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## *MISSION STATEMENT*

St. Mary Our Mother is a Catholic community committed to the spiritual growth of all people as we share our faith and serve our community.



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December 27, 2020



**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS****Evergreen Wreaths**

In loving memory of deceased loved ones - Patti & Bill Rosettie  
 In thanksgiving for our many blessings - Patti & Bill Rosettie  
 In thanksgiving - Barbara & Milt Simpson  
 In loving memory of Daniel Woodard - wife, Peggy  
 Merry Christmas, Dee - sister, Lois & family  
 In loving memory of Raymond Sherwood - wife, Deloris  
 In loving memory of Judi Lynch - her husband, Ben  
 In loving memory of Mom, Judi Lynch - Julie, Dave, Sean and Adam  
 In memory of Bill Dominikoski - his wife, Diane and their children, their spouses and grandsons  
 In memory of Judi Lynch - Mike & Karla Lynch  
 In loving memory of Ann Ponzi - husband, Phil & family  
 In memory of the deceased members of the Tenny and Frankie families - Helen Tenny  
 In memory of Ann Barcomb - Nancy & Gene Barcomb

**Poinsettias**

In loving memory of my husband, Michael Bonsignore - wife, Ann  
 In memory of deceased members of the Kosty & Ruocco families - Marianne & Bob Kosty  
 In memory of Tracie Baravalle - Marianne & Bob Kosty  
 In memory of Daniel Woodard - the girls  
 In memory of Mamie Woodard - sister, Evelyn & family  
 In memory of John Kordyl - wife, Evelyn & family  
 In memory of Mary & Warren Woodard - daughter, Evelyn & family  
 In memory of Mrs. & Mrs. Matthias Beering - Beering family  
 In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Art Nenni - Beering family  
 In memory of James Nenni - Beering family  
 In memory of Sue Beering - Beering family  
 In memory of Rose Mary Beering - Beering family  
 In loving memory of James Ormiston, son of Ann & Jim Ormiston - his family  
 In memory of Terri Root - son, Skip  
 In memory of Mike - Joyce Murray  
 In memory of Mary Whitesell - daughter, Joyce Murray  
 In memory of Stanley John Frederick - Deloris Sherwood  
 In memory of Annunziata & Schiefen families - Rich & Cindy Annunziata  
 In memory of Marguerite & Joe Gwin - daughter, Sally Gwin  
 In memory of David Gwin - Sally Gwin  
 In memory of Nancy Danaher - Julie & Stephan Navone  
 In memory of Jim Danaher - Julie & Stephan Navone  
 In memory of Mary & Charles Ponzi - Cathy & David Peckham

In memory of Lauren, Kent & Joyce Peckham - Cathy & David Peckham  
 In memory of Theresa Fargo - Cathy & David Peckham  
 In memory of Arvie, Inez & Kirsten Korstad - Cathy & David Peckham  
 In thanksgiving for our children - Cathy & David Peckham  
 In memory of Rilla & Robert Jenkins - Ed & Marybeth Gronski  
 In memory of Steve & Genevieve Gronski, Sr., - Ed & Marybeth Gronski  
 In memory of deceased members of the Pansero family - Ginny Pansero  
 In memory of Ann Barcomb - David & Diane Barcomb  
 In memory of the deceased members of the Roshetko family - Ellen & Jonas Bankaitis  
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 In memory of Helen M. & Edward J. Linsler - Father Chris Linsler  
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 In memory of Allan Caldwell - Father Chris Linsler  
 In memory of Michael Caldwell - Father Chris Linsler  
 In memory of Dawn E. Reagan - Father Chris Linsler



**PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE**

Today, we celebrate the **Feast of the Holy Family** of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. These three are central figures of this Christmas Season. When reading the scriptural passages about the Nativity, we find that God was very much a part of each person's life. God sent Gabriel to Mary and she said, "Yes"; then God sent Gabriel to Joseph to fill him in on God's plan, and Joseph said, "Yes". Then God told Joseph to move from Bethlehem to Egypt, and with Mary, they gathered the child and were on their way. Jesus was conceived, Jesus was born, Jesus was saved. His early life was lived within the context of the Holy Family.

I hope you and your family enjoyed a very Merry Christmas. Christmas 2020 was indeed different from any others of recent memory due to the covid-19 pandemic. It is my hope that you had the opportunity to experience in a different way the joy and peace of Christmas.

