



Saint Mary's Catholic Church of Piscataway



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| Pastor: | Rev. Timothy K. Baer (#101) |
| School Principal: | Miss Lysie K. Reavis (#131) |
| Director of Religious Education: | Miss Ellienne Planchet (#104) |
| Director of Music/Liturgy: | Dr. Eran Lupu (#106) |
| Facilities Manager: | Mr. Royston Voglezon (#102) |
| Parish Administrative Assistant: | Ms. Michèle Fulk (#100) |
| Parish Bookkeeper: | Ms. Tomuke Ebuwei (#107) |
| Parish Business Coordinator: | Ms. M. Pascual (#103) |
| Parish Finance Committee Chair: | Mr. Louis Rizzo |

Weekend Masses

Saturday ~ 4:00 p.m., Main Church

Sunday ~ 8:00 a.m., Our Lady's Chapel

9:30 a.m., & 12:00 p.m., Main Church

Weekday Masses

Monday through Friday; ~ 8:15 a.m.

Holy Day Masses

Please refer to the bulletin prior to the Holy Day for the schedule.



Founded in Colonial Catholic History in 1640
+
Canonically Established in 1830

Welcome to our new parishioners and visitors!

**Be sure to introduce yourself to our pastor after Mass.
Registration forms are available in the gathering area
of the Church, at the Parish Office,
and on our website.**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FOR CHILDREN

—Infants: Newborn children of at least one Catholic parent should be baptized as Catholics shortly after their birth. Parishioners with newborns should complete a Baptismal preparation form (available online or hard copy) and call Fr. Baer at the Parish Office to schedule a preparation class. Baptisms typically do not take place in Lent.

—Children younger than 7: are baptized "as infants." See above.

—Children 7 and older: if unbaptized, these typically receive Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the annual Easter Vigil, after preparation. Contact Miss Ellienne Planchet at the Parish Office to arrange preparations (301) 292-0527 #104.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)

Saturday ~ 3:00 to 3:45 p.m. in the Church, or by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

For a valid marriage, no matter who he or she marries, a Catholic must marry in the Catholic Church before a Priest or Deacon and at least two witnesses, unless he or she receives a dispensation from the Church. The bride or groom must be a parishioner of St. Mary's. Call Fr. Baer at least 6 months in advance to arrange monthly preparation classes. As a Catholic Church, we are bound to observe the Rite of Marriage as prescribed in the Roman Ritual, and to observe additional diocesan and parish policies. Weddings are typically done on Saturdays, starting no later than 1:00 p.m., in either the Main Church or Our Lady's Chapel. Weddings typically do not take place in Lent. Musical arrangements must be made with our Music Director, Dr. Eran Lupu at (301) 292-0527 #106.

FUNERALS

If a Vigil service for the deceased is desired, please arrange for a viewing or wake at the funeral home of your choice. A priest or deacon will gladly come to the funeral home and celebrate the Vigil Service. There are no viewings or wakes in the Main Church or Our Lady's Chapel at St. Mary's.

To prepare a Funeral Mass in either the Main Church or Our Lady's Chapel, please call the Parish Office [(301) 292-0527] in order to arrange an appointment with a priest. As a Catholic Church, we are bound to observe the Order of Christian Funerals as prescribed in the Roman Ritual, and to observe additional parish policies.

For burial arrangements in our parish cemetery, please call the Archdiocese of Washington Office of Catholic Cemeteries at (301) 932-1766. A representative will meet with you at our Parish Office.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Required for unbaptized adults who wish to become Catholic. Non-Catholic Christians who wish to be received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church, baptized Catholics who wish to receive Confirmation and/or Eucharist, as well as any other inquirers are welcome. Sessions are on Mondays at 7:00 p.m., in the Parish Conference Room, starting in September. Call Miss Ellienne Planchet at (301) 292-0527 #104 to discuss your situation.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR)

All parish families' children in grades K-8 who do not attend Catholic school should enroll in this program. Weekly classes begin in September on Sundays from 10:45 a.m.—11:50 a.m.. Please call Miss Ellienne Planchet at (301) 292-0527 #104 to register.

HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE SICK

To arrange for a home "Communion call" contact the Parish Office.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION WEEKLY TIMES

We are always in need of more adorers to make a "Holy Hour" before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament at Our Lady's Chapel. Contact Anne Marie Ramsey (202) 368-7189, to "sign-up" for an hour within the following times:

Tuesday ~ No Adoration

Wednesday ~ 8:15 a.m. Mass to 7:00 p.m.

Thursday ~ 8:15 a.m. Mass to 7:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet, 6:30 p.m.

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL OF PISCATAWAY

Around the Parish



Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults—Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Come to the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, or "RCIA", the next session is Monday, January 6, at 7:00 p.m., in the Parish Conference Room.

Coming does not mean you have to join the Church, but it does mean you will learn about our great Catholic Faith. Call Miss Ellie Planchet at 301-292-0527 x 104 or religion@smsp.school.

On The Horizon...January

~Eucharistic Adoration resumes January 2nd.

~Mary, Mother of God Holy Day of Obligation Masses: December 31st, at 7:00 p.m., Main Church
January 1st, at 10:00 a.m., Main Church

~Parish Offices will be closed Wednesday, January 1st

January Fundraiser

*Knights of Columbus Baby Bottle Collection Distribution begins December 28/29. Collection every weekend in January.

February Fundraiser

Sodality of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Collection of baby things for Forestville Pregnancy Center every weekend in February.



WE NEED YOU! "As a gift from God, every human life is

sacred from conception to natural death." You've heard it said time and time again... it takes a village! Meaning, one, two or even three people is not enough to fight for life. We need you! Would you prayerfully consider attending a meeting on January 7, at 7:00 p.m., in the Parish Hall, to learn about how you can be a part of this very important ministry. Questions? Please contact any of the following:

Paola Carts cartsfamily@alacarts.net
Andrea Camardella acamardella27@yahoo.com
Shannon Bell shannon0bell@gmail.com

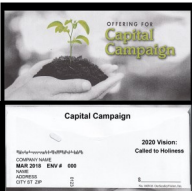


Nina says—Please, visit St. Mary's Church of Piscataway Facebook page at :

<http://www.facebook.com/StMarvysPiscataway>
"WOOF, WOOF, ARF, ARF!"



5th Sunday Rosary Program—The Knights of Columbus will support a rosary, led by brother Knight Bob Ryan, Sunday, December 29, after the 9:30 a.m. Mass. The Knights will provide the pamphlet, "A Guide to Praying the Rosary" as well as free rosaries to those who do not have one. Please join the Knights of Columbus in this devotion. Questions? Contact Don Ramsey at (301) 868-0694 or donramsgk5482@gmail.com



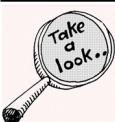
For those of you who have pledged, use the envelopes as they fit in with your frequency of payment throughout the year(s).

For everyone else, use this envelope as you would any other envelope. This contribution goes to the Capital Campaign only.

Please note that this is a different fund from the Maintenance Fund so do not use the Maintenance envelopes for the Capital Campaign and vice-versa.

IMPORTANT: When making out your checks, please use a separate check for the 2020 Vision Capital Campaign.

Go to saintmaryspiscataway.net for online giving.
Call the Parish Office (301) 292-0527 for information.
To pledge, use the pledge card in bulletin. Thank you!



Pamphlets—There are some fantastic pamphlets for you to take home and read. You can find them in our pamphlet rack on the right-hand-side of the Main Church Baptistry when looking toward the Sanctuary.

