



GLORY
TO GOD
IN THE
HIGHEST
AND ON
EARTH
PEACE TO
THOSE
ON WHOM
HIS FAVOR
RESTS.

LUKE 2:14

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



MASS INTENTIONS

December 25, 2022 ~ Christmas



TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27

7:45 am Priest's Intentions

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28

7:45 am Communion Service

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29

Joseph & Anna Wells

Dr. Anne Marie Wells

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31

4 pm Tammy Taylor

Mom & Dad

Eleanor T. Masterson

Family

Anne Gabriel

Husband & Family

Carol Hervieux Potts

Judith Hervieux & William Potts

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1

8 am CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS

10:30 Frances Kippen

Thank you to all the families who continue to support the parish through their sacrificial giving. Wishing all our families a very Merry Christmas and a healthy, blessed New Year.

December 4, 2022

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For
unto us
a child is
BORN, unto us
a Son is given
and his name will be
called, wonderful, counselor,
mighty GOD, the everlasting Father
the Prince of Peace

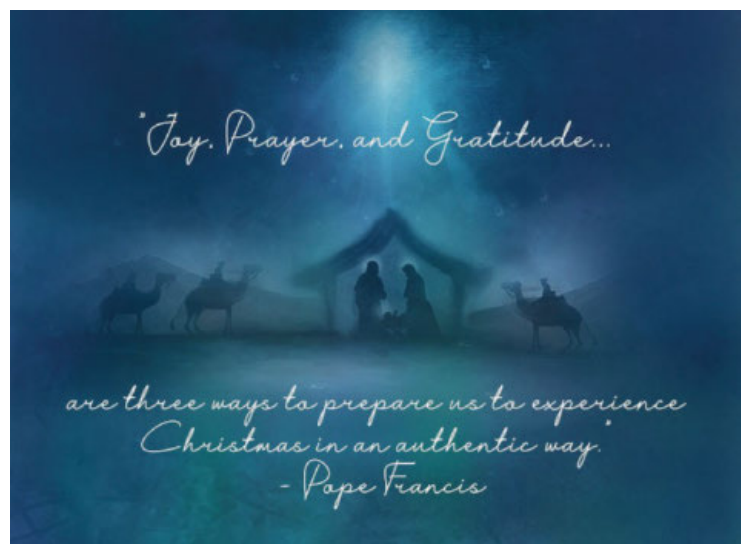
~ Calendar of Events & Observances ~

- 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**
- 12/31 **Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary 4 pm mass**
- 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

Wintertime Reminder:

In the event that St. Mary's School is closed or delayed due to inclement weather, **morning mass at either St. Mary's or St. Augustine's is cancelled.** Please check your local stations (Channels 6, 10, or 13) for school closings and delays BEFORE venturing out for the morning mass.

<p>DECEMBER BREAD In Memory of ANTHONY & HELEN MEROLA Given by FAMILY</p> <p>WINE In Memory of ANTHONY & HELEN MEROLA Given by FAMILY</p> 	<p>DECEMBER SANCTUARY CANDLE In Memory of JACK O'BRIEN Given by FAMILY</p> <p>In Memory of RANDY ALLEN BERRY Given by WHARTON FAMILY</p> 	<p>DECEMBER MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL In Memory of LOFRUMENTO & IZZO FAMILIES Given by NANCY IZZO</p> 
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The St. Vincent de Paul Society wants to thank the parishioners of St. Mary of the Assumption for their generous monetary donations at weekend Masses as well as those who donation throughout the year. Your donations allowed us to purchase items which were either out-of-stock or unavailable at the Regional Food Bank. We were able to give 17 families food for the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons, as well as provide much needed food to our monthly patrons. We also appreciate the weekly food donations. May God bless you for your thoughtfulness.



GOSPEL MEDITATION - December 25, 2022 The Nativity of the Lord

Our world's complexity can leave us feeling displaced, desperate, alone, neglected, and unimportant. Joseph and Mary felt that way too. In the midst of all that captures and intrigues us in our self-created virtual worlds, is this longing for the anchor of faith to keep us grounded and make sense of it all. Christmas reminds us to look for God along the way of our lives and not get distracted by the illusions around us. Only faith can give us the perspective to see what truly matters in life. We discover our divinely blessed humanity. The uncertain and challenging journey to Bethlehem gives way to the tender moments of birth and its embrace. Christmas softens us and slows us down a bit. It shows us Jesus as the light who enlightens everyone. It shows us the truth.

The faith that comes from Christmas calms our fears and allows us to go into the night-time of our lives courageously. We are never lost or alone. We need to stop and savor more of life's moments before they slip away in time. God is with us, loving us, and leading us where we need to be. God is born again and again in every soul willing to give birth to His presence. God connects us and provides us with a place where we feel safe and welcome: home. Merry Christmas!

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Christmas in Song

*Ring out in cheer, O chiming bells,
For in your peals a promise dwells
To listening hearts that strive to hear
The future's voice of hope and cheer;
For love and joy will have their birth
As snowdrops spring from icy earth-
Ring out in cheer!*

*Ring out in peace, O chiming bells,
For Christmas-tide a message tells
To eager souls that bravely wait,
And loyal hearts too strong for fate
To crush to earth; oh, listen then-
"Tis "peace on earth, good-will to men"-
Ring out in peace!*



The Altar Society has had a busy fall.... The Indoor Farmers Market, The Meet & Greet, Advent Church Cleaning & The Giving Tree. These events have been successful because of so many that worked, baked, cleaned, sorted, purchased and more.

Thank you to all who pitched in and made these events succeed. We truly appreciate your help. Wishing you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



Watch for information on The Lucky Bucket - coming in Spring 2023.

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.

Please help us keep our list up to date, and call the office (518.237.3131) with any changes.





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