

## Community of Faith

December 07<sup>th</sup> - December 20<sup>th</sup>

M: St Mary • J: St Joseph



**Vigil: Monday: 12/7**  
 3:00pm • J 4:30pm • M *Parishioners of the Parish*  
**Tuesday: 12/8**  
 8:30am • J 10:00am • M

**Wednesday, 12/09** *St. Juan Diego*

9:00am M † Theresa Kochenash  
 8:00am J † Anna & Martin Baddick r/o Anna Careyva

**Thursday, 12/10** *Weekday*

9:00am M † Anna Ifkovits  
 8:00am J † Paul & Ann r/o Anna Careyva

**Friday, 12/11** *St. Damasus*

9:00am M † Emma Ifkovits  
 8:00am J † Joseph Leitgeb Jr.

**Saturday, 12/12** *Our Lady of Guadalupe*

9:00am M † Louis Senensits  
 8:00am J † Robert Schuster

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent • Year B**

3:00pm J † Stanley & Mary Michalik  
 r/o Joanne, Al & family  
 4:30pm M † Teresa Mikolajczyk  
 r/o Stan & Marie Piaskowski

**Sunday, 12/13** **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent • Year B**

8:30am J † Evelyn Zerden r/o Leo Pollick  
 10:00am M † Paul Whitecavage r/o KofC Council #16072

**Tuesday, 12/15** *Weekday*

9:00am M St. Mary & St. Joseph's Parishioners  
 8:00am J † Stephen & Kathryn Hovanec r/o family

**Wednesday, 12/16** *Weekday*

9:00am M † Raymond Nestor r/o wife, Victoria Nestor  
 8:00am J † Elizabeth & Josephine Serafini  
 r/o Anna Careyva

**Thursday, 12/17** *Weekday*

9:00am M † Mary Serensits  
 8:00am J † Helen Molchany

**Friday, 12/18** *Weekday*

9:00am M † Stephen Frisch  
 8:00am J † Rudolf Soltis

**Saturday, 12/19** *Weekday*

9:00am M † Mary Sugra  
 8:00am J † Benjamin Arduini

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent • Year B**

3:00pm J † Carmen Fierro r/o Theresa Novak  
 4:30pm M † Rose & Peachie Aponick  
 r/o Tracey, Billy Jo & Joey

**Sunday, 12/20** **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent • Year B**

8:30am J † John Oscovitch r/o Andrew Mahasky family  
 10:00am M † Bron Rejent r/o Gene, Sherry & family

## + Liturgy & Worship

### Immaculate Conception – December 8<sup>th</sup>

In today's Gospel we have long inspired the Church's teaching about the Immaculate nature of Mary's Conception.

The Archangel Gabriel entered the humble home in which the Virgin Mary was praying, and said to her: "Hail full of grace, the Lord is with you...Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and He shall be King forever."

And Mary said to the angel "How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?"

The angel answered "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God."

Then Mary answered "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." She was free from pride, she was free from fear, she was free from the stress of social climbing, she was free from boredom, she was free from decay and corruption of the grave, as we celebrate on the feast of the Assumption.

At the instant the great mystery of the Incarnation was accomplished and Mary became the Mother of the Son of God.

The Son of God became man by taking to Himself a body and soul like ours, in the most pure womb of the Virgin Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit.

What woman in all history has ever held a higher position, exerted more beneficial influence, been more honored than Mary, the Immaculate Mother of the Son of God.

If all of us want to be fully free we must pray to her in and through this Holy Sacrifice.

❖ **LAST 2 SUNDAY COLLECTIONS: M:** \$2,046 **J:** \$2,369

**Upcoming Collections: December: Weekly, Dues, Imm Conception, Retirement for Religious, Bld Fund, Christmas**

❖ **Pray for:** Living: • Jaden Leiby • J.P. • J.A • Fr. Jim Torpey



❖ **K of C Happenings:** Council 16072

**\*\* NO DECEMBER MEETING**

12/20 @M Rosary



Due to COVID, **Christmas Mass seating capacity will be limited**, we ask you to consider what mass you and your family will be attending. Parishioners can attend either church. Please see the sign-up sheets at the back of Church. Once capacity limit has been reached, Mass will only be reserved for those who have signed up. **\*\* Seats are still available for the 9pm, midnight, 8:30am and 10am Masses; the 2:30 & 4pm are filled. If you have already signed up and have realized you no longer need as many seats as requested or need to change your reserved time please let us know so we can reach out to more that would like to attend.**

	St. Mary's	St. Joseph's
<b>Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>. Christmas Eve</b>	2:30pm <b>FILLED</b>	4:00pm <b>FILLED</b>
	Midnight <b>FILLED</b>	9:00pm
<b>Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day</b>	10:00am	8:30am
<b>New Year's Eve</b>	4:30pm	3:00pm
<b>New Year's Day</b>	10:00am	8:30am

**Lectors:** During the COVID Pandemic you are not obligated to attend Mass. However, if you plan to do so and are able and willing to read, Fr. Dominic would appreciate if you could come earlier to let him know you are there, look over the readings, and help set up for Mass. **If you are not already a lector and would like to be, call the office and leave your name and number.**

**We welcome your time and talent. ♥**

❖ **THANK YOU**... to everyone who helped with our apple pie sale. We had a lot of good people helping to prepare our pies so we could get them out to the people who ordered them in record time AND we had a lot of compliments on the pies. Thank you very much. We had another successful sale!

