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Parish Office Hours

Monday - Thursday • 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Closed Friday

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil Mass 4:00 p.m.
Sunday Mass 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Holy Days of Obligation TBD

Weekday Mass

Monday at St. Augustine's ~ 8:30 am
Tuesday at St. Mary's ~ 7:45 am
Wednesday & Friday at St. Augustine's ~ 8:30 am
Thursday at St. Augustine's ~ 12:00 pm
First Saturday of each month at St. Mary's ~7:45 am
St. Mary's open for Private Prayer
from 7 -11 am (M-F)

St. Mary's Livestreams 4:00 p.m. Saturday. To view,
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4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus,
because he will save his people from their sins." - Mt 1:21

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Sacrament of the Sick

**In case of emergency, at any time. Whenever someone
is seriously ill, in the hospital or homebound, please
notify the parish office.**

Sacrament of Matrimony

**Bride and groom must meet with the pastor at least
one year before date, be registered
parishioners and must present a
recent baptismal certificate.**

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3:00-3:30 p.m.

Sacrament of Baptism

**Third Sunday of each month at 1:00 p.m.
and after preparation with Mrs. Webster.
Contact Mrs. Webster at 518-237-3131 ext. 23**

*"One in Mind and Heart, Intent
Upon God" ~ St. Augustine*



MASS INTENTIONS

December 18, 2022 ~ 4th Sunday of Advent

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20

7:45 am Dawn Riggs Jeffrey & Marlene Oliver
Anthony & Margaret Piccolino
& Anthony Piccolino Jr. Samuel Piccolino

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21

7:45 am Communion Service

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22

Michael T. Wharton Wharton Family

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

4 pm CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS

8 pm CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25

10:00 am CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS

**Thank you to all the families who
continue to support the parish through
their sacrificial giving.**

November 27, 2022 \$ 4431.



B Birthright extends a special "thank you" for the generous collection of baby items that Birthright received from St. Mary's. Your kindness is gratefully received by the young moms who visit our center. Thanks to all for sharing your Christmas spirit with our girls and a special thank you to St. Mary's parishioner, Sarah Moreau, for her efforts on behalf of Birthright.



Calendar of Events & Observances

12/18 Fourth Sunday of Advent
12/24 **Christmas Eve**; Vigil Masses 4 & 8 pm
12/25 **Nativity of the Lord** 10:00 am Mass
12/27 **St. John, Apostle & Evangelist**
12/28 **The Holy Innocents, Martyrs**
12/30 **Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**
1/1 **Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God**
New Year's Day Masses @ 8 & 10:30 a.m.
1/8 The Epiphany of the Lord
1/9 The Baptism of the Lord
1/15 Second Sunday ~ Ordinary Time

Christmas and New Year Holiday Mass Schedule

December 24th (Saturday)

Christmas Eve Masses~ 4 p.m., 8 p.m.

December 25th (Sunday)

Christmas Day ~ Nativity of the Lord
10:00 a.m.

December 31st (Saturday)

Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary ~ 4 pm

January 1, 2023 (Sunday)

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God~
8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.



DECEMBER BREAD In Memory of ANTHONY & HELEN MEROLA Given by FAMILY WINE In Memory of ANTHONY & HELEN MEROLA Given by FAMILY	DECEMBER SANCTUARY CANDLE In Memory of JACK O'BRIEN Given by FAMILY In Memory of RANDY ALLEN BERRY Given by WHARTON FAMILY	DECEMBER MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL In Memory of LOFRUMENTO & IZZO FAMILIES Given by NANCY IZZO
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ST. MARY'S SCHOOL IS HIRING!

St. Mary's School is looking for individuals of all ages to serve as substitutes at the school. This is a great opportunity to work part time or full time with some wonderful students and be involved in a school that is making great things happen.

If you would like additional information on either position please call David Evans, Principal at (518) 237-0652 or email at principal@smswaterford.org.