Welcome Parish School of Religion for the 2019-2020 school year: PSR (1/05)! Children in Kindergarten through 8th grade who do not attend a Catholic school should be registered. PSR classes take place every Sunday from 10:45-11:50 a.m.,. Children in 2nd grade will be preparing for the First Penance and First Communion this year with one retreat before each sacrament. 7th and 8th graders will be preparing for Confirmation. Confirmation students will also attend two retreats during the course of the school year.

Registration may be done either on line anytime (<http://www.saintmaryspiscataway.net/religious-education>) or in person. Registration fees are as follows:

Late Registration is any time after September 1st. One student-\$75, two students-\$140, three students-\$195.

Confirmation Sessions for Year 2/8th Grade on Thursday, January 9, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 pm, in the 5th Grade Room.

Confirmation Sessions for Year 1/7th Grade on Thursday, January 16, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., in the 5th Grade Room.

All 7th & 8th Grade Students must register for Confirmation.
Adult Catechesis has been postponed until further notice!
These sessions run from 10:45 a.m. to 11:50 a.m. in the 8th Grade Classroom.

The PSR fee can be mailed to St. Mary's Church of Piscataway at 13405 Piscataway Rd., Clinton, MD 20735-4564 OR hand delivered to Michèle Fulk in the Parish Office. Make checks payable to **St. Mary's Piscataway**.

Contact Miss Planchet with any questions at (301) 292-0527, #104 or religion@smsp.school

St. Mary's School of Piscataway

- ✧ **Christmas Break**—Monday, December 23 to January 5. Classes resume Monday, January 6
- ✧ **Monday, January 20**—School Closed/Dr. M. L. King, Jr.
- ✧ **Friday, January 24**—End of the 2nd Quarter/Early Dismissal at 12 noon/March for Life in D.C.
- ✧ **Sunday, January 26 to Saturday, February 1**—Catholic Schools Week
- ✧ **Sunday, January 26**—Open House, 1:00-3:00 p.m.
- ✧ **Friday, January 31**—Report Cards Sent Home
- ✧ **School Open House**—9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- ✧ **Thursday, February 6**—2nd Quarter Honor Roll Assembly, 2:00 p.m., Parish Hall
- ✧ **Friday, February 7**—School Open House, 9:00 a.m./Early Dismissal 12 noon



Retrouvaille—Is your marriage going down the right road? Or is it a little off track? The holidays can be a very stressful time for many couples. Looking for a better way?

Retrouvaille can help and offers hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal. For confidential information about or to register for an upcoming program, please visit: www.HelpOurMarriage.com, call (443) 400-7017, or email: 3015@retrouvaille.org



2020 Diocesan 2nd Collection
(Archdiocese of Washington)



Jan. 5

Archdiocese of Military Service

Archdiocese of Military Service—The AMS receives no funding from the U.S. Government or U.S. Military in support of its effort to provide pastoral care and services to the AMS faithful spread across the globe (1.8 million Catholic men, women & children) and who face constant transition and uncertainty. The programs and services offered by the AMS are the same as those readily available to Catholics in every other U.S. diocese. Thank you for your continued generosity!

For more information go to: <https://www.milarch.org/>

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL OF PISCATAWAY

From The Pastor's Desk



Eucharistic Adoration:

† Adoration is in Our Lady's Chapel after Mass (Approx. 9:00 a.m.) until **7:00 p.m.**, Wednesday, and Thursday (Devotions and Benediction).

† We need to be sure to have adorers the whole time the Lord is exposed. At least two people at a time would be ideal.

† Save Eucharistic Adoration through your commitment to be in the presence of the Lord for a full hour of adoration.

† We cannot provide this devotion without your participation.

† Please contact Anne Marie Ramsey, at (202) 368-7189, to sign up for an hour. *We especially need adorers to commit to every Wednesday: 3:00-4:00 p.m., Wednesday, & Thursday: 11:00-12:00 p.m. 2:00-3:00p.m. Wednesday, & Thursday.* Thank you. **No Adoration January 1st! Resumes January 2nd!**

COME SPEND TIME IN THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD!



