

The Solemnity Of Mary, The Holy Mother Of God

January 1, 2023

Mass Intentions

January	2	8:00 AM	Francis Cassidy
January	3	8:00 AM	Intentions Of Pietro Pccurro requested by The Rosselli Family
January	4	8:00 AM	Robert Cooney requested by Christine Gray
January	5	8:00 AM	John Paul Ellis
January	6	8:00 AM	Special Intention
January	7	8:00 AM	John Hefenfinger requested by The Rosselli Family
		5:00 PM	John O'Connell requested by Anne O'Connell
January	8	8:00 AM	Mary Requena requested by John & Mary Blair
		10:30 AM	People Of The Parish

Liturgical Ministries January 7-8

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Sue Guarducci	Dave Suydam	Terry Meek
8:00 AM	Noah Jenkins	Scott Sheaffer	Helena Krieger
10:30 AM	Christine Ticehurst	Bill Davies	The Morrison Family

Schmidt Center Cleaning

January 8

Gabby Brandt & Jen Meek

January 15

Kim Lane & Marian McCoy

Next Sunday's Readings

Please prepare for Mass and the Homily by reflecting on these texts from the Sacred Scriptures

Isaiah 60:1-6

Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Matthew 2:1-12

Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$4,711.00

The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to: \$5,979.80

The Christmas Collection amounted to: \$7,255.41

The December Parish Contingency Collection amounted to: \$1,086.00

May God Bless you for your generous and responsible stewardship!!!

Church Calendar

Sunday, January 1st (Mary, Mother of God)

Mass, 9:00AM

No CCD

Monday, January 2nd

Mass, 8:00AM

Tuesday, January 3rd

Mass, 8:00AM

Wednesday, January 4th

Mass, 8:00AM

Prayer Group, 8:30AM (C)

Thursday, January 5th

Mass, 8:00AM

Confessions, 6:15PM

Devotions to the Sacred Heart, 7:00PM

Friday, January 6th

Mass, 8:00AM

Saturday, January 7th

Mass in honor of IHM, 8:00AM

Confessions: 4:00PM

Mass, 5:00 PM

Sunday, January 8th (Epiphany of the Lord)

Masses, 8:00AM and 10:30AM

CCD Classes, 9:15-10:15AM

**Even her maternal relationship would
have done Mary no good unless she had
borne Christ more happily in her heart
than in her flesh!**

From the Pastor's Desk

Today's readings remind us of the central role Mary plays in the story of Jesus and the story of our salvation. We may be tempted to place her on a pedestal – as well we should – she is the Mother of God! At the same time, today's Gospel reminds us she is not divine herself, but human – and she bore the incarnate flesh of the Son of God in his divine and human nature. She went through the sleepless nights and the uncertainties of parenting in all its stages. She learned early on what it takes many of us a lifetime to learn – often in fits and starts – absolute trust in God. As we celebrate this solemnity, we can bring our uncertainties, fears, and struggles to Mary our mother, asking for the grace to follow her faithful example.

Of course, there's nothing wrong with New Year's resolutions, and we often admire people who have thought about them in advance. For us?

We are often tongue-tied on January 1 when someone asks us what our resolutions are (hmm ... maybe we should think about kicking that procrastination habit in 2023?) This is why Mary's reaction to the visit of the shepherds should strike us so profoundly. The shepherds pay homage to Jesus and spread the word that God's Son has been born. Mary, as Saint Luke writes, "kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart." As we move into a new year, so rich with possibility, we might follow Mary's example and reflect before jumping headlong into this or that goal or New Year's resolution. Instead, perhaps we can take the day – or a week or a month – to prayerfully reflect on how we can best put our faith in Jesus into action. How can we witness to our faith in our daily lives? What changes might help us do that? We can ask God to help us draw up a list of ways that we can be more faithful to him. Pray the Hail Mary, reflecting on each line with gratitude. If you have more time, give yourself a "mini-retreat" by reading or reflecting on a book or devotional about Mary.

Remember the Sick of our Parish in your charity and prayers: John Kapp, Rosemary Anderson, Cathy Steiner, Diana Prowell, Marietta McQuaid, Marie Dishman, Suzanne Matunis, Jeanette Fasick, Mike Landis, Jerry Ford, Carl DePaulis, Reid Wilson, and all the long-suffering in our community and at Perry Village.

Deacon Robinson's Contact Information: You may contact Deacon Robinson at his cell phone (602-6298) or through his email: dcnrobin@ptd.net.

On Line Information: You can access the weekly bulletin and information at our parish website at www.stbernardsnbpa.org.

Prayer Group meets each Wednesday morning at 8:30AM in church. If you have prayer intentions for your loved ones or family members, for sick co-workers or people in the community, please give them to the Parish Office for prayer and spiritual support!

Parish Youth Group meets monthly and offers a variety of programs and activities. If you are interested in attending and being part of this lively

faith-filled group of young Catholics, please call Matt or Liz Morrison.

Use of Parish Kitchen and Facilities: In accordance with the policy of our insurance company, *Catholic Mutual*, a person must be 16 years old to work in or enter the kitchen. If parishioners want to use the kitchen or other parish facilities, which you are always free to do, please reserve the space with the parish office and sign the insurance form at least one week before your event. If your event is parish related or sponsored by a parish committee, no additional insurance is needed. If personal (use by your family for sacramental receptions, birthdays, etc.), you must secure additional insurance from your own insurance company or through Catholic Mutual in case of accidents or physical harm. The insurance certificate must be in the amount of one million dollars and indemnify the Parish of Saint Bernard and the Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg. Call the parish office for further information.

