

# JOY

*He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit...*

Lk 3:16





## Parish Stewardship

### SATURDAY, December 14, 2024 Vigil of Sunday

5:00 p.m. (SP) +Jimmy Joe Egan (Annv.)  
/Req. Father, Jim  
+Marjorie Berg (Annv.)  
/Req. Family  
+Jack Carlin /Req. Carlin  
Family  
+Deceased Members of the  
Hillis & Easton Families  
\*Living Members of the Hillis  
& Easton Families

### SUNDAY, December 15, 2024

7:30 a.m. (SMA) +Antoinette Chapola  
/Req. MaryEllen Allegrino  
+Anita Pasquale /Req. Family  
9:00 a.m. (SP) +Judy Sullivan /Req. Sue Carns  
& Family  
+Ron Panigrosso /Req. Bob &  
Ellen Hantsch  
11:30 a.m. (SMA) +Carmela DiPrinzio (Annv.)  
/Req. M/M Camillo DiRado &  
Family  
+Helen Giorgio /Req. Cara M.  
Bernardo  
2:00 p.m. (SMA) **LATIN MASS**

### MONDAY, December 16, 2024 NO MASS

### TUESDAY, December 17, 2024

12:10 p.m. (SP) \*Parishioners' Intentions

### WEDNESDAY, December 18, 2024

12:10 p.m. (SMA) +Alvera Fletcher /Req. Ellen &  
Dan Correll  
\*Parishioners' Intentions

### THURSDAY, December 19, 2024

12:10 p.m. (SP) +Jason Thomas McMicken  
/Req. Sue Carns Family

### FRIDAY, December 20, 2024

12:10 p.m. (SMA) +Leo Cianciosi /Req. Mary  
Serafini

### SATURDAY, December 21, 2024, Vigil of Sunday

5:00 p.m. (SP) +Mary Mullins /Req. Carlin  
Family

### SUNDAY, December 22, 2024

7:30 a.m. (SMA) +Sante Tucci /Req. Son, Guido  
& Family  
+Deceased Members of the  
Mion & Bigart Families /Req.  
Carol Mion  
9:00 a.m. (SP) +Carolyn Fitzgerald /Req. John  
C. Mackin Sr.  
+Onofrio & Helen Desimone  
/Req. Dave Desimone & Family  
11:30 a.m. (SMA) +Antionette Piccirilli /Req.  
Family  
+Irma Mastronardi /Req. Jane  
Monico  
2:00 p.m. (SMA) **LATIN MASS**

### Last Sunday's Offerings St. Mary's:

In Adult Envelopes	\$4,804.50
Loose	\$948.00
Youth	\$32.00
Fuel	\$195.00
Electricity	\$66.00
Candles	\$119.00
Christmas Flowers	\$290.00
Immaculate Conception	\$1,228.00
On-Line Giving	\$138.15
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,820.65</b>

### Hope Appeal

**\$821.00**

**We need \$6,500 to meet our weekly expenses.**

### Last Sunday's Offerings St. Paul's:

In Adult Envelopes	\$4,933.00
Loose	\$450.00
Candles	\$73.00
Grounds & Maintenance	\$315.00
Christmas Flowers	\$225.00
On-Line Giving	\$213.19
Fuel	\$72.00
Electricity	\$75.00
Immaculate Conception	\$242.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,598.19</b>

### Hope Appeal

**\$678.00**

**We need \$6,100 to meet our weekly expenses.**

### JUST A REMINDER...

The second collection each weekend will go towards our Hope Appeal bill for each church. Every little bit helps!  
*Thank you!*

## Hope Appeal 2024/2025

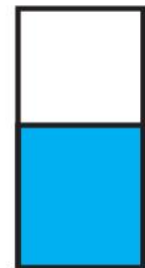
**St. Paul**  
**Goal: \$34, 808.00**

**\$16,695.75**



**St. Mary**  
**Goal: \$36,554.00**

**\$9,713.00**



*Dates to Remember*

First Sunday of Each Month:  
2:00 PM Latin Mass (SMA)

