

OF THE ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Nativity of the Lord

Dear Parishioners,

As we celebrate the birth of Christ this Christmas, let joy be born in our hearts not just this Christmas day, but the whole year, not just the whole year, but our whole lives. Let us inspire this world, that can seem so lost in darkness, with the light of Christ in the light of our joy. Let us welcome family and friends. Let us welcome strangers and travelers in our midst who may join with us to celebrate the Eucharist. Make room in the pews; greet them with a welcoming smile and gracious hospitality, those like Mary and Joseph, who are seeking room in the inn. Let us not send them away to be born in a manger like the baby Jesus.

If you are returning to Saint Mary's church today from a long absence, or even a short one, let the joy of this celebration fill you. Let the light of Christ into your lives and into your hearts that your hearts may grow "three sizes" this day and return to the joy of celebrating the Eucharist today and every week of the year.

My thanks to all of you who have been faithful parishioners, for all you do even through the tough times. It is with humble joy that I give thanks for the honor of serving as your Pastor. Thank you for all your support and prayers. "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the City of David a Savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: You will find an infant wrapped in swad-dling clothes and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests." (Lk2:10-14)



May God bless you this Christmas, may all darkness in your lives be removed by the light of Christ. May your hearts be filled with the Joy of Christ's birth and may you be missionaries of that joy, Amen.

Fr. Alexander Muddu

While Father Muddu is away, please welcome Father Christian Haydinger on December 30th & 31st and January 6th & 7th Father Lugemwa on January 13th & 14th Father Jim Arsenault on January 20th Father Timothy Kuhneman on January 21st Father Christian Haydinger on January 27th & 28th and February 3rd & 4th THERE WILL ONLY BE COMMUNION SERVICE ON TUESDAYS AT 10:00 AM FROM JANUARY 2ND THROUGH FEBRUARY 6TH

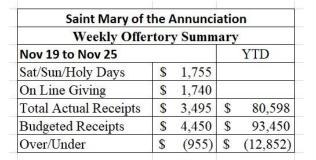
	LITURGICAL AND OFFICE SCHEDULE CHRISTMAS EVE TO NEW YEARS DAY
	3:45 PM—4:00 PM Children's Pageant
Dec. 24 Christmas Eve—Incense will be used at all Masses	4:00 PM Vigil Mass of the Nativity (Children's Mass)
	6:00 PM Vigil Mass of the Nativity (+Harvey C. Eckert requested by Chris and Mike Nowark)
Dec. 25 Christmas Day—Incense will be used	10:00 AM The Nativity of the Lord (+Duane Riden requested by Chris and Mike Nowark)
Dec. 26 - Jan. 2nd OFFICE CLOSED	
Dec. 30th & 31st Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph—Regular Mass Sched	
Jan. 1	10:00 AM—Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God—COMMUNION SERVICE ONLY

Saint Mary's Weekly Giving Report Thank you for your continued support of our community. To give on line go to the St Mary Online Giving website. God Bless You All

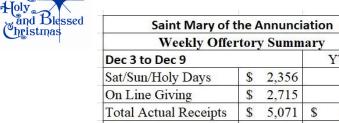
Saint Mary of				on
Weekly Offe	ertor	y Summ	ary	
Oct 30 to Nov 5			YTD	
Sat/Sun/Holy Days	S	2,377		
On Line Giving	S	1,998		
Total Actual Receipts	S	4,375	S	90,258
Budgeted Receipts	S	4,450	S	89,000
Over/Under	S	(76)	S	1,258

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Weekly Offer	rtor	y Summ	ary	7
Nov 5 to Nov 11				YTD
Sat/Sun/Holy Days	\$	3,760		
On Line Giving	\$	2,415		
Total Actual Receipts	\$	6,175	\$	74,157
Budgeted Receipts	\$	4,450	\$	84,550
Over/Under	\$	1,725	\$	(10,393)

Saint Mary of the Annunciation				
Weekly Offer	rtory Summ	ary	7	
Nov 12 to Nov 18			YTD	
Sat/Sun/Holy Days	\$ 1,531			
On Line Giving	\$ 1,415			
Total Actual Receipts	\$ 2,946	\$	77,103	
Budgeted Receipts	\$ 4,450	\$	89,000	
Over/Under	\$ (1,504)	\$	(11,898)	



Saint Mary of the Annunciation				
Weekly Offer	rtory Sun	nmary	y	
Nov 26 to Dec 2	-		YTD	
Sat/Sun/Holy Days	\$ 1,24	42		
On Line Giving	\$ 1,64	40		
Total Actual Receipts	\$ 2,88	82 \$	83,480	
Budgeted Receipts	\$ 4,45	50 \$	97,900	
Over/Under	\$ (1,56	8) \$	(14, 420)	



