



The Baptism of the Lord January 12, 2020

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11TH

5:00PM Nunzio Pelella req. by Pat & Family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12TH

8:00AM Anthony Mancinelli req. by Nancy & Ed Gurnee

9:30AM People of the Parish

11:00AM Joseph M. Rodelli, Sr. req. by Family

MONDAY, JANUARY 13TH

9:00AM Nina's Son req. by Joe Moloney

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14TH

9:00AM Henry Mische req. by Irene & Jeff

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15TH

9:00 AM Libby Manion req. by Minette & Mike Vanacore

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16TH

9:00AM Rose & Tony Pascale req. by Anthony & Sandy

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17TH

9:00AM No Mass

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18TH

5:00PM Pietro & Maria Buragina req. by Daughter, Olga

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19TH

8:00AM JC Gaspard req. by John & Carla Robinson

9:30AM People of the Parish

11:00AM Grace & John Manion req. by Libby & Jim Manion



WE ASK YOUR HEALING PRAYERS FOR...

healing prayers for all in our parish who are ill or recuperating from an illness. We also ask your prayers for family members who may be caring for spouses or parents who are elderly and unable to live alone.

TITHING REPORT

January 4/5: Total \$4842. 128 envelope users contributed \$2599; non-envelope users, \$2243.



Solemnity of Mary: \$1741.

We would like to reassure you that your donations **ALWAYS** remain in the Parish and are deposited in our General Operating Account to pay our bills and salaries. In fact, the main collections taken in both Our Lady of Mercy and St. Mary's and the Monthly Collection taken on the 4th Sunday of the month are weekly deposited in our Operating Account. As always, we are grateful for your support.



This weekend, parishes in your arch/diocese are taking up the National Collection for The Catholic University in Washington, DC. Located in the heart of the nation's capital, Catholic University offers graduate and undergraduate courses in more than 180 academic programs. By giving to the National Collection, you will help support more than 6,000 students who are seeking a faith-filled education at an institution that supports cutting-edge research in multiple fields. Your donation will also enable the continuance of The Catholic Project. Juxtaposed by philanthropic gifts, the Catholic Project is an initiative of the university that aims to help clergy and the lay faithful develop a deeper understanding of the lay vocation and principles for effective action in the wake of the recent Church crisis. Thank you for your generosity.



We would like to welcome all of our visitors and those of you who have "come home for Christmas and/or the New Year" to St. Mary's Parish to celebrate this most joyful time of the year! It is so good to see so many of you here with your families!

If you would like to continue to worship with us throughout the year or if you are new to the area and are seeking a church to attend, please take home a bulletin with our information on the cover.

We sincerely hope that you will continue to join us and become an active member here. Please call the rectory office at 845-236-4340 if you would like to register.

DIVINE MERCY MEETING

On the first Sunday of each month, the Divine Mercy Group will meet in the side room of St. Mary's Church. The Chaplet will be sung at 7:30.



The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be sung every first Saturday before the 5:00 Mass.

The second Sunday of the month, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy is recited in Our Lady of Mercy.

On the third Sunday of each month, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy is recited at 10:40 AM.

Pancake Breakfast – January 26, 2020 from 8:00 – 11:30 am in the Parish Hall.

Menu: Plain & Blueberry Pancakes, French Toast, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Coffee, Tea and Juice

Tickets: Adults \$9, Senior Citizens \$8, Children \$5 (8 and under are free)

Highlights from 2019: Donations to St. Mary's food pantry (twice), St. Mary's CCD program to sponsor two children, Baseball Miracles, 40 Days for Life, St. Mary's Parish Easter egg hunt on Divine Mercy Sunday, Sold roses to support Ulster Co. Right to Life, Co-sponsored Pancake Breakfast with Boy Scouts & Madeline's Dance Studio. We meet weekly to recite Chaplet of Divine Mercy and pray for our community and the world.

For more information on the organization's Mission Statement please contact, Jovita Kanz at friends06@icloud.com

TAX CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

If you would like written confirmation of your contributions to St. Mary's and Our Lady of Mercy Church for the past year, we will be more than happy to send you a statement upon request.