Weekend Masses for Saturday/Sunday, December 31st and January 1st: We will change our Masses for the New Year's Day weekend. Mass on Saturday, December 31st will begin at 5:00PM and the Mass on Sunday, January 1, 2023 will begin at 9:00AM.

First Friday Devotions: Friday of this week is the First Friday of the Month of January. Devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus will begin Thursday evening, January 5th with Confessions available at 6:15PM and the Litany and Consecration to the Sacred Heart at 7:00PM. Our prayers will conclude with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Why not start the New Year off right by spending time with the Eucharistic Lord!!

First Saturday Mass in Honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary will be celebrated on Saturday morning, January 7th at 8:00AM. Mass will include the Litany of the Blessed Mother and the Consecration to her Immaculate Heart.

Resolution suggestions for 2023

If you have a warm handclasp, use it.
If you have a gift of speech, speak
If you have energy, spend it for good.
If you have money, give it.
If you have time, share it.

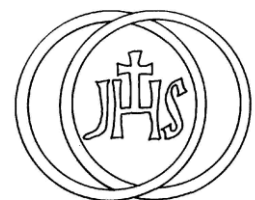
If you love little children or youth, lead them.
If you can sing, by all means, glorify God with your voice.
If you are fond of the beautiful and the artistic, decorate God's world.
If you have a heart of love, visit the sick, greet the stranger, and sympathize with the sorrowing.
If you have business ability, the church and the pastor need you.
If you have faith, pray without ceasing.
If your church means life to you and yours, then attend worship regularly and give thanks.
If your church means life to you and yours, tell others about it.

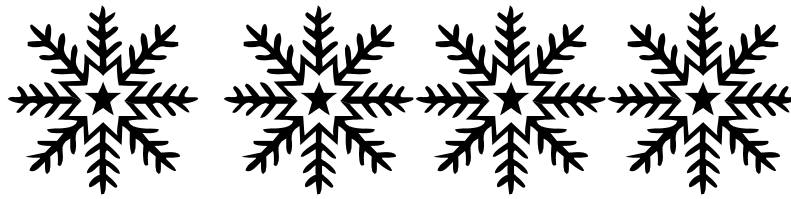
Catholic Spiritual Resolutions:

Increase your Marian devotion
Make more time for spiritual reading
Share your Catholic faith with others
Bring back a sense of penance and practice it
Go to Mass an extra day each week
Pray a daily rosary
Pick a patron Saint for this year and imitate their virtues and ask their intercession!

An attitude, not a resolution: This year let's forego formal resolutions and tune up our instincts for being more faithful Catholics and living better lives. God has called you to be a "light to the nations" to bring His salvation to the ends of the earth. Live your Catholic faith with authenticity and don't be covered by fear of what others might say to you or about you. Our world is growing darker with false ideologies that obscure the truth of faith and the gospel. So, let's call it an attitude change, not a resolution!

ro-Life: A new year brings thoughts of new life. What better place to start than at the beginning – with the human embryo? "Embryonic human beings, no less than human beings at the other development stages, should be treated as subjects of moral respect and human rights, not as objects that may be damaged or destroyed for the benefit of others." *President's Council on Bioethics, 2002*





January Birthdays

Katharine Allison	January 1	Patricia Witmer	January 16
Kris Haag	January 2	Danica Zurenko	January 16
David Horn	January 2	Suzanne Dell	January 18
Jennifer Aro	January 4	Emmery Meek	January 18
Christopher Goode	January 5	Judith Wilson	January 18
Blake Hoffman	January 5	Joseph Dailey	January 20
Alan Dixon	January 6	Liam Black	January 21
Abigail Risner	January 6	Elizabeth Goulet	January 22
Gary Kanaskie	January 6	Mary Schoedel	January 22
Abigail Risner	January 6	Jacqueline Dixon	January 25
Mary Swope	January 6	Nicole Wood	January 25
Carol Minns	January 8	Paul Krieger	January 26
William Campenni	January 9	Foster Meek	January 26
Felicity Garverick	January 9	Carsyn Meek	January 26
Marian McCoy	January 9	Gerard Barrett	January 27
Alexandra Mondell	January 9	Grayson Brandt	January 27
Christopher White	January 9	Teresa Trispogonas	January 27
Callie Haag	January 10	Katherine Utzig	January 27
John David Lane	January 10	Roberta Zelenky	January 27
Richard Rasmussen	January 10	Jeffrey Czekaj	January 28
Anna Ticehurst	January 10	Scott Dunkelberger	January 28
Nicole Risner	January 12	Thomas Jenkins	January 28
Joan Dunkelberger	January 13	Karen Michaliga	January 28
George Dorundo	January 14	Thomas Polcha	January 28
Helena Krieger	January 14	John Dell	January 29
Emmalee Failor	January 15	Jane Haag	January 29
Vicki Jenkins	January 15	Leo Luciano	January 29
Donna Kanaskie	January 15	Judith Faircloth	January 30
Bruno Mazzotta	January 15	John Wheatley	January 30
Emily Jenkins	January 16	Patricia Suydam	January 31
Benjamin Moyer	January 16		