Dec 3 to Dec 9			YTD		
Sat/Sun/Holy Days	\$	2,356			
On Line Giving	\$	2,715			
Total Actual Receipts	\$	5,071	\$	88,551	
Budgeted Receipts	\$	4,450	\$	102,350	
Over/Under	\$	621	\$	(13,799)	



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MERRY CHRISTMAS

Tis the season to give **thanks** to the Lord our God who sent us His only son giving us a reason to celebrate this most Holy Christmas Season. Thank to those within the parish who brought Christ alive in countless ways throughout the year within the 4 pillars of our church community:

Worship - Thank you to our Musicians; Ushers; Altar Servers; Lectors; Ministers of Holy Communion; Schedulers; Prayer group leaders; Those who help decorate throughout the different liturgical seasons; and Children's pageant leaders and participants

Word - Thank you to our Catechists; all those involved in Sacramental Preparation; and Children's Liturgy leaders & volunteers

<u>Community</u> - Thank you to our Collection Counters; those who helped with cleanups including church , rectory and gardens; Knights of Columbus; and all those who volunteered during the year.

<u>**Outreach</u>** - Thank you to those who welcome our county's poor through the Food Pantry; those involved with the Polar Bear Plunge; our Angel Tree and Tree of Hope coordinators and givers; and those who give both their time and talent to our Prayer Shawl Ministry</u>





...to all who brought cards, shared words of love and well wishes and gave us wonderful and delicious goodies. We wish you all a very blessed Merry Christmas! ... Parish Staff



CHRISTMAS PRAYER

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Loving Father, Help us remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and worship of the wise men. Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clear hearts. May the Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children, and Christmas evening bring us to our beds -R. ALEXANDEL MUDDU. PASTOR. with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake, Amen.



CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERING The flowers that beautify our Sanctuary this Christmas have been given as memorials to THE HONOR AND GLORY OF OUR RISEN SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD IN MEMORY/HONOR OF

Rita & Bill Wormwood, Susan & George Lesko, Patricia Hall, Todd & Daniel Vaughan and Toni P. & Jamie Vaughan **by Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Lesko**

Ronald Karkutt, R. David Karkutt, Jack Pincombe and David Neddo by Bruce and Rhonda Pincombe

Harold Larsen and Jane Larsen by Anna Porter

Wayne & Kay Ackerman, Art & Lillian Zaska, Barbara Fredlund, Art Zaska, Jr. and Ken & Neya Sauve by Carl and Darlene Ackerman

Harvey C. Eckert, Duane Riden, John & Linda Eckert, Hazel & Anthony Eckert, Mary & Melvin Parker, Frank Parker, Mary Roadcap, Steve Stravolo, Marshall & Sandy Deckard, Randall & Bill Bryson, Ed Miskin, Ron Wisniewski and Debbie Brooks **by Chris and Mike Nowark**

Michael Kolodzinski, Joseph & Rose Vrablic, Stan & Fran Kolodzinski and Bruce Zacek by Mr. and Mrs. Michael Kolodzinski

Christine & Albert Matikonis and Agnes & Raymond Logan by Donald & Barbara Logan

Pete Williams, Betty Williams, Mary Paquette, Joseph Paquette, Tom King and Chuck Doming by Dr. & Mrs. Joseph Paquette

Lloyd & Rose Matida Specht, Jerian & Barbara Wille, William & Mary (Babe) Collins and Josephine Robinson by Michael and Jean Burnett

Joseph & Betty Casper, Robert & Marion Moll and Joseph & Rose Casper by Joanne Casper

Ed Miskin by Patsy Miskin

Joseph Stier by Richard and Eileen Mueller

William & Ann Bolecek, John & Theresa Michaliga, Lewis & Mary Bolecek and Virginia Osefchen by Gloria Bolecek

Mr. & Mrs. Sydnor Billingsley, Mr. & Mrs. Clyde Bingaman, Mr. William Harris and Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Handy by Robert & Gail Bingaman

Cathy Dennis by Rowland & Merry Babcock

John and Genevieve Petroskey, Richard Rodebaugh, Arile & Elenor Mautner and John Finlayson by Mr. & Mrs. Ritchie Rodebaugh

Daniel Maida by Anthony & Patricia Maida

Alexander & Mary Sinlock, Thomas-Daisy and Willard Stanley, Alfred & Josephine Henshaw, Frances S. Melle, Stephaine Sinlock and John & Hermina Simulcik **by Alexander and Diane Sinlock**

