

THE HOLY FAMILY

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The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him. - Lk 2:40

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. Dec. 28 8:30am No Mass

Wed. Dec. 30 Noon No Mass

Thurs. Dec. 31 4:30pm For Our Parish Family

Fri. Jan. 01 10:00am For Our Parish Family

Sat. Jan. 02 4:30pm Salvo & Silvio Barile Req. by Graziano Canini

John Dunklee Req. by Rosemary Rodak

& Cathy Dunklee

Sun. Jan. 03 9am For Our Parish

Michelle Bozek Req. by Deacon Jim & Sue Hensel Bernice Mayeran-Klos Req. by Sharon & Tom Zbizek

Marge Tavedian Req. by Theresa O'Bey

11am For Ray & Joy Moss on their 40th Wedding Anniversary

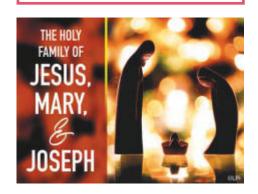
Kacie Paul Req. by Peggy Fox



Heavenly Father,
welcome Home those whom you
have called from this world,
especially:

$Grace\ Rysztak$

and all the souls of our faithful. May they rest in peace. Amen



PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Steve Anderson
Jim Bearden
Kelly Beaudry
Joan Bischoff
Jerry Borycz
Florence Bozek
Boyington Family
Angela Bunio
Cathy Burdis
Ricky Canini
Jack Cyrul
Eileen Durham
Faith Falzon
Ashley Aaron Farkas
Janet Fleis
Mike Fusco

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Bob & Dolly Kluba

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Keith Pares Patrick Patton

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Kathryn Piotrowski
Annette Puczkowski

Debbie Robarge Bill & Rose Rodriguez Florence & Ed Rysztak Emma Scaramella Sean Schaefer Tom Shafer Jack & Nancy Shea Dianne Shekell Delores Stark Lois Studt

Lois Studt Natalie Tanana Helen Tasiemski George & Jackie Tindall

Roberta Troher
Doris Urbanski

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If there are any names that can be $\underline{\text{removed}}$ from our Prayer List, please let us know by calling 734-425-4421.

OUR ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE MEMBERS

CPT Joey Saunders, U.S. Marines; Joseph David Onadia, U.S. Navy; PVT Marcus Rodriguez, U.S. Army

Parish Mission Statement

The Parish of St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy, inspired by Mary's "Yes" and led by the Holy Spirit, strives to be a faith-filled community, joyfully welcoming all to witness and to celebrate the Gospel.

Queen's Quotes from Religious Formation

Christmas Greetings and Salutations,

Today is the Feast of the Holy Family, of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. In today's Gospel we hear that after the birth of Jesus, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream telling him to take the child and the mother to the land of Israel. As Joseph learned Archelaus, son of Herod, was ruling Israel, Joseph was afraid to go there. They instead went to Galilee, because Joseph was warned in a dream, the Holy family went and dwelt in a town called Nazareth; so the prophets could be fulfilled, "He shall be called a Nazorean."

We know through this reading that the Holy Family had great fidelity to God. They faithfully followed his command to flee Egypt and return after Herod had died. They went to a foreign country leaving friends, family, and livelihood behind. In Nazareth, Jesus learned about virtue, obedience, and holiness from his parents. The Holy family is an icon of family life. Life built on Faith, Fidelity and Love. What are some of your families' qualities? What do you have in common with the Holy Family? Plan a special outing with your family or a fun day/night indoors.

Have a great week everyone and I wish you all a happy and healthy 2021!!!

Just for laughs...Where do mistletoe go to become famous? "Holly"wood. Ahhhhh hahahahaha

Happy New Year! Sabrina Queen

Special Announcement regarding Faith Formation sessions for 2021. Due to ongoing pandemic concerns this is our plan for the new year; FF Families, please be advised grades 2, 6, 7, and 8 will resume to in person classes on January 4, 2021. We are keeping the home school Pflaum curriculum for grades K, 1, 3, 4, 5 and will not return these grades to in person until the Fall of 2021. Thank you for your cooperation. Sabrina Queen - Director

NOTES FROM PAUL

Happy Feast of the Holy Family! I hope everyone had a great Christmas, no matter how you spent it this year. I also hope that you are continuing Christmas joy by continuing the celebration. As brothers and sisters in Christ, we are also part of the Holy Family. My hope for this year is that, just like our earthly families, when we have disagreements with those in our Holy Family, we can move past them. 2020 has been a year that has divided us in many ways, I hope that 2021 will be the year of forgiveness and healing.