❖ **2021 Mass Book: IS OPEN!** \*Please take note to the winter mass schedule. Remember your loved ones who have passed away or those who are special to you with Masses for their birthdays, special occasions, etc. The Diocesan Mass Stipend is set at \$10. Your requested dates for the Masses will be recorded upon receiving the stipend.

\*\*\* Any questions please contact the parish office.

❖ **Collection Envelopes 2021:** the new envelopes can be found on the tables in the church. If you do not see your envelopes on the table please call the office and we will make sure you get them.

\*\* **If you know of any fellow parishioners who are not able to attend mass due to COVID-19 pandemic please take their envelopes and deliver to them.**

\*\* **We would greatly appreciate it!**

❖ **St. Joseph's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary books have arrived!**

The books are free for those parishioners and friends of the parish that attended the dinner. The books are labeled with the names and are located on the table at the back of the church. Stop by to pick yours up and, if you can deliver a book to a family member, friend, or neighbor, please do so.

There are extra copies of the anniversary book available for anyone who would like one. We do ask that you make a freewill donation for these copies. Please place your cash donation or a check made payable to "St. Joseph Church" in the envelope provided. It can be dropped in the collection basket or placed in the manila envelope on the table.

▶ **Notice:** Please do not leave your unwanted religious items (books, prayer cards, medals, rosaries, etc.) in church. We cannot distribute them nor can we use them.

**If you do not want them, please find another religious organization that may be able to use them.**

❖ **CHRISTMAS ROSARY RALLY**

With Christmas approaching, and in the spirit of the Birth of Our Savior, America Needs Fatima is organizing a Public Rosary Rally to give praise to the Child Jesus as the Angels did on that night over 2000 years ago. We need to bring the peace and calm of the Infant Jesus back to our Country.

We can do this by praying the Rosary and reminding America that we are here to celebrate the Birth of Our Savior.

**Please join fellow parishioners for this public rosary rally on December 12th @ 10AM outside of St. Joseph's.**

❖ **Christmas Cards:** @M: Our Christmas table is set up once again at the back of church for the holiday season. We have Christmas cards to send to your loved ones. Sales benefit St. Mary's Church.

❖ **Oplatki: \$3.00 per pack.** If you've haven't used this beautiful Eastern European Custom, guides are included.



to the family of (M) Joseph Bryk  
Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord...

### **GIVING TREE UPDATE**

Thank you again for supporting the foster kids this past year, with gifts of clothing, toys and so much more. You are making a difference in the lives of these kids and showing them the loving face of God with your charitable and generous giving!



Starting November 28th, we are collecting cash donations for Birthright and gift cards for parishioners who need a helping hand. This year Birthright suspended their giving tree project due to COVID; however they are asking for monetary support to purchase items needed to support mothers facing unplanned pregnancies. Any donation, large or small, will be helpful!

### **INSTRUCTIONS FOR BIRTHRIGHT- MOMS & BABIES**

**Deadline 12/13-** \*\*\*Just a reminder to please place Birthright cash/check donations in the envelopes from the Giving Tree, labeled "Birthright", and drop them in the collection basket; checks should be payable to BIRTHRIGHT OF FRACKVILLE.

### **INSTRUCTIONS FOR HELPING HAND GIFT CARDS**

**Deadline 12/13** -pick a gift card tag from the giving tree Gift cards purchased for parishioners in need of a helping hand can be placed in the box under the Giving Tree. **Father will distribute the gift cards to those in need of a helping hand for Christmas.**

**CALL OR TEXT NANCY @ 215-801-5797 OR ARLENE @ 570-590-5810 WITH QUESTIONS**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR LOVING SUPPORT! MAY GOD BLESS YOU & YOUR FAMILIES THIS CHRISTMAS!**

### **† Retirement Fund for Religious**

In good times and bad, senior Catholic sisters, brother, and religious order priests have dedicated themselves to service and acts of mercy. Today, they pray for an aching world. Yet years of serving for little or no pay have left their religious Communities without enough retirement savings. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care and other necessities. Please be generous.



### **† Marian Catholic High School**

"An exceptional education rooted in faith, family and tradition"

Early registration incentives: \$50 fee if you apply by 12/8; \$100 if you apply between 12/9 and 1/8; \$150 after 1/8. Personal tours available! Upcoming evening information sessions on 11/23 & 12/3! Please call Mary Milosh for more information: 570-467-3335 ext 116

**Boy Scouts:** are sponsoring a "**Decorate Your House**" for the upcoming **Olde Fashioned Christmas in Ringtown on December 19/20<sup>th</sup>**. They would like to see as many houses on Main Street decorated as possible. If you have decorations in your attic or basement and are unable to decorate yourself, the Boy Scouts will come and decorate for you and take the decorations down after Christmas **free of charge!** Dates available 12/6, 12 & 13<sup>th</sup> from 12-4pm. If interested call Cheri @ 570-741-3035