

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 21 - St. Mary
 Mass 4:30 p.m, Rosary at 4:00 p.m.
 Cathy Dinan Mallett by her Family

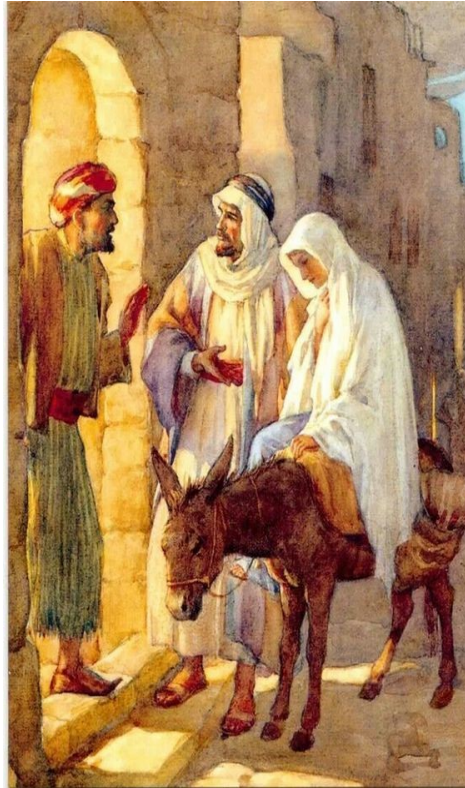
Sunday, December 22 - St. Ann
 Mass 9:00 a.m. Rosary at 8:40 a.m.
 For the Sick & Elderly

Monday, December 23 - St. Mary
 Mass 7:30 a.m.
 For the Poor Souls

Tuesday, December 24 - St. Mary
 Mass 4:30 p.m.
 Tom Fetter by Charlie & Peggy Franks

Tuesday, Dec. 24 - St. Ann
 Mass 9:00 p.m.
 John & Jan Kelbley by Lawrence & Phyllis Vensil

Wednesday, Dec. 25 - St Ann
 Mass 9:00 a.m.
 For Peace on Earth



PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Vivian Grady, Pat Powers, Peggy Franks, Christine Wagner, Tracy Beale, Margarie Reeves, Sue McClanahan-Pepper, Jodi Morrison, Rose Fohrman, Edyn Dickson, Wesson James, Teresa Daughtery, Clarice Durtschi, Nick Durtschi, Tom Lockhard, Marty Watson, Karen Miller, Ellen Alheim, Rylee Warner, Gretchen Boerner, Ron Miller, Amara Larrison, Teagan Welen, Sara Hopper, Clark Watson, Lynn Seward, Craig Harple, Kevin Kenily, Dakota Miller, Sarah Ludinich, Michelle Merry, Cheryl Trego, Don Nichols, Greg Steinmetz, Sue Lawler, Charles Jones, Ava Winner, Tom Clawson, Jeffrey M. Schiele, Connie Kihm, Tim Scholl, Christine Mitchell, Miriam Santacruz, Bill McBride, Mary Ann Miller, Jenny Ripple Kimble, Jack Stokes, Elijah and Lora Tilton, Lucas Totton, Tom Dew and Chelusa Cruz, and Jim Cope

Refresh them Lord, with your healing grace. Please submit names of those who need our prayers. As health improves, let us know to remove the name.

Alleluia! Hurry the Lord is Near!

Mass Readings Sunday, Dec. 29

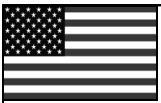
Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14
 Colossians 3:12-21
 Mathew 2:13-15, 19-23

CHURCH OFFICE HRS

Tues. 8:30 a.m. —12:30 p.m.
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 saintann@columbus.rr.com

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please submit by Sunday, 6 p.m.
 Phone your submission, 828-2594,
 place it in the basket at Mass
 or email to sheimer@localnet.com.



PRAYER FOR OUR MILITARY

Let us pray for our brothers and sisters as they go forth with courage and determination to face the forces of violence, weapons of destruction and hearts filled with hate. We pray, Lord, that you preserve the members of our Army, Navy, Marines, Coast Guard and Air Force from all harm. *Amen.*

Our Saturday Masses are broadcast live on youtube.

They can be accessed at
YouTube.com/
stmarysmattinglyesettlement

Divine Mercy Reflections from St. Faustina's Diary

Jesus said: **My daughter, do you think you have written enough about My mercy? What you have written is but a drop compared to the ocean. I am Love and Mercy Itself. There is no misery that could be a match for My mercy, neither will misery exhaust it, because as it is being granted — it increases. The soul that trusts in My mercy is most fortunate, because I Myself take care of it** (*Diary*, 1273).

Stewardship Report

Year July 1, 2019- June 30, 2020

December 7 & 8, 2019

TOTAL COLLECTION \$ 2,683.50

Immaculate Conception \$ 226,
 Christmas Flowers \$ 92, Retired Religious
 \$ 131, Human Development \$ 5

WEEKLY GOAL	\$ 2,400.00
ACTUAL COLLECTION	\$ 2,683.50
Variance	+ \$ 283.50
Year to Date Goal	\$ 55,200.00
Actual Year to Date	\$ 66,210.50
Year to Date Variance	+ \$ 11,010.50

The Dresden Knights of Columbus wish to thank everyone who donated to the veterans.

