



**2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
January 19, 2020**

**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

**MONDAY, JANUARY 20TH**

**9:00AM** Libby Manion req. by John & Irena Morehead

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 21ST**

**9:00AM** Special Intention for Health & Blessing for  
L. James Morehead req. by John, Irena, Adam, Ola

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22ND**

**9:00 AM** Joey Cuomo req. by Bernadette Murphy

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 23RD**

**9:00AM** Andrew & Susan Bagatta req. by Bagatta Family

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 24TH**

**9:00AM** No Mass

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 25TH**

**5:00PM** Thomas K. Dicks, Sr. req. by Family

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 26TH**

**8:00AM** People of the Parish

**9:30AM** Lincoln Morehead req. by John, Irena, Adam & Ola

**11:00AM** Helen M. Keating req. by Libby & Jim Manion and  
Kate & Ed Sagarese



**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 11/12: Total \$4574. 122 envelope users contributed \$3149; non-envelope users, \$1425.



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.



Thank you for your generous contributions to last week's special second collection for The Catholic University of America! Your investment enables Catholic University to advance its work of preparing the next generation of leadership, both lay and religious, for our Church and nation.



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](mailto: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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**“John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said. ‘Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world... I did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he be made known to Israel. I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him... ‘On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’”**

The words of John the Baptist echo daily as we prepare to receive the Eucharist. Our attention is directed to the uplifted host and we are informed of the great fact that our saving Lord is present before us. How well do we know Him? How present is He to us? Two short questions capture an immense truth. I know Him, but need to know Him better. What is in my head, needs to transform my heart.

The Real Presence of Jesus in this sacrament of His love calls me to a more intimate union with Him. I look forward to His coming to me, I receive Him with deep reverence, and cling to Him.

As John saw Jesus coming to him and spoke so clearly, may our word of thanks for His coming to us be as deep and meaningful. ‘Your love and your grace give unto me and I am rich enough and ask for nothing more.’ (St. Ignatius of Loyola)

### **NEXT WEEK’S READINGS** **THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

#### **First Reading: Isaiah 8:23—9:3**

The prophet Isaiah describes the anguish of a conquered people, but he promises that they will triumph and will see a great light as on the “day of Midian.”

#### **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17**

Paul speaks to the Corinthians with both anger and indignation because they are quarreling among themselves as to whom they should show allegiance. Some wish to follow Paul; some, Peter; others Apollos; others, Christ.

#### **Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23**

Jesus begins his mission by going to Capernaum, fulfilling the prophecy of Isaiah. He selects Peter, Andrew, James and John as his disciples, inviting them to be “fishers of men.”

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**Did you know that** *that the Knights of Columbus launched the “Coats for Kids” program in 2009?*

The “Coats for Kids” program has given local councils the opportunity to put their faith into action and purchase new winter coats for children in their community. During the past ten years, nearly five hundred thousand coats have been distributed in forty-nine states and all ten Canadian provinces. Information regarding Marlboro’s Father Hanley Council #7266 involvement in this program will be in next week’s bulletin.

### **RELIGIOUS ED NEWS**

Now that the holidays are officially over 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.

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

With the **cold and flu season** upon us, we remind our Ministers of the Eucharist as well as our parishioners to use discretion when you are receiving from the Chalice, as well as offering the peace. You may bow or wave to your “neighbor” as a sign of peace, if you feel you may be “coming down” with an illness or are not feeling well. Thank you.



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