

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 19 - St. Mary
Mass 4:30 p.m, Rosary at 4:00 p.m.

Living & Deceased members of
Henry & Gertrude Wolf by Family

Sunday, December 20 - St. Ann
Mass 9:00 a.m.

Joseph Fisher

by John & Jenny Wilcox

Tuesday, December 22 - St. Ann
Mass 8:00 a.m.

Mr. & Mrs. Michael Affinito

by Catholic Women's Assoc.

Thursday, December 24 - St. Mary
Mass 4:00 p.m.

Frances Jones by Martha Silver

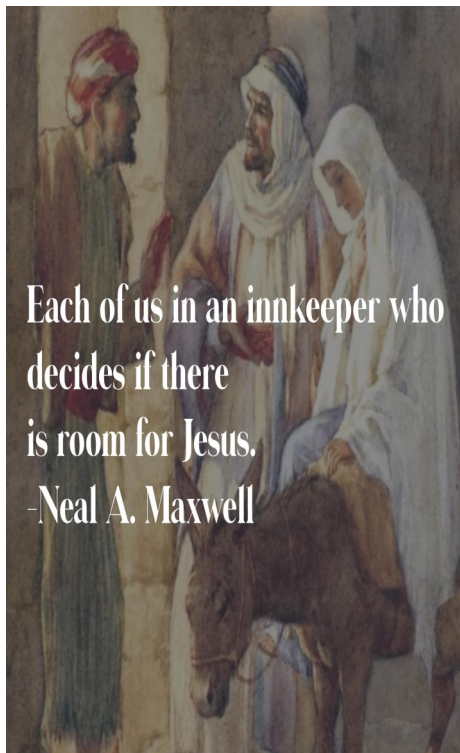
Thursday, December 24 - St. Ann
Mass 6:00 p.m.

Deceased Members of K of C Council
#10820

Friday, December 25 - St. Ann
Mass 9:00 a.m

Cathy Mallet

by Sandra Mallett Honeywell



Each of us in an innkeeper who
decides if there
is room for Jesus.

-Neal A. Maxwell

Mass Readings Sunday, December 27

Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3

Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19

Luke 2:22-40

PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Vivian Grady, Pat Powers,
Peggy Franks, Christine Wagner,
Tracy Beale, Sue McClanahan-Pepper,
Marty Watson, Clark Watson, Lynn
Seward, Craig Harple, Kevin Kenily,
Dakota Miller, Michelle Merry, Cheryl
Trego, Don Nichols, Greg Steinmetz,
Sue Lawler, Charles Jones, Jeff Hall,
Ava Winner, Tom Clawson, Miriam
Santacruz, Jenny Ripple Kimble, Jack
Stokes, Lucas Totton, Debbie Brailer,
Jim Cope, Della Jordan, Annette Lapp,
Susie Hall Williams, Joseph Pishner,
Steve Beebe, John & Ron Shirer,
Lucy Younkings, Charlotte Jenkins,
Thomas & Laurie Thacker, Jim Walton

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.**

Stewardship Report

Year July 1, 2020- June 30, 2021

December 5 and 6, 2020

TOTAL COLLECTION \$ 2,578.00

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| WEEKLY GOAL | \$ 2,400.00 |
| ACTUAL COLLECTION | \$ 2,578.00 |
| Variance | +\$ 178.00 |
| Year to Date Goal | \$ 55,200.00 |
| Actual Year to Date | \$ 59,090.01 |
| Year to Date Variance | +\$ 3,890.01 |
| God bless you for supporting YOUR Parish. | |

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 St. Mary Masses are broad-
cast live on the Parish website,
Facebook and on YouTube**

Enthronement of the Sacred Heart in your Home.

If you are interested please call the
office, 740-754-2221, or talk to
Deacon Dave Lozowski.

**Acknowledge Christ as your King by
Enthroning your home.**

CHURCH OFFICE HRS

Monday - Friday 9 a.m. —12 noon

Phone: 740-754-2221

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Use of Parish Hall

Use of the halls at either St. Ann or
St. Mary must be approved/registered
through the parish office.