My Dear Friends,

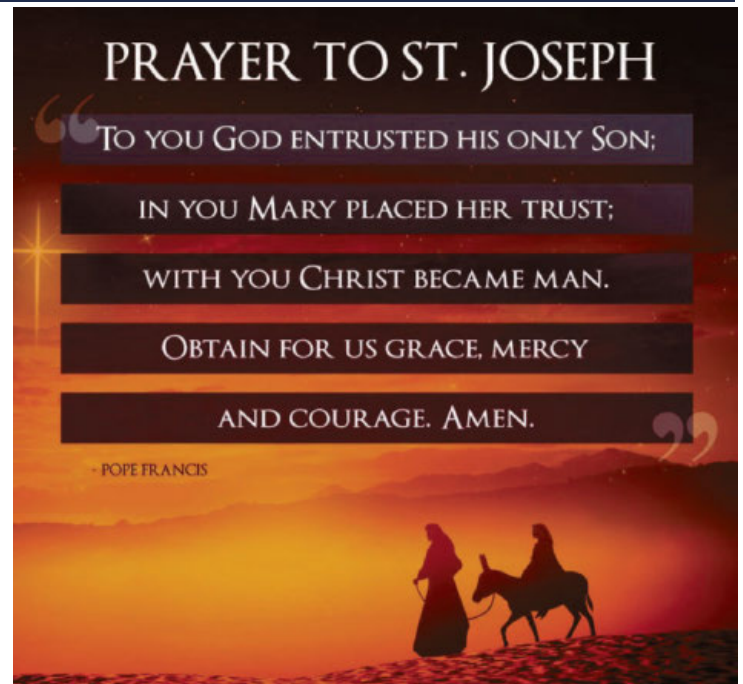
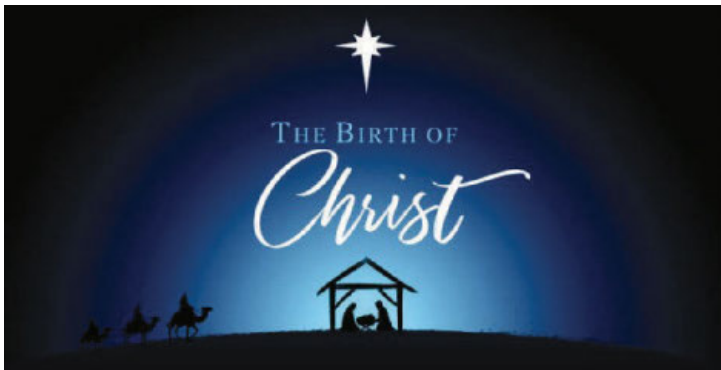
New York Times best-selling author Harvey Mackay once wrote, "Time is free, but it's priceless. You can't own it, but you can use it. You can't keep it, but you can spend it. Once you've lost it, you can never get it back."

In light of these words, our challenge is this; to use our time wisely, doing the things that matter most for and **with** the people who matter most. This Advent, as we prepare ourselves for not only this Christmas, but for the second coming of Christ as well, let us stay focused on the things that matter. It's easy to lose sight of what matters when life gets so very busy. We all get pulled in a number of directions and for those with little children, it gets especially challenging to find the time to prepare, not only our house and our family, but our hearts and minds for the coming celebration of Christmas.

Most of us feel as though there is little to no time to prepare our hearts, but even a little quiet time in prayer, time to listen to God in our hearts, will put us in a much better place to celebrate the birth of Our Lord. For Advent and Christmas are a time of hope; hope for a better relationship with others, hope for a better world full of peace, hope for salvation and life eternal with God our Father. And while the events of the day may give rise to a sense of hopelessness, please remember God is always with us no matter what.

May our Lord continue to grace and enrich your lives, keep you hopeful and faithful and always be with you on your journey of faith. I wish you all a very blessed Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Fr. David Kelley, O.S.A.
Pastor



St. Joseph the Steward

St. Joseph is one of the greatest examples of stewardship we have in the Gospels. Here is a man who understands care and reverence for the property of God, a man chosen to be steward over the very life and breath of God's Son and Spouse.

Joseph was mindful. He recognized what belonged to God. When he understood that Mary was to be the mother of God, he was not jealous or bitter. He did not presume to claim ownership over her.

Joseph was gracious. Even before he had full understanding of the situation, he was unwilling to expose Mary to shame. He did not give himself over to feelings of betrayal.

Joseph was committed. He persevered. The Lord had no shortage of strange and even dangerous-sounding tasks for Joseph, but he submitted to each one.

Joseph was accountable. When he awoke from his dream, "he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him, and took his wife into his home."

Joseph was a man entrusted with many gifts, and he gave of them wisely. Let us pray that we have the grace to follow in his example.

— Lpi

Please pray for all the sick and suffering and for anyone close to death; for those troubled in body, mind, or heart, and for their care givers in a special way: Carol Travis, Anna Papperman, Alexa Papperman, Marcia Trombly, Muriel Smith, Patricia Komoroski, Jack Neumann, Mary Beth Woodard, Sandee Murphy, Irene Marra, Robert R. White, Judith M Hervieux, Andrew Melville, Christopher Goyette, Brady Sullivan, Michael Clune, Ginny Grigoliet, Randy Morley, Bianca Razzano, Nicholas Muscatiello, Joe Cotrofeld, Cindy Vandiver, Maya Charles-Rivera, Loretta Fredricks, Sr. Maura Rhode, C.S.J., Michelle Weitz, Mary Beth Rockwell, William Potts and Arnold Galarneau.

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