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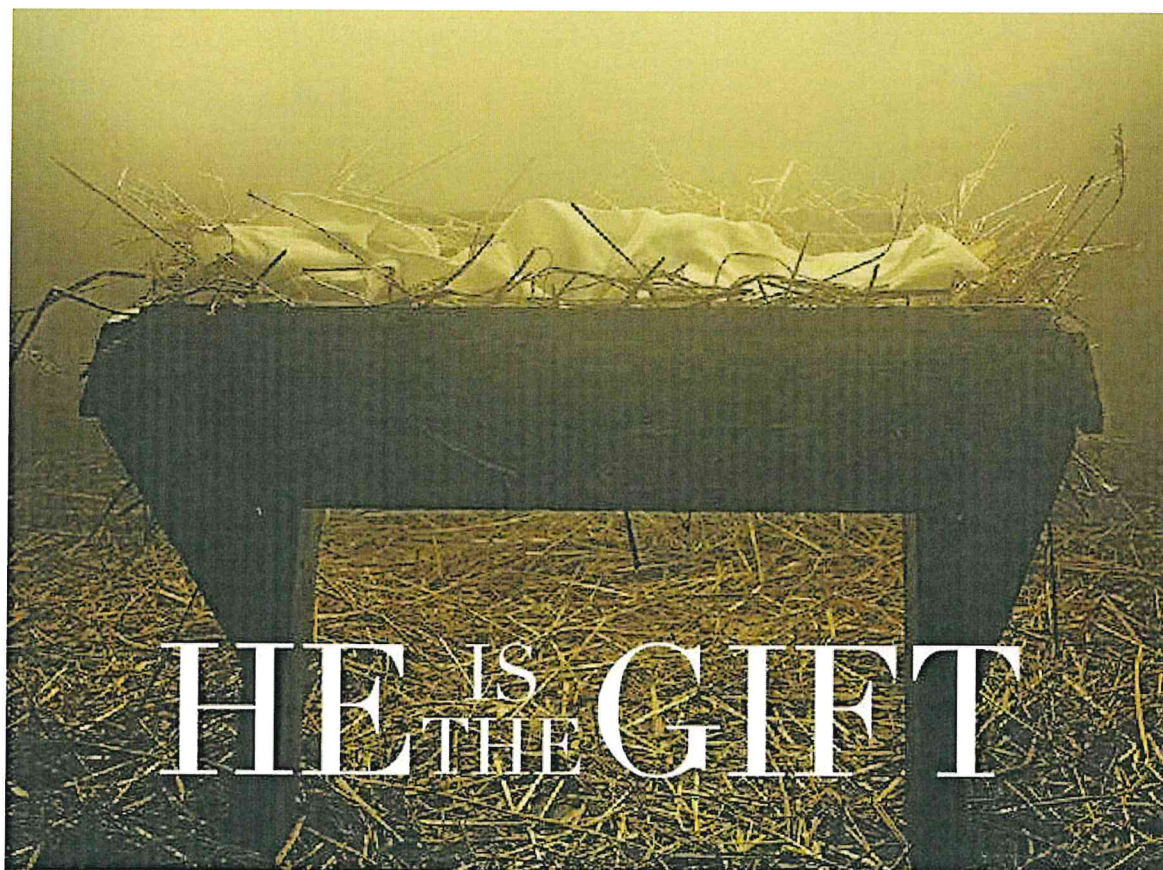
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December 25, 2022
Nativity of the Lord



SAFE Environment

As members of our Church we have a sacred responsibility to care for and protect each other, most especially the innocent and the most vulnerable.

Should you have any SAFE environment questions or concerns, please contact:

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 24 – Christmas Eve

4:30 p.m. Yolanda & Dominic Lombardi by the Family

4:30 p.m. Elias James Howley Baptism

8:00 p.m. Robert Paulding by the Family

Sunday, December 25 – Christmas Day

10:00 a.m. Saint Mary of the Hills Parish by Fr. Juan

Monday, December 26

8:30 a.m. For the sick of the Parish

Tuesday, December 27

8:30 a.m. For those who have no one to pray for them

Wednesday, December 28

8:30 a.m. Gary Anderson (BD Remembrance) by Carol Anderson

Thursday, December 29

8:30 a.m. For the deceased of the Parish

Saturday, December 31

4:30 p.m. Ted Koopman by Deacon Dick & Pearl Martino

Sunday, December 31 – New Year's Day

9:00 a.m.

11:15 Anne Trainor by her Sister



The Nativity of the Lord

Liturgical Ministers assigned for this weekend are:

Saturday, December 24 - 4:30 p.m.