The Legend of the Poinsettia—Flowers Of The Holy Night The Story Of Maria And Pablo

A long time ago in Mexico, there lived a little girl called Maria and her brother Pablo. They were from a poor family. Maria and her brother looked forward to Christmas when the local church set up a nativity scene. Maria and Pablo loved Christmas, but they were disheartened because they could not afford to give the baby Jesus a gift on his birthday. As they walked to the Church that Christmas Eve, Maria was not happy, but sad. As she and her brother were walking, an angel came to them and said, "All you have to do is gather what is at your feet."

Hearing this, the children obeyed and diligently gathered the weeds that were on the side of the road. They proceeded to the Church, and by now Maria's heart was lighter because she knew that she was giving the Lord a gift which was filled with love. The other children jeered and mocked them. Maria and her brother placed the weeds near the crib of Jesus. Looking at them doing this, the other children started embarrassing them and almost brought Maria to tears.

At that instant there was a miracle. The green weeds turned into beautiful red star shaped flowers. The other children stopped laughing at them and were stunned at what had happened. They realized that a gift did not have to be expensive; it must be given from the heart to be accepted by the Lord. Since that night, the poinsettia flowers have been called, 'Flores de Noche Buena', meaning 'Flowers of the Holy Night'.

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/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 points of belief in the Apostles Creed

Decorate the Churches for Christmas Masses

St. Ann will decorate Tuesday, December 22, at 2:00 pm

St Mary will decorate Saturday, December 19, after Mass.

42,000 people from around the world participated in the free Advent retreat, Unshakeable Joy, hosted by Chris Stefanick. Go to reallifecatholic.com to learn more.



The story of how St. Francis of Assisi “invented” the crib is so delightful and inspiring that it might be told or read to the children every year. We give here the account in the very words of Brother Thomas de Celano, who was there when it happened and who wrote it down.

Blessed Francis called a friend about two weeks before Christmas and said to him: ‘If you desire that we should celebrate this year’s Christmas together at Greccio, go quickly and prepare what I tell you; for I want to enact the memory of the Infant Who was born at Bethlehem,

and how He was deprived of all the comforts babies enjoy; how He was bedded in a manger on hay, between an ass and an ox. For once I want to see all this with my own eyes.’

When the good and faithful man had heard this, he departed quickly and prepared everything that the Saint had told him. It was Christmas Eve in the year 1223. The Franciscans were called from many communities. The men and women of the neighborhood, as best they could, prepared candles and torches to brighten the night.

Finally the Saint of God arrived, found everything prepared, saw it and rejoiced. The crib was made ready, hay was brought, the ox and ass were led to the spot and Greccio became a new Bethlehem. The night was radiant with joy. The crowds drew near and rejoiced in the novelty of the celebration. Their voices resounded from the woods, and the rocky cliff echoed the jubilant outburst. As they sang in the praise of God, the whole night rang with exultation. The Saint of God stood before the crib, overcome with devotion and wondrous joy. A solemn Mass was sung at the crib.

The Saint dressed in deacon’s vestments, for a deacon he was [out of humility, St. Francis never became a priest, remaining a deacon all his life]. He sang the Gospel. Then he preached a sermon speaking about the nativity of the poor King and the humble town of Bethlehem.

The parishioners and pilgrims who came to Greccio for Midnight Mass and witnessed the Christmas manger scene were much impressed with the simplicity of St. Francis’ crèche and it was from there the tradition as practiced today took hold and spread around the Catholic world. -catholictradition.org

Gifts for Heartbeats

Our parish family is adopting Heartbeats this year.

They need diapers size 5-6 and newborn to 4T clothing, boys and girls. If you wish you can make a monetary donation.

They really need clothing at this time.

Deadline for donations is January 3.

Please place donations in the back of the churches.

We Wait for the Coming of Jesus

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Dec. 24th - 4:00 pm - St. Mary Vigil Mass.

Dec. 24th - 6:00 pm - St Ann The Christ Mass

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

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

Jan. 1st - 9:00 a.m. - St. Ann

Thank you to Fr. Hayes for leading our Parish Mission Retreat last week and to Steve and Pat Smeltzer for broadcasting it.