First Fridays of Each Month:  
Prayers for First Friday following 12:10 pm Mass  
(SMA)

Thank God it's First Friday Young Adult Holy Hour  
with food & fellowship at St. Mary's at 6:00 pm

Tuesdays:  
Miraculous Medal Novena following 12:10 Mass (SP)

Wednesdays:  
11:35 AM– Rosary prayer (SMA)  
Sacrament of Reconciliation Following 12:10 pm  
Mass (SMA)  
5:30 PM RCIA meets in the Parish Office Bldg. (SP)

Fridays:  
11:35 AM– Rosary prayer (SMA)  
After 12:10 PM Mass Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Saturdays:  
8:00 Rosary Group (SP)  
4:15-4:45 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation (SP)



THE TABERNACLE CANDLE  
BURNS FOR THE GLORY OF GOD  
AND FOR ...

St. Mary's: Deceased Members of the  
Pasquale Family

St. Paul's: Arlene Normile  
Req. Fehrman Family

WINTER WEATHER IS HERE.....



PLEASE TAKE NOTE:

IF THE BINGHAMTON CITY SCHOOL  
DISTRICT IS CLOSED DUE TO BAD  
WEATHER:



NO DAILY MASS THAT DAY AND  
OUR PARISH OFFICE WILL BE  
CLOSED.

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU.....

COME AND GIVE JESUS THE  
GREATEST GIFT,  
YOURSELF, FOR CHRISTMAS.



Fr. Art will be hearing confessions on Monday,  
December 16th from 4pm to 7pm at St. Mary's

**Christmas Mass Schedule 2024**

Our mass book is open to have a mass said for  
a loved one during this upcoming  
Christmas Season.

**Christmas Eve (Tuesday 12/24/24)**  
4PM @ St. Paul's  
11PM @ St. Mary's

**Christmas Day (Wednesday 12/25/24)**  
7:30AM @ St. Mary's  
9AM @ St. Paul's  
10:30AM @ St. Mary's

**You can call or stop in the Parish Office to  
request a mass.**

**Children's/Family Christmas Eve Mass**

Fr. Art invites all children and families to celebrate  
the anticipation of the coming of our Lord Jesus  
Christ on Christmas Eve. If you would like to  
participate in the celebration, please come to Mass  
at 3:30p.m. on Tuesday, December 24th to receive a  
costume to wear during mass.

Fr. Art will look upon the congregation and call  
out for all who are the shepherds, sheep, animals,  
angels, wise men, representative of all who came  
to Bethlehem on the Holy Night, to join him on  
the altar as he retells the story of Christ's birth.

We look forward to full participation of our Faith  
Formation students as well as any other child  
(littlest through High School) who is with us.  
Costumes will be provided upon entrance to St.  
Paul's Church.

Any questions, please contact Donna DiStefano,  
Director of Faith For-  
mation for both parishes.

[ddistefano@syrdio.org](mailto:ddistefano@syrdio.org)  
or 607-727-7956



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Lectors/Eucharistic Ministers St. Paul's December 21 & 22, 2024		
Saturday	Time 5:00 PM	Lector/Ciborium: Rose O'Neil
Sunday	Time 9:00 AM	Lector/Ciborium: Kate Hull

Lectors/Eucharistic Ministers St. Mary's December 22, 2024		
Sunday	Time 7:30 AM	Ciborium: Bettie Kurty, Steve Gardner Lector: Pat Griffin
Sunday	Time 11:30 AM	Ciborium: Barb Fiala, Anthony DiMascio Lector: Theresa DeSantis

**THANK YOU!!!**

MANY THANKS TO JASON & NATALIE RONEY FOR SPEARHEADING THIS YEAR'S THANKSGIVING TURKEY & GIFT CARD GIVE AWAY TO THOSE IN NEED.

