

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

January 1, 2023



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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



PRAYER FOR TODAY **New Year's Eve**

Father, we are prone to quickly forget Your goodness and care for us. Lord, may we trust You today and into the new year--whatever uncertainties or challenges we may face. You are the God that can be trusted. Thank You for Your Word that helps us stay focused. May we find delight in Your love and share it with others today. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Readings for the week of January 1, 2023

Sunday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-8/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Monday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:2-4/Jn 1:19-28
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Ps 98:1-6/Jn 1:29-34
Wednesday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-9/Jn 1:35-42
Thursday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1-5/Jn 1:43-51
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-20/Mk 1:7-11
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-6, 9/Jn 2:1-11
Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-13/Eph 3:2-6/Mt 2:1-12

Sacrament of Baptism: Sacramental preparation is required of the parents who desire to share the Catholic faith with their children and are held monthly throughout the City of Erie. Call the parish office to register to schedule your preparation. Godparents must be Confirmed and practicing Catholics with a letter of recommendation from their pastor to serve as a sacramental sponsor.

Religious Education, First Holy Communion, and First Reconciliation programs are hosted at Saint Luke's Church for all eastside Erie parishes. Contact their parish office for more information and to register your child (814.825.7105).

Confirmation preparation for all eastside Erie parishes is hosted at Saint Luke's Church. Contact their parish office for more information and to register your child (814.825.6920).

Sacrament of Holy Orders: God calls all people to holiness. Some men are called to fulfill this vocation as priests. If you are interested in the priesthood, or have questions about it, please contact a parish priest or our Diocesan Vocation Director, Scott Jabo, at 1.814.824.1181.

Sacrament of Matrimony: Before a date can be scheduled, a priest must be contacted at least six months in advance to complete the required documents.

Sacrament of the Sick: Communal celebrations of Anointing the Sick are scheduled periodically. The sacrament can also be requested by any parishioner who is seriously ill or in danger of death. *Please note:* Federal law no longer permits hospitals or nursing homes to contact churches when a parishioner is admitted. It is important that family members notify the parish office if a loved one needs a visit, desires to receive Holy Communion, or needs to be Anointed.

Leave A Legacy: Consider Saint Stanislaus and Holy Trinity as you meet with your attorney or financial planner regarding your estate planning. Remember the needs of your parish family and leave a legacy of faith for future generations with your generous remembrance.

Bulletin Information Deadline: Please submit information to be included in the weekend bulletin by noon the Monday prior. Holiday bulletin announcements must be received by the parish office two weeks in advance.

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"PRAYER, CARE, AND CONCERN" MINISTRY

Those who participate in this ministry express the care and concern of our entire parish community to those who are ill, hospitalized, homebound, or in nursing facilities, through birthday and holiday cards, visits, and prayers. To request prayers, or to participate in this ministry, contact Saint Stanislaus Office (814-452-6606).

"PRAYERLINE" MINISTRY

These ministers devote themselves to prayer for any needs made known to them and any special intentions. To participate in this ministry, or to request prayers for a particular need, contact Kay (825-7328) or Shirley (452.3395) from St. Stanislaus, or Kathy (392-8974) at Holy Trinity.

PCEP (Parish Catholic Education Program)

Parishioners of Holy Trinity can receive a parish grant to assist with the cost of tuition for families who wish their primary or secondary school age children to have a Catholic education. To be eligible, families must participate in the program, attend Mass regularly, and be involved in the parish community. For more information, contact the parish office.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Parishioners interested in serving our worshipping community as an altar server, lector, Eucharistic minister, music minister, or usher/greeter, please let one of your priests know.

"PRAYER SHAWL" MINISTRY

The enjoyment of knitting, crocheting, and sewing are uniquely combined with prayer to offer a deeply personal and meaningful spiritual ministry. Shawls are prayerfully made and freely given away to those suffering bereavement, those recovering from illness, the elderly, homebound, and those in nursing facilities. To join us in this ministry, please contact Sue (450-2987).

THE "ZABAWA COMMITTEE"

Held on the parish grounds of Holy Trinity, Zabawa is the largest Polish heritage celebration in the region, drawing tens of thousands of people to our neighborhood. The Zabawa Committee organizes the festival through food preparation, donation solicitation, food and beverage service, and so on. The committee always welcomes any help they receive. If you would like to offer your time, and experience hands-on learning about these rich cultural traditions, contact Ray (882-1032).

PROLIFE COMMUNITY

This ministry advocates through for the protection of all human life from conception until natural death through prayer, education, and action.

"PRAYER CANDLE" MAKING MINISTRY

This ministry makes prayer candles from the church's left over bee's wax. They meet on Wednesdays, from 10AM - Noon in St. Stanislaus Parish Hall. No experience necessary.

