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MONDAY - FRIDAY
9:00 AM TO 2:00 PM

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY VIGIL 4:00 PM
SUNDAY 9:30 AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

WEDNESDAY 5:45 PM
ALSO BY APPOINTMENT

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MONDAY 9:00 AM TO 2:00 PM
TUESDAY 9:00 AM TO 2:00 PM
WEDNESDAY 9:00 AM TO 2:00 PM
THURSDAY 11:00 AM TO 4:00 PM
FRIDAY CLOSED

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY 7:30 AM & 11:30 AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

2ND & 4TH SUNDAY 11:00 AM
1ST FRIDAY 11:15 AM
ALSO BY APPOINTMENT

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

1ST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH 11:00 AM - 12:00 NN



Fourth Sunday of Advent



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

ST. JOSEPH

CHRISTMAS EVE 4:00 PM
CHRISTMAS DAY 9:30 AM

ST. MARY

CHRISTMAS EVE 12:00 AM
CHRISTMAS DAY 11:30 AM



LITURGICAL SCHEDULE



ST. JOSEPH

ST. MARY

Saturday, December 22 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

3:30 PM *The Rosary*
4:00 PM † Paul Kello (*Family*)

Sunday, December 23 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:00 AM *The Rosary*
9:30 AM † Patricia Crytzer (*Birthday*)
(*Husband, Children & Grandchildren*)

Monday, December 24

Parish Offices Closed

7:30 AM † John Fitzgerald (*Amy Pesce Blandford*)

Monday, December 24 - Vigil of The Nativity of the Lord

4:00 PM *Special Intention of the Celebrant*

Tuesday, December 25 - The Nativity of the Lord

Parish Offices Closed

9:30 AM *Special Intention of the Celebrant*

Wednesday, December 26 - St. Stephen, The First Martyr

Parish Offices Closed

5:45 PM *NO Sacrament of Reconciliation*
6:15 PM † John Makuta († *Wife, Ester*)

Thursday, December 27 - St. John, Apostle & Evangelist

7:30 AM † Mary Staniszewski (*Family & Friends*)

Friday, December 28 - The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

4:30 PM *Barkowski - Parkinson Wedding*

Saturday, December 29 - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

3:30 PM *The Rosary*
4:00 PM † Keith Brian Banichar (*Nannette*)
(*Birthday*)

Sunday, December 30 - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

9:00 AM *The Rosary*
9:30 AM † Lewis E. Heiles (*Family*)

SAINT JOSEPH CANDLE

DECEMBER 23, 2018 - DECEMBER 29, 2018

† **In Memory of John Koziura**
(*Wife, Betty*)

SAINT JOSEPH SANCTUARY CANDLE

DECEMBER 23, 2018 - JANUARY 5, 2019

† **In Memory of John Makuta**
(† *Wife, Ester*)

Sunday, December 23 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:30 AM † Ruth & Walter Sieczkowski
(*Dan & Rita Sieczkowski*)
11:00 AM *The Rosary*
11:15 AM *NO Sacrament of Reconciliation*
11:30 AM † William Mauro (*Jim & Carla Thimons*)

Monday, December 24 - Vigil of The Nativity of the Lord

Parish Offices Closed

Tuesday, December 25 - The Nativity of the Lord

Parish Offices Closed

12:00 AM *Special Intention of the Celebrant*

11:30 AM *Special Intention of the Celebrant*

Wednesday, December 26 - St. Stephen, The First Martyr

Parish Offices Closed - No Morning Mass

Friday, December 28 - The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

7:30 AM † Annie Kovinsky (*Daughter, Geri*)

Sunday, December 30 - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

7:30 AM † Jane Figorski (*Family*)
11:00 AM *The Rosary*
11:30 AM † Richard Comer Family (*Family*)

SAINT MARY SANCTUARY CANDLE

DECEMBER 16, 2018 - DECEMBER 29, 2018

† **In Memory of Joseph, Rose & Joann Fafinski**
(*Dan Helinski*)



† IN THE CHARITY OF YOUR PRAYERS †

Please remember the souls of those who have died, especially for the repose of the soul of **Beatrice Becker**, mother of George Becker of St. Joseph Church. May God welcome her and all who have gone before us into the joy of everlasting life, and bring comfort and peace to her family.

