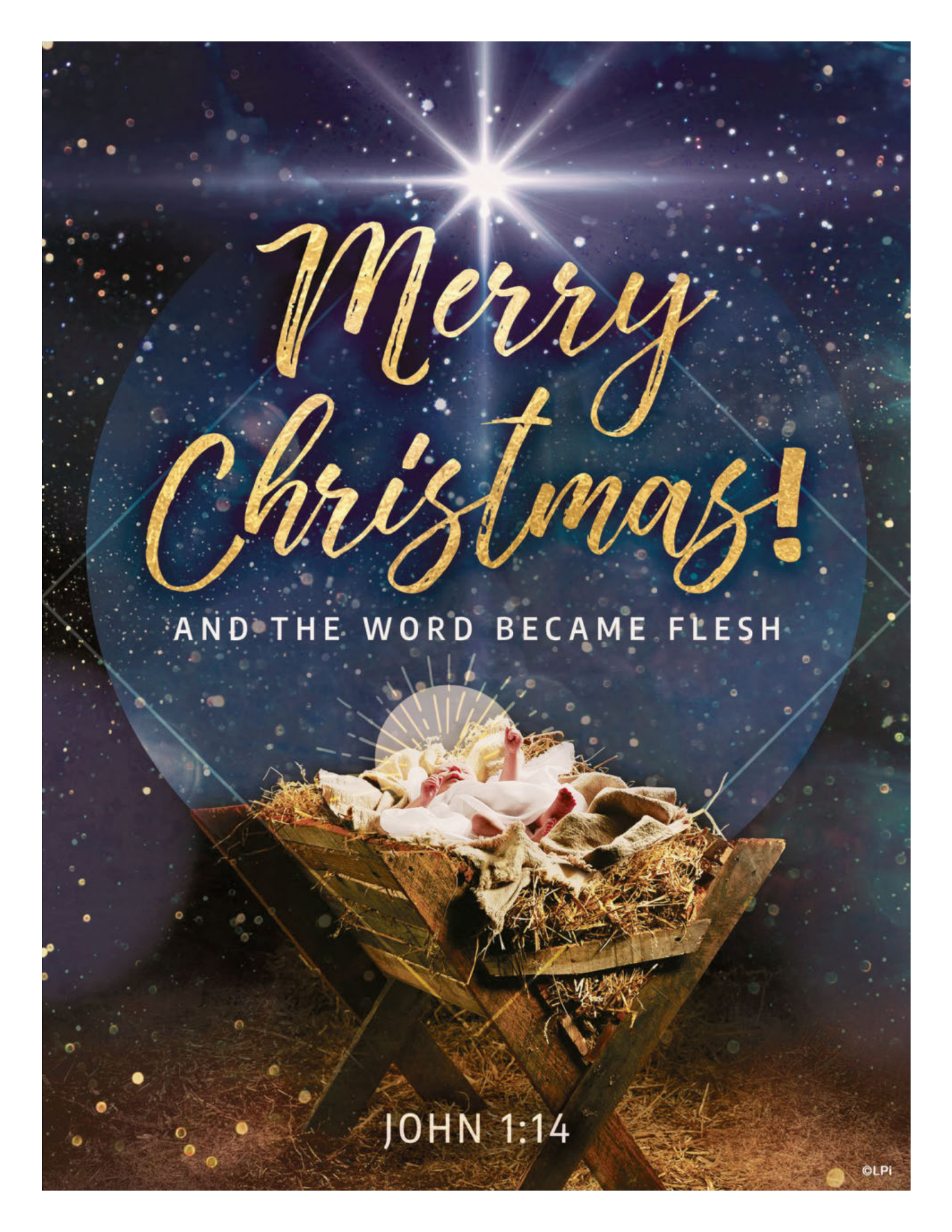




Merry Christmas!

AND THE WORD BECAME FLESH

JOHN 1:14



Mass Intentions

December 22, 2024
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Tues. Dec. 24– Vigil of the Nativity

4 PM Christmas Memorials
8PM Christmas Memorials

Wed. Dec. 25th– Nativity of the Lord

10:00 AM Christmas Memorials

Fri. Dec. 27 8:30 am

Rosemary & William Varcasio Family
Living and deceased of our parish

Sun. Dec. 29 8:00 am

Eleanor T. Masterson Family
Carol Hervieux Potts (3rd Anniv.) Judith Hervieux & William Potts
Frank Mazza Debbie & Scott Hunter
John Daly Mary Ann & Family

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry is running low on the following items. Donations would be greatly appreciated!

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Calendar of Events

12/24 **Vigil of the Nativity Masses** 4 PM & 8 PM
12/25 **The Nativity of the Lord~** Christmas Mass @ 10 AM
12/26 NO Morning Mass
12/25—1/1 OFFICE CLOSED
12/27 **St John, the Apostle** 8:30 AM mass
12/29 **The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph** 8:00 am
1/1/25 **Mary, Holy Mother of God** 10:00 am Mass
1/3 First Friday School Mass @ 8:30 AM

In accordance with the Roman Catholic Diocese Holiday Schedule, the parish office will be closed from Wednesday, Dec. 25th through Wednesday, January 1, 2025. The office will reopen on Thursday, Jan. 2nd. Please make note of the planned closing with respect to mass intention/cards and other parish related inquires.

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Dec. 8, 2024

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Thank you to all who continue to support St. Mary's Church. We value your commitment to our parish community!



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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The Trustees and Staff of St. Mary of the Assumption Parish would like to wish everyone in our community a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy year ahead.



Christmas and New Year Holiday Mass Schedule

December 24th**Christmas Eve Masses: 4 p.m., 8 p.m.****December 25th****Christmas Day ~ Nativity of the Lord
10:00 a.m.****January 1st, 2025****Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God:
10:00 a.m.**

Updated Mass Schedule for January 2025

Beginning in January, St. Mary's will hold a 4 PM vigil each Saturday and an 8 AM Sunday mass.

Additionally, there will be Thursday and Friday morning Masses at 8:30 AM.

Upcoming Special Collection Envelopes

12/24	Christmas Flowers
12/25	Christmas
1/1	Solemnity of Mary

Wise
Men
Still
Seek Him

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, Alexa Papperman, Marcia Trombly, Patricia Komoroski, Jack Neumann, Mary Beth Woodard, Irene & Frank Marra, Judith M Hervieux, Andrew Melville, Christopher Goyette, Brady Sullivan, Michael Clune, Ginny Grigoliet, Randy Morley, Nicholas Muscatiello, Joe Cotrofeld, Cindy Vandiver, Loretta Fredricks, Sr. Maura Rhode, C.S.J., Michelle Weitz, Carla Salmon, Joann Guertin, Bill Dame, Bernard & Francoise Ouimet, John Neilson, Kathleen Walsh, Daniel Kelly, Mary Ann Daly, Mary Landor, Christine Mulligan, James Flynn. **Please help us keep our list up to date, and call the office (518.237.3131) with any changes.**





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