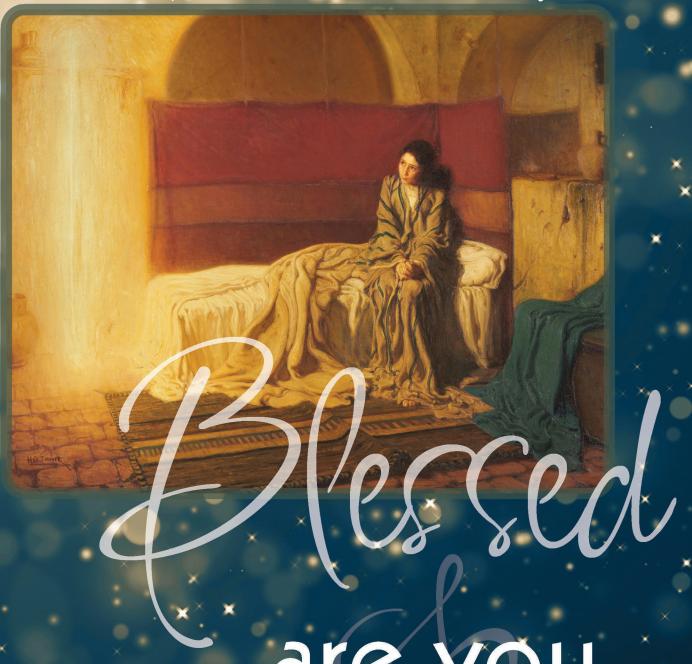


January 1, 2023



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blessed is the fruit of your womb

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT- JUST LIKE MARY...

By: Mary Penich

her heart.'

From today's gospel, Luke 2:16-21



My affection for Mary took root when I was a child. Whenever the scriptures referenced Mary, I pictured my favorite statue, painting, or Christmas card. These renderings portrayed woman. She either held the child Jesus or prayed with folded Mary's clothing was impeccable and often trimmed A halo surrounded in gold.

her head to assure me of Mary's holiness. These representations accounted for my understanding of Mary, and the wistful child in me whole-heartedly embraced what I thought I knew. When I became an adult and then a spouse and a parent, this perception changed. I finally realized that Mary's life wasn't the series of serene tableaus which my favorite artwork suggested.

Though Mary likely experienced a childhood typical of her day, it didn't last long. Historians tells us that young women of Mary's day were often betrothed and given into marriage in their early teens. The frustrations at work, in school and scriptures tell us that Mary was promised to Joseph, a good and just man. Tradition tells us that Joseph was likely several years older than she. Conventional as this arrangement was, it went awry the day an angel visited. This emissary invited Mary to accept large which seemed far too much a pregnancy which wouldn't begin in the usual way. to bear. Many of us have survived those annoying little her young life, and certainly not before she married, something impelled her to accept God's invitation. Unfortunately, when the angel disappeared, Mary was situation. Imagine how that must have gone!

Did Mary's parents question their daughter's behavior? Or had they seen something in their child which indicated that she would accomplish the was the latter, I'm certain her parents worried just the unfaithful to her betrothed. And what of poor Joseph? like Mary, this is what we do. Happy New Year! Did he think Mary was less than the woman he'd fallen in love with? Did he wonder how she could betray their love that way? Fortunately for all concerned,

"And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in another angelic visitor clarified the situation for Joseph." He and Mary went on to marry as planned. Still, despite this chapter's happy ending, Mary experienced many more difficulties in the years to come. Yet, in the face of all these troubles, Mary carried on. How? Only God and Mary know!

> It seems to me that New Year's Day is the perfect day to celebrate Mary. As I do this, I'm setting aside the saintly images which inspired my childhood devotion to her. Rather, I'm looking to the Mary who endured and a serene and beautiful young overcame very human troubles which seemed to exceed everything most of us will experience. I'm looking to the woman who changed swaddling clothes, searched for a lost child, mourned her husband, and watched as her son left to preach God's love to an unforgiving world. I'm looking to the woman who followed the accounts of Jesus' work, who begged God to protect him, and who wept before the cross on which he died. How did Mary find the strength to stay as they tortured Jesus? How could she have left him? Yes, through everything, Mary carried on. How? Perhaps God and Mary aren't the only ones who know...

> > Many of us have survived devastating illnesses, heart-breaking losses and fractured relationships which simply won't heal. Many of us have survived persistent even at home where we should find refuge from such things. Many of us have survived events in our own families and in the world at

Though Mary didn't plan to be with child this early in things which we'd hoped to change, but never quite found the means to tackle. This was the case in Mary's world, and this continues to be the case in our own. It seems that we're managing our troubles just as Mary did after all. left to inform her poor parents and poor Joseph of the How? You see, Mary was and is very special to God, so are we.

This New Year's Day, let's thank God for last year's gifts. While we acknowledge the troubles of Year 2022, we have survived them. Let's thank God for being amazing one day? Though, for Mary's sake, I hope it with us through it all. Finally, let's thank God for the gift of New Year 2023. Though we hope that the gifts of 2023 same. Mary could have been stoned to death for being outweigh its troubles, we'll carry on as Mary did. After,

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On behalf of all who received the beautifully written Christmas cards, thank you for your thoughtfulness! The cards were delivered to various assisted living and memory care facilities the week of December 19th. Each facility expressed their sincere thanks and gratitude for remembering their residents! A special thank you to the Knights of Columbus for providing a donation to purchase Christmas cards. God Bless!