Cemetery plots in St. Mary Cemetery are available for purchase. For more information please call Colin at the Saint Mary Cemetery Office, 724-335-3539.

“Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.” ...Luke 1:42

STEWARDSHIP

Weekend Collection Report

Due to the bulletin deadline for the Christmas holiday, the collection figures for the weekend of December 15 & 16 will be reported in the December 30 bulletin. Thank you for your understanding.

Please Remember!

When using guest envelopes for your weekly offering, please be sure to write your name and the name of the parish on the envelope. Thank you!

PARTNERED PARISH NEWS

In Memoriam

Walter & Blair Mazur

From: Carolyn Mazur Lippman

Thank you for your donation to St. Mary Church.

Peace

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79
 Tuesday: **Vigil:** Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]
Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]
 Wednesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
 Thursday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
 Friday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18
 Saturday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
 Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or
 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

December 24 - 25

St. Joseph

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>EMHC</u>	<u>Servers</u>
4:00 PM	L Barkowski	L Neurohr, T Spiering, B Constant	L, N & P Katona
9:30 AM	D Dubnicay	S Matta, P Mudrinich, R Cowfer	Guerrini Family

St. Mary

12:00 AM	M Wroblewski	*M Bloch, B Bloch, R Spiek	M Stelmach, T Zolna
11:30 AM	Sr Carol	*D Discello, K Brestensky, K Labay	J Discello, R & J Nitowski



December 29 - 30

St. Joseph

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>EMHC</u>	<u>Servers</u>
4:00 PM	S Makuta	P Mudrinich, J Peck, J Slocik	T Kovalchick, R Szymkowiak
9:30 AM	M Smith	L Barkowski, S Matta, R Cowfer	D & N Krajci, D Staniszewski

St. Mary

7:30 AM	A Perdeus	*T Kvortek, V Perdeus, C McNally	Kvortek Family
11:30 AM	K Labay	*B Farina, R Farina, J Kvortek	J & J Runco

Counters (5)

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PARTNERED PARISH NEWS

Christmas Holiday

In observance of the Christmas holiday, the **parish offices will be closed Monday, December 24 through Wednesday, December 26.** Both offices will **re-open on Thursday, December 27.** From the staff of St. Joseph and St. Mary, have a happy and blessed Christmas.

St. Mary of Czestochowa Museum of Memorabilia

Due to the overwhelming response, the Museum of Memorabilia will remain **open through the end of the year** after the 7:30 AM and 11:30 AM Masses **each Sunday.** The items on display chronicle the history of the parish through the present day. Come and enjoy a walk down memory lane and reminisce with other parishioners and guests. A committee member will be on-hand to answer any questions.

Christmas in the Church's calendar is a season that starts on Christmas Day and continues until the Baptism of the Lord on the first Sunday after January 6. Try extending your celebration through that time, with small gifts and good deeds of your choosing.

March for Life 2019 - "Unique From Day One"

Plan now to attend the March for Life scheduled for Friday, January 18, 2019. Bus leaves St. Mary Church at 6:00 AM sharp, makes drop-offs at March or National Shrine and returns by 12:00 AM. **A non-refundable deposit of \$10** to hold a seat is due by **Friday, January 11.** **Balance**, to be determined, plus two-meal fee of \$30, **due by Friday, January 18.** For more information or to register, contact George Pecoraro at 724-335-8212 or gpecoraro@stmarynk.org.

Congratulations Aurelia

Aurelia Tomayko (Grade 8) from Mary Queen of Apostles School was honored at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington DC on Friday, December 7, 2018.

Aurelia's artwork was selected from thousands of entries as a winner in the 2017-2018 Christmas Artwork Contest of the Missionary Childhood Association when she was in Grade 7.

Aurelia received a plaque honoring her achievement and her piece was featured in an exhibit that was displayed at the Shrine throughout the 2018 Advent/Christmas season.



The Epiphany Experience

The gifts are unwrapped, the hustle and bustle will be over. Come and reflect on the true meaning of Christmas presented by both parishes. This experience brings to life the story of the birth of Jesus, featuring sacred music by the combined choirs, a costumed cast and live animals. Participation is needed from ages 3 to adult as angels, shepherds, archangels, kings and many more. Please come to **rehearsals on Friday, December 28, at 6:30 PM and Friday, January 4, at 6:30 PM at St. Joseph Church.** The Epiphany Experience will be held on **Sunday, January 6, at 2:00 PM in St. Joseph Church.**



Mass & Candle Intentions 2019

St. Joseph Parish and St. Mary Parish are now accepting **2019** Mass intentions.

