entrust to your unfailing
and tender care, those who are ill or in pain,
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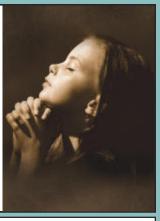
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