ST. STANISLAUS / HOLY TRINITY INITIAL PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM

(please circle which parish)

Family Name: _____

E-mail: _____

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Please Check: ☐ New Registration ☐ Change of Address ☐ Change of Telephone Number

☐ Change of E-mail ☐ Moving out of Parish ☐ Want Envelopes

*Place in offertory basket or mail to Parish Office. We will contact you to complete our Census Form.
Welcome to our Parish Family!*

A Community of Faith Built on Tradition, Where Everyone is Welcome

Saint Stanislaus Parish Community

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., Jan. 2nd - Private Intention
Tues., Jan. 3rd - Rose "Babe" Niedzwiecki (Kay Kujan)
Wed., Jan. 4th - Gary & Bob Wlodarczyk (Family)
Thurs., Jan. 5th - Ronald Bukoski (Carrie & Val Jaskiewicz)
Fri., Jan. 6th - Jolae Ropiecki (Christopher Randazzo)
Sat., Jan. 7th, 4:00PM - Theresa & Leo Ignasiak (Maria & Family)
Sun., Jan. 8th, 9:00AM - For the People of St. Stanislaus (*Pro Populo*)



Our sanctuary candle burns for
GLORIA & PATRICK CARROLL as
gifted by Diane & Rich Valahovic.



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.

QUESTION: What is the history of the rosary? Where did this prayer come from?

ANSWER:

Although a longstanding tradition attributed the rosary to Saint Dominic and the Dominican Order, the practice of using beads to count prayers predates the Dominicans by a few hundred years. In fact, it seems that what we now think of as the rosary (which means "garland of roses") was first developed by illiterate peasants and religious brothers and sisters as a way of offering 150 "Our Fathers" to replace the praying of the 150 psalms in the Divine Office.

The practice of reciting 150 Hail Marys (which was later subdivided into 15 decades of 10 Hail Marys) arose during the late Middle Ages. Devotion to the rosary began to flourish in the nineteenth century, especially as new devotions to Mary began to spread throughout Europe and the New World. An annual liturgical celebration of Our Lady of the Rosary was introduced into the Church calendar in 1573 and it has been observed on the date of October 7 since 1913.

In the apostolic letter *On the Most Holy Rosary*, Pope Saint John Paul II not only added five new mysteries to the traditional fifteen, but he also reminded Catholics that the rosary is, at its core, an opportunity to go deeper into the life of Jesus: "The rosary, though clearly Marian in character, is at heart a Christocentric prayer ... It has all the depth of the Gospel message in its entirety, of which it can be said to be a compendium. It is an echo of Mary's prayer, her perennial Magnificat ... With the rosary, the Christian people sit at the school of Mary and are led to contemplate the beauty of the face of Christ and to experience the depths of his love" (no. 1).

HAPPY NEW YEAR! 2023

WEEKLY OFFERING FOR DECEMBER 25TH



ENVELOPE NOTICE

Many have been asking when our 2023 envelope boxes will arrive. We have contacted our provider (Cathedral Cooperation) and they explained that they are delayed in printing and shipping; they may not arrive by the new year. They will try to ship them as soon as possible. In the meantime, feel free to use a plain envelope and mark your name and/or envelope number on it and we will make the necessary notes for your end-of-year tax filings.

Holy Trinity Parish Community



The sanctuary candle burns this week in for the **HEALTH OF SANDY KEMPISTY**, as gifted by Bonnie Homicz.



1/06 - Ted Dombrowski
1/08 - Alexis Simora & Dale Winarski

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., Jan. 2nd - Msgr. John Haggerty
Tues., Jan. 3rd - The Health of Sandy Kempisty (Bonnie Homicz)
Wed., Jan. 4th - Kulig, Laszczewski, & Habas Families (Estate)
Thurs., Jan 5th - Bishop Donald Trautman
Fri., Jan. 6th - Alice Dombrowski (Friends)
Sat., Jan. 7th, 5:15PM - For the People of Holy Trinity (Pro Populo)
Sun., Jan. 8th, 10:30AM - Charles & Theresa Brasington (Family)

LISTEN. THINK. ACT.

That is a mantra or slogan for many different groups. Some seek to battle prejudice and bias. Other groups hope to eliminate poverty or reduce crime. I have even found some companies use it as a way of increasing engagement among their employees. In a nutshell, it is about taking in what you have heard and then reflecting on it before you act. The most fruitful actions are those that take place after careful reflection.

This is an important thing to remember for those trying to live a stewardship way of life. If we are honest with ourselves, too often most of us jump to conclusions too quickly or act in ways that cause friction because we didn't really think about the consequences of our actions. We are moving too fast in a world that seems to be moving ever faster.

When the shepherds came to visit Jesus, the newborn King, they told Mary everything that the angels had told them. Luke tells us that after hearing all this, she "kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart." No response. No panic. No action. Her reflection was the appropriate response.