Music before the Christmas Masses

The choir will continue its 50+ year tradition and sing for 30 minutes before both Masses on Christmas Eve.

The music will begin at 4:00 pm at St. Mary and at 8:30 pm at St. Ann.

The congregation is invited to join the choir as they sing some traditional Christmas hymns during that time.

Please plan on coming early to Mass on Christmas Eve to participate in this lovely tradition.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

During Advent we prepare to receive the gifts of peace, joy, and happiness which Christmas brings. Hope is what we reflect on during the 4th Sunday of Advent.

The Christmas story tells us God can be found in the most unexpected places. Some of us will find Him while grieving the loss of a loved one. We may find Him after realizing that the way we are leading our lives will not end in the happiness, joy, and peace we are seeking. There is great hope in knowing that no matter what happens, God is there for us.

There is great hope in knowing that no matter what happens, God will have His way with us if we let Him abide in us.

From whom do we find this hope?
Jesus IS this HOPE.

Who is this Jesus?

Faith tells us that our God is truly eternal - one in three distinct persons
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Dec. 24th - 4:30 pm - St. Mary - Vigil Mass. Please arrive early. Carols begin at 4 pm.

Dec. 24th - 9:00 pm - St. Ann - The Christ Mass. Carols begin at 8:30 pm

Dec. 25th - 9:00 am - St. Ann

Dec. 31st - 4:30 pm - St. Mary

Jan. 1st - 9:00 am - St. Ann

Jan. 5th - 4:30 pm - Epiphany Party at St. Ann - gather at 5:00 p.m.

Why not invite someone who normally doesn't attend a church to come and celebrate Christ's birth with us at Mass on December 24 or 25?

What a wonderful gift to give Jesus.

The 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

On the surface, this carol does not seem to convey a message related to this holy feast. Yet when we know its origin, we see it communicates a remarkable message.

"The Twelve Days of Christmas" was written in England as a catechism song. Its hidden meaning (known only to Catholics) served to teach children during a time when it was not permitted to openly practice their faith. According to their "real meanings", "my true love" means God himself. "Me" (the recipient of all the gifts) is oneself, every baptized person.

The "partridge in a pear tree" is Jesus, symbolically portrayed as a mother partridge feigning injury to decoy predators away from her helpless nestlings. The pear tree recalls the apple tree and Adam and Eve's fall in the Garden of Eden.

The other symbols/meanings:

Two turtle doves –
The Old & New Testaments
Three French hens –
Faith, Hope and Charity
Four calling birds –
The four Gospels
Five golden rings –
The Pentateuch of the Old Testament
Six geese a-laying –
The six days of creation
Seven swans a-swimming –
Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit
Eight maids a-milking –
The Beatitudes (vital nourishment)
Nine ladies dancing –
The nine fruits of the Holy Spirit
Ten Lords a-leaping –
The Ten Commandments
Eleven pipers piping –
The 11 faithful disciples
Twelve drummers drumming –
12 beliefs in the Apostles Creed



Congratulations to Isaac Nathaniel Anders who recently received the sacrament of Baptism.

He is the son of Jeremy and Kaylie Anders. *A new heart and spirit will I put in you. -Eze 36:26*

Holy Land in October 2020

"Journey Through the Land of Israel" a 10 day Spiritual Journey

Confirmed Dates: October 19-28

Confirmed Price: \$4,199 pp. Includes: hotels, touring, entrance fees, breakfast & dinner daily + two lunches, tips, airfare. Not included: optional travel insurance (\$276), drinks and personal items. Special guests are Fr. Don Franks and Fr. Tom Gardner.

The itinerary includes Galilee, Sea of Galilee, St. Peter's Church, Magdala, Capernaum, the Dead Sea, Jerusalem where we will visit St. Ann Church, the Chapel of Flagellation, and Via Dolorosa. We'll also stop at the 14 Stations of the Cross ending with a stop at the empty tomb at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, the largest church in Jerusalem. We'll travel on to Bethlehem with many more stops. For more information and/or to request a registration form contact Katy Wyatt at 614-501-6714, ext. 110 or email: kwyatt@jerusalemstours.com. You may also phone Jerusalem Tours at 888-373-8687, ext 110.

Act quickly to make your \$300 deposit to reserve your place. Space is limited.

ADVENT WREATH HISTORY

The symbolism of the Advent wreath is beautiful. It is made of various evergreens, signifying continuous life. The evergreens have a traditional faith meaning: The holly's prickly leaves remind us of the crown of thorns. The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolizes the eternity of God, the immortality of the soul, and the everlasting life found in Christ. Any pine cones, nuts, or seedpods used to decorate the wreath also symbolize life and resurrection.

Heartbeats

Our parish family is adopting Heartbeats this year.

They need: newborn to 3T clothing, diapers, wipes, baby shampoo, baby soap, lotion, diaper rash cream, bibs, bottles, burp cloths, blankets and crib sheets. Please place your donations in the back of the churches by **Jan. 5**.