Lector: Patricia Bartram

EM: Sherri Hebert, David Marzo

Greeters: Joan Shanahan, NOT FILLED

Altar Servers: Jackson Foster, Lucas Foster

Saturday, December 24 - 8:00 p.m.

Lector: Robert Mecca

EM: Paul Sheff, Janice Mecca

Greeters: Janice Mecca

Sunday, December 25 – 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Wayne MacNeil

EM: Joseph DiCeglie, Brenda DiCeglie

Greeters: Thomas Martin, Cori Martin

Saturday, December 31 - 4:30 p.m.

Lector: Patricia Bartram

EM: Sherri Hebert

Greeters: Patricia Laganelli, Joan Shanahan



Church Office is closed Monday, December 26th



Religious Education

Merry Christmas!

No Classes

December 25, 2022 – January 7, 2023

Christmas Pageant

Grades 1-5 students who will be participating in the "Christmas Pageant" on Epiphany Sunday January 8, 2023 will have a Dress Rehearsal on Saturday January 7, 2023. Angels, Mary & Joseph, Wiseman and Roman Centurion will meet at 10:30 a.m. in the Church Hall for Wings and Halos and other costumes. Shepherds and Inn Keepers meet in the Church at 11:00 a.m. If you didn't turn in your form, *All* are welcome to participate if they come to practice!

King's Kids

King's Kids is a wonderful program for Kindergarten age children. Each gathering will include a Bible Story, Song & Activity/Craft that goes along with the Bible story. Gatherings for January will be Sunday the 8th & 22nd. If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Downen@ 869-6771 ext. 5.

Family Mass

Our next Family Mass... will be Sunday, Jan. 22nd @ 9:00 a.m. Grade 8 will be "in charge" of this Mass. Practice for the Grade 8 Family Mass will be held during their class on Monday, January 9th.

Knights of Columbus



We invite you to please join the Knights of Columbus as they pray the Rosary following the 9:00 a.m. Mass on the 3rd Sunday of each month. **Next gathering is Sunday, January 15th.**

Chaplet of Divine Mercy / Adoration

Join us for an evening of prayer and adoration as we pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. We will continue on Wednesday, December 28th; with future dates to be announced. **Please, please, please join us!!**

2022 CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERINGS

M/M David Bottom
M/M Robert Carlson
Ms. Kathleen Ekblom
Mrs. Thomas Mackesy
Mrs. Paul Nugent

M/M Roy Brazelton
Ms. Noreen Christie
M/M Gordon Lewis, Jr.
M/M Thomas Martiska
Ms. Janet Phillips
Mrs. Lawrence Snow

Mr. John Burkhardt
M/M Brian Clark
Mr. Michael Long
M/M James Meluch
M/M Robert Smith

In Memory Of:

Steven Anderson & Dean Anderson
Steve & Paul Banks, the Dunford Family, Banks Family, Suarez Family
Evelyn & Arhtur Brunell, G. Joseph Biancamano & Leocadia Biancamano
MaryNoel Durkin
Winnona Dackson & Carol Patterson
Alfred Januszewski, Gail Csorba,
Robert & Alice Durgin and August & Patricia Oetting
Anne- Marie Lotham
Deceased Members of the Downen & White Families
William J. Scully and William & Virginia Fox
Guy, Anna & Fred Fuller, Alfredo & Shirley Charest
Nini, Aub, Andrea & Karen Greenwald
James P. & Florence Healy, Healy Doherty Family
Fran & Joyce Hebert
Deceased members of the Howley Family and Marzilli Family
Elaine Definis
Ray Lambert, Sr., Peter Lambert, James Lambert and Mary Lambert
Raymond F. LaRose and David P. LaRose
Blanche Foley and Blanche Lisauskas
Kevin Lyons, James & Evelyn Murray and James & Catherine Lyons
James & Evelyn Murray and George & Marion Madaus
Daniel Arsenault, the Masiello & Meola Families
Parents
Joseph McGuinn, Mary & Eddie McGuinn and Jerrie & Bill Kelly
Jody Palmer
Matthew Phillips
Nancy E. Rafuse, Judy Nelson, Donald Kendor,
Edgar & Anne Rafuse and Hector & Lillian Girouard
Tuholski Family, Record Family & Paul Massakski
Rita & Michael Trotta, Nancy & Claude Ducharme,
Evelyn & Kenneth Scott, Eleanor Scott
Vincent Venza, Madeline VanGuLick, Jane VanGuLick and Anne Bak
Nita Domalik and Richard T. Wawrynski
Brittany Karp and the Children of Sandy Hook
George & Madeline, Normand & Irene, Steve, Anne and Meghan
Jon F. Wright, James & Elizabeth Murphy,
Chester & Helen Wright Andel, Wyatt F. Wright