...to all of the "Caretakers" of St. Mary's Church and School—Please make sure to fill out a Hall Usage Checklist Form after every event occurring after school hours. The list is on the kitchen door. There will be forms in the kitchen for you to use. Thank you.



CALLING ALL FAMILIES WITH STUDENTS IN GRADES 8-12!

Could you please take a minute to fill out a brief form online? The form includes questions concerning the March for Life and the Steubenville Summer Youth conference. St. Mary's is planning to take a group to the youth rally/March for Life in Washington, D.C. on January 24, 2020. Additionally, the Steubenville Summer Youth conference is a wonderful opportunity for teens to travel to Ohio for a weekend of prayer, Adoration, Confession, Mass, dynamic speakers, music, and more! If you have a child interested in either of these events, please fill out the form found at <http://www.saintmaryspiscataway.net/religious-education>. Much more information is forthcoming, but in the meantime please contact Ellie Planchet at religion@smsp.school or (301) 292-0527 #104 with any questions.



Nina would like to remind everyone that St. Mary's Church of Piscataway is a place of prayer where Jesus lives in the Blessed Sacrament. Please, keep a reverent and respectful silence before, during and after Mass. Please, be respectful of the Lord and those speaking with Him in prayer. Please, also arrive on time for Mass so that all the graces of the Holy Sacrifice will be yours. Remember to turn off or silence all electronic devices before entering. Thank you!

Bible Sharing has been cancelled for December 25th and January 1st for obvious reasons. They will resume on Wednesday, January 8th.



Important Donation Information—

We would like to thank everyone who has supported St. Mary's Church and School during this 2019 calendar year with their time, talent and financial contributions. We look forward to the support from all of our members in the new 2020 year ahead. Realizing that some people wait until the end of the year to make sizable donations, we want to remind everyone that contributions are recorded on the date that they are received regardless of the date on the envelope or other source document. **Therefore, for contributions to be recorded for the year 2019, they must be received in the office by December 31, 2019. Contributions received after December 31 will be credited toward 2020.**



Adorers—Just a reminder that during the winter months, Eucharistic Adoration and other evening events will not be held when St. Mary's School is closed due to inclement weather, such as snow, freezing rain, or ice, as announced on the radio or television. If there is a delay in opening the school, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed to correspond with the opening of school or at the discretion of the pastor. Mass is always held if the priest can get to the church.



Spirituality and Evangelization Friday Night

Gatherings—Friday's at 7:00 p.m., in the Parish Hall. Come hear and discuss many pertinent topics. Please call Anne-Marie Ramsey at (202) 368-7189

THE ADVENT OF THE "ADULT CHOIR" AT 9:30AM

MASS—Our current members are on-board with changing their lives to sing at the 9:30 a.m. Mass. As of the First Sunday of Advent, now's your chance to join them. As it stands, the "adult" choir sings the same songs as at the other Masses; leading the congregation in song, not replacing them and not "performing". That said, there are occasional "harder pieces", but those are the ones everyone will complement you on. The choir practices on Thursdays, at 7:15 p.m., in the Main Church. Contact Dr. Eran Lupu, our Director of Music/Liturgy, at eranlupu@icloud.com



Children's Bulletins—in the Main Church Baptistry on the table under the Priest Biographies, there is a "Kids" bulletin for ages 3-6 and one for ages 7+. There are activities that go along with the Biblical text for this week's message, readings and Gospel. Pick up a copy for your children's use. Later, at home when convenient, go online to games.childrensbulletins.com and enter the Secret Code at the bottom of the front page to access games and activities.



