



DECEMBER 20, 2020 | *FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT*



MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21

8:15 AM GUY BAUER (ANNIV.)

(Mr. & Mrs. Billy Bowers)

(Sg 2:8-14; Lk 1:39-45)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22

NO MASS

(1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23

8:15 AM PARTICIA HORTON

(Dolly & Marlene)

(Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24

4:00 PM MARY SIEBERT

(Marie Hugar & Jerome Woods)

(2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lk 1:67-79)

6:30 PM ELAINE GRIMONE (ANNIV.)

(Toni & Dave Dresser)

(Is 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25

9:00 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES

(The Pastor)

(Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26

5:00 PM RICHARD BAUER

(Bauer Cousins)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

9:00 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

(The Pastor)

(Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21; Lk 2:22-40)



2 Worship Together

December 20, 2020

CHRISTMAS MASSES: DEC. 24 & 25

EXTRAORDINARY

MINISTERS:

4:00 PM ~ W. Smith
6:30 PM ~ P. Delucia
9:00 AM ~ M. Fragale

LECTORS:

Sarah Abriatis
Melissa Stuart
John English

ALTAR SERVERS:

Ryan Shaffer & Maggie Abriatis
Delaney Rowan & Volunteer
Zach Abriatis & Samantha Good

WEEKEND OF DEC. 27-28

EXTRAORDINARY

MINISTERS:

5:00 PM ~
9:00 AM ~ P. Rodgers

LECTORS:

Dave Malize
Mary Dixon

ALTAR SERVERS:

Emelia & Mitchell Copp
Kamden Fragale & Clara Clark

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUNDAY (20th) 9:00 AM - *4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT*
WEDNESDAY (23rd) No Rel. Ed. Class 2nd & 3rd Graders
No Holy Hour or Confession
THURSDAY (24th) 4:00 PM - *Christmas Eve Mass*
6:30 PM - *Christmas Vigil Mass*
FRIDAY (25th) 9:00 AM - *Christmas Day Mass*
SATURDAY (26th) No Confession
5:00 PM - *Vigil Mass*
SUNDAY (27th) 9:00 AM - *THE HOLY FAMILY of JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH*



The Sanctuary Lamps
burn before the
Blessed Sacraments
this week
*IN LOVING MEMORY
OF OUR PARENTS*
By: Lauren & Jennie Songer

Happy Birthday!
**Happy BELATED
90th Birthday**
LAUREN SONGER
{DEC. 15th}
May you be blessed all the days
of your life!

Thank You!
GIVING CRIB
Thanks so very much to Darlene Vogt, Heidi Aikens & Wanda Smith and their "Little Elves" who did such a wonderful job with the Giving Crib. We are so glad you helped us to care for our local children and individuals who benefited from this nice outreach!

A Family Perspective
Two important lessons in today's gospel speak to anyone who has ever felt afraid or uncertain; stressed or confused. No matter what is happening in your family, remember, "The Lord is with you." The angel reminds us, "Do not be afraid" for "nothing is impossible with God."



On December 24th "Christmas Eve", we are asking the residents of Emporium and Cameron County to step outside at 10:00 PM and join in singing of "Silent Night". Can't you just imagine hearing all those voices? We can change this world from Emporium and together we can show the world what being a Christ centered community is all about. Also, the radio station will be playing "Silent Night" at 10:00 PM as well as chimes from the Episcopal Church.



Heifer

Please consider giving a donation to Heifer in honor of a loved one this Christmas season. Your gift of a heifer today will provide the gifts of food, health and hope this holiday for families in need.



Marriage Moment

Dec. 21 is the Winter Solstice. In the northern hemisphere, this is the longest night of the year. Dark nights can be cozy when warmed by love and candlelight, but they can also refer to times our love was challenged or a time of personal depression. If this week finds you blessed with pleasant experiences of darkness, pray for those who aren't. If you are currently struggling in your marriage, check out [Retrouvaille](#) or [The Third Option](#).

GOSPEL: LUKE 1:26-38 THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

Adult: How do you open your heart like Mary to what God wants for you? How do you follow the pathway that leads to happiness?

Youth: Like Mary, name something for God that you might do this week?



FOURTH SUNDAY in ADVENT

THE GREATNESS OF MARY

Mary's steadfastness and trust in God, even in the trouble of being an unmarried pregnant woman, are a training for her and a sign for us. Mary will eventually find the greatness of soul to love God and her son at the foot of the cross, in the shame of having her son die a shaming death. And, from watching Mary standing by the cross, we learn that human greatness has, at its core, fidelity through shame and suffering. And so the greatness of Christ on the cross is foreshadowed by the greatness of this small woman, pregnant, shamed and faithful.

