

December 30, 2018  
Beloved, we are God's children now;  
what we shall be has not yet been revealed.  
— 1 John 3:2a

**A Note from Fr. Conoboy**

Dear Parishioners,  
**MERRY CHRISTMAS! HAPPY NEW YEAR!**  
We begin this new calendar year with the celebration of Mary, Mother of God. It is one of the oldest titles that we have of Mary. And, it is appropriate to remember her under this name during the season in which we celebrate Christ's Birth. So, we once again place ourselves under her protection. And, we entrust to her all our hopes and fears for the New Year. Please, see below for the Mass schedule.

Thank you to all who helped decorate the church for Christmas!

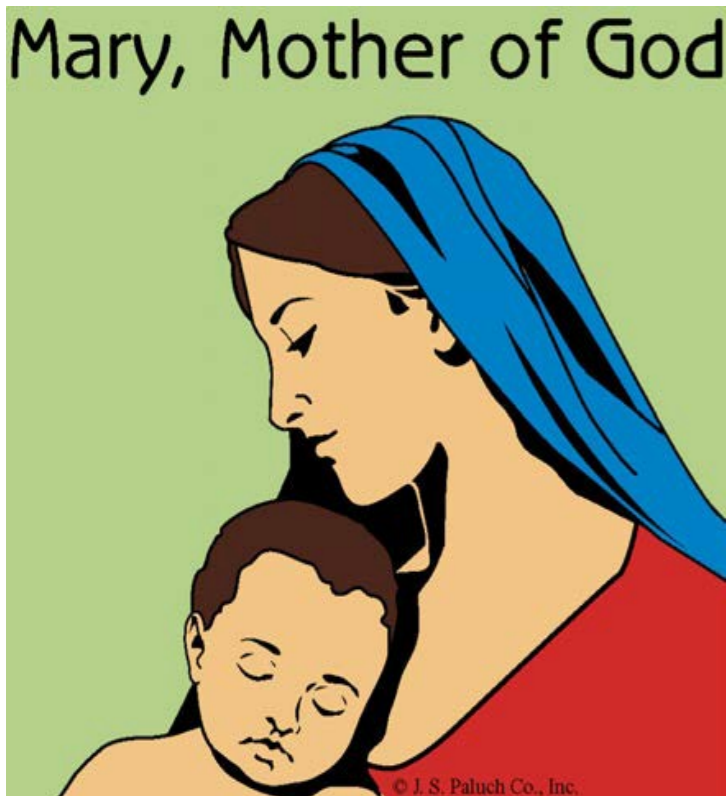
And, I want to thank you all for the generous Christmas greetings and gifts! Thank you!

If you did not receive one of the books that were given at Christmas Mass, copies are still available.

God bless you,  
Fr. Shawn Conoboy

-Mary, Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)  
Mass: December 31 at 5:30 pm and January 1 at 10 am

The Church office will be closed on Tuesday, January 1st and we will reopen on January 2nd regular



**Mass Intentions For The Week**

**Saturday, December 29**  
4:00 pm +Deceased of the Johnson Family-Robert & Veronica Johnson  
**Sunday, December 30, Feast of the Holy Family**  
8:00 am Parishioners  
11:00 am +Margie Spain-George Spain  
**Monday, December 31**  
5:30 pm +Robert Medallis-Betty Schilling  
**Tuesday, January 1**  
10:00 am +Irene Dillon-Walter Prusky  
**Wednesday, January 2**  
8:00 am NO MASS  
**Thursday, January 3**  
8:00 am +Emil Rzepka-Barbara Rzepka  
**Friday, January 4**  
8:00 am +Deceased of the Zaczyk Family-Veronica Zaczyk  
**Saturday, January 5**  
4:00 pm +Gertrude Fiorese-Bob & Trudi Pittman  
**Sunday, January 6,**  
8:00 am Parishioners  
11:00 am +Darrin Madison-Family

*Liturgy Schedule* January 5 & 6

	4 P.M.	8 A.M.	11 A.M.
<b>Reader 1</b>	R. Hrbolich	E. Freisen	M. Madison
<b>Reader 2</b>	L. Kellner	J. Smeiles	M. Madison
<b>Host</b>	S. Mason	F. Frantz	F. Falkman

A handicapped restroom is located in the Priest's Sacristy

**For our Sick**

Let us pray this week for: All Shut-ins and Homebound, those in the hospital and also for: Evelyn Ballas, Gabe Ballas, Rita Totta, Tom Fetock, Lisa Fraelich, Grace Brackin, Jeanne Sherlock, Cathy Kovac, Jane Brasko, Bob "Buckskin" Davis, Helen Surick, John Surick, Frank Deangelo, Sharon Henning, Ben Elser, John Spisak, Louise Carocci, Mary Lou Sheller, Ashley Moore, Monica Holliday, Bob Cabosky, Timothy Broderick, Ken McGregor, Kathy Keith, Marty Politsky, and Walter Grondeski.

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Hannah conceived, and at the end of her term bore a son whom she called Samuel (1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28) or Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14.

**Psalm** — Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord (Psalm 84) or Psalm 128.

**Second Reading** — See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God (1 John 3:1-2, 21-24) or Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17].

**Gospel** — The boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. They found him in the temple, in the midst of the teachers (Luke 2:41-52).

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**MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18  
Tuesday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21  
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28  
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34  
Friday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42  
Saturday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Jn 1:43-51  
Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph  
Monday: Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Sylvester I; New Year's Eve  
Tuesday: The Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; Mary, the Holy Mother of God; World Day of Prayer for Peace; New Year's Day  
Wednesday: Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen  
Thursday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus  
Friday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton; First Friday  
Saturday: St. John Neumann; First Saturday

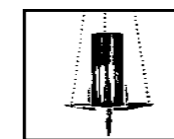
**The Ladies' Guild** will recite the Rosary, Sunday, January 6th at 10:35 am. All are welcome to join.



**The Collection for December 22 & 23**  
**\$3,267.00**  
**Christmas**  
**\$9,840.00**

**Stewardship-** "See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are." (1 JOHN 3:1)

During this season of giving, let us remember the most important gift we have received – being children of God. As God's children, it's important that we express our love for others as well. Tell your spouse, children and other family members and friends that you love them, frequently.



The Sanctuary Lamp at St. Mary & St. Joseph is burning for: Parishioners



**Please, pray for all members serving in our Armed Forces.** May God watch over them and grant that they may return home safely and soon:

**A Prayer for those in the Military**  
Almighty God, We stand before you in supplication, Asking Your Divine mercy and protection, To envelop with Your invincible armor, Our loved ones in all branches of the service. Give them courage and strength. Against all enemies, Both spiritual and physical, And hasten their safe journey, Back to their homes and families. If it be Your Holy Will That they be gathered to Your bosom, With the eternal vanguard of the saints, Let their journey to Your everlasting arms. Be swift and painless, Where they may stand in honor and glory, Praising You for all eternity. Amen

**Food Pantry**

I hope you enjoy this special time of year with those you love, and may the Lord bless you all with a Happy, Healthy New Year!



Happy New Year!