SPRED catechists and friends would like to thank the church community for its generous support of the holiday candy sale. We exceeded our expectations of the sale, and we are grateful that we can continue to serve our special needs children and adults. The candy sale will be back in the spring just in time for Easter.







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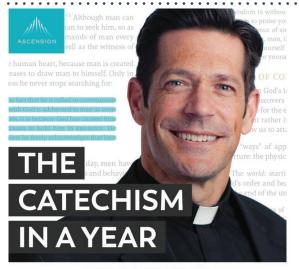
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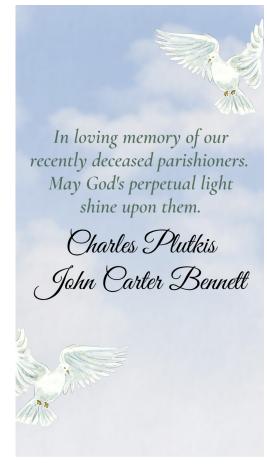
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January 7, 2023
130-2pm - Reflection
2-4pm - Divine Mercy
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| JANUARY 8 LITURGY SCHEDULE | | | | |
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| | LECTORS | COMMUNION MINIST | ERS | PRESIDER'S SCHEDULE |
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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2022

5:00pm: Gerry & Chuck Suhling | R. Poole

Peter Bohdanowicz

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2023 - NEW YEAR'S DAY 7:30am: Rosa Krissek | Rodrigo Gorospe

Jaime & Isabel Gorospe

9:30am: Robert Chester Buttrey | Christine Tarchala Stanislaw & Franciszek Sas | Jerome Lux

Stanislaw & Franciszek Kot

11:30am: Ryan Balbag | Manuel Cagalitan | Paulina Negrillo

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NO 5PM MASS

MONDAY, JANUARY 2, 2023- SAINTS BASIL THE GREAT

AND GREGORY NAZIANZEN

7:30am: Michael Kinahan | Ginger Durkin

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2023 7:30am: Ryan Balbag

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2023- SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON

7:30am: Mich Tapnio

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 2023- SAINT JOHN NEUMANN

7:30am: For the Parish Family

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6, 2023

7:30am: No Intentions- Communion Service

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7, 2023

5:00pm: Gerry & Chuck Suhling | Ryan Balbag

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2023

7:30am: Walter Krissék | Robert Sandahl

9:30am: Christine Tarchala | Stanislaw & Franciszek Sas

Jerome Lux | Stanislaw & Franciszek Kot

11:30am: Pete Mikolitis | Chuck Gresser

The Starzec & Szymomiau Family

5:00pm: For the Parish Family

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).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: I Jn 2:22-28 Ps 98:1-4 Jn 1:19-28

TUESDAY: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6 Ps 98:1, 3cd-6 ln 1:29-34

WEDNESDAY: 1 Jn 3:7-10 Ps 98:1, 7-9 In 1:35-42

THURSDAY: I Jn 3:11-21 Ps 100:1b-5 Lk 4:14-22a

FRIDAY: I Jn 5:5-13 Ps 147:12-15, 19-20 Mk 1:7-11

SATURDAY: I Jn 5:14-21 Sal 149:1-6a, 9b In 2:1-11

SUNDAY: Is 60:1-6 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12

Calendar of Events **SATURDAY**, **DECEMBER 31**

11:00AM RECONCILIATION **5:00PM** NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1

7:30AM MASS **9:30AM** MASS **11:30AM** MASS **NO 5:00PM MASS**

MONDAY, JANUARY 2

7:30AM MASS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3

7:30AM MASS 8:00AM HOLY HOUR 2:30PM FAITH SHARING

DONATIONS SUMMARY

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4

7:30AM MASS
7:00PM ADULT CHOIR
7:00PM LIFETEEN CORE
TEAM MEETING

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5

7:30AM MASS 8:00AM HOLY HOUR 7:00PM BAPTISM PREP CLASS

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6

7:30AM COMMUNION SERVICE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7

11:00AM RECONCILIATION
1:30PM FIRST SATURDAY
PRAYER GROUP
5:00PM MASS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

7:30AM MASS

9:00AM FF SUNDAY A K-6

9:00AM RCIA **9:30AM** MASS

10:30AM FF SUNDAY B K-6

11:30AM MASS **1:00PM** BAPTISM

3:30PM CONF. YR 1/2 | 7-8 GR.

4:00PM TEEN CHOIR REHEARSAL

5:00PM MASS

5:00PM HIGH SCHOOL

CONFIRMATION

6:00PM LIFETEEN NIGHT

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Sunday- \$8,879 Online Sunday- \$7,931 Christmas- \$1,097 Sharing- \$0 Online Sharing- \$299 SVdP- \$1,535 Online SVdP- \$2,016 Retirement fund for Religious- \$652 Simbang Gabi- \$1,872

MONTH TO DATE DECEMBER

Sunday- \$37,109 Online Sunday- \$28,289 Christmas- \$14,612 Sharing- \$1,465 Online Sharing- \$1,633 SVdP- \$1,940 Online SVdP- \$2,719 Retirement fund for Religious- \$3,352 Simbang Gabi- \$2,010

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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKDAY MASS: MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY **7:30AM**

SATURDAY EVENING **5:00PM**

SUNDAY: **7:30 | 9:30 | 11:30AM | 5:00PM**

ADORATION

TUESDAY/THURSDAY MORNINGS 8:00AM

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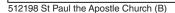
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