Mass intention (suggested) Stipend	\$10.00
St. Joseph Parish St. Joseph Candle Intention (burns for 1 week)	\$10.00
St. Joseph Parish Sanctuary Candle Intention (burns for 2 weeks)	\$20.00
St. Mary Parish Sanctuary Candle (burns for two weeks)	\$20.00

Contact your respective parish office to schedule one of these spiritual tributes for your loved ones.

Congratulations MQA Students

Congratulations to Mary Queen of Apostles student Justin Hyland (Grade 8) for winning 1st Place in the Post 92 New Kensington Veterans of Foreign Wars 2018-2019 Patriot's Pen essay contest. Justin was awarded a prize of \$300 for his winning entry.

In addition, Daniel Staniszewski (Grade 7) and Rory Pallone (Grade 7) were runners-up in the essay contest. Both were awarded prizes of \$150 each.

All three essays will be forwarded for judging at the District (County) level. Congratulations to all three students, on a job well done!

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PARISH & NEIGHBOR NEWS



**GOD PROVIDES,
BUT YOU'RE THE
DELIVERY SYSTEM**

Please consider a gift this Christmas to the Children and Family Services Appeal; the second collection at all Masses on December 24th & 25th.



Providing Help,
Creating Hope.

World Youth Day Event

The Diocese of Greensburg is sponsoring a trip for young adults (ages 18-39) to a **one-day Catholic festival** at The Catholic University of America in Washington, DC on **January 26, 2019**. This is in conjunction with World Youth Day in Panama. The event will include a livestream of Pope Francis' Mass in Panama. Cost, including overnight accommodation, is \$160 per person, \$95 per person for double occupancy. Visit www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/WYD for information. **Registration Deadline: January 3, 2019.**



Year-end Charitable Giving

As the end of the year approaches, there are ways you can make a gift to support your parish and the church and receive a tax benefit, even if you don't itemize deductions. If you are 70-1/2 or older and required to take a minimum distribution from your IRA by the end of the year, present law allows use of an IRA charitable rollover without having to pay tax on the withdrawal for gifts to specific charities. For information, contact your IRA administrator or The Catholic Foundation at 724-552-2504 or jdimario@dioceseofgreensburg.org.

"Enjoy 2019"

Coupon books are available from the Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill **through December 29** for \$30. For additional information or to reserve a book, call Sister of Charity Agnes Steedle in Greensburg at 724-836-0406, ext. 6646, or Sister Patrice Hughes in Pittsburgh area, 412-343-1382.

Did You Know.....

- The partridge in a pear tree is Jesus Christ.
- Two turtle doves are the Old and New Testaments.
- Three French hens stand for faith, hope and love.
- The four calling birds are the four gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke & John.
- The five golden rings recalled the Torah or Law, the first five books of ...the Old Testament.
- The six geese a-laying stand for the six days of creation....
- Seven swans a-swimming represent the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit—Prophesy, Serving, Teaching, Exhortation, Contribution, Leadership and Mercy.
- The eight maids a-milking are the eight beatitudes.
- The nine ladies dancing are the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit—Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self-Control.
- The ten lords a-leaping are the ten commandments.
- The eleven pipers piping stand for the eleven faithful disciples.
- The twelve drummers drumming symbolizes the twelve points of belief in the Apostles Creed.

So there is your history lesson for today! Merry Christmas—because Christmas is not without Christ!



WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Monday, December 24	Parish Offices Closed - Christmas Holiday			
	NO Share the Word Bible Study	1:00 PM-3:00 PM	Religion Center	St. Mary
Tuesday, December 25	Parish Offices Closed - Christmas Holiday			
Wednesday, December 26	Parish Offices Closed - Christmas Holiday			
Friday, December 28	Barkowski-Parkinson Wedding	4:30 PM	Church	St. Joseph
	The Epiphany Experience Rehearsal	6:30 PM	Church	St. Joseph

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