

# ST. MARY, CAUSE OF OUR JOY

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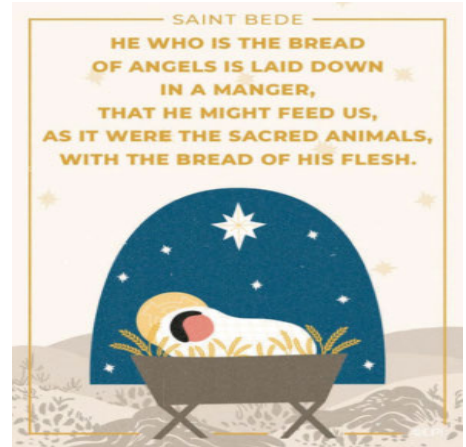
Merry  
Christmas!

AND THE WORD BECAME FLESH

JOHN 1:14

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Tues.</b>	<b>Dec 27</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>Dec 28</b>	<b>12 Noon</b>	+Frank & Nora Bozzardi Req. by daughter, Delima +Chuck Heil, Sr. Req. by Rose Marie Heil +Silvio Barile Req. by Graziano Canini
<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>Dec 29</b>	<b>8:30am</b>	+Elaine Anne Poznanski Req. by Rena Presbitero +Margaret Humbach Req. by Margaret Layborn
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>Dec 30</b>	<b>8:30am</b>	+Silvio Barile Req. by Graziano Canini +Margaret Humbach Req. by Elaine & Mike Minder
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>Dec 31</b>	<b>4:30pm</b>	+Cynthia Hessenbruch Req. by mother, Lisa Mitchell +Margaret Humbach Req. by Elaine & Mikel Minder
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>Jan 01</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	+Cynthia Hessenbruch Req. by mother, Lisa Mitchell
		<b>11:00am</b>	Wayne Weiss Req. by Mary Lou Davis Margaret Humbach Req. by Mike & Nancy Humbach



### PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Office will be closed the week after Christmas. There will be no Masses on Monday, Dec. 26th or Dec. 27th.

## PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Sean Armstrong	Betty Gable	George Marko	Kim Quinn
Pat Bader	Alisa Gardner	Barbara Martin	Shelly Rizzo
Kelly Beaudry	Julia Gardner	Rob Martin	Debbie Robarge
Fr. Jerry Bechard	Emily Gnacke	Dennis & Kathy McCann	Rosemary Rodak
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Angela Bunio	Susan Hancock	Bob Militzer	Tom Shafer
Cathy Burdis	Eileen Harris	Selena Montez	Jack & Nancy Shea
Dan Burke	Deacon Jim Hensel	Debbie Moore	Kathy Sielaff
Hope Carew	Becca Hoffman	Ashley Murphy	John Socia
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Earl & Elaine Copeland	Chris Karpinski	Donald Oesterwind, Jr.	Ann Terry
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Nan Fry	Robert Malecki	Annette Puczkowski	Henry Zajac
Mike Fusco	Connie Marble	Wayne Pringle	Sandra Zannis

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

## OUR ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE MEMBERS

Capt. Tim Duff, U.S. Army; CPT Joey Saunders, U.S. Marines;  
Marine Sgt. Leven Smith; U.S. Marines; PVT Marcus Rodriguez, U.S. Army; William Albright, U. S. Air Force

### 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,

Let me take this time to wish everyone a very MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM FAITH FORMATION! May your day be happy and bright! I found the following trivia in my readings this week. Please enjoy!

### Christmas Song – The Twelve Days of Christmas

From 1558 until 1829, Roman Catholics in England were not permitted to practice their faith openly. Someone during that era wrote this carol as a catechism song for young Catholics. It has two levels of meaning: the surface meaning plus a hidden meaning known only to members of their church. Each element in the carol has a code word for a religious reality which the children could remember.

The partridge in a pear tree was Jesus Christ.

Two turtle doves were the Old and New Testaments.

Three French hens stood for faith, hope and love.

The four calling birds were the four gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

The five golden rings recalled the Torah or Law, the first five books of the Old Testament.

The six geese a-laying stood for the six days of creation. The seventh day God rested and wants us to rest with him too.

Seven swans a-swimming represented the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit.

The eight maids a-milking were the eight beatitudes.

