

Sunday, January 2, 2022 | THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (Year C)



# SAINT MATTHIAS PARISH



*We are the caring, healing, vibrant Catholic Eucharistic faith community, who celebrate and promote the grace and Divine Mercy of God through prayer and service.*



## THE EPIPHANY *of the Lord*

December 25, 2021

*"Since from you shall come a ruler,  
who is to shepherd my people Israel." - Mt 2:6b*

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### WORSHIP SITES

#### **ST. ANN**

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#### **ST. MARCELLUS**

1340 Jefferson Rd,  
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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](http://www.stmatthiasgreene.org)

## Reconciliation

Confessions are held on Saturdays,  
11:00 am to 11:30 am - schedule below:

### 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:

January 2, thru January 15, 2022

St. Hugh  
Mark Harris  
by Lechner and Voytek Families

St. Ignatius  
Gertrude Opolinsky (Anniversary)  
by JoAnn and Terry Barzanti

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

## PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

- ◆ Parish offices resume normal weekday schedules on January 3rd
- ◆ CCD resumes on January 3rd and January 9. See schedule below

### 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

### Monday, January 3

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 Elementary CCD (Grades 1-5)

### Tuesday, January 4

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 MOSAIC Choir Practice (New members welcome)

### Wednesday, January 5

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

### Thursday, January 6

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 noon

### Friday, January 7

8:25 am St. Hugh Rosary before Mass  
9:30 am St. Hugh Eucharistic Adoration following Mass

### Saturday, January 8

11:00 am St. Ann Good Neighbor Lunch until 12:00 noon

### Sunday, January 9

9:30 am St. Ann CCD (all grades)  
10:00 am St. Ignatius CCD Class (grades 1-8)  
10:15 am St. Hugh CCD, after Mass (Middle School-grades 6, 7 & 8)  
4:00 pm St. Hugh 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  
Your financial support is greatly appreciated and  
vital to the life of the parish.

## Diocese of Pittsburgh

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator Office: 412-456-3093  
Diocesan Victim Hotline: 1-888-808-1235  
PA ChildLine: 1-800-932-0313  
Call 911 immediately if a child is in danger.

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## MASS INTENTIONS SCHEDULE

### 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 (\*please note Mass time rescheduled to 12: noon)

#### 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

### MONDAY, January 3 - The Most Holy Name of Jesus

8:00 am St. Ann Ruth Davin by Maria Halow

9:00 am St. Hugh Helen Yalowsky by Stephanie Grandel

### TUESDAY, January 4 - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

9:00 am St. Hugh Velma Severini by Keith and Mary Martin Family

9:00 am St. Marcellus Sister Roberta Kiroi by the Members of the Choir of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish

### WEDNESDAY, January 5 - St. John Neumann, Bishop

9:00 am St. Hugh Paul Blasinsky by the Dan Atcheson Family

6:30 pm St. Ann Frank J. Roth by Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Roth

### THURSDAY, January 6 - St. André Bessette, Religious

9:00 am St. Hugh Cecelia Chambers by Michael and Mary Jo Kelecic

9:00 am St. Ignatius Edward Joseph Cech by sister, Edna Guritza

10:00 am Rolling Meadows Frank J. Burch by Santino and Emma Barchiesi

### FRIDAY, January 7 - St. Raymond of Peñafort, Priest

8:00 am St. Ann Laura, Genevieve and Ron Ames by Ames Family

9:00 am St. Hugh Living and Deceased Members of the Altar Rosary Society

### SATURDAY, January 8 - Vigil: Baptism of the Lord

4:00 pm St. Ann Allie Smith by Jackie Smith

6:00 pm St. Hugh Stephen Klamerus (Anniversary) by wife, Margaret and Children

### SUNDAY, January 9 - Baptism of the Lord

8:30 am St. Ann For the People of St. Matthias Parish

9:30 am St. Hugh William Klamerus by Klamerus and McCombs Families

10:30 am St. Marcellus Tom Pavick by Richard Yeager

11:30 am St. Ignatius Deceased Members of the Holy Name Society

#### 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.

## FAITH LIFE



### “ASK FR. FARNAN”

To finish my teaching on marriage we will address the specific questions asked.

It is important to note that any grounds for annulment must be present at the time consent is exchanged on the wedding day. Similar factors that show up later in the marriage do not, of themselves, constitute grounds for annulment. Indeed, a spouse who intends on the wedding day to always be a faithful spouse might change their mind later. So a spouse’s infidelity years into the marriage does not necessarily mean that the marriage is null.

