

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



MASS INTENTIONS

January 1, 2023 ~ New Year's Day

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3

7:45 am Laura & Joseph Izzo
Jason Sochia
Special Intention

Daughter
Mom
Oliver Family

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4

7:45 am Communion Service

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7

4 pm Sally D. Becker Joe
Jeremiah Sweeter Family
Harvey Bailey Family
Marilyn Galarneau Husband & Family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

8 am Richard Bonneau Family
Paul "Bill" Ableman Nick & Rebecca
10:30 Philip Kopach Patty Minkler & Donna Malinowski
Suzanne LaForest Joanne Schabinger

St. Vincent de Paul will **not** be taking up a collection in the back of church in January. The next opportunity to donate will be on the weekend of February 11th & 12th.
Thank you for your continued generosity toward those Waterford residents who are in need of supplemental food.

Thank you to all the families who continue to support the parish through their sacrificial giving. Wishing everyone a happy, healthy New Year!
December 11, 2022 \$ 4852.



~ Calendar of Events & Observances ~

- 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
- 1/14-15 Fuel Collection
- 1/15 Second Sunday ~ Ordinary Time
- 1/16 Martin Luther King Day ~ Office Closed
- 1/22 3rd Sunday ~ Ordinary Time
- 1/28 St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor
- 1/29 Catholic Schools Week Celebration
Second Collection ~ St. Mary's School Support

Breakfast Buffet and Omelet Station Waterford Knights of Columbus






Sunday, January 8, 2023 8:00am – 11:00am

K of C Hall, 76 Grace Street, Waterford
Buffet featuring our famous Omelet Station, Eggs cooked to order, Pancakes (Plain or Blueberry), French toast, Sausage, Bacon, Seasoned Home Fries, Toast, coffee, tea, orange and apple juices.

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\$12.00 adult - \$6.00 children (Children under 4 free)

JANUARY BREAD <i>In Memory of ANTHONY & HELEN MEROLA</i> Given by FAMILY WINE <i>In Memory of ANTHONY & HELEN MEROLA</i> Given by FAMILY 	JANUARY SANCTUARY CANDLE <i>In Memory of JACK O'BRIEN</i> Given by FAMILY <i>In Memory of RANDY ALLEN BERRY</i> Given by WHARTON FAMILY 	JANUARY MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL <i>In Memory of LOFRUMENTO & IZZO FAMILIES</i> Given by NANCY IZZO 
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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.





She Kept All of These Things in Her Heart

“What was my first word? Who was there when I was born? When did I start to walk? Which toys did I play with? What made me cry when I was a baby?”

My oldest has reached the age where she has started to ask questions like this. As she grows up, she is realizing that, in order to understand the world around her, she must first understand herself. This makes her insatiably curious about her own identity, her history — her “origin story,” as they say in the movies.

I’ve got most of it documented either in writing or in photos, but even if it’s a detail that wasn’t scribbled in a baby book or saved to my digital cloud, it’s a memory that I can quickly summon and make real for her as we snuggle and talk about who she was, who she is, and who she may become.

I’m the mom. I have kept all of these things in my heart.

The Blessed Mother knew more about God before opening a book than most of us could discover after a lifetime of study and prayer. There is no one whose knowledge of Christ was so intimate, so deep, so simultaneously ordinary and extraordinary, as the human woman who bore him, birthed him, nursed him, raised him and eventually gave him up.

In the way that I can tell my daughter everything there is to know about the part of her life she cannot recall, Mary can tell us everything we need to know about Christ. All we have to do is ask.

Mary kept all of these things in her heart. — Luke 2:19

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GOSPEL MEDITATION - January 1, 2023

Mary, The Holy Mother of God

We hide ourselves and our secrets from God because we are afraid. Even Mary can seem too perfect to approach. The shepherds find the strength to speak to Mary and Joseph at the moment they see the child in the manger. They open their hearts and share what they’ve experienced. Saint Luke writes of the shepherds, “When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child.”

When I was a college student, I visited Rome. Beggars often approached and said, “Mangia? Mangia?” I didn’t speak Italian and thought, “Why are they speaking about the Christmas nativity scene?” My friend said, “Mangia means eat. They’re hungry.” That’s when I realized more deeply than ever before that Mary puts her baby in a place designed for hungry animals to eat.

See that baby in the manger in your heart. Imagine Mary kneeling nearby looking at you with love. She doesn’t cling to God for herself. In that cave, from the beginning, she quietly offers her son to hungry souls. The manger means vulnerable self-offering love. That’s the sign. This week that same manger opens our hearts to tell Mary about our lives, too.

— Father John Muir, LPi contributor



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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