

A Happy New Year



May this Day
warm your Heart
with Joy and
Gladness,
and bring You
many happy
Years.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

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

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LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

The shepherds returned from Bethlehem “glorifying and praising God.” They were affected deeply by the sight of the infant Messiah and the message of the angels. What would the world look like, if we allowed ourselves to be likewise impacted by the word of God?

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A Cherished Christmas Tradition...

I grew up in the little railroad town of Ingram, a suburb just outside of the city of Pittsburgh. We lived in simple home built in 1892. It had lovely old world charm ...stained glass windows, twelve foot ceilings, four fireplaces to provide heat in the olden days, lots of wooden spindles and details and, was located on a tree lined street made of brick...as it remains today. I don't know how our Christmas tradition came to be; it's one of those questions I wish I had asked... Each Christmas my Dad would purchase our tree from a local group doing a fundraiser. It was always a struggle getting it up the porch steps and through the front door... then a mystery began to unfold...Where would Mom and Dad set up the tree this year? For you see, the tradition was to rotate the tree location each year...One year in the front living room bay window, the next year in the dining room corner, then in the window in our parent's room, then to my brother's room and, joy of joys, **it was my year for the tree!** I feel asleep to the peaceful magic of the colorful lights and the sound of the circling toy train (while a real train nearby sounded its whistle!) Such a simple memory of simple times cherished all my days...

Merry Christmas to all and to all a
goodnight!

Christina Dinklocker

Christmas memory

My Dad was a mailman and Christmas was the busiest time of year for him. Overtime was mandatory, but I know he wouldn't have turned it down. He always provided as much as he could for his family. He frequently got home around 6:00pm. during the Christmas season. He left for work in the morning, and I know it was before 7:00am.

Dad had a walking route and had to deliver the mail to the houses, frequently walking up icy or snow covered steps. I know by Christmas Eve he was extremely tired and I am sure he wasn't thrilled hearing his six teenage kids wanting to go to Midnight Mass. He never commented nor committed to it, he just was aware of our wishes. Sometimes Dad stopped to take a brief nap, but he always came through and made it happen.

Midnight mass was always special and I can still remember the excitement and joy surrounding it. The music was beautiful. Being together as a family meant everything to me. Celebrating Jesus's birthday was a joy. Now, as an adult, I realize what a great act of love that was for my Dad. I appreciate Mom and Dad more now than ever before. They always showed us how to be loving. ~kmh



Some years ago Father included this Story in the Bulletin. Lily and Grace were dismayed that in January the Christmas Tree came down and that the First Month arrived with nothing more than snow and cold. Sad and forlorn the two dogs sat where the Christmas Tree once stood bemoaning the end of presents, carols, decorations & treats. It was Gracie who had 'AN IDEA' and she left the room in a determined urgency. When she returned so was the idea of the Waiting Branch born and to this day on the window sill in the parlor is a tiny vase with an evergreen branch that serves as a reminder that, like all good things, Christmas will return after the days of spring, summer and fall have extended their stay. On those lazy, warm days of summer when air conditioners and ice cream become our best friends and after pumpkins have turned into jack-o-lanterns there is an *evergreen* reminder that patiently sits on the window sill harkens us of 'First Noels and Jingle Bells!

The Waiting Branch! I like to put this in the bulletin each year. It softens the sight of Christmas trees on tree lawns or stored back into boxes. The wonderful Yule Season comes so abruptly to an end. Before you know it the spirit of excitement and anticipation comes crashing down. Xmas lights are extinguished, gifts are put away, no more 'Silent Night' and Deck the halls....SO, WHAT DO DOGS THINK OF THIS strange CONCLUSION since it is often difficult for children and the child-like.

