

HOLY VIRGIN MARTYRS St. Beatrice and St. Maria Goretti Parish

January 7, 2024 Che Epiphany of the Lord





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Weekend Mass: Saturday—4:30pm, Sunday—9:30am, 11:30am

Weekday Mass: Monday—Thursday at 8:30am

Holy Day Masses: 8:30am, 12:00pm, 7:00pm

Confession (Reconciliation): Saturdays from 3:30-4:00pm

Baptisms: Celebrated once a month at 1:00pm

Contact the rectory to register as a new parishioner or to schedule a Baptism, Wedding, Funeral, or Anointing.



Happy New Year! As we look ahead to 2024, I pray that it will be a blessed year for you and your loved ones. I want to offer a belated thank-you to the parishioners who so generously gave me cards and gifts for Christmas. I greatly appreciate your generosity and your thoughtfulness. I also want to offer a belated thank-you to those who so generously gave of their time and talent to help decorate our church for Christmas (and I've heard from many parishioners about what a beautiful job they did). They are: Barbara Piltaver, Connie Fippinger, GeorgeAnn Zech, Andy Caccavari, Zerlina Kirchen, John Hansen, Veronica Chaidez, and some of our Rel. Ed. students. I also want to thank Catherine Widuch for her donation of several angels that we added to this year's decorations.

As part of the Christmas season, last weekend we celebrated the Feast of the Holy Family. This weekend we continue to celebrate the Christmas mystery with the Feast of the Epiphany, which commemorates the visit of the Magi to the Baby Jesus. Their visit signifies Jesus' birth being made known to the world. It signifies that Jesus' divinity as the Son of God was revealed to the world, and that is essentially what the Gospel and the Church's mission is all about – telling the whole world that Jesus is the Son of God and the Savior of the human race.

Now, normally the Christmas season lasts for one more week, but the way that the schedule works out this year, we have a shortened Christmas season, just as we had a short Advent season. So, the Christmas season actually ends this Monday, Jan. 8th, with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (this feast is normally celebrated on a Sunday, but again, the schedule is unusual this year). The event of Jesus' Baptism marks the transition between Christmas (focusing on the child Jesus) and Ordinary Time (focusing on the adult Jesus and His public ministry). So, after this Monday, we begin the liturgical season of Ordinary Time.

I also want to remind everyone that, even though we just had our first HYPOD raffle drawing for 2024, you can still buy HYPOD tickets at any time (and there are still 51 chances to win with every ticket that you buy!) The next drawing will take place this Monday, Jan. 8th, and then every Monday after that. The weekly prize is \$100, except on the last Monday of each month, when the prize is \$500. Tickets are \$10 each. You can purchase tickets at the rectory, or they are also available all the time in the pamphlet rack at the back of church (the green tickets). Just fill them out and return your tickets and payment in an envelope in the Sunday collection at any time, or drop them off at the rectory.

Finally, last month I had announced that Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Parish held a dedication ceremony at the former St. Maria Goretti Church. The Greek Metropolitan, Archbishop Nathaniel, dedicated the building as a Greek Orthodox worship space, and Cardinal Cupich was present as well. The Archbishop then announced that, as a way to honor the legacy and history of St. Maria Goretti Parish, they plan to build a shrine to St. Maria Goretti on the premises. There are no details yet about this, as the planning has not begun, but I wanted to let you know about it. I believe this is a very gracious gesture on the part of the Greek Orthodox Church, and it will give witness to the fact that that building has served Catholic parishioners for decades, and will now continue to serve Greek Orthodox parishioners in the worship of God.

Holy Virgin Martyrs, pray for us. May God bless you.

Fr. Rob

Masses For The Week

Sunday—January 7thWill9:30—Joseph & Theresa Marczak, req. Family8Roger Alva, req. Family8Daniel Diorio, req. Chraca Family7hJames Florio Family, req. Family8Blanca Selsky, req. Steve Selsky5aJoseph Stendebach, req. Louis—Charles Family4Matthew O'Brien, req. Family5uFrancine & Kraft Family, req. Family911:30—Matthew & Ida Hendle, req. Family9Monday—January 8th8:30—ParishionersRon Kraft, Jr., req. Family5u

Tuesday—January 9th

8:30—Ted & Florence Hockenson, req. Jim & Rose Ridgeway Garry Hickerson, req. Cathy & Steve Schreiner

Wednesday—January 10th 8:30—Joe Cunningham, req. Family James Cunningham, req. Family Thursday—January 11th 8:30—Parishioners Saturday—January 13th 4:30—Eugene & Elizabeth Gersten, req. Rich Gersten Harvey R. Hobik, req. Family Joseph Ferrara, reg. Family Sunday—January 14th 9:30—Joseph & Theresa Marczak, req. Family Blanca Selsky, req. Steve Selsky Kenneth Bauman, reg. Darlene Bauman Jo Hargus, req. Chrusciel Family Joseph Stendebach, req. Women's Club Garry Hickerson, req. Ernie & Dorothy Brown Matthew O'Brien, req. Family Roger Louis—Charles, req. Family Eleno Mayol, Sr. & Calexta Mayol, req. Family 11:30—Matthew & Ida Hendle, req. Family Salvatore Segreti, reg. Family

Salvatore Segreti, req. Family Pearl Stanke, req. Josie Perez Michael Holowicki, req. Family

January 13th & 14th	4:30pm	9:30am	11:30am
Presider	Fr. Rob	Fr. Rob	Fr. Rob
Lector	Char Fiore	Don Kasper	Zerlina Kirchen
Communion Ministers	E. Melnitzke C. Widuch M. Widuch	N. Kent R. Klug R. Kraft	M. Diaz A. Caccavari L. Louis—Charles
Altar Servers	L. Trischan E. Trischan	T. Cychosz S. Cychosz	O. Kucharczyk P. Kitlas