On the other hand, unfaithfulness at any point in the marriage might be considered by the marriage tribunal to be evidence of a spouse’s exclusion of the element of unity at the time the marriage was contracted. Such matters are for the sole determination of the tribunal.

A party seeking an annulment is not obliged to determine precisely which grounds impeded a valid marriage from coming into existence. They can and should cooperate with the marriage tribunal’s questions and remember that the ultimate determination of grounds for annulment rests with the Church. While there may be multiple grounds that could be considered, determination of a single invalidating factor is all that is necessary for a declaration of nullity.

Grounds may be applicable to only one party, but that is all it takes to declare a marriage null. Indeed, a marriage tribunal may find a single factor that can be quickly and easily ruled on and, therefore, not consider any other factors. For example, in the case of a lack of form an abbreviated documentary process is often applied.

In some cases, no grounds for annulment will be found, even after appeals have been exhausted. In such cases it is crucial to keep in mind that the authority to make a determination of nullity rests solely with the Church who governs all the sacraments. The Church has stressed that the “internal forum” is not sufficient for the determination of nullity. Civil divorce might be necessary for the protection and care of the spouses and their children (see the *Catechism* 2382-2386), but, unless the Church declares that marriage null, its validity must be upheld. Faithful followers of Christ must heed Jesus’ words, “What therefore God has joined together, let not man put asunder.” (Matt. 19:6).

So, in the question about the father that remarried after the mother died to a woman who was divorced, further investigation would have to be done to see if the woman is free to marry. If she was in a valid marriage that ended in a divorce than he is correct. He can’t receive Holy Communion since he is living in an adulterous marriage or a state of sin, until her marriage is determined to be null.

With the question about the divorced mother and father, and the mother who goes to church every Sunday, if the mother has not remarried and was not the abandoning party, she is already free to go to Holy Communion and doesn’t need the annulment. And to the father who says if an annulment is granted that will make the children illegitimate, that is incorrect since there was a civil marriage making the children legitimate even though there was not a sacramental marriage.

Finally, I think one of the most beautiful things in our Church is the beautiful witness of a long and faithful marriage. Thank you to everyone who works to preserve this most important vocation.



## FAITH LIFE

### 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 (\* please note Mass time rescheduled to 12:00 noon)

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

### INFANT NEEDS DRIVE

In support of Catholic Charities Infant Needs drive, St. Matthias Parish invites you to encourage family, friends, CCD Classmates, parishioners and neighbors to contribute most need items.

#### **The most needed items are:**

#### **Diapers, Wipes and Similac Formula**

Advanced or best Alimentum would be great, but any similac formula would help tremendously. Similac is the brand used for WIC and in an effort not to change a Baby's formula, similac is most preferred.

You may drop off your donations at any of St. Matthias' churches — before or after their scheduled Masses. Collections of baby items will begin next weekend through January 30, 2022.

Thank you for the most precious gift of all — LIFE!!  
God bless you!

### PARISH SURVEY MAILING

All registered members of St. Matthias Parish will receive a mailing in early January consisting of a letter and questionnaire from our newly appointed pastor, Rev. James B. Farnan.

Please complete the questionnaire and return it to the appropriate box provided at each entrance of our churches.

If you do not receive this mailing you may not be registered as a member. You may register on our website at [www.stmatthiasgreene.org](http://www.stmatthiasgreene.org), click **About Us**, then **Join the Parish** or by calling one of our parish offices:

St. Ann at 724-627-7568 or  
St. Hugh at 724-966-7270.

The letter and questionnaire will also be available at the churches' entrances.

**Please complete and return your questionnaire before February 1, 2022.**

### 2021 Contribution Records

A total of your 2021 year-end contributions to St. Matthias Parish are available for income tax purposes at the parish offices. If you would like to have your copy mailed or emailed to your home, please call or email the one of the parish offices with your request.

**St Ann Office:** 724-627-7568 or  
[saintannchurch@comcast.net](mailto:saintannchurch@comcast.net)

**St. Hugh Office:** 724-966-7270 or  
[sthugholcpc@windstream.net](mailto:sthugholcpc@windstream.net)

*Office hours can be found on the front of this bulletin.*



*May God be with you through the New Year  
and fill your life with comfort, love and cheer.  
May the days ahead, hold many blessings for you and yours.  
Happy New Year!*

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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION — CCD NEWS

### CCD CLASSES ARE NOW IN SESSION AT ALL SITES.

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

### CCD CLASSES RESUME

St. Hugh , Monday Elementary CCD resumes on January 3, 2022.