In this New Year, you and I would do well to remember this Gospel account of Mary, the Mother of God. Let us resolve to listen more, reflect often, and then act accordingly. We are called to use our gifts wisely, sowing them in good soil. If we just throw them out, allowing them to simply fall wherever they may, have we really used them for God's glory? We need to listen. Think. Then act.

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PARENTING POINTERS

Feast of the Holy Family. St. Paul encourages us to "put on compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience...forgiving one another...peace, gratitude." (Colossians 3:17) Discuss which of these virtues best fits each person in your family.

WEEKLY OFFERING FOR DECEMBER 25TH



Mary Mother of God

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devotion	honor	faithful	merciful
prudent	admirable	amiable	undefiled
chaste	pure	divine grace	Mother of God
venerate	annunciation	Fiat	rosary
intercede	full of grace	Blessed Mother	church
Nate	Kyra	Mary	Heaven
assumption	immaculate conception	privileges	perpetual virginity
Original Sin			

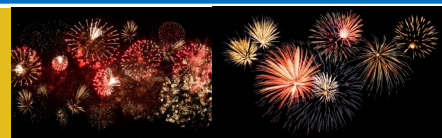
"Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart."

— Luke 2:19

News for Our Partnership



**HAPPY NEW YEAR!
2023**



**Our Parish Offices will be CLOSED on
Monday, January 2nd**

A special word of thanks to the volunteers from both parishes who took time to decorate our churches for the Christmas season. They both look stunning! Thank you for your time and creativity.

- Fr. Jason

MANY THANKS

Fr. Dan and Fr. Jason want to thank everyone for your kind Christmas remembrances this holiday season. Your kindness and generosity is overwhelming and greatly appreciated. To every one of our parishioners: Please know of our prayers for God's abundant blessings throughout the holiday season!

JANUARY 1, 2023

SOLEMNITY OF THE MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

The blessing included in the First Reading from the Book of Numbers is one with which most of us are familiar. "The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord let His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you..." In the Jewish culture this has been known for centuries as the Aaronic blessing as it was dictated by God Himself to Aaron. It is important to note that it begins with "The Lord bless you." All blessings come from God. One error we make is to conclude that blessings always mean happiness or security or prosperity. God knows what blessings we need, even if we do not. The key for us is to be grateful for whatever blessings we may have. That mind set is at the hub of stewardship — knowing all blessings come from the Lord, and our need to be appreciative of them. To be "kept" by the Lord is to turn our lives over to Him, to know that He is with us and that He loves us, blesses us, and does indeed "keep" us ever in His care. The truth is that to be blessed by God is one of the greatest gifts we can receive. It is available to all of us without exception. During this continued Christmas season, it is well to remember and repeat the classic statement by the character Tiny Tim in Charles Dickens' immortal A Christmas Carol: "God bless us, everyone," for certainly He does.

LIEUTENANT FATHER JASON GLOVER



On the morning of December 20th, Fr. Jason was officially sworn in by Mayor Schember and Chief Spizarny as Chaplain of the City of Erie Police Department. In this capacity, Fr. Jason will support the Department in

their important works, be available to individual officers who have emotional or spiritual needs, to help maintain a good morale in the Department, crisis interventions, possible death notifications, and other unforeseen assistance. Please keep him in your prayers as he engages this new endeavor. Most importantly, keep our law enforcement officers, and their safety, in your prayers.

LIFE HACK

As we enter the New Year, we often receive checks in our offertory still dated "2022" and we can not deposit them. HINT: take your check book out and write the year "2023" on the next few checks to avoid this mistake and until you are use to writing in the new year.

Heavenly Father, as we embark upon a new year, remind my heart to leave the old things behind and look ahead to a new year, full of fresh possibilities. For you are the God of the possible, not the impossible. You are the God of new beginnings, not living in the past. You are the God of miracles, who can make a dry path through the sea, who can calm the wind and waves, who can bring forth water in the dry desert. Lord, fill my heart with your possibilities as I look toward this new year. Lead me closer to you and your great possibilities for my life as I seek to follow you ever more closely. Amen.

2023

THE 31 CLUB - PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS

1/2) [Open]; 1/3) Jeannie McGinley, Judy Tuccheri, & Jackie Vargo; 1/4) Patty & Ed Czulewicz, & Marie Przepierski;
1/5) Mary Ann Merski & Michelle Inter; 1/6) Msgr. Dan Magraw; 1/7) Ed Korytowski & Lori Krasnesky;
1/8) Steve Rimpa, Stephanie & Bill Wycech, & Charlie & Charlene Schroeck

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

1/2) Fr. Jim Piszker; 1/3) Fr. Bob Manning; 1/4) Fr. John Santor; 1/5) Fr. Ross Miceli;
1/6) Fr. Chris Barnes; 1/7) Fr. Ed Walk; 1/8) Fr. David Perry

Sunday, Jan 01, 2023

SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD
Numbers 6:22-27; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21.