Please keep in mind that statements can only be provided to those parishioners who are weekly envelope users since we have no way to record contributions made by non-envelope users.

If you would like to begin using weekly envelopes, please call the rectory office and we will be happy to get you on the envelope mailing list. Thank you.

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“You know the word that he sent to the Israelites, as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ, who is the Lord of all, what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.”

The sights and sounds at the Jordan river are so familiar. The conversation of Jesus with His cousin, His desire to show full unity with humankind, the dripping water, the peace dove, the voice from the cloud. But the baptism did not end there. Jesus climbed up the bank and began His ministry.

One day when we were baptized, we began our missionary journey. Baptism for us is not an event, but our own first encounter with Jesus Christ. We were anointed with holy chrism, Christened, with power became dwelling places of the Holy Spirit and we move from the baptismal font to do the same work as Jesus ‘to go about doing good.’ Unfortunately, like a battery that is not used, it loses its power if not used, but like Jesus, God is with us to restore and enable that latent power.

May we renew our lives and our baptismal call.

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS
SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

This reading is a short passage from the second song of the Servant of the Lord. The Lord will show his glory through His servant whose mission is to restore Israel and bring salvation “to the ends of the earth.”

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

Paul sends greetings to the people of Corinth, who have been called to be holy and consecrated in Christ.

Gospel: John 1:29-34

When Jesus visits John, John recognizes Jesus as the “Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.” John further indicates that Jesus is truly the Messiah and “God’s chosen One.”

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Did you know that *that the Father Hanley Council #7266 of the Knights of Columbus meet on the third Thursday of the month?*

The next Knights of Columbus meeting will be this coming Thursday, January 16, 2020 in St. Mary’s Hall at 7:00 PM. All Knights are encouraged to attend. Any men of the parish interested in learning about the Knights of Columbus are welcome to attend or to contact Grand Knight, Dane Mannese at 845-264-3636 or at palletguys@aol.com for more information.

Now that the holidays are officially over as of today and our students are “back in the swing” of classes, we are beginning to prepare for our Second Graders’ First Reconciliation and Eucharist. Please note some important dates below for parents:

Mon., Jan. 20th – No Class in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Wed., Jan. 22nd – Parents of children receiving 1st Reconciliation and Eucharist will meet in the Parish Hall during your children’s class time. It is important that at least one parent is present.

Mon., Feb. 4th – No Class – Marlboro School Concert Evening

There will be a Funeral Mass for **Mary Noonan** on Saturday January 18th at 1 pm at St. Mary’s Church.

Any questions? Please call the Religious Ed. Office at 236-7791.

Our *Music Ministry at St. Mary’s and Our Lady of Mercy* have been active for several decades. We now find ourselves in great need of new members. If you can play an instrument or if you just like to sing, won’t you join us? All you need to do is be willing to join in. Please call the Rectory Office (or speak to any member of the group after Mass) Remember, when you sing, you pray twice!



The *Cleaning Crew* of St. Mary’s are looking for a few volunteers. Many hands make light work. If you are interested, please call Joann Woods at 795-5778.

Our *Sunday Liturgies are always in need of Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, and Altar Servers.* If you would like to participate, please call the Rectory or speak to Fr. Tom

47th Annual March for Life – Friday, January 24, 2020
Washington, DC

The world’s largest annual human rights demonstration’s theme for this year is “Life Empowers: Pro-Life is Pro-Woman.” The incredible history of the women who pioneered the women’s rights movement and their pro-life beliefs will be highlighted.

2020 marks the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment of the Constitution which guarantees women the right to vote. The movement to pass the 19th Amendment was led by women suffragists, considered the early pioneers of the feminist movement, who understood that abortion ends a life and harms women. These leaders include such women as Susan B. Anthony and Alice Paul, who said abortion is the “ultimate exploitation of women.”

“Courageous suffragists like Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton who fought for women’s rights to vote, also opposed abortion. Pro-lifers should be inspired by the early suffragists who understood the true dignity of women, and that every person, born and unborn, deserves equal rights and protection under the law,” notes Jeanne Mancini, President of the March for Life. “The success of the suffragists in achieving a guaranteed right to vote for women gives us hope that one day all persons, born and unborn, will be guaranteed the right to life.”

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