SUNDAY OBLIGATION

REMINDER

As COVID cases rise, pastors and people are reminded that Bishop Persico continues to dispense the faithful from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days. This dispensation also applies to the upcoming The Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord, and the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. These holy days are still to be celebrated in parishes this year. However, everyone is reminded that if they are not well or are high-risk or have contact with someone who is high-risk for COVID, they are not obligated to attend, and it may be safer to stay home. Those unable to attend Mass in person are warmly encouraged to visit www.ErieRCD.org to find a list of Masses that are livestreamed by parishes in the diocese.



Hello everyone!

This is the most unusual Christmas that perhaps we've ever had...in spite of the pandemic, we still keep our traditions, hold our memories dear, spend time with loved ones (it may be virtual or some other way if we can't be together physically). Perhaps this year, we have been stretched to think outside the box, maybe even establish some new traditions! Hopefully our newness has it includes putting the birth of Jesus our Savior more in the forefront of our lives and family. Here's one way that I came up with while praying the rosary. I started thinking about what kind of personality Mary would have? What kind of personality would Joseph have? For Mary, I started thinking of 13-18 year old young ladies and their personalities, their joy, energy, creativity.

Surely Mary would be vibrant, intelligent and both poor and noticeable at the same time. For Joseph, I was thinking of some young men in their early to mid 20's. Joseph must've had some incredible qualities about him! I asked myself, what person that I know would be most like who St. Joseph?

This gave me new insights. What about you? Do you have any new ideas or ways to live your Christmas? If not, take some time this week to do this alone or talk about it with you significant others. This Christmas, may God answer your prayers. May the Blessings of Christ Jesus Our Savior, born in Bethlehem, be very evident in your lives this Christmas season!

Merry Christmas! *Fr. Paul*



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

THURS., DEC. 24th ~ 4:00 PM

Christmas Eve Mass
(FILLED TO CAPACITY)

THURS., DEC. 24th ~ 6:30 PM

Christmas Vigil Mass

FRI., DEC. 25th ~ 9:00 AM

Christmas Morning Mass

PLEASE SIGN-UP NOW!

COME EARLY!

SEATS ARE NOT GUARANTEED...

Signing-up does not equal a reservation, this is for planning purposes only.

Overflow seating available in O'Connell Hall with simultaneous Livestream.

O'Connell Hall seating limited due to Social Distancing.

You can livestream Christmas Eve masses (or watch Christmas Eve mass on Christmas Day as well) at home, then come to rectory back porch immediately after mass to receive

communion. Call 486-0569 or sign-up on sheet in church for communion as soon as you know your plan.



Sacrament of Reconciliation:

SPECIAL PENANCE TODAY...

LAST CHANCE!

SUNDAY, DEC. 20th: 3:00 PM in West Vestibule

(No visiting priest – Confession without Communal Service) There will no Confessions this week, Wednesday or Saturday)



Many thanks to

Bo Cappiello and

Barnett's Funeral Home for the

beautiful gift of

St. Mark/St. James 2021

home calendars.



CATHOLIC SERVICES

APPEAL

There's still time to give to the St. Mark/St. James 2020 Catholic Services Appeal!

WE ARE OVER THE DIOCESAN GOAL!
ALL FUNDS STAY HERE!

We appreciate any gift, pledge, one-time payment or gold envelopes to help us out.

Thanks everyone who has helped us through CSA this year!



Retirement Fund for Religious

THANKS FOR GIVING!

"We are conscious of the great generosity of the many benefactors who support the Retirement Fund for Religious each year," says a Catholic sister. "Support from the fund has been a tremendous blessing to our retired sisters." Thank you for donating to last week's collection.



2020
SAINT MARK CHRISTMAS
ALTAR FLOWER MEMORIALS

IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR LOVED ONES:

JACK & NICK GUISTO & SONNY ABRIATIS

PAUL & CATHERINE STREICH

OUR PARENTS

MATT, KATY & RYAN ZOSCHG, HARY, ARLENE & JOE BURNSIDE,
GRACE & LOWELL YOUNG and JEANETTE NORMANDLY

MARLENE, FRANK & MICHAEL CARNAVOLE

Deceased Members of the CATON, MINARD, PARKS & DOLAN & HUSTED
FAMILIES, BUTCH CATON and all our deceased friends

CLARA SANCHEZ and CAMILO RESENDIZ

BOB & ROB COLWELL

JAMES COPPERSMITH, The COPPERSMITH and NELSON FAMILIES

HENRY W. ZIMMER JR. and EARLY & DEE MOORE

JOHN & SAVILLA BOHREN, JOHN & LEONA DANKESREITER and
DENNIS DANKESREITER

JOSEPH & NICCIA DeSIO and NANCY WENNIN

FRANK & MARY LOU CALLAWAY and RALPH "PAPA" CALLAWAY

GENE DRUM, LARRY & CATHERINE KEENAN and EILEEN HERTLENE

Immediate & Extended Deceased Members of the DUNKLE & UKASINSKI
FAMILIES, KENNY WEINBERG, DAISY SMITH, LEOLA NORBERG
BUCKY, ANDY HOFFMAN, and MARGARET HORNUNG

