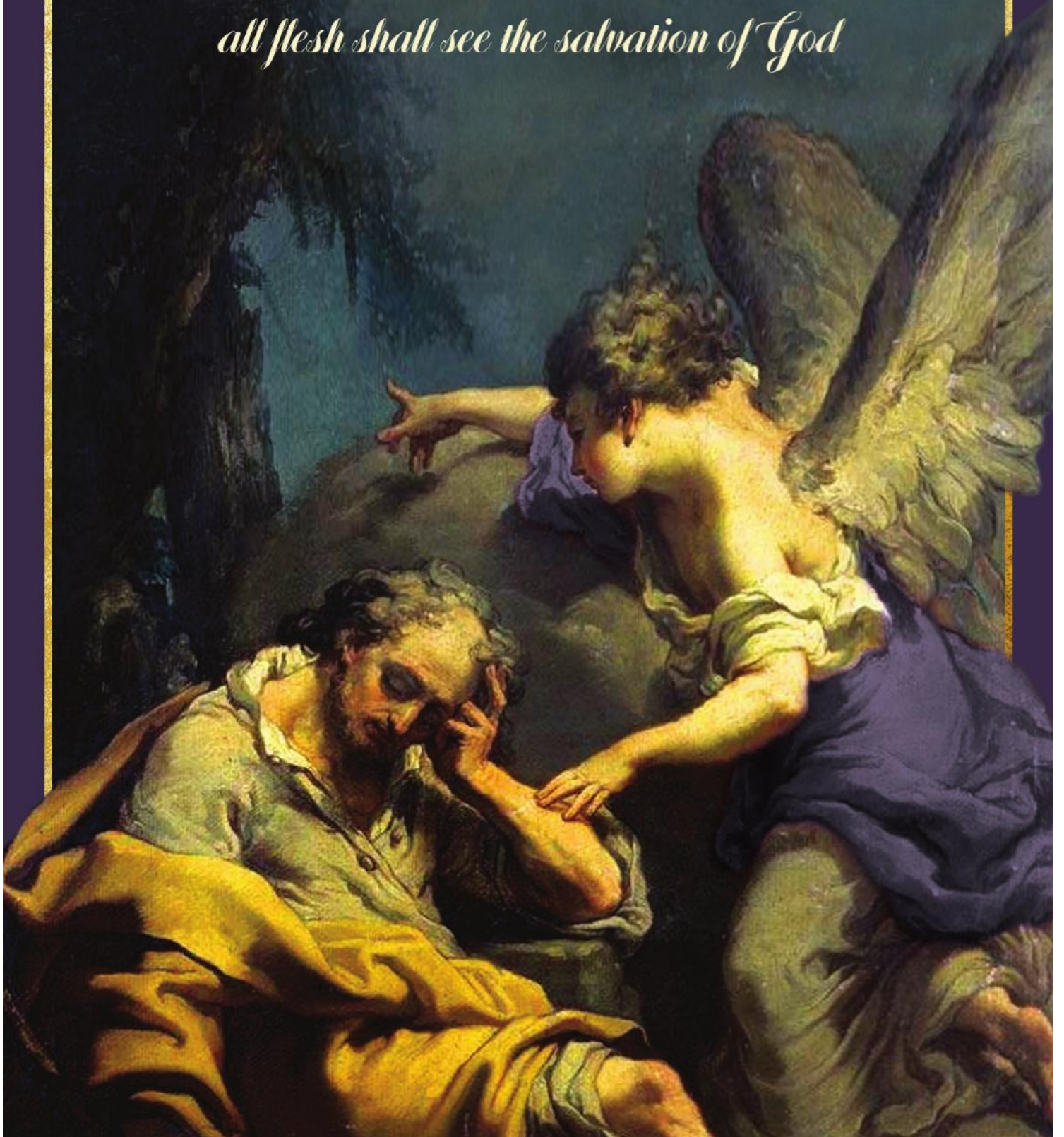


PEACE

all flesh shall see the salvation of God



SATURDAY, December 7, 2024 Vigil of Sunday
 5:00 p.m. (SP) +Robert H. Fehrman
 /Req. Mary & Family
 +Karl P. Arnold /Req. Family
 +Deceased members of Slocum,
 O'Neil, & Schaffer Families
 /Req. M/M John R. O'Neil &
 Family

