

WELCOME TO IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – ST. MARY'S

Parish Office hours: Tuesday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

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Weekday Masses and Intentions

Tuesday 12/30 5:30 p.m. +Albert Rouse
Offered by David and Marie Rouse

Wednesday 12/31 5:30 p.m.

Thursday 01/01 5:30 p.m.

Friday 01/02 8:30 a.m. +Connie Secrist
Offered by Joe and Sue Mills

Weekend Masses and Intentions

Saturday 01/03 6:00 p.m. +Sharon Dougoveto
Offered by Mark and Carla Kramer

Sunday 01/04 8:30 a.m. +Carl Dott
Offered by Stephen and Candace Dott

+ Deceased, Tg. Thanksgiving
 Confession available 30 minutes before all masses.

Weekend Ministry Schedule

Saturday, January 3

Sacristan - Kathy Fabry
 Eucharistic Minister - Kathy Fabry
 Lector - Missy Roberts
 Lead Usher - Skip Bilsky

Sunday, January 4

Sacristan - Clara McLain
 Eucharistic Minister - Dan Jazinski
 Lector - Kathy Jazinski
 Lead Usher - Jerry Divine
 Money Counters - Dan and Kathy Jazinski

St. Mary's Pastor: Fr. Soja Joseph
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12/20 Sat. Coll.	Loose....\$399.00	Envelope.....\$390.00	Total.....\$789.00
12/21 Sun. Coll.	Loose....\$194.00	Envelope.....\$275.00	Total.....\$469.00
Memorial Funds	Restricted	Electronic\$40.00	Total....\$9,840.00
\$800.00	Funds	\$8,000.00	
Parish Support\$1,000.00		
		Total Collections	\$11,098.00
Budget:	\$1,800.00		

Solemnity of Mary Ministry Schedule

Wednesday, New Year's Eve

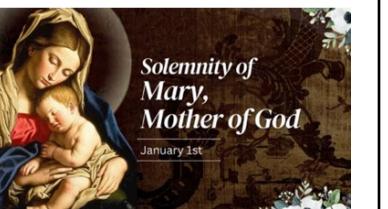
Sacristan - Carla Kramer
 Eucharistic Minister - TBD
 Lector - Carla Kramer
 Lead Usher - TBD

Thursday, New Year's Day

Sacristan - Carla Kramer
 Eucharistic Minister - TBD
 Lector - Carla Kramer
 Lead Usher - TBD

Upcoming Holy Day

New Year's Eve - Solemnity of Mary
 Florence at 5:30 p.m.



New Year's Day - Solemnity of Mary
 Armstrong Creek at 9:00 a.m.
 Florence at 5:30 p.m.

Thursday adoration on New Year's Day is cancelled.

The Parish Office will be open on Mon., 12/29, and Tues., 12/30. Regular business hours from 8:30-2:30 will resume on Monday, Jan. 5th. The office will now be open on Mon., Tues., Thurs., and Friday instead of Tues.-Friday. The office will be closed on Wednesdays. Thank You!

*May God Bless you as you enter this new year with peace, joy and love!
 Happy New Year!*

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ST. MARY'S WELCOMES YOU TO THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH



The beautiful Christmas Flowers that adorn our worship space were donated in Memory of the following loved ones:



Dan Bauer, Cora Bauer, Steve Bauer, Ginny Ehrenreich, Mary Jo Bomberg, Paul Bomberg, Bob & Claire Landry, Bob & Jan Dal-lapiazza, Deceased Members of the Donaldson and Steber Families, Mike & Hedy Fornetti, Glenn & Janet Sundquist, Corky Miller, Jule & Cleo Glime, Jack & Elaine Rochon, Francis Samz, Jim Cominsky, Deceased Members of the Lemanski Family, Caryl Novara, Deceased Members of the Podnar and Weber Families, and Ed & Marie Vanden Heuvel.

Living Faith Daily Catholic Devotion booklets for Jan.-March, 2026, are available on the entryway tables. Take one as you leave today.

Church Cleaning: Thank you to Sue Mills for cleaning our parish during the month of December. Your efforts are truly appreciated!

Volunteers Needed: Due to the number of parishioners going south for the winter and personal reasons, **we are in need of Lectors, Sacristans, and Eucharistic Ministers.** If you are interested in any of these ministries, please contact the parish office. Even volunteering once a month would be very helpful. Your prayerful consideration is truly appreciated.

Snow Shoveling: We need volunteers for snow shoveling this winter! Please contact the parish office if you are willing and able! Your help would be GREATLY appreciated!!!



Friends, on the last Sunday of the year, we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. We are here to offer all the members of our own families on the altar for God's blessing. This feast reminds us that we are part of a human family and at the same time we belong to God's family, the Church. In both these families, we have privileges and responsibilities. In both, we work out our salvation together as women, men and children living and working in love and peace. Hence, let us try our best to make life pleasant for other members of our family.

Our first reading is a commentary on the fourth commandment: "Honor your father and your mother." Sirach reminds children of their duty to honor their parents – even when it becomes difficult. He also mentions the two-fold reward which God promises to those who honor their father and mother. The first reward is "riches," and the second, long life: "Whoever reveres his father will live a long life." - Paul, in the letter to the Colossians, advises us that we should put on love and remain thankful in our relationships with one another. Paul teaches that children should learn and practice noble qualities like compassion, kindness, forgiveness, and sharing in the warmth of the family. In a truly holy family all members are respected, cherished, nurtured, and supported, united through the bond of love.

Today's Gospel describes how Joseph and Mary protected the Child Jesus from the sword of King Herod by escaping with Him to Egypt. The Church encourages us to look to the Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph for inspiration, example and encouragement. Marriage is a sacrament of holiness. Each family is called to holiness. By the Sacrament of Matrimony, Jesus sanctifies not only the spouses but also the entire family. See that you never convert your family into a courtroom; instead let it be a confessional — ready to admit faults and try to correct them, and the family becomes heaven. Happy New Year! Fr. Soja

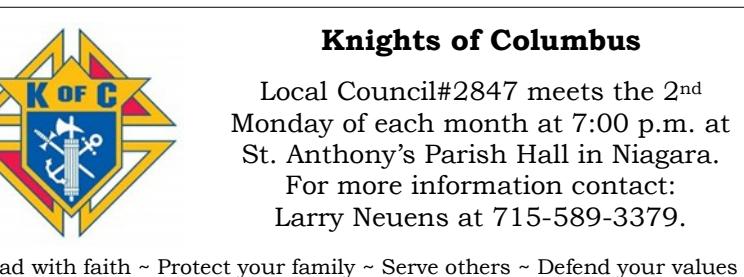
A New Year's Prayer

Lord, you make all things new.
 You bring hope alive in our hearts
 And cause our Spirits to be born again.
 Thank you for this new year
 For all the potential it holds.
 Come and kindle in us
 A mighty flame, so that in our time,



Many will see the wonders of God and live forever to praise
 Your glorious name. -Author Unknown

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Local Council#2847 meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at St. Anthony's Parish Hall in Niagara. For more information contact: Larry Neuens at 715-589-3379.

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