All Sunday CCD classes resume on Sunday, January 9, 2022 , at  
St. Ann, St. Hugh, and St. Ignatius.

For more CCD information visit our website: [www.stmatthiasgreene.org](http://www.stmatthiasgreene.org) > Religious Education.  
Or contact Linette Kerr, at [linetekerr@windstream.net](mailto:linetekerr@windstream.net).

## CCD CHRISTMAS PAGEANT CAST at ST. HUGH



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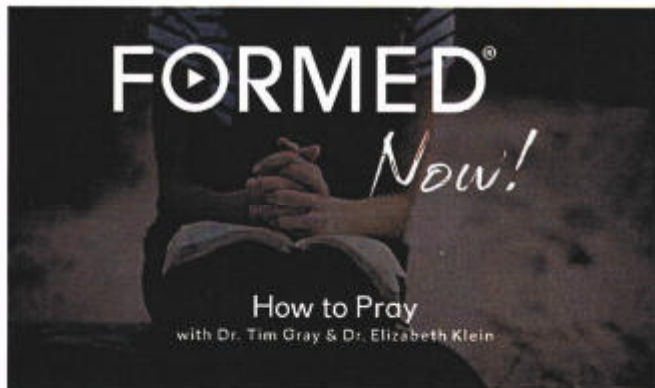
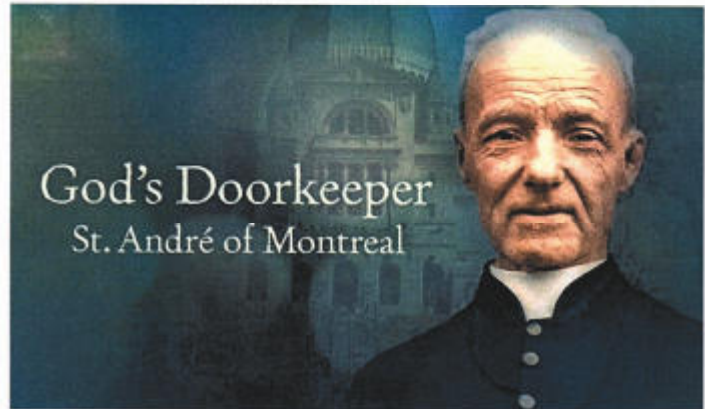
PICK OF THE WEEK

January 2, 2022

WATCH

## GOD'S DOORKEEPER: ST. ANDRÉ OF MONTREAL

This week, we celebrate the memorial of a humble doorkeeper, St. André of Montreal. Learn how this man became a great saint through his small acts of love!



## FORMED NOW! HOW TO PRAY

Whether you are a veteran in the spiritual life or are just beginning, start this year off right by recommitting yourself to prayer! Join Drs. Tim Gray and Elizabeth Klein as they discuss ways to kickstart your prayer life this year!

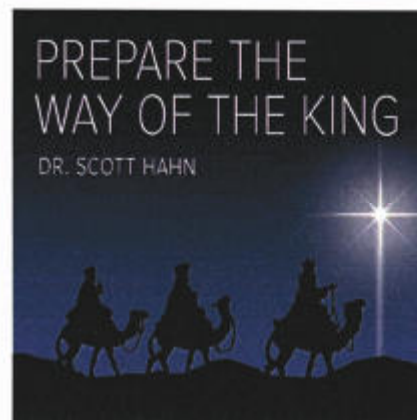
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LISTEN

## PREPARE THE WAY OF THE KING BY DR. SCOTT HAHN

As we celebrate the Epiphany, Dr. Scott Hahn explains how we should understand the three Magi and their gifts to the Lord!

- St. Matthias Parishioners follow these steps:
- Go to <https://signup.formed.org/>
  - Enter our parish under "Greene County"
  - Enter your name and your email address
  - That's it! You're in.



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## FAITH LIFE

### ST. MATTHIAS YOUTH GROUP PEPPERONI ROLL SALE

The St. Matthias Youth Group will hold a pepperoni roll sale at all St. Matthias churches the weekend of **January 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, following all weekend Masses.**

Your freewill donation supports the activities of our Youth Group students in grades 7 through 12.

Students are needed to help

⇒ **prepare Pepperoni Rolls on Friday, Jan. 7.**

Come any time between 4:30 to 7:30 pm at St. Ignatius Social Hall.

~ Bring a rolling pin and a friend.

~ Pizza for dinner and a movie ("Star") afterwards.

⇒ **bag Pepperoni Rolls on Saturday, Jan. 8,**

from 12:30pm to 1:30pm at St. Ignatius Social Hall.