Children's Choir—Mondays from 3:00-4:00 p.m., in the Main Church. Open to all children of St. Mary's Church and School of Piscataway. Choir practice is in preparation for School Masses, including all Holy Days of Obligation. Please register with Mr. Hardwick at the school 301-292-2522, or with Dr. Eran Lupu at eranlupu@icloud.com



Sunday TV—Do you know someone who can't get to Mass? Please tell them about the Sunday TV Mass, which is produced by the Archdiocese of Washington and taped in the Crypt Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. The Mass airs every Sunday, at 10:30 a.m., on Ch. 50. • Comcast: **Ch.3** in Prince George's County and Southern Maryland • RCN: **Ch. 15** • Verizon: **Ch. 3**.

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St. Mary's School of Piscataway

Discover the difference!

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

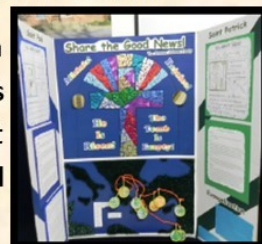
The students, faculty and staff of St. Mary's School would like to wish one and all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We at St. Mary's believe it is important to instill in our students a Christ-centered education, while at the same time instilling in them the Spirit of Christ and his beliefs. It is through Him that all things great and small are possible.

We endeavor to embody the Christmas Spirit, not only in December, but throughout the year and to live up to the four themes of Advent: Hope, Faith, Joy and Peace everyday. This year our students helped spread the Advent message by:



Bringing *HOPE* to those confined to a Nursing Home during the holidays, many of whom have no family nearby. To let the residents at Fort Washington Nursing Home know that they are remembered, the students prepared Christmas cards for the residents to spread Hope and Joy to them during the Christmas Season.

To show the importance of *FAITH* in our daily living, in addition to the Advent Season, in May the students participated in the Faith Fair. Each family created a project based on the subject of missionary saints and evangelism. The projects were on display in the School for students, families and visitors to view.



To forward the message of *HOPE*, the Junior National Honor Society sponsored a toy and book drive for St. Jude's Hospital. They asked for donations of toys and books to be sent to St. Jude's Hospital thereby giving joy to the children battling disease and in the hospital at Christmas. Their generosity gives us all Hope for a brighter future for these children.



The students of St. Mary's hope to achieve *PEACE* through kindness. We recently had a peace/kindness assembly. TAHIRA, a representative for young audiences arts for learning came and talked about the importance of kindness. She gave a presentation to all classes where she sang songs and told stories about kindness. One class recites the kindness pledge each day, "I pledge to myself on this very day to try and be kind in every way. From every person big and small I will help them if they fall. When I love myself and others too, that is the best that I can do."

If this is a message you would like to send your child, please feel free to contact us at 301-292-2522 or visit us on our website at StMarysPiscataway.org to schedule a tour or get more information.

We all hope you had a Merry Christmas and wish for you a New Year filled with Hope, Faith, Joy and Peace, as well as kindness.

