

Saint Mary

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 swaddling 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

Dec. 24 Christmas Eve—Incense will be used at all Masses	3:45 PM—4:00 PM Children’s Pageant 4:00 PM Vigil Mass of the Nativity (Children’s Mass) 6:00 PM Vigil Mass of the Nativity <i>(+Harvey C. Eckert requested by Chris and Mike Nowark)</i>
Dec. 25 Christmas Day—Incense will be used	10:00 AM The Nativity of the Lord <i>(+Duane Riden requested by Chris and Mike Nowark)</i>
Dec. 26 - Jan. 2nd	OFFICE CLOSED
Dec. 30th & 31st	Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph—Regular Mass Schedule
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 the Annunciation Weekly Offertory Summary		
Oct 30 to Nov 5		YTD
Sat/Sun/Holy Days	\$ 2,377	
On Line Giving	\$ 1,998	
Total Actual Receipts	\$ 4,375	\$ 90,258
Budgeted Receipts	\$ 4,450	\$ 89,000
Over/Under	\$ (76)	\$ 1,258

Saint Mary of the Annunciation Weekly Offertory Summary		
Nov 19 to Nov 25		YTD
Sat/Sun/Holy Days	\$ 1,755	
On Line Giving	\$ 1,740	
Total Actual Receipts	\$ 3,495	\$ 80,598
Budgeted Receipts	\$ 4,450	\$ 93,450
Over/Under	\$ (955)	\$ (12,852)



Saint Mary of the Annunciation Weekly Offertory Summary		
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 Offertory Summary		
Nov 26 to Dec 2		YTD
Sat/Sun/Holy Days	\$ 1,242	
On Line Giving	\$ 1,640	
Total Actual Receipts	\$ 2,882	\$ 83,480
Budgeted Receipts	\$ 4,450	\$ 97,900
Over/Under	\$ (1,568)	\$ (14,420)



Saint Mary of the Annunciation Weekly Offertory Summary		
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 Offertory Summary		
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)

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

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

Outreach - 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

Thank you for supporting the
2023 Angel Tree.



Thank you!

...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

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
with grateful thoughts,
forgiving and forgiven,
for Jesus' sake. Amen.*

*FR. ALEXANDER MUDDU
PASTOR.*



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



Pray for the Sick of our Parish



Amber Wilber Anderson, David Arnold, Rosemary Baez, Thad (Pete) Beach, Monica Bell, Susan Bennett, The Biddulph Family, Robert Bingaman, Joe Blackburn, Jr., John Bolecek, Maria Bridge, Theresa Buchanan, Emilyann Butler, Barry Carrington, Aiden Christensen, Daniel Clarke, Nancy Coffield, Doreen Distensa, Brian Eckert, Levie Edmond, Eleanor Elletson, Michael Fisher, Jessica French, Andrew Fresler, Deacon Dave Geary, The Hannick Family, Laura Harris, Paula Hass, The Jayger Family, Alice Karkutt, Tony Ketrick, J. & Sketter Lambert, Deacon Frank Leaming, Nina Leaming, Barbara Litten, Dawn Long, Carly Max, Luke McFadden, Andrew Newchok, Peggy Opel, Eva Ortiz, Edgar & Rhonda Parks, Robert Pecht, Bill Pickett, Marge Polivka, Shirley Riden, Chole Rochester, Ritchie Rodebaugh, Victoria Russell, Beverly Schnarrs, Cindy Schwind, Marjje Schwind, Helen Simulcik, William Simulcik, Isabel Sipe, Rodney Smith, Laurie Snowman, Linda Stanton, Barbara Storen, Ron Summers, The Taylor Family, Julian Thomas, The Townsend Family, Janie Wagner, Pedro Welsh, Bethany Wheaton, The Wheeler Family, Joan Williams, Judy Yanes

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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Sacraments of Baptism, Matrimony (a minimum of 6 months preparation is typical), and Anointing of the Sick, or to receive a home visit or home blessing. Call the office at 804-448-9064.

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