⇒ **sell Pepperoni Rolls Jan. 8 & 9 after weekend Masses**

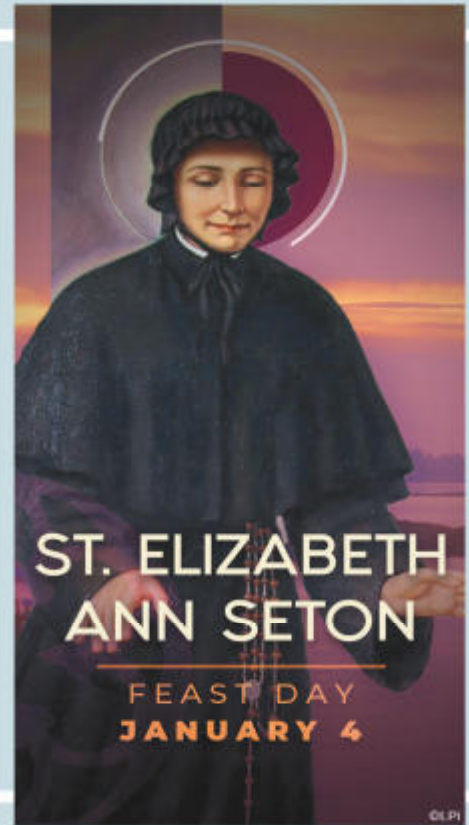
at all churches on Saturday, Jan. 8, & Sunday, Jan. 9.

**To help sell, please have your parent contact:**

Melissa Kirsh ([stannreligiousedgmail.com](mailto:stannreligiousedgmail.com)) for St. Ann 4:00pm & 8:30am Masses.

Linette Kerr ([linettekerr@windstream.net](mailto:linettekerr@windstream.net)) for St. Hugh 6pm & 9:30am Masses and St. Marcellus 10:30am Mass.

Jennifer Dickerson ([jenniferdickersonwindstream.net](mailto:jenniferdickersonwindstream.net)) for St. Ignatius 11:30am Mass.

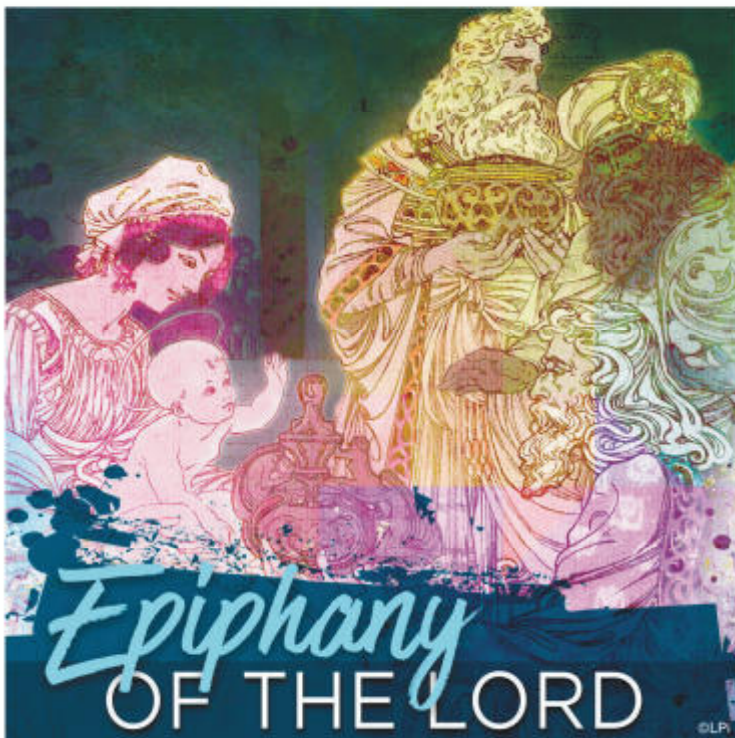


### Saint of the Week

The patron saint of Catholic schools, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (August 28, 1774 – January 4, 1821) was born in New York City to a prominent family of the Episcopal faith. When she turned 19, she married a wealthy businessman with whom she had five children. He later died of tuberculosis in 1803, leaving her a young widow. After discovering the Catholic faith in Italy, where her husband had died, she returned to New York and converted to Catholicism in 1805.

After several years struggling as a single mother, Elizabeth moved in 1809 to Emmitsburg, Maryland, where she founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph, the first community for religious women established in the United States. She also began St. Joseph's Academy and Free School, which started a chain reaction of Catholic-based education in the United States that continues today.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was canonized September 14, 1975 in St. Peter's Square by Pope Paul VI and was the first citizen born in the United States to be given the title of "saint."