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Religious Education News

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Opcoming Events

<u>Tuesday, January 9th</u> Religious Ed. Class—6:00-8:00pm

<u>Saturday, January 13th</u> Religious Ed. Class—9:00-11:30am

<u>Saturday, January 20th</u> Special Sacraments Class—9-11am

<u>Tuesday, January 23rd</u> Religious Ed. Class—6:00-8:00pm *Confirmation Biography Sheet Due*

<u>Saturday, January 27th</u> Religious Ed. Class—9:00-11:30am *Confirmation Biography Sheet Due*

<u>Wednesday, January 31st</u> First Reconciliation—7:00pm

What We're Learning

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8th Grade (Tuesdays and Saturdays) We discussed the 7 Gifts of the Holy Spirit and their meanings.

> The Baptism of The Lord January 8th



The Epiphany of the Lord!





Week 16 \$20 Winner Tom Hurt—Ticket #1872



Week of December 23rd & 24th			
Weekly	\$5,378.00		
Maintenance	\$81.00		
Fuel & Heat	\$107.00		
Religious Retirement	\$40.00		
Immaculate Conception	\$7.00		
Solemnity of Mary	\$6.00		
Christmas Flowers	\$30.00		
Christmas	\$21,437.56		

MANY THANKS!





Joy to All the World, let Earth receive The Newborn King!

If you would ever like to bring up the gifts during Mass, please let the ushers know before Mass. Anyone is welcome to be a gift bearer.

Pray For:

Those Who Are Sick:

Betty Bajzek, Char Banyai, Laura Biagini, Terrie Boie, Sonia Bonacci, Frank Bosco, Pat Brandolino, Gus Campeotto, Bernie Cwan, Phyllis DiBenedetto, Joseph & Beatrice Giannone, Dora Gibellina, Rose & Pat Glasso, Judy Golab, Karla Gosinski, Ruth Gosinski, Howard & Carol Heidorn, Marv Hinterlong, Laura Gardeck & Jeff Hinz, Michael & Vivian Jennings, Brian Kelly, Patti King, Joyce Knauss, Leonard Kuffer, Marguerite Kramer, Joan Lester, Reina Lopez, Vicky Majewski (nee Julitz), Ann Macey, Carole McCreery, Bryan McIntyre, David Medo, Peter Meyer, Barbara Miller, Pat Morgan, Lois Neilsen, Julie Parkinson, Charlotte Penczek, Nancy Piatek, Deacon Ron Pilarski, Joseph Powyszynski, Barbara Rodgers, Sandy Rogalski, Kathy Sassolino, Cathy & Steve Schreiner, Kim Schulz-Malkowski, Sue Schuyler, Susan Siekierski, Pat Sullivan, Sarah Tripoli, Joan & Bill Weichbrodt, Karen Weichbrodt, Jean Wesolowski, Nancy Wright

Those in the Military

Sergeant Michael Bavone, Private Christopher Bavone, US Army Staff Sergeant John J. Schreiner, U.S.A.F. Sergeant Michael Keaty, HN Nathan Wrobbel US Navy, U.S.M.C. Gunnery Sergeant Osvaldo Rodriguez, U.S.M.C. Kyle E. Ruth, Omar Vee, Jr., First Lieutenant Justin Hunt, US Army Michael Gutierrez.



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Receive The Blessed Sacrament of Holy Communion

HVM Ministers of Care can bring Holy Communion to our parishioners who are Homebound or Sick. If you or someone you know would like to receive Holy Communion, or would like to know more about this rewarding ministry, then please contact Nancy Ryan (parish nurse) either by leaving a message at the rectory or email at: <u>anne.ryan@ascension.org</u>.

Save The Date



Wed. Jan. 17, 2024, 7:00 pm Holy Virgin Martyrs: St. Beatrice and St. Maria Goretti Parish

"Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope..." 1Peter 3:15. Featuring Guest Speaker Fr. Dominic Clemente

A presentation on Catholic Apologetics: the art of explaining and defending the beauty of our faith.

Free Event – Refreshments will be served - Invite your Friends!

Presented by:



Holy Virgin Martyrs 1/16/2024

> "Health requires healthy food"

- Roger Williams

Diabetes Info Talk

Join us as we learn some facts about Diabetes and ways that it impacts our health. The talk will be held in the Gathering Room

After the 8:30 am mass.

Tuesday, 1/16/2024

Presented by: Julianne Ciaglia, RN Diabetes Educator

from Ascension Resurrection Medical Facility





THE 2024 MASS BOOK IS OPEN!

FILL OUT THIS FORM WITH YOUR MASS INTENTIONS AND EITHER DROP IT OFF AT THE RECTORY OR PUT IT IN THE COLLECTION BASKET. THE MASS STIPEND IS \$10.00 FOR EACH INTENTION.

OUR MASS SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS: DAILY MASS-MONDAY—THURSDAY AT 8:30AM WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE: SATURDAY AT 4:30PM AND SUNDAY AT 9:30AM AND 11:30AM HOLY DAY SCHEDULE—8:30AM, 12 NOON, AND 7PM

IF WE CANNOT SCHEDULE YOUR INTENTIONS AT THE TIME AND DATE REQUESTED, WE WILL SCHEDULE THEM AS CLOSE TO THOSE TIMES AS POSSIBLE.

YOUR NAME

INTENTIONS

PHONE NUMBER OR EMAIL

DATE AND TIME PREFERRED

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