



St. Margaret of Cortona Parish

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January 1, 2023



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MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 12:00 noon

Weekdays: Monday to Friday: 12:00 p.m.

CONFESSIONS: Saturdays at 1:00 p.m.

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Monday to Thursday

Rectory

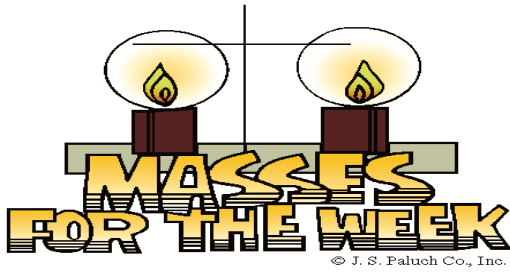
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By appointment only

Religious Education

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Sunday to Thursday



SATURDAY, December 31 New Year's Eve
5:30 PM People of Our Parish Family

SUNDAY, January 1, 2023
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God,
New Year's Day

8:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:00 PM
People of Our Parish Family

MONDAY, January 2
12:00 PM Antonio Ratto

TUESDAY, January 3
12:00 PM Ana Belanich

WEDNESDAY, January 4
12:00 PM Eugene De Martino

THURSDAY, January 5
12:00 PM John Bussanich

FRIDAY, January 6
12:00 PM Joseph Vidulich

SATURDAY, January 7
5:30 PM Deceased Members of Baker
& Van Sadars Family

SUNDAY, January 8, 2023
The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 AM Maureen Gregston
10:00 AM Patrick Pansini
12:00 PM Sergio Passaro
(Birthday)

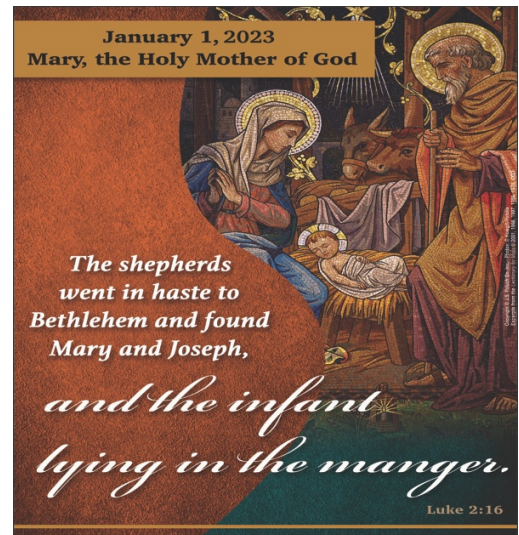


Memorials
Bread & Wine
And
Sanctuary Candle
People of Our Parish Family

TIME
 Do not squander time, for that is the stuff
 life is made of.
 — Benjamin Franklin

PASSIONS
 We should employ our passions in the
 service of life, not spend life in the service
 of our passions.
 — Richard Steele

NEW YEAR
 The object of a new year is not that we
 should have a new year, but rather that we
 should have a new soul.
 — G. K. Chesterton



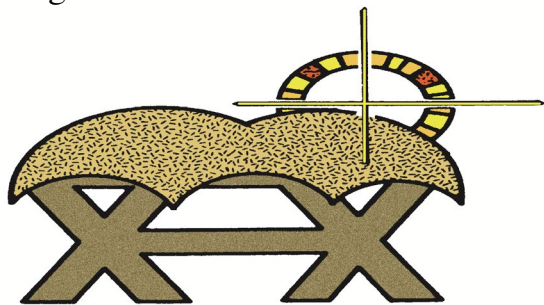


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January 1, 2023 Mary, the Holy Mother of God

BLESSINGS

Today's readings include another account of the story of Jesus' birth. The reading from the book of Numbers reminds us that we are blessed. We are looked upon with kindness and grace. The psalm and Galatians remind us of the blessings given through God's Son. Luke tells of our ultimate blessing, that Mary, a human being like us, gave birth to a child who is God's Son. Mary, a young mother, watches all that is happening around the birth of her son. She listens as the shepherds bring messages from angels, a message she also received from an angel, about her son. Yet Mary remains silent. She keeps all this news about her son to herself. She reflects on all these experiences. The only thing she shares is the name of her son, Jesus, a name given him before he was even conceived. Her silence leaves us wondering if this is how one responds to such a great blessing.



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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD bless you and keep you! The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace! (Numbers 6:22-27).

Psalm — May God be merciful and bless us (Psalm 67).

Second Reading — God sent the Spirit of the Son into our hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" So you are no longer a slave but an heir, through God (Galatians 4:4-7).

Gospel — The shepherds glorified and praised God for all they had heard and seen (Luke 2:16-21).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Mary, the Holy Mother of God; The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord;

World Day of Prayer for Peace;
New Year's Day

Monday: Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

Tuesday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus

Wednesday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Thursday: St. John Neumann

Friday: St. André Bessette; First Friday

Saturday: St. Raymond of Penyafort; First Saturday;

Julian Calendar Christmas



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We lift up to the Lord in our prayers and good works for: the sick, frail and the homebound

Anthony Deli
 Catherine Mary Moncello
 Camilla Leventhal
 Nicole Grano
 Johanna Hanush
 Lena Vitale.
 John Thomas Lazur Dersch
 Robert Zienkiewicz
 Florence Navarro
 Paula Kelnhofer
 Barbara Demczyszyn
 Caroline Ruppert Hubertz
 Tom Greaux
 John Ratynski
 Robert & Carolyn Salzman
 Jo Anna Lockie
 Dominick Di Buono
 David I. Ramos

Valerie Vernay
 Michel Porta
 Julian Morgan
 Baby Amato Jordan
 Philip Dittmar
 Grace Ehler
 Julio Sanchez
 Arline Hrbek
 Kevin Michael Francis
 Jacqueline Palmadessa
 Michael Toscano
 Ellie Lombardelli
 Brandon Kingsley
 Tony Tarabocchia
 Victor Ruggiero
 James Moran.
 Olivia La Forte King



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If there is any adult (18+yrs.) who wishes to complete their initiation into the Catholic Church by receiving Confirmation and/or Communion and Confirmation, please call Sister Dorothy at 201-641-2989.