THEIR EFFORTS AND ALL THE GENEROUS PARISHIONERS WHO DONATED GIFT CARDS HELPED TO MAKE OUR FELLOW NEIGHBORS HAVE A WONDERRUL THANKSGIVING.

\*\*\*\*GOD BLESS TO ALL\*\*\*\*



**Annual Christmas Giving Tree  
St. Mary's of the Assumption**

**Our Giving Tree will be place near the pulpit to receive gifts for Mom's House. Gifts of clothing or toys for children 18 months to age 5 will be collected.**

**We will collect items from  
December 1st - 15th.**

**St. Paul's Giving Tree**

Again this year we will be assisting Catholic Charities with gift cards for local teens (ages 11-17).

Please take a tag off the Giving Tree and drop the gift card in the Collection Basket or you can drop them off at the Parish Office.

Youth friendly stores: Walmart, Target, Boscov's, etc.

**THIS WEEK....  
St. Mary's Coffee Hour**


St. Mary's Men's Group will be sponsoring a coffee hour on:  
December 15, 2024 after 11:30 a.m. Mass.

Pastries and much more.



**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

YOU CAN ENJOY FATHER ART'S AND OTHER AREA CLERGY'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGES EVERY SUNDAY MORNING ON AIR AND ONLINE STREAMING ON



**THE BILL FLYNN SHOW  
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1290AM/92.1FM**



St. Mary's Men's Group and Hoffman's Car Wash are joining up to raise money for our group. One regular Car Wash is \$14 and a portion of each sale will go to St. Mary's.

Ordering can be done online at:  
Hoffmanhelpinghands.com/  
fundraisers/StMaryBinghamton OR  
you can order gift cards after mass.

**Great stocking stuffers!**

Any questions, call Ken Klawiter @ 607-321-1639



**NEW PARISHIONER FORM**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ St. Mary's \_\_\_\_\_ St. Paul \_\_\_\_\_ New Registration  
\_\_\_\_\_ Change of Address \_\_\_\_\_ You may publish my name in the bulletin

Please cut out and drop in collection basket or mail to rectory

**Meditation for Sunday , December 15, 2024 Zephaniah 3:14-18*****The Lord, your God, is in your midst. (Zephaniah 3:17)***

Did you ever rejoice in something that hadn't actually happened yet? Maybe you were looking forward to a dear friend's wedding or a visit from an out-of-town relative. Just the thought of what was to come made you smile!







In today's first reading, the prophet Zephaniah told the Israelites to "be glad and exult" because God was going to remove "the judgment against" them (3:14, 15). They were to rejoice even though they were still suffering the consequences of their rebellion against the Lord. Why? Because God had promised to rescue them, so it would come to pass.

Today is Gaudete Sunday, a day set aside during Advent for rejoicing. Although Christmas is still ten days away, we can begin rejoicing in Jesus's birth now . We can also look forward to Jesus's Second Coming, when he will establish a new heaven and new earth (Revelation 21:1). Like the Israelites, we don't know when that will happen, and yet we are called to rejoice in it. Why? For the same reason: because God keeps his promises.

We live in a fallen world, surrounded by much pain and sorrow. We may be going through a difficult time this Advent, so we may not feel much like rejoicing. But it is possible to rejoice in what has been promised to us. One day we will stand before the Lord, and he will wipe every tear from our eyes. On that day, we won't be able to contain our joy!

So try to follow St. Paul's advice from today's second reading to "rejoice in the Lord always" (Philippians 4:4). Rejoice that the Lord loves you so much that he became man to save you. Rejoice that he is present in the Eucharist and wants you to be with him in the closest way possible. Rejoice in anticipation of life with God forever. Choose to rejoice today, no matter how you feel. Why? Because our Lord God always keeps his promises!

**"Jesus, I rejoice in you always, now and forever!"**

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