Alexander & Mary Sinlock, Frances Melle, Alfred & Josephine Henshaw, Alexander & Diane Sinlock, Sonny & Stephanie Flowers and Billy Simulick **by Cynthia Wheeler**

Persons Family and Heifferon Family by Kathleen Persons

David, Eugene & Dorothy Mimnaugh, The Buchanan Family, The Holman Family, The Mimnaugh Family and The Dye Family **by Diane Dye & Robert Buchanan**

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Estelle Bareford by George & Lee Ann Rung

John Mark Merrell by Redmond & Susan Merrell

Lena Lorenzo, Tony Lorenzo, Mary Glembo and Stephen Glembo by John & Alice Lorenzo

Dale Fifield, Sr. by Linda Fifield

James McFadden, Carolina McFadden, Carolyn McFadden, David Brundage and Elizabeth Brundage by James & Catherine McFadden

Barbara Rogers, Biddulph Family, Budrewicz Family, Bessie Cotto, Katerine Lissette, Delgado Garcia and Thor Breck by the Biddulph Family

Delia Flores, Joe & Judy Dart, Mark Lefler, Sr. and Buzz & Mary Agnes Walter by Mr. & Mrs. Roberto Flores

John Porcell, Todd, Joe Moran, Rosina, Tommaso, Tony, Rose, Frank, Mollie, Rose M., Millie, Buddy, Sam, Mary, Terry, Stephanie, Richard, Elizabeth, Liz, Chris, Charles, Noah, CJ and all nieces **by Agnes Murphy**

Leonald Ssentongo, Betty Nakibuuka, Dorotia Nayiga, Tereza Nakacwa, Joseph Kafeero, Sabena Namatovu, Gertrude Nankya, Gerosoni Mubiru, Florence Nakato, Ben Wasswa, Margret Namusoke, Fr. R. D. Kasole and Fr. Alexander Lubinga **by Father Alexander Muddu**

Sarah "Becky" Boone by Mark & Deborah Matheny

Mr. and Mrs. Jerome F. Tavik, Jr. and Jean Frank by the Frank Family

Rita & Bill Wormwood, Scott O. Hall, Susan & George Sr. & Jr. Lesko, Sue Konias, Todd & Daniel Vaughan, Tom Soller, Pat Hall, Toni, Jamie, Hunter Vaughan, All Souls in Purgatory, Parish Members at Saint Mary's and Father Alex **by Toni & Gerald Lesko**

The Costello and DiBlasio Families by Deacon David & Penny Geary

Ruben & Flora, Benny & Jenny and Renee by Sacita Womack

Conception Carwell, Mr. Ron, Majen, Charles Long, Bret & Ayana Brooks, and Rycofen & Solana by Louie Meadows

DONATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:

Stephen Simulcik, Michael & Patricia Johnson, John O'Leary, William Eckert, Maureen Wilcox, Rene Luis & Carmen Martinez San, Mr. & Mrs. Victor Mulyono, Mr. & Mrs. Scott Miserendino and Dr. & Mrs. Stanley P. Waskiewicz, EdD

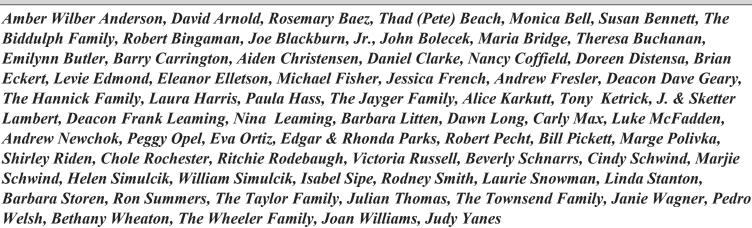




Community/Diocesan Events

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Pray for the Sick of our Parish



As always, prayer is an important way Catholics can respond to any crisis as we express our dependence on God. We continue to stand in solidarity with all those affected by the COVID disease as well as those health care professionals who care for them. We ask parishioners to keep these people in mind in your daily prayers.

Names will be removed after 6 months. If you would like to add/remove someone to the Sick of our Parish list, please call Chris Nowark at 804-448-9064 or email her at office@ saintmarycc.org. Thank you.

GOD BLESS

Bishop Knestout encourages anyone aware of sexual abuse of minors on the part of clergy or staff of our diocese to notify civil authorities, call the Attorney General's Clergy Abuse Hotline at 1-833-454-9064, and reach out to the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator, Jennifer Sloan at 1-877-887-9603.

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