"The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace!"

And let it begin with me

"The world must be educated to love Peace, to build it up and defend it." With these words, Pope Paul VI in 1968 called us each to personal responsibility for keeping the peace. Since then, successive popes have related the quest for peace to fighting poverty, protecting creation, defeating racism, caring for migrants, supporting education, ensuring opportunities to work, and overcoming indifference. As the pandemic bloomed, Pope Francis described peace as cultivating a "culture of care." Make peace your personal priority.

Monday, Jan 02, 2023

MEMORIAL OF BASIL THE GREAT AND GREGORY NAZIANZEN, DOCTORS OF THE CHURCH
1 John 2:22-28; John 1:19-28

"Who are you, so we can give an answer to those who sent us?"

Spirituality is a friendly endeavor

Is there anyone you regard as a "spiritual friend"? Someone with whom you share your Christian journey and who helps you grow in faith? Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen were two such friends who were monks together for a while and later both became bishops. They lived in a time - the fourth century - when there was great conflict and heresy, and the pair worked to keep the church united on the right path. Gregory wrote of their friendship: "We seemed to be two bodies with a single spirit ... Our single object and ambition was virtue..." If it's true that you are the company you keep, choose wisely!

Tuesday, Jan 03, 2023

MEMORIAL OF THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS
1 John 2:29—3:6; John 1:29-34

"Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world."

The name above all others

As the Bible reminds us, an angel told Joseph: "You shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." Today is also the main feast day of the Jesuit religious order, as their name derives from Jesus' name. Celebrate as suggested by today's most famous Jesuit, Pope Francis: "It means thinking like him, loving like him, seeing like him, walking like him. It means doing what he did and with his same sentiments."

Wednesday, Jan 04, 2023

MEMORIAL OF ELIZABETH ANN SETON, RELIGIOUS
1 John 3:7-10; John 1:35-42

"The person who acts in righteousness is righteous..."

Stand firm for justice

Today, the church celebrates the feast of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, the first person born in the future United States to be canonized, and the de facto founder of America's Catholic school system. Seton was also a voice of reason in a time of rampant contradiction in the realm of human rights. Though her family owned slaves, Seton apparently rejected the practice and spoke lovingly of African Americans. Though her order did not protest the practice, and in some cases benefitted from the labor of enslaved individuals themselves, recent studies have found no evidence that Seton herself ever engaged in the practice—a rarity for her time and social class. Let's pray that a spirit of holy resistance will fill us all in the fight against injustice—in a world where up to 50 million people live in modern slavery.

Thursday, Jan 05, 2023

MEMORIAL OF JOHN NEUMANN, BISHOP
1 John 3:11-21; John 1:43-51

"‘Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the King of Israel.’"

Live and learn—and pass it on

Education was of supreme importance to both Saint John Neumann (1811-60), who is memorialized today, and to scientist and devout Christian George Washington Carver, who died on Jan. 5, 1943. Both men obtained an education long before it was seen as a birthright. Both made enormous social contributions as a result: Neumann to faith development of the masses; Carver to applied agricultural science impacting the country in numerous ways. For them, cleverness was never an end in itself; they both believed their talents were given by God to serve others. How does your education serve others?

Friday, Jan 06, 2023

MEMORIAL OF ANDRÉ BESSETTE, RELIGIOUS

1 John 5:5-13; Mark 1:7-11 or Luke 3:23-28 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

"I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals."

The door will be opened

Born frail and weak in 1845 near Montreal and orphaned at 12 when both parents died, André Bessette tried a number of trades as a young man, none with much success. He was initially turned away when applying to the Congregation of Holy Cross but was finally accepted and given the humble task of doorkeeper, messenger, and laundry worker at Notre Dame College in Montreal. There he faithfully served for decades. His life of devotion and healing presence eventually attracted legions of visitors and 80,000 prayer requests mailed in each year. "When I joined this community, the superiors showed me the door, and I remained 40 years," he quipped near the end of his long life. Make yours a life of simple service and devotion—and a sense of humor won't hurt either!

Saturday, Jan 07, 2023

1 John 5:14-21; John 2:1-11

"Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory."

Signs of life

All that water at the wedding feast of Cana was used, the story tells us, for "Jewish ceremonial washings." Such washings were prescribed by the Jewish Halakha, or body of laws derived from the Torah. The fact that Jesus turned pure water for cleansing into wine for drinking would have sent a powerful message of the true nature of "living water" to the wedding guests. That same message is transmitted to us as simple table wine becomes the blood of Christ at every Eucharist. Like the wedding guests at Cana, don't hesitate to drink deeply from the cup of life Jesus offers.