SUNDAY, December 8, 2024
 7:30 a.m. (SMA) +Mary DiLuzio /Req. Lester &
 Angelina Seidel
 +Filomena Cristofari
 /Req. Tony & Joann Amedo
 9:00 a.m. (SP) +Patricia Norris /Req. John
 Mackin
 +Tom Hull (4 Annv.) /Req. Kate
 11:30 a.m. (SMA) +Bill Pasquale /Req. Joseph
 Pasquale
 +Lino Piccirilli /Req. Julian
 Panteleone
 +Adina Paciocco /Req.
 Pantanlone & Pia Iuliani
 +Michelle Zemek-Merry
 /Req. Family

2:00 p.m. (SMA) **LATIN MASS**
**MONDAY, December 9, 2024 - HOLY DAY OF
 OBLIGATION**

12:10 p.m. (SMA) +Charles Klenchik Jr. /Req. Father
 5:30 p.m. (SP) +Robert Hutchings /Req. Karen
 Archer

TUESDAY, December 10, 2024
 12:10 p.m. (SP) +Souls in Purgatory

WEDNESDAY, December 11, 2024
 12:10 p.m. (SMA) +Americo & Maria DiCamillo
 /Req. Mary Ellen Allegrino
 *Parishioners' Intentions
 +Filomena Christofari /Req.
 Husband, Luigi & Family

THURSDAY, December 12, 2024
 12:10 p.m. (SP) *Parishioners' Intentions

FRIDAY, December 13, 2024
 12:10 p.m. (SMA) +Joe Piccirilli (Annv.)
 /Req. Wife, Lorena & Family

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. Mary Ellen 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 DiPrinzi (Annv.)
 /Req. M/M Camillo DiRado &
 Family
 +Helen Giorgio /Req. Cara M.
 Bernardo

Last Sunday's Offerings St. Mary's:

In Adult Envelopes	\$5,770.50
Loose	\$626.00
Youth	\$41.00
Fuel	\$174.00
Electricity	\$125.00
Candles	\$96.00
Christmas Flowers	\$929.00
On-Line Giving	\$212.43
Total	\$7,973.93

Hope Appeal \$490.00

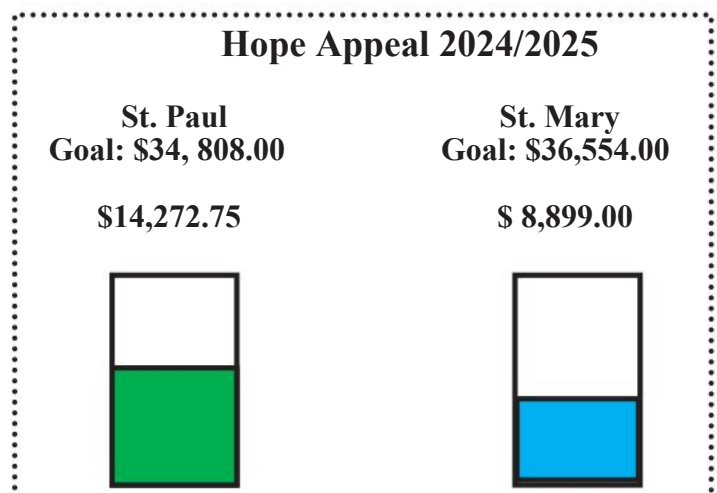
We need \$6,500 to meet our weekly expenses.

Last Sunday's Offerings St. Paul's:

In Adult Envelopes	\$4,779.00
Loose	\$492.00
Candles	\$49.00
Grounds & Maintenance	\$112.00
Christmas Flowers	\$607.00
On-Line Giving	\$259.50
Fuel	\$313.00
Electricity	\$90.00
Total	\$6,665.48

Hope Appeal \$305.00

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



HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
Monday December 9, 2024

St. Mary of the Assumption 12:10 p.m. Mass
St. Paul's Church 5:30 p.m. Mass

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 24, 2024 Offerings St. Mary's:

In Adult Envelopes	\$4,886.50
Loose	\$1,338.00
Yout	\$42.00
Fuel	\$489.00
Electricity	\$85.00
Candles	\$92.00
Online Giving	\$193.59
Christmas Flowers	\$45.00
Total	\$7,171.09

Hope Appeal \$293.00

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

November 24, 2024 Offerings St. Paul's:

In Adult Envelopes	\$4,416.00
Loose	\$506.00
Candles	\$58.00
Grounds & Maintenance	\$82.00
Fuel	\$610.00
Electricity	\$102.00
Flowers	\$80.00
On-Line Giving	\$107.74
Total	\$5,961.74

Hope Appeal \$243.00

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!