I recently came across the following that I found quite appropriate for us to reflect on as we continue our celebration of Christmas 2020:

**WILL THERE BE NO CHRISTMAS?****Will there be no Christmas?**

*Of course there will be one!*

*Quieter and deeper,*

*more like the first Christmas when Jesus was born,  
without many lights on the earth  
but with the star of Bethlehem  
with intermittent roads  
of life in its immensity.*

*No impressive royal parades,*

*but the humility of the shepherd in search of the truth.*

*Without big banquets,*

*but with the presence of an almighty God.*

**Will there be no Christmas?**

*Of course there will be one!*

*Without the streets full of people,*

*but with the heart burning for the One who comes.*

*No noise of fanfare,*

*protests of grievance....*

*But living the Mystery*

*without fear of covid-Herod,  
which claims to take away the dream of waiting.*

*There will be Christmas because God is with us.*

*And we will share, as Christ did, the manger, our poverty, our trials, our tears, our anguish and our condition as orphans.*

*There will be Christmas because we need this divine light in the midst of so much darkness.*

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK****Monday, December 28 - The Holy Innocents, Martyrs**

6:45 AM Carol Farr - her many friends at St. Mary Our Mother

**Tuesday, December 29 - Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord**

6:45 AM John Murphy - Robert & Dawn Fischer

**Wednesday, December 30 - Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord**

6:45 AM Sam & Sue Kucko - the Farr family

**Thursday, December 31 - Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord**

5:00 PM Jeannette Berretta - her many friends at St. Mary Our Mother

**Friday, January 1 - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

9:00 AM John DelGotto - Vince & Judy Kadlec

**Saturday, January 2 - Ss. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church**

5:00 PM Helen & Joseph Faltisco - Mary Suffern

**Sunday, January 3 - Epiphany of the Lord**

8:30 AM Teri Guardi - husband, Bob

10:30 AM Tony Bellizia - wife, Margaret

*Covid-19 cannot reach the hearts and souls of those who place their hope and their ideal in heaven.*

**Of course there will be Christmas!**

*We will sing Christmas carols.*

*God will be born and set us free.*

~ From Father Javier Loez, priest from Pamploma, Spain whom Pope Francis I congratulated on the phone for the text.

Please continue to enjoy the many blessings of the Christmas season. Take care of yourself and each other!

Fr. L.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**  
**SUNDAY - January 3, 2021**  
**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6  
Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6  
Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

**IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST**  
Sonja DePalma

**MEMORIALS**  
**Sanctuary Candle:**  
*In memory of Guiseppe Puglisi - George & Franca Lazzaris*  
**Votive Candle:**  
*In memory of Carol Farr - Cathy & David Peckham*

**IN OUR PARISH**  
**Oplatki**

Oplatki (Christmas waters) are available at the parish office. Please stop by at your convenience for your Christmas tradition!

**Parish Calendars**  
The parish of St. Mary Our Mother is sincerely grateful to the Lynch Funeral Home for their donation of our 2021 parish calendars. **THANK YOU!** (At this time, the parish calendars are available at the parish office.)

**Mass Intentions**  
Any one of our regularly scheduled Masses may be offered for a specific intention - in memory of a deceased person, for a sick person's recovery, a special birthday, a special anniversary or other occasion.  
Please call the parish office at 739-3817 to request your Mass.

**Altar Memorials**  
When Masses are not available for a particular day, Altar Memorials are a special way you can remember those who have died and those intentions you may wish to remember for the living.  
Our Altar Memorials are available each week during the year. Donation for the week is as follows:  
Sanctuary candle \$10.00  
Icon candle \$10.00  
Sacramental wine \$15.00  
Eucharistic bread (hosts) \$10.00

**A PRAYER FOR THE FAMILY**

*Jesus, our most loving redeemer,  
You came to enlighten the world  
with your teaching and example.  
You willed to spend the greater part of Your life  
in humble obedience to Mary and Joseph  
in the poor home of Nazareth.  
In this way, You sanctified that family,  
which was to be an example  
for all Christian families.*

*Graciously accept our family,  
which we dedicate and consecrate to You this day.  
Be pleased to protect, guard, and keep it  
in holy fear, in peace,  
and in harmony of Christian charity.  
By conforming ourselves to the Divine model  
of Your family,  
may we attain to eternal happiness.*

*Amen*

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THE GIFT OF FAMILY

What a year it has been! How will we speak of these times a decade from now? As time goes by, our impressions of this past year will certainly change. How we feel today about dealing with a killer virus and all the chaos surrounding that is still fresh for all. I would assume that most of us right now are also holding those we love a little closer and hugging them a little harder. Hopefully, even if the fears and concerns of 2020 dissipate in the future, the way we feel toward our family should never leave us.

Stewardship is certainly about everything. God has given us so much, great and small, profound and common. One of the greatest gifts that all have received is family. Families take all shapes and sizes and some look very different than others. For some, family is a caretaker or temporary guardian. For others it is a friend when everyone else seems to have vanished. The bottom line is that, to quote a song from many years ago, "people need people."

When God gave the world His only Son, the Incarnation did not come on a cloud or with a flash of light. He was born into a family. Jesus understood the gift of family all his life. Do you think that if having a family wasn't important God would have still included this in the plan of salvation?

As this year draws to a close, remember your stewardship many days begins and ends with the people closest to you. Don't misuse or take for granted this precious gift. God gives us gifts on purpose, even to His only begotten Son.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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