## FAITH LIFE — CHILDREN'S PAGE

# GROWING

WITH THE *Gospel*

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## GOSPEL

The Three Wise Men told Herod about a King being born. Herod was jealous. He did not want another king to be more powerful than he. Herod told them to come back and tell him where the baby was. They thought Herod was truly interested in Jesus. After they gave him their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, an angel warned them, "Go back a different way. Herod wants to kill the baby Jesus."



## COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



*St. Matthias Prayer Requests for 2021*

Ester Adriano	Denise Dillow	Janice Howard	Carl Miller	Nancy and Tom Tanney
Angie Aguilara	Betty Dillinger	Alan Jarrell	Linda Mosier	Susan Teagarden
Erika Almond	John Dobrunick	Robert W. Johnson	Michael Mulholland Jr.	Marlee Ann Thomas
Evan Almond	Mark Dolan	Patty Jones	Marian Nopwasky	Brittney Trich
Mildred Bair	Bob Doman	Nancy Juracko	Charlene Sommers Offutt	Fr. Daniel Valentine
Rev. John Bauer	Dennis Doriguzzi	Lucy Kamauf	Randy P.	Lee Walker
Kate Beale	Helene Dulaney	Frank Keller	Desetta Palmer	Shirley Walker
George Bellish	Dianne Dulick	Martina Keneipp	Donna Parish	Cyathia Walters
Kim Belmont	Kathy Durr	Kaitlyn Kennedy	Suzanne Pascuzzo	Christopher Watson
Patty Bennett	Charles Elko	Gail King	Barbara Pattinato	Helen Wesolowsky
John Bokin	Cassie Fascetti	Tracy Kiger	Kevin Phillips	Jim White
Daniel Bradmon	Cindy Fascetti	Dennis Kirby	Brad Pitcock	Natalie Whitlatch
Fr. Don Breier	Al Fleming	Bernadette Klamerus	Julia Plasko	Diane Williams
Bill Brock	Angela Fontana	Eddie Kocerka Jr.	Susan Radcliff	Jonella Williamson
Nancy Brown	Raymond Frazer	Billie Kozlowski	Phyllis Rhodes	Jackie Wlazlowski
Patty Brozik	Ted Froats	John Kozlowski, Sr.	John "Jack" Rock	Grace Elizabeth Wolfe
Todd Burns	Alan Frye	Janie Kowalewski	Frank Roth	Matthew Zabrosky
Lloyd Burroughs	Patricia Galloway	Paul Kurincak	Pat Roth	Larry Zahand
Shirley Burroughs	Lacy Garcia	Hope Leydig	Caroline Roupe	Cathy Ziefel
Jorge Caraballo	Barbara Gera	Debbie Lippert	Lori Beth Rush	
Butch Cassiday	Alysia Ginsburg	Frank Lippert	Gert Sagosky	
Bob Cerjanec	Sheryl Giovannelli	Shawn Lohr	Lee Sarp	
Charlene Chulick	Karl Gdovka	Walt Lohr	Jean Scott	
Carol Clish	Mary C. Grove	Kathy Lorenzi	Kierstyn Sendling	<i>We pray for all those</i>
Florence Commons	Mary Grybos	David Ludrosky	Deacon Jim Sheil	<i>who are ill or infirm,</i>
Andrew Corfont	Edna Guritza	Janet Maddich	Brian "Beep" Shimek	<i>asking the Lord</i>
Mary Ann Cox	Jimmy Hagyar	Mel Markulik	Andy Simkovic	<i>for his consoling grace</i>
Andrew Cubic	Agnes Haiden	Alma Marisa	Patricia Simkovic	<i>to heal those in need.</i>
JoAnne Dayton	Jax Harris	Rudy Marisa	Michelle Sroka	<i>We also remember all those</i>
Rosanne Defibaugh	Crystal Harvey	Nikki & Matt Matovich	Jimmy Stevenson	<i>in personal care/nursing homes.</i>
Bruce DeHaas	Darla Hayhurst	Elizabeth Matyus	Justin Stephenson	
Lexi DeHaas	Mike Henry	Leslie Matyus	Jimmy Straight	
Daneille Desrosiers	Kathy Hereoux	David Mayle	David C. Stuvek Sr.	
Brenda Devecka	Dottie Hopkins	Lynn McClary	Alex Swauger	

*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 1<sup>st</sup> 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**

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, knowing that whenever danger threatens, your everlasting arms are there to hold us safe.

Rest your healing hand upon them, and restore them to health and strength; Through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
Amen.

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