“Where’s the Christmas Tree?” Gracie asked with certain sadness in her words. Lily looked up from her comfortable position near the fireplace, “It’s in the attic.” she responded. Gracie thought long and hard and continued her inquiry, “Does that mean that we go up to the attic now to continue Christmas?” Lily smiled, “Christmas is *over*. It doesn’t come back until next December.” Gracie went to the corner of the room where the tree had stood only hours before. “That’s terribly sad,” she said, “No more tree, no more visitors, no more Christmas songs, no more treats, no more gifts, no more lights, no more candy canes...” Lily interrupted her, “Yes, Gracie, no more until December!” In a flash Gracie was gone as Lily returned to her nap though wondering what her sister might be up to. After a crashing noise from the kitchen Gracie returned with an evergreen branch in her mouth. “Where did you get that?” asked Lily. Gracie dropped the branch to answer, “from the wreath on the table the only thing left that I can find of Christmas!” Lily tilted her head trying to understand, “What do you plan on doing with it?” Gracie’s eyes brightened, “I am going to put it in the corner where the Christmas Tree stood as a reminder that Christmas never really ends even if it has been stored away in the attic. I will keep it right there and it will help me to remember that this special corner was filled with lights and tinsel and all kinds of gifts. This will be the “waiting branch”-just a little bit of Christmas to take me through the whole year until December comes back! Lily had no response. She watched as Gracie carefully placed the branch in the corner of the room and then sat to admire her work. Then joining Lily she lay down near the fireplace with her eyes focused on the little fir branch in the corner where the Christmas Tree once stood.”



THANK YOU once again for making it through the frigid, cold weather to join us for the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses. I salute your bravery! The Music Ministry was beyond special and the spirit of you ‘the people of God’ warmed the hearts of everyone in the Church! The Messiah has come and we are His people. Let the spirit of this season fill your hearts and bring you peace, comfort, hope and joy in every good way.

A note to so very, very many young people in the Church this past weekend—You are always welcomed and you too are a part of the Christmas joy that the rest of us can so fully enjoy! Thank you!



..and for all your greetings & wishes & kindness **thank you from Gracie, Annie, Cotton & me!**

“The Christmas Season (for Catholics)

December 25 – The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Roman Catholics (and some other Christians) mark the end of the liturgical Christmas season with the celebration of the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which falls on the Sunday after the Feast of the Epiphany (usually the second Sunday of January). Ordinary Time begins the day after the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

Fun fact: Centuries ago, the baptism of Christ was the primary event celebrated as part of the feast of the Epiphany, along with the visit of the Magi and other events from the childhood of Jesus. *Epiphany* means “manifestation” or “appearance.” So while the baptism of Christ marks the beginning of his public ministry, it is also part of his “manifestation” or “appearance”—one of the events signaling that God has broken into human history in a unique way.

Bonus! The Presentation of the Lord

December 25 – February 2 (The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord)

But wait, there’s more! The Church circles back around to the Christmas season forty days after Christmas, on the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. The Law of Moses required first-born sons to be dedicated to the Lord, so Mary and Joseph dutifully brought the baby Jesus to the Temple for his dedication and circumcision (Luke 2:22-38). In some countries (and some households), it is traditional to keep Christmas decorations up until this feast.

This feast is also traditionally known as Candlemas; centuries ago, the feast was accompanied by a candlelight procession and a blessing of beeswax candles from the home.”

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WEDNESDAY January 4 - *St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious*
11:00 AM Special intention

FRIDAY January 6 - *St. Andre' Bessette, Religious*
11:00 AM +James Rademaker

SATURDAY January 7 - *St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest*
4:00 PM +Kathleen DeBernadi

SUNDAY January 8
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
8:00 AM Parish Community
10:00 AM In honor of the Magi & Shepherds!
11:45 AM Jennie, Bill, Margie, Dick +++++



**Our friends and
relatives who are ill.
May God grant them**

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WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES

Readings for the week of January 1, 2023

Sunday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Monday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34
Wednesday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42
Thursday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Jn 1:43-51
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/
Mk 1:7-11 or
Lk 3:23-28 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a, and 9b/Jn 2:1-11
Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Observances for the week of January 1, 2023

Sunday: Mary, The Holy Mother of God, National Migration Week, New Year's Day, World Day of Peace
Monday: Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church
Tuesday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus
Wednesday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
Thursday: St. John Neumann, Bishop
Friday: St. André Bessette, Religious
Saturday: St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest
Next Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord
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SAINT OF THE WEEK

In 2023, we will be highlighting holy men and women from the Americas who are canonized or in the process of canonization. We hope their stories inspire your faith!