While the obligation for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (January 1st) has been lifted this year, I want to remind everyone that we have a Mass on the 31st at 4:30 pm, and one on New Years Day at 10 am. Even if you can't make the Mass in person this year, I hope you take a few moments this week to pray that this new year will be one of rebuilding. Maybe if we all make a resolution to work towards Peace and Healing, God will find many willing hands to do his work.

God bless you,

Paul Zbytowski

Pastoral Associate.

Evangelization and Christian Service Coordinator

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Just a quick reminder that there will be no high school youth group meeting on December 28 due to Christmas break. We will resume our socially distance meetings on Monday, January 4, 2021 from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Jesus, the Reason for Christmas

Jesus, that in remembering your birth this Christmas let us guide our thoughts towards the reason for this celebration.

Let us feel joy in your presence and thank the Father for such a beautiful gift.

Let us always bear in mind the reason why you came to the world. Amen.

Merry Christmas to you and your families!

Carol Nelius.

Coordinator of Youth Ministry



FIRST READING

The Lord took Abram outside and said,
"Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can.
Just so," he added, "shall your descendants be."
(Gn 15:5)



PSALM

The Lord remembers his covenant for ever. (Ps 105)



SECOND READING

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; he went out, not knowing where he was to go. (Heb 11:8)



GOSPEL

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom;

and the favor of God was upon him. (Lk 2:40)

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WORSHIP & MEDITATION



GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Tragedy and disappointment are inevitable. What sees you through this? There will be challenges, changes, unexpected circumstances, interrupted plans, hurts, and injustices experienced by every human being at some point in their lives. We will be asked to adjust our plans, change course, and even encounter suffering and death. Where do we learn all of the lessons we need to live life well? Some of them we learn along the way but much of what we bring to life, positive and negative, comes from our early beginnings, our families. This is our early world and provides the blueprint for how we see the bigger, more inclusive world, which unfolds before us.

Our families of origin can be sources of grace, heartache or a combination of both. Families are intended to be pivotal in providing us with proper social structure and understanding, a support system, lessons about relationships and communication, and the unconditional acceptance and love we so desperately crave. They can also determine whether we have an accessible and healthy relationship with God. Many of life's challenges can literally bring us to our knees and require that we possess a strength of character that resides well beyond the superficialities of our world. At some point we will all need three coping gifts that can be given to us only by God: faith, hope, and love. Our families help us learn that we are not the ones responsible for their creation, but God!

Our experience of early family life colors all of our relationships and what we expect to achieve from life in general. Resolving conflicts, dealing with difficulty and suffering, celebrating accomplishments, prioritizing our needs, listening to God's call, understanding relationships, understanding disappointment, learning about the virtues and living a centered focused life are all lessons our families either succeed in teaching or do not. To succeed, as God has designed and ordered our world, is to discover his presence and then trust that Presence. The Holy Family can teach even the most dysfunctional family how to best use God's gifts of faith, hope, and love to find him and do his will. Their simple humble example is always before us, showing us the way. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!

St. Mary Cause of Our Joy 2020 CSA Goal is \$81,710 85,000 75,000 Shortfall = \$13,012 65,000 55,000 45,000 35,000 25,000 Parish Families: 807 15,000 Pledges: 298 Participation Rate: 37% 5.000 \$68.698

<u>Offertory</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
12/13/20	\$ 12,191	\$ 9,195 \$	2,996
12/06/20	\$ 11,831	\$ 9,195 \$	2,636
11/29/20	\$ 7,023	\$ 9,195 \$	(2,172)
11/22/20	\$ 7,336	\$ 9,195 \$	(1,860)
Fiscal Year	<u>Actual</u>	Budget	<u>Variance</u>
FY 20-21	\$ 222,362	\$ 220,671	\$ 1,691
FY 19-20	\$ 238,225	\$ 263,040	\$ (24,815)