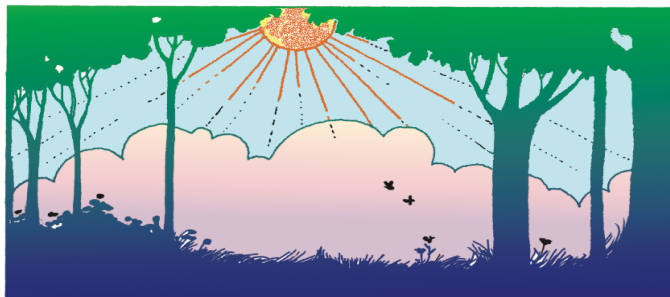
Thank You

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Antonia Piccinich

Victims of terrorism and war; genocide in Syria and the Holy Land, worldwide human trafficking, racism and hatred, domestic abuse and street violence, severe weather conditions and for all those victims who suffered and lost their loved ones, under the COVID-19 pandemic.



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As church, we are called to have a “preferential option for the poor.” You certainly did just that through your generous Christmas gifts to needy families in our area and beyond. I thank you in their name and ask God to bless you in your particular need with the same generosity with which you have blessed others. You have always been most generous to this appeal, and I am sooo grateful to you! God’s blessing on you and on those you love!

OUR FASCINATING FAITH

Resolve to Spread God's Mercy and Peace

Imagine: two New Year's celebrations in little over a month! In late November, Advent began the new liturgical year, and today the secular New Year 2023 begins. In today's Gospel, everyone who heard it was amazed by the story the shepherds told of the angels' message regarding the child.

Mary herself continued to reflect on all these things in her heart.

With religious persecutions raging, international and domestic conflicts seething, our family and friends suffering various difficulties, and COVID not yet entirely in the rear-view mirror, not to mention our own personal problems, how much our world needs Jesus as another New Year veiled in mystery begins!

As we pray for God's mercy to enfold our world and embrace each of us in 2023, let our New Year's resolution be to live for others, as Mary did, a channel of God's mercy and an instrument of Christ's peace..

CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

*Prayer at the Manger:
With Mary and Joseph
May we follow the faithful,
loving witness
of Mary and Joseph
as we seek to bring Jesus, your Word,
into the world.
May we always follow his Gospel,
now and forever. Amen.*



This feast has had several names through history. Strangely, the title that is most confusing to non-Catholics is the official one. When we call Mary the Mother of God, we are not saying that she somehow preceded God or is equal to God. We are simply recognizing that her human son Jesus is also the divine Son of God. Today's Gospel records one simple action of Mary: to keep these things in her heart. Even in this simple sentence we are given a good example of being a disciple. Like Mary, we need to both keep, or remember, what God has done, and to reflect on what we remember. First, how much do we remember about what God has done for us? How well do we know the stories of salvation found in the scriptures?

Do we recall the prayers God has answered, the guidance given, the love of God that others have shown us, the times God has forgiven us? Second, how much do we reflect on what God has done? Even if we have many memories of God's goodness to us, we also need to pray over them and ask ourselves how we have changed because of what God has done. Do I forgive hurts more readily? Do I share my faith with my family or friends? Do I support my parish with my time or offerings? Let us ask God's help to imitate Mary by remembering and reflecting.



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OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW**

**Project Rachel-
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www.HopeAfterAbortion.org

Phone: 1-888-456-4673

**Trafficking Information and
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**If you think
you have come in contact
with a victim of
human trafficking, call
the hotline to get more
information or
to begin the process of
helping the victim.**

Phone: 1-888-373-7888

**New Jersey Coalition
for Battered Women**

**There are untold numbers of
unreported cases of homicide,
threats of violence, sexual assault
or stalking each year.**

**Domestic violence continues
to plague the families of our
communities and parishes.**

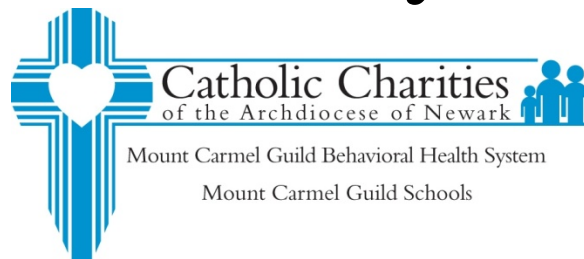
**Domestic Violence Hotline
(Statewide)**

Phone: 1-800-572-7233

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**The Challenge of
January**



The cold winds of January and the harsh weather are strong reminders that our voyage in life is never smooth and comfortable at all times. Most people are prepared to meet adverse conditions in the environment as well as in life's journey. There are many who do not have the resources to meet the daily demands of daily living. Catholic Charity is the lifesaver for many such people. Your help is needed for our Donation Bins. Thank you.



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