



THE
LIGHT SHINES
IN THE DARKNESS

JOHN 1:5



SATURDAY, December 21, 2024 Vigil of Sunday

5:00 p.m. (SP) +Mary Mullins /Req. Carlin Family
+Karen Ryan /Req. Patricia Dempsey
+Joseph A. Clifford /Req. Brother, Thomas & 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
+ Ron Alig /Req. Mary & Family
*Healing Intention for John Borovicka /Req. Mary & Family
11:30 a.m. (SMA) +Antionette Piccirilli /Req. Family
+Irma Mastronardi /Req. Family
+Rev. Janet Eileen Wright /Req. Nicole Crowley

2:00 p.m. (SMA) **LATIN MASS**

MONDAY, December 23, 2024 NO MASS

TUESDAY, December 24, 2024 CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00 p.m. (SP) +Ric F. Hensberry /Req. Hensberry Family
+Constance Pratt /Req. Family
+Deceased Members of the Gooley & Valky Families /Req. Family
-Living & Deceased Members of the Patsko & Savelli Families /Req. Family
-Living & Deceased Members of the Weslar & Zemanick Families /Req. Family
+Holy Souls
+James, Mary & Thomas Shea /Req. Family
+Michael Meagher & Katherine Meagher /Req. Family
+Deceased Members of the Blodgett & Sindon Families /Req. Family
+Deceased Members of the Donahue Families /Req. Kate
+Bob Hutchings /Req. Family
+Mary Mullins /Req. Family
-Living & Deceased Members of the Mion Families /Req. Mion Family

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11:00 p.m. *Living Intention for Chloe & David /Req. Family
*In Thanksgiving /Req. Brad & Kathy Phillips
+Deceased Members of the Barnaba & Truillo Families /Req. Marie & Jim
*Living Intention Douglas Villanella /Req. Family
*Living Intentions for the Villanella Family /Req. Family
*Living Intentions for the Tollens Family /Req. Family

WEDNESDAY, December 25, 2024

CHRISTMAS DAY

7:30 a.m. (SMA) +Mary & Joseph Anthony and Christine Tarbell /Req. Family
+Deceased Members of the Ryan & DiMaria Families /Req. Family
+Deceased Members of the Chadwick & Collett Families /Req. Family
9:00 a.m. (SP) +Hubik Family /Req. Hubik Family
+Joey Ziegler /Req. Grandma Mary
+Holy Souls
+Richard O'Neil /Req. Dorolyn O'Neil Perry
+Judith & Matthew McCarthy /Req. Maureen Bradley
10:30 a.m. (SMA) +Sandra Edwards /Req. Mom & Family
*Living Intention John Storer
+Andrew Kupillas /Req. Your Friends

THURSDAY, December 26, 2024

12:10 p.m. (SP) **NO MASS**

FRIDAY, December 27, 2024

12:10 p.m. (SMA) +Antonio Picciarilli /Req. Picciarilli Family
*Parishioners' Intentions

SATURDAY, December 28, 2024, Vigil of Sunday

5:00 p.m. (SP) +Edward Bradley /Req. Maureen & Family
+Karen Segrue /Dad, Ed
+Jackie Shea /Req. Patricia Dempsey

SUNDAY, December 29, 2024

7:30 a.m. (SMA) +Mary Serafini /Req. M/M Armondo Masciarelli
9:00 a.m. (SP) +Kathleen Blackman /Req. Ladies of AOH Division
11:30 a.m. (SMA) +Ada Ricci Howard /Req. Family
2:00 p.m. (SMA) **LATIN MASS**



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Last Sunday's Offerings St. Mary's:

In Adult Envelopes	\$5,567.50
Loose	\$2,094.09
Youth	\$5.00
Fuel	\$15.00
Electricity	\$663.00
Candles	\$107.00
On-Line Giving	\$122.65
Immaculate Conception	\$295.00
Total	\$8,869.24

Hope Appeal \$ 1,287.00

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

Last Sunday's Offerings St. Paul's:

In Adult Envelopes	\$5,042.00
Loose	\$643.00
Candles	\$57.00
Grounds & Maintenance	\$401.00
Flowers	\$95.00
Fuel	\$285.00
Electricity	\$325.00
Youth	\$2.00
On-Line Giving	\$356.38
Immaculate Conception	\$42.00
Total	\$7,248.38

Hope Appeal \$243.00

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

Hope Appeal 2024/2025

St. Paul	St. Mary
Goal: \$34,808.00	Goal: \$36,554.00
\$17,045.75	\$9,713.00

Progress scales will return next week.