CHRISTMAS WEEK SCHEDULE

Monday, Dec. 28 No Mass Tuesday, Dec. 29 No Mass Wednesday, Dec. 30 No Mass

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Thursday, December 31 Vigil of Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God 4:30pm

> New Year's Day Friday, January 1 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God 10:00am Mass

The Parish Office will be closed from Monday, Dec. 28—Friday, Jan. 1. The office will open on Monday, Jan. 4th.

Come and Pray the Rosary with us!

Wednesday Evenings at 7pm in the church. Bring your family Invite a friend! Next rosary will be Wednesday, December 30th.

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY MINISTRY

Join us for FIRST SATURDAY Rosary and prayers to the Immaculate Heart at 4pm and Mass at 4:30pm this Saturday, January 2, 2021. All Masses are in English.



WE WELCOME THE PARISHES JOINING OUR FAMILY

Over the next year-and-a-half, all parishes in the Archdiocese will join together into groups that will work together, sharing resources and talents, to further advance the shared mission of our local Church to unleash the Gospel. We welcome the following parishes as they join us!

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Westland

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St. Thomas the Apostle Parish,

To learn more about the structure of Families in Parishes and other important information regarding the transition, visit www.familiesof parishes.org

NEW BOOK CLUB STARTING

Our next Book Club will feature the book "Conquering Coronavirus- How Faith Can Put Your Fears To Rest" by Teresa Tomeo. We will be discussing the book for 4 weeks on Tuesdays evenings from 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. via zoom beginning January 19 and ending on February 9.

Whether the coronavirus still threatens you, your friends, and your family or has harmed someone you love, these pages will ease your fears, heal your wounds, quench your sorrow, and bring you the consolation God provides to all who seek Him in pestilential times like these—times that are, in fact, not foreign to our ancient—Faith.

For in Christianity's two-thousand-year history, cruel persecutions and sudden, uncontrollable plagues like COVID-19 have time and again struck mankind, challenging Christians to rise up spiritually against evils that cannot immediately be conquered materially. Now our turn has come . . . along with the help we need to succeed. Here celebrated Catholic author and media host Teresa Tomeo has drawn forth from Scripture, the lives of the saints, and contemporary sources a healing balm for souls — believers and unbelievers alike — who have been shaken by the frightening evils thrust upon us by this coronavirus. With scores of emotional stories and practical weapons you can use to conquer this faceless enemy.

There is no charge to attend the book discussion. We are asking that you order and purchase your own book. The book is published by Sophia Institute Press. It is also available on Amazon. If you would like to register for the book discussion, please email Carol Nelius at youthministry@stmarycooj.org I will email you a zoom meeting link a few days prior to the first call in January.



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St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy

Office Hours—closed for now Monday to Thursday: 8:00am-4:00pm Friday: Closed

Mass Schedule

MON, THURS & FRI 8:30 am **WED** 12:00 Noon SAT 4:30 pm **SUN** 9:00 am 11:00 am

Confession

Saturdays: 3:30pm

Baptisms

Please call our Parish Office during regular business hours. Parish membership and preparation class required.

Marriage

Arrangements must be made registered parishioner at least six months in advance to allow sufficient time for instructions and preparation.

Anointing of Sick and Ministry to Homebound

Our pastor is available to visit upon request.

RCIA

(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) For those interested in becoming a full member of the Catholic Church. Please call the office.

Hearing Devices are available. Please see our music director in the choir area.

Bulletin Articles due by 9 am on Monday (5 days prior to publication). Submitted bulletin content is subject to approval.

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Readings for the week of December 27, 2020

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-

2,3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk

2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

Monday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8/Mt 2:13-18 Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35 Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18 Thursday: Friday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28 Saturday:

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12



Rosemary Rodak and all our newly registered members! Eucharistic Exposition

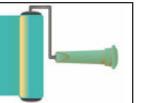
> Wednesdays 12:30—3:00pm

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ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

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