Nine ladies dancing were the nine fruits of the Spirit – Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self-control.

The ten lords a-leaping were the Ten Commandments.

The eleven pipers piping stood for the eleven faithful disciples.

The twelve drummers drumming symbolized the twelve points of belief in the Apostles' Creed.

May God's Blessings of this wonderful day be with us All!

Peace and Joy,

Sabrina Queen

*DRE - St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy*

*Director of Discipleship -Nankin Family of Parishes*

If anyone needs an Ark..... I Noah guy! Christmas Giggles!

## NOTES FROM PAUL

Today is the day that we remember that Jesus was born long ago, and that he will come again. Many books have been written about this mystery of our faith, but all I want to say is Merry Christmas. I hope each one of you have a chance to stop and celebrate how much God loves us. The fact is that he was willing to be born a human baby in order to save us. You are an individual, and a very important person. Thank you for the gift that you are to the world. I pray that you will find peace and happiness this next year, and that the love of God will burn bright in each one of us.

God bless you,

Paul Zbytowski

*Pastoral Associate/Evangelization and Christian Service Coordinator*

– St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy

*Director of Engagement/Director of Mission Support*

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## MUSINGS FROM THE MUSED

The tradition of music on Christmas is older than the church itself. It was a heavenly host of angels praising God that first sang of our savior's birth, and when we sing Christmas music we participate in that divine tradition. If we examine closely the lyrical content of this first Christmas song, we see a deep spiritual message is contained. "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests." We sing these words in our own Gloria every Sunday outside of advent and lent, yet do we let the weight of their meaning into our souls? The angels of heaven, as so many sweet hymns of Christmas proclaim, sang not only of the awesome glory of God, but also of peace.

Peace in the world is worth praying and singing for, but this special peace of the heart God gives us - we do not have to hope for, the Lord himself gives us his peace as a freely given gift which conquers all darkness. What a treasure we were given on Christmas, the Prince of Peace. Let us share this precious gift of peace with all the world, through song, word and deed. Merry Christmas!

Aidan Rickel,

Music and Worship

## YOUR SUNDAY TOTAL CONTRIBUTION REPORT

<u>Date</u>	<u># of Gifts</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
12/11/22	359	\$15,532	\$10,294	\$5,238
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## NANKIN FAMILY OF PARISHES MASS TIMES

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Saturday 4:00pm (English)

Sunday 8:30am (English), 11:30am (English) 2pm (Spanish)

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Tuesday and Thursday 9:00am

Saturday 5:30pm

Sunday 10:00am

To know more about our Family please check out our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/NankinFamilyofParishes>.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

The entire Staff at St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy wish all of you a very Merry Christmas. May this great celebration of Jesus' birth help to remind you of the great love God has for all of you.

**Forever Young Seniors...**

Merry Christmas!! Happy Birthday Jesus! Our next meeting will be a week later than usual on Monday, January 9, 2023 at 10:00am in the Small Hall. We will have the Installation of new Officers. Chairperson: Diane Fredrickson, Treasurer: Fran Niemiec, Secretary: Marlene Chwalek and Financial Secretary: Ann Findysz. Lunch will be provided by Chef Ann Pape.

**Bianco bus trips:**

Sun, Feb 12, 2023 – DSO "Frank & The Ladies" \$124 due by Jan 2, 2023

Tues, March 21, 2023 – Firekeepers Casino \$48 due by March 6th

Thurs, April 20, 2023 – Ohio Wine Tour \$115 due by April 3rd

**Note:** the bus trips are open to everyone. See flyers in the Gathering Space for more info.

Maryann Sligay -- 734-525-3737

**FLOCKNOTES**

Are you new to the parish? Do you ever feel like you are missing out on "up to the minute" news? Worried about weather closings?

You can sign up for Flocknote by going to: <https://app.flocknote.com/StMaryCauseofOurJoy> or text "COOJ" to 84576

**Pray the Rosary with us!**

Wednesday evenings at 7pm in the church. Bring your family. Invite a friend! We also have rosary on Friday mornings at 9am and before Mass on Saturdays.

**Nativity Sets for a Display Walk Wanted**

A vulnerable and innocent baby in the midst of an animal stable is a captivating image. When the baby in the middle of the scene is considered by millions and millions of people to be the very embodiment of God, this image becomes more telling. Christmas time in the Christians life should be a time to remember, receive and proclaim what God has done through a little baby named Jesus.