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH | DECEMBER 29, 2019

| Parish Week Events: | | Current Week's Mass Schedule | |
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| The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph Sunday, December 29 | K of C 5th Sunday Rosary—10:30 a.m., (Main Church) K of C Baby Bottle Distribution | Monday, Dec. 30 | Day 6 Octave of Christmas |
| Monday, December 30 6th Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord | Food Pantry for Workers—8:00 a.m. to 12 noon Morning Mass —8:15 a.m., (Our Lady's Chapel) | 8:15 a.m. | For all of our Military |
| Tuesday, December 31 <i>St. Sylvester 1</i> | No Morning Mass 7:00 p.m. Vigil Mass, (Main Church) | Tuesday, Dec. 31 | Mary, Mother of God Vigil Wilma Costales Brown (+) |
| Wednesday, January 1 <i>The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God</i> | Morning Mass—10:00 a.m., (Main Church) No Adoration Today Parish Offices Closed Happy New Year! | Wed., Jan. 1 | Mary, Mother of God (HDO) Edwin Foster (+) |
| Thursday, January 2 <i>St. Basil the Great</i> <i>St. Gregory Nazianzen</i> | Morning Mass—8:15 a.m., (Our Lady's Chapel) Adoration after Mass until 7:00 p.m., (Our Lady's Chapel) Choir Practice—7:15 p.m., (Main Church) | Thursday, Jan. 2 | St. Basil the Great & St. Gregory Nazianzen For all our Homebound & Sick |
| First Friday, January 3 <i>Holy Name of Jesus</i> | Morning Mass—8:15 a.m., (Our Lady's Chapel) | Friday, Jan. 3 | Holy Name of Jesus Holy Name Society |
| Saturday, January 4 <i>St. Elizabeth Ann Seton</i> | 3:00 p.m. Confessions, (Main Church) 4:00 p.m. Mass, (Main Church) K of C Baby Bottle Distribution/Collection | Next Weekend's Mass Schedule | |
| Epiphany of the Lord Sunday, January 5 | K of C 5th Sunday Rosary—10:30 a.m., (Main Church) K of C Baby Bottle Distribution/Collection | Saturday, Jan. 4 | Vigil 4:00 p.m. Anthony Miguel Cabotaje (+) |
| | | Sunday, Jan. 5 | The Epiphany of the Lord 8:00 a.m. St. Mary's Piscataway Parishioners 9:30 a.m. Lydia Catama 12:00 p.m. Clyde & Mary Blandford (+) |

The names listed next to a specific Mass indicate an act of love for a living or deceased member of a family or a friend. If you would like to schedule a Mass for a specific date, or intention, please contact Michèle Fulk, in the parish office at (301) 292-0527, or parish@stmarvspiscataway.org.

Mass intentions are filled on a first come, first served, basis.

Please note: The Mass Intention applies, whether or not it is announced at Mass.

Customary Donation: Mass Intention—\$10 per Mass.

SANCTUARY LIGHT: For the week of Sunday, December 29, to Saturday, January 4, 2019

The Sanctuary Light will burn this week in the Main Church for the intentions of Luz Isidro. From Luzviminda Isidro

The Sanctuary Light will burn this week in Our Lady's Chapel all of the Souls in Purgatory.

ADORATION CANDELABRA: For the week of Sunday, December 29, to Saturday, January 4, 2019 Eucharistic Adoration resumes January 2nd.

The Left-side Candelabra will burn this week in Our Lady's Chapel for the intentions of all unborn babies.

The Right-side Candelabra will burn this week in Our Lady's Chapel for the repose of the souls of all unborn babies.