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

St. Mary's: Deceased Members of the Masciarelli Family
St. Paul's: Generose, Martha, Paul, Peter & Mary Savo
Req. Forbes, Freize & O'Dea Families

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 Formation for both parishes.



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 or 607-727-7956

Christmas Mass Schedule 2024

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

Wishing all our parishioners and visiting friends a Blessed and Holy Christmas Season.



PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON CHRISTMAS EVE AND ON CHRISTMAS DAY.

OPEN ON THURSDAY DECEMBER 26TH



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Lectors/Eucharistic Ministers St. Paul's December 28 & 29, 2024		
Saturday	Time 5:00 PM	Lector/Ciborium: Patricia Newland
Sunday	Time 9:00 AM	Lector/Ciborium: Rose O'Neil

Lectors/Eucharistic Ministers St. Mary's December 29, 2024		
Sunday	Time 7:30 AM	Ciborium: Pat Griffin, Jay Klein Lector: Marie Truillo
Sunday	Time 11:30 AM	Ciborium: Morgan Dendler, Sharyon Gardiner Lector: Rich Bucci

ST. PAUL'S FOOD PANTRY NEEDS...
For the month of November:
 Adults - 45 Children - 22, Families -16 were served.
 We are looking for toilet paper, hygiene products, toothbrushes, soap, shampoo, body wash, deodorant, PB & J, pasta sauce, pasta, soup, fruit, vegetables & crackers.
 The Food Pantry is open the last Tuesday of each month from 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm.

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



Many thanks to all who gave so generously from our Giving Tree and our Giving Wreath this year.


St. Paul's once again helped to provide gifts and gift cards to our area Children, Teenagers and Senior Citizens.

*Doing God's works by bringing Joy to those less fortunate.
 May God Bless You All.*



Thank you to Judy Gardner and her sisters Joyce & Laura for making the BEAUTIFUL angels for the Homebound this Christmas.

Blessings for all those who spread joy throughout the Holiday season.



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- ★ *Here are the lucky winners of our 10th annual St. Paul's Raffle.*
- ★ *Many thanks to all who contributed to this yearly fund raiser!!*
- ★ 1st prize # 215 4th prize # 200
- ★ 2nd prize # 22 5th prize # 213
- ★ 3rd prize # 241 See you Next YEAR!!
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A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST PARISHIONERS...

Alina Liszewski - St. Mary's
 Matthew Dirig - St. Mary's



NEW PARISHIONER FORM

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Meditation for Sunday, December 22, 2024, Luke 1:39-45

Mary.....entered the house of Zechariah (Luke 1:39, 40)

When you think of the Visitation of Mary, which is described in today's Gospel reading, you normally think she's going to see Elizabeth, and she is. But Zechariah was probably there as well, even though he would have been a silent presence. Just think how his inability to speak might have heightened his perception of what was going on around him. While we have no record of Zechariah's experience, we can imagine what this visit might have been like for him.

When Zechariah first saw Mary, worn from the journey but alive with excitement and hope, perhaps his heart leaped for joy just as his son did. Imagine his tired face and furrowed brow softening into a warm smile as he welcomed their surprise visitor!

When he heard Elizabeth call their young cousin "the mother of my Lord" (Luke 1:43), Zechariah could tell that something remarkable was going on. Any shock or doubt he might have felt at hearing his wife give Mary such a title would have dissolved as he remembered the angel's promise that he son would "go before" the Lord and prepare his way (1:17).

When Elizabeth praised Mary for believing what the Lord said to her (Luke 1:45), Zechariah's own faith might have been buoyed up and his anticipation kindled. Any regret at his own response to his heavenly messenger likely faded when he observed Mary's wholehearted surrender to the Lord's will.

Today, just a few days before Christmas, place yourself in the scene of the Visitation as a silent presence like Zechariah. Take some time to slow down your thoughts. Imagine Mary entering *your* house carrying Jesus in her womb. How does your heart respond to the sound of her greeting? Do you recognize Jesus in her? Can you praise God for Mary's faithful response to his word to her?

"Lord, help me to listen to what you're saying to me today"

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