In sympathy we ask for your prayers for the recently deceased and for their families:

Sandra M. Edwards



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

**St. Mary's: Filomena Cristofari
Req. Russ & Kathy Freize**

**St. Paul's: Robert Fehrman
Req. Mary & Family**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE
BEING WELCOMED INTO OUR
FAMILY OF FAITH BY BAPTISM:**

Nicholas Aftuck



CONGRATULATIONS!!

We are pleased to announce this year's recipients of the **Immaculata Award!** These individuals were recognized for their **generous service and dedication** to our churches.

Helen Foley (St. Paul's)

**Michael & Jacquelyn O'Hearn
(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.

St. Mary of the Assumption and St. Paul's Church

Help us bring Christmas Joy to our area senior citizens.

Please take a tag from the Christmas Wreath. On the tag will be a Senior Citizen's wish list.



Purchase the items (do not wrap) and return them in a bag with the original tag firmly attached to the bag and place it under the wreath. You can also drop off the gifts at the rectory during normal business hours.

Gifts need to be handed in NO LATER than Monday 12/10/24.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Lectors/Eucharistic Ministers St. Paul's December 14 & 15, 2024		
Saturday	Time 5:00 PM	Lector/Ciborium: Leon Cosler
Sunday	Time 9:00 AM	Lector/Ciborium: Robert Hantsch

Lectors/Eucharistic Ministers St. Mary's December 15, 2024		
Sunday	Time 7:30 AM	Ciborium: Jay Klein, Marie Truillo Lector: Jim Truillo
Sunday	Time 11:30 AM	Ciborium: Tony Fiala, Mike Kinney Lector: YOUTH MASS

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.



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

Our Giving Tree will be placed 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.**

 **Final Week.....**
St. Paul's Annual Raffle 2024
\$50/ticket
Applications on the radiators by all exits or you can call Kevin @ 607-724-5844.


Drawing on Saturday December 14, 2024
Need to have your tickets handed in NO LATER than Tuesday 12/10/24.

NEXT 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.**




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.

 We would like to thank EVERYONE who helped make our Thanksgiving Basket drive @ SMA such a HUGE success!!
 The need in our area was greater than ever and once again the parishioners of SMA came through!!
 Because of your donation of gift cards, food & money we were able to feed 175 families!!
 Special thank you to ALL of our volunteers, including our Confirmation students, parents, Nick & Catrina Roma who donated all the bags, Sr. Lucia and her women's group for their handmade scarves & hats.
 May God Bless you throughout this Holiday Season!!
 Ken & Maria Klawiter

Interested in Becoming Catholic?
Anyone who is considering becoming Catholic is welcome to attend!

Date: Wednesday, December 11, 2024
 Time: 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.
 Place: St. Paul's Rectory (On Double-day Street)



 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

Meditation for Sunday, December 8, 2024. Baruch 5:-9




God has commanded that every lofty mountain be made low, and that the age-old depths and gorges be filled. (Baruch 5:7)

Today's first reading contains a prophecy of what God would accomplish for the Jewish people as they languished in exile in Babylon. Baruch, scribe to the prophet Jeremiah, proclaims that "every lofty mountain" will be flattened and that "the age-old depths and gorges" will be filled in. So much so that the exiles would have a direct route, straight through the desert, back home (Baruch 5:7).

This was such good news! The only established road between Babylon and Jerusalem took travelers in a long northwesterly arc through the fertile land that surrounded the Syrian desert. But God was so eager to bring his people back to him that he promised to pave a new road directly through the wasteland. And even more amazing, he promised to join them on a journey, "leading Israel in joy...with his mercy and justice for company" (Baruch 5:9)!

What a perfect way to describe the miracle of Christmas! God didn't wait for us to stumble through the wilderness of sin that separated us from him. He didn't stand on the border of the Promised Land and command us to make the treacherous journey on our own. He crossed that vast expanse to come to us. He entered this fallen world to offer us his "mercy and justice". Visiting the land of exile, he now extends his hand and promises to lead us into his heavenly home.

Baruch tells us that God has "commanded" the mountains to flatten out and the chasms to be filled in (5:7). And when God speaks, creation obeys! No amount of pride or selfishness, no matter how tall, can withstand his command. No sin, no matter how grave, can carve a ravine too deep for him to fill. Jesus has paved a "new and living way" so that we can finally come home (Hebrews 10:20)!

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