Customary Donation: Sanctuary Light or Adoration Candelabra—\$10 per Week

MEMORIAL FLOWERS: Customary Donation: \$55 for one arrangement (Our Lady's Chapel or Main Church), \$100 for two arrangements (OLC or MC), \$150 for all three flower arrangements (Main Church, only) No memorial flowers during the Advent or the Christmas Season.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK: Mary Allen, Brian Ashby, Catherine Beck, Judy Bednar, Don Benedict, Brendamarie Smith-Bottorf, Michael L. DeMoulin, Fr. Michael Bryant, Harry Burton, Leonard Carter, Paul Carter, Jr., Alan Champaloux, Lois Cuzzo, Scot Cuzzo, Darlene Davis, Dawn De Chance, Shari Deeb, Julieta Diamante, Anju Diggs, John Diggs, Mary Ann Estes, Brice Ewing, Justin Faulkner, Ernestino Figueroa, Jr., Anita and Joe Foley, Theresa Fox, Bill Gates, Amy Gray, Cathy Gwiazda, Mable Henson, Carol Hickey, Rusty Hickey, Mario Hilario, Margaret Hornsby, Normita Ijadunola, Soddy Johnson, Carol Kapitan, Karl Athanasius Kim, Enid King, Steliana Krue, Jerry Laguilles, Jr., Frank Loeffler, Jr., Felis Luña, Judy Manion, Ruth Mararac, Steve Maresch, Bill Maxwell, Diane Miles, Janet Miller, Joseph Murphy, Jules Olive, Carmelita Penafior, Walter Raley II, Eddie Randall, Shanda Reece, Jim Ritchie, Susan Ritchie, Marco Rodriguez, Heather Rosales, James Rudasill, Greg Scheirer, Leanne Marie Schilero, Grace Schlosser, Gabrielle Sellers, Veronica Shourdes, Joseph Sienkiewicz, Eva Sikora, Eric Simon, Priscilla Simms, Anna Simpson, Katherine Smith, Shirley Smith, Kathy Tesi, Lorraine Thompson, Thelma Tilman, James Conrad Townes, Charlotte Vigneault, Gil Vigneault, Marcel Vigneault, Rena Walzel, Paul Watson, Margaret White, Samuel Willett, Marie C. Williams, Elizabeth Windsor, and Joyce Windsor. *Names will remain on the above prayer list for at least 60 days.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR BELOVED DEAD: Liam Enzo Abaquita, Diane Adkins, Vaughn Alexander, Sabina S. Amper, Ferdinand "Fred" Joseph Anthor, David Antroinen, Rodolfo Aquino, Xavier Angelo Aragona, Margaret Frances Gallahan Baden, Judith V. Banks-Johnson, Martha Nadine McDay Barbour, John Bednar, Eleanora Frances Parker Beswick, Cierra Marie Bijou, Margaret Hayden Blewitt, Josefina Borbon, Yvonne Bernadette Brooks, William "Bill" Patrick Burns, Anthony M. Cabotaje, Leonora T. Canlas, Roberto Santillan Castrence, Jr., Patricia Cornes, Francis Jerome Countiss, Jr., Don Joseph Cuzzo, Sr., Stephen Jay "Steve" Dudzik, Christine Marie Delcoco, Joseph Dirocco, Jorge Dolojan, Shirley Dulaney, Karen Fitch, Mary Anne Fleming, Marie Gizele Fleurival, Robert "Sonny" Frazier, Raymond Ted Fugate, George Garner, Charles "Bud" W. Giannetti, Tomas B. Gomez, Mildred Medley Johnson, Jefferson Clarence Josephs, Ann Kane, Terence Kane, Terry Kane, Camelia Ghattas Khoury, Richard Kott, Helen LaCapria, Cecilia P. Lancaster, Thomas B. Lancaster, Wanda Marie Zackovich Larson, Victor Thomas Lee, Uraian Leidig, Visitacion "Betty" Lepesqueur, Elizabeth Cecelia Lewis-Davis, George Jerome Lewis, Mae Licitra, Florante Telavera Magali, Anna Catherine Maresch, John Michael Miller, Lillian Mudd, Josefino Mugol, Thomas Lee Munson, Cynthia J. Musgrove, Chris Navarra, Marjorie O'Neill, Chukwudi Obiora Ogbuawa, Arturo Padama, Frieda Padgett, Monina Palma, Marilyn Panke, Madeline Pell, Mary Frances Pender, George T. Petchel, Dorothy Louise Plater, Mildred Porter, Gina Powell, James Price, Genevieve Proctor, Leona Proctor, Ronald Proctor, Wilma Proctor, Ashton Robey, Virginia Robey, Lina Ruiz, Guillermo Sanchez, Athena Shearard, Dale Thomas Schilling, Dan Schoettelkotte, Patricia Ann Seaquist, Ursula Shows, Pearl Sienkiewicz, Paul W Simms, Frances Skotnicki, Bernice B. Smith, Joanna Catharina Smith, Thomas Milton Stansbury, Harry J. Stokes, Sr., Keith Darnell Swann, Sr., Maurice Thomas, Randy Thompson, Timothy Joseph Tierney, Frances C. Tilch, Dorothy Tyler, Dr. Suresh Verghese, Nora Voglezon, Emma Louise Washington, Mary Beatrice Washington, Thomas Bernard Washington, Timothy Washington, Charles "Charlie" Randolph White, Mary Evelyn White, Howard L. Whittington, Mary Willett, Margaret "Peggy" Williams, Linda Windsor, Mildred Windsor, Allen Dale Yates, Julia Claire Young, & Mary Young.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY: PFC Eric Bean, U S Army; Staff Sargant Brandon Fournier, USAF; LT. Laura Carls Hills, USCG; CWO2 Christopher Ramsey, USMC; and Capt. Stephen Voglezon, US Army. Please contact us if you have relatives in the military serving overseas.