St. John Neumann | January 5

St. John Neumann, patron saint of educators, immigrants, and sick children, was the first male saint to be canonized from the USA. An immigrant himself, he expanded Catholic education in his region from 2 schools to 100 & ministered in 6 different languages!

The next Sanctuary Candle will be lit for the

Deceased of the Rocheck family



GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST!



Baptism Class

The next Baptism Class will be held **Sunday, January 15th after the 11:45am mass at St. Colette.**

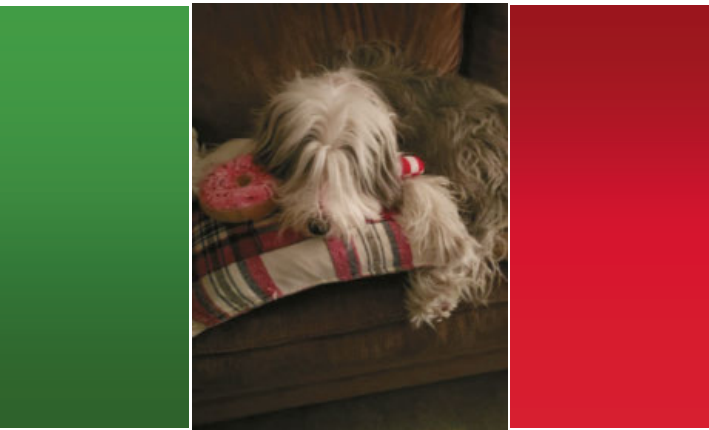
Diocesan policy requires attendance at a Baptism class for parents who are planning to present their first child for the Sacrament of Baptism.

To register, call the Parish Office at (330) 273-5500.

The 2023 Holy Calendars are now available. They can be picked up in the atrium.

A Special Thank You to ***Carlson Funeral Home*** for sponsoring the calendar again this year.

The next **Cleveland Retrouvaille Weekend** is scheduled for January 13 - 15, 2023. The Retrouvaille program is a Lifeline for Troubled Marriages. Has your marriage become unloving or uncaring – your relationship cold, distant – thinking about a separation or divorce? Are you already separated/ divorced but both of you want to try again? Then the Retrouvaille program may help you rediscover each other again. RETROUVAILLE, which means rediscovery, is supported by the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland, but it is open to couples of all faiths. This program consists of a weekend experience for couples and six follow up sessions. A registration fee of \$450.00 is required to confirm your reservation. For more information concerning the program, or to register, please call Shelly or Rob at 216.509.0301 or 440.836.4810, go online to www.helpourmarriage.org.



PSCF NEWS

No Classes Monday, Jan. 2 & Tuesday, Jan. 3
Classes resume on Monday, Jan. 9 &
Tuesday Jan. 10, 2023

Pre-School

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Parish Activities

Monday Mornings with Mary - Monday,
January 2, 10 am

Daytime Believers - Wednesday, January 4,
10am

OLPH - Thursday, January 5, 7pm

Brothers - Saturday, January 7, 8am

“An optimist stays up until midnight to see the New Year in. A pessimist stays up to make sure the old year leaves.” —*William E. Vaughan, journalist and author*

A warm Welcome to our Parish!

Happy to have you with us

Remembering with Love....

Our loving prayers and deepest sympathy are extended to the families of John Durkin (husband of Margaret) & Kathryn Klasek who were called to theirs Eternal reward. Please pray for them and all the faithful departed.

Live in Light & Peace!

Loving God, eternal God, Merciful God
Bless this New Year that awaits us.
Bring your peace, restore us in hope, and let
the warmth of your love through Jesus
Christ permeate our lives.

Holy Mary, good St. Joseph intercede
for us before our Lord, Jesus the
Christ—Messiah and Lord! Amen

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SACRAMENTS

Baptism - following 11:45 Mass on the second and fourth Sunday of the month. Arrangements must be made in advance through the Parish Office. Baptism Class required for first child.

Matrimony –Congratulations! Arrangements must be made 6 months in advance with the priest.

Sacrament of the Sick - contact the Office for home visitations and Eucharist.

Reconciliation - Saturday 3:00-3:30pm

WEEKLY COLLECTION REPORT

THANK YOU!!!

Sunday, December 18, 2022.....\$13,254.01
 Capital Improvement Fund.....\$2,094.20
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