This year St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy would like to continue this tradition of the displays of different crèche or nativity scenes in our social hall. We have a diverse membership here at St. Mary's and would like to view any and all, especially if you have one from foreign countries.

We want to see as many as we can, including more whimsical ones that children can relate to. We would like to highlight the cultural diversity of each crèche on display, while honoring and celebrating the common theme that runs throughout—the birth of Jesus. Fr. Shafique will bless every nativity set brought in.

We will have the display on the **weekend of January 7th & 8th**. If you would like to participate or have questions, please call the Parish Office at 734-425-4421 to reserve a space in our social hall.

### Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas eve 4:30pm Mass & Midnight 12:00am  
*Sing-A-Long* 11:00pm

Christmas day 9:00am Mass & 11:00am Mass

### Christmas Week schedule

Monday, Dec. 26	No Mass
Tuesday, Dec. 27	No Mass
Wednesday, Dec. 28	12 noon Mass
Thursday, Dec. 29	8:30am
Friday, Dec. 30	8:30am

### New Year's Eve

Vigil of Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God 4:30pm Mass

### New Year's Day

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God 9:00am & 11:00am Mass

### A Christmas Message from Fr. Shafique

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Christmas is the celebration of the Christ – Mass. Christmas is the day when we remember, with the celebration of the Mass, that God came as the Christ or the Messiah to be our savior. The celebration of Christmas reminds us that God is with us - Emmanuel.

In the past two years we were faced with many spiritual and emotional challenges in our parish community as many experienced the loss of a loved one, the loss of work, the loss of family gatherings, the loss of in-person education or the loss of our communal celebration of the Mass. It has affected us all in different ways. As we grieve and look back, we are called to focus on the newborn Christ, the light of the world. He is here to enlighten us with his light and with his presence with us in the midst of uncertainty. He brings hope in our life. Let us pray that this joy and hope remains with us as we prepare to journey into New Year.

The backbone of our parish are those who volunteer and our staff members. We have a long list of those dedicated and committed members too numerous to mention. As your pastor, I treasure the gift of you and the dedication, sacrifices, and hard work you have shown to make this parish a beacon of Christ's love and joy and I say THANK YOU. Once again, I ask you to remember your parish church at Christmas. Your continued financial support is sincerely appreciated.

Let us not forget that we are a "Mission-Oriented Parish". This time of the year is a perfect time for you to ask a family member or friend who has stopped attending Mass to come along with you. We are all asked to reach out to those who, for whatever reason, have chosen not to attend Mass or the sacraments.

Allow the light of Christ to penetrate deep into your hearts and souls so that rediscovering your faith, renewing your commitment to Him, you will truly have a blessed and Merry Christmas. May our Lord Jesus Christ, born in Bethlehem, bless you, your families and loved ones at this blessed time of hope and grace. Maranatha and Don't be afraid

I, together with Deacon Jim Hensel and the parish staff, wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

*Fr Shafique Masih*

### JOYFUL WOMEN

The Joyful Women want to thank all the women who came to the Advent Tea. We have a special thanks for Father Shafique and Aidan Rickel. They added to the joy and excitement of the event. The Joyful Women wish everyone a very Joyful Christmas! Our next meeting is Jan. 18th at 7pm in the small hall. All women of the parish are invited. Women can be Members at Large or join a Circle. Come and join the fellowship of Catholic Women.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



**MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL**  
 from  
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### Office Hours:

Monday and Wednesday: 9am-4pm

Tuesday and Thursday: 9am-2pm

Friday: Closed

Please call the office  
to make other arrangements

### Mass Schedule

TUES	7:00 pm
WED	12:00 Noon
THURS & FRI	8:30 am
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 by 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 4pm on Friday (9 days prior to publication). Submitted bulletin content is subject to approval.

## DIRECTORY

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### Readings for the week of December 25, 2022

Sunday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 (2a)/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20 Day: Is 52:7-10/

Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3])/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Monday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Wednesday 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8/Mt 2:13-18

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35

Friday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18

Next Sunday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-2

## MEMORARE

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, we fly unto thee O Virgin of virgins, our Mother. To thee do we come. Before thee we stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word



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