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In the midst of the Christmas season, it is quite appropriate that our liturgy asks us to pause to consider the Holy Family. In today's Gospel, we hear about how Joseph protected Jesus from danger by relocating the family to Egypt in obedience to God. Following the model of the Holy Family, we might use this feast to recall the responsibility that each family member has to contribute to the good of the family and recommit ourselves to one another.

Gather together as a family to work on a common project. You might prepare a meal together, prepare a special dessert, or perhaps do a craft together. When you finish, talk about how each family member of the family contributes to the good of the whole family.

Recall that Jesus was also part of a family and that this Sunday we celebrate the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.

Read together today's Gospel, Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23. Pray together that your family will continue to protect and care for one another as Mary and Joseph protected and cared for Jesus.

Conclude in prayer together asking God to help us respect and honor our parents, especially at those times when we disagree with them.

JESUS, Son of God and Son of Mary, bless our family. Graciously inspire in us the unity, peace, and mutual love that you found in your own family in the little town of Nazareth.

MARY, Mother of Jesus and Our Mother, nourish our family with your faith and your love. Keep us close to your Son, Jesus, in all our sorrows and joys.

JOSEPH, Foster-father to Jesus, guardian and spouse of Mary, keep our family safe from harm. Help us in all times of discouragement or anxiety.

HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH, make our family one with you. Help us to be instruments of peace. Grant that love, strengthened by grace, may prove mightier than all the weaknesses and trials through which our families sometimes pass. May we always have God at the center of our hearts and homes until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with you. Amen.

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In today's Gospel, we learn that Mary honored her commitment to God by naming her child *Jesus*, the name given to him by the angel Gabriel. In Matthew's Gospel, Joseph is told to name the child *Jesus* because he will save the people. The name Jesus means "God saves." Even in his name, Jesus announces the mission he came to accomplish.

Your family might use today's feast as an opportunity to talk about names. Reflect together on the name of each member of the family. What does each name mean? Why was each person so named?

Read together today's Gospel, Luke 2:16-21. Recall that the name Jesus means "God saves." Think about how Jesus fulfilled the mission that his name suggests. Pray as a family that each family member will fulfill their mission to be faithful followers of Jesus, in whom we find our salvation.

Sing of Mary, pure and lowly, Virgin Mother undefiled.
Sing of God's one Son most holy, Who became her little child.
Fairest Child of fairest Mother, God the Lord who came to earth,
Word-made-flesh, our very brother, Takes our nature by his birth.

Sing of Jesus, son of Mary, In the home at Nazareth.
Toil and labor cannot weary Love enduring unto death.
Constant was the love he gave her, Though he went forth from her side,
Forth to preach, and heal, and suffer, Till on Calvary her died.

Joyful Mother, full of gladness, In your arms your Lord was borne.
Mournful Mother, full of sadness, All your heart with pain was torn.
Glorious Mother, now rewarded With a crown at Jesus' hand,
Age to age your name recorded Shall be blest in ev'ry land.

Glory be to God the Father; Glory be to God the Son;
Glory be to God the Spirit; Glory to the Three-in-One.
From the heart of blessed Mary, From all saints the song ascends,
And the Church the strain re-echoes Unto earth's remotest ends.
Conclude by praying the "Hail Mary" together.