ENGLISH and ENRIGHT FAMILIES

BILL ERSKINE

ANN & MIKE FRAGALE, SONNY, JENNY & PETE FRAGALE, JIM &
JANICE FRAGALE

DOMENICO & JENNY FAPORE, SALVATOR FAPORE, PATRICIA CATON
and Deceased members of FRAGALE FAMILY

THOMAS & JULIA CLEARY, LAUAA CLARK, JANE BLACKFORD,
BILL McANINCH, WALTER CLARK and EARL & RUTH LAUGHLIN

BERNADETTE ERB, WALTER KNISELY, JOSEPH (PETE) MALIZE
and VIRGINIA MALIZE McNAUGHTON

LEO & BETTY MANGINELL

Deceased Members of the BAILEY and MARTUCCIO FAMILIES

Deceased Members of the BONANNO, GROVANZ, & MAY FAMILIES

DAVID J. CLONAN, HOWARD & M. FRANCES BAILEY,

REQUESTED BY:

Abriatis, Mark, Jen & Family

Andrews, Ron, Kay & Family

Bauer, Rich and BarB

Burnside, Margaret

Carnovale Family

Caton, Gina

Mrs. Eugenia Clark

Colwell, Angelin

Coppersmith, Bev

Cunningham, Joe & Jill

Dankesreiter, Ron & Carole

DeSio, Joe & Kathy

Dixon, Mary

Drum, Ruth

Dunkle, Deb

English, John & Pat

Erskine, Judy

Farren, Marlene

Fapore, Dennis & JoAnn

Laughlin, James & Mary

Malize, Dave & Cindy

Manginell, Fred & Linda

Martuccio, Dan & Kristin & Family

May, Art & Rita

McFall, Kim & Bob

JOSEPH V. & JANE M. CLONAN Sr. and RODNEY & VIVIAN MCFALL

THE NORMANLY, BURNSIDE, DOLAN, MINARD, CATON and PARKS
and TIM KINSLER

MY MOTHER & FATHER, Sister LINDA, Brother JIM & Infant Daughter KIRA

STEVEN PERKINS and RICHARD GUSHEROWSKI

MICHELENE PIPAS, MIKE & ANNA PIPAS, HELEN HAMMOND and
ROBERT& MARIE ECKENRODE

JOHN & HONEY GLASL and MIKE & DOT POORMAN

ANDREW "ANDY" RICHNAFSKY, ROSE & BERNIE BRENNAN,
JOHN "JACK" GUISTO, PAT BENEDICT, JAMES "NICK" GUISTO,
JOHN & MARGERET YESENKO

EVELYN RUSSELL, ANDREW "ANDY" RICHNAFSKY, JOHN "JACK" GUISTO,
JAMES "NICK" GUISTO

DECEASED MEMBERS OF REIGEL & ESPIN FAMILIES, BARBARA BROWN and
CINDY ARMANINI

DELORES RODGERS, FRANCIS & JEAN RODGERS, MIKE RODGERS
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ANNA SARICK and ANDREW SARICK

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GILBERT WOLFEL

DECEASED MEMBEERS OF ZITO FAMILY

Minard, John & Mary Grace FAMILIES

Newton, Helen

Perkins, Edwin & Rose

Pipas, George & Jeanne

Poorman, Bari & Rita

Richnafsky, John & Laure and
Fran Guisto

Richnafsky, Patricia

Reigel, Betty

Rodgers, Pat
Rusnak, James
Sarick, Barry

Sarick, Josephine

Schloder, Sally and Family

Smith, David & Judy

Songer, Lauren & Jennie

Straub, Ken & Cathy

Strycula, Kathy

Tauses, Margi

Wolfel, Helen

Zito, Jean

Mr. & Mrs. Raymond DeMatz

Mr. & Mrs. David Dresser

IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR LOVED ONES: REQUESTED BY ST. JAMES PARISHIONERS

DECEASED FAMILY MEMBERS OF KAMATS & COONEY FAMILIES
BETTY & JOHN PAYNER and MARIE NICKLER

Cooney, Louise

Deceased Members of the DOLAN & MINARD FAMILIES, BUTCH CATON,
LARRY SCHLODER, VIRGIL CHAMBERS & STAN KOLBY

Dolan, John & Kathy

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BEN & PAUL WENNIN and WELDON PETERS

Wood, Mary

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McISAAC, FREDDIE WOODS, DON WOODS, JIM HARRISON, ART ERNEST,
MARTHA, DONNA & GEORGIE and CATHERINE SAXTON

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