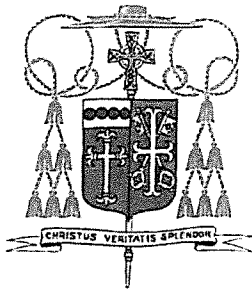
From:

Ceil Anderson
Joan Banks
D/M Michael Biancamano
M/M Michael Borsuk
Evelyn Crowton
M/M Michael Csbor

M/M William DiBenedetto
Anne Downen
M/M Brian Fox
M/M Richard Fuller
M/M Neil Greenwald
Patrick Healy
M/M Todd Hebert
M/M Kevin Howley
M/M John Jakubowski
M/M Joseph Lambert
Dolores LaRose
M/M Robert Lisauskas
Mrs. Kevin Lyons
M/M Edward Madaus
M/M Frank Masiello
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M/M David Wheeler
M/M Richard Wilhemy
Mrs. John Wright



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Christmas 2022

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

What did Mary and Joseph have that first Christmas? By some measures, not much. Far from home, they were without a place to stay. Distant from relatives, they had no one to welcome them. Alone against Herod's soldiers, they fled to Egypt.

What Mary and Joseph had plenty of was hardship, uncertainty, and humility. They faced a ninety mile journey from Nazareth, no room at the inn and a cold cave with ox and ass. Yes, by some measures Mary and Joseph did not have much. However, by another, truer measure, Mary and Joseph had everything. They had everything they needed to fill their hearts with love, their spirits with courage and their minds with peace. They had Jesus. That was the essence of Christmas for Mary and Joseph. That is the essence of Christmas for us - Emmanuel, God with us.

Mary carried Jesus in her womb on the way to Bethlehem. She carried Him in her arms to Egypt. Always and everywhere, in every circumstance, she reflected on Him in her mind and did His will in her life.

Christ came to us at Christmas. When He ascended to Heaven He promised to remain with us always. May the commemoration of His birth bring you great joy. If you are struggling, experiencing grief and disappointment, or feeling overwhelmed by the challenges of life, may His continued presence give you courage, hope and peace. Mary and Joseph were not alone. You are not alone. God's Son remains with us. God doesn't insulate us from life's ups, downs and disappointments but He gave us his Son who will get us through them all. Nothing else and no one else can give us such consolation and hope. May we stay faithful to Him, give thanks for His life and love and draw upon that hope, confidence and peace throughout the new year.

With every prayerful best wish for a Merry Christmas, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus
Bishop of Worcester



Saint Mary of the Hills Prayer Line

Jackie, Tanya L., Daniel, Raymonde Forjette, Skylar, Timmy, Harry Wilson, Bette Kirby, Barbara Whales, Mary, Brittany, Kim Hally, Cynthia Lazar, Joseph T., Phil Roger, Anthony, Alicia Suarez, Abel Clavijo, Melanie Robert, Brian, Justin, Henrietta, Diane K., Lisa P., Alli B., Justin, Frances, Ken Reynolds, Kandyce, Pauline Westcott, Haley C., Joyce Whyte, Elizabeth Scano, Michelle, Ken T., Robert Kuchler, Karen Coveney, Marcy C., Eleanor B., Linda O'Malley, Jim C., Diane B., Mary Ann W., Max, Max M., Ali, Cathy, Melissa A., Bob R., Pat G., Jack C., Joy B., Mary Beth F., Raquel Padilla, For the addicted, Jenny Mangas, Kim Hardy, Peg P., Maria Levine, Erik Olson, Tommy, Vinny & Marie Hagerty, and Kara, Jack & Pauline W., John, Ron & Deb, Pat Banfield, Karen D., Diane H., Tim Ferguson, Steven Parrella, Linda, John Lonati, E. O'Connor, Joe & Cindy Nader, Peter Proulx, Emily Guerra, Mary K., Mike Murphy, Sherry, Marion C., Kaity, Robert, Bob & Joanie, Dan, Lavin & Henley T., Judy Ellis, Micki, Fr. Jim, Jayne, Cathy Ols, Andrew Kardokas, Eileen Foss, Thomas Powroznik, The Tremper Family, Janet Carr, Lee L, Rick, Mark C., Dianne, Suzie L., Cheryl B., Bob Fitzgerald, Elizabeth, Pam, John M., Regina Panasuk, Kathryn Brown, Laura, Ronnie, Olivia, Sean G., Tom Scano, Mary Jo Sanders, Judy C., Frank Pellegrino, T.J. Bautz, Sarah, Andrew, Phyllis, Sophia, Paula, for Fr. Mulumba's safety, Craig, Josephine, Kate Deliso, Ryan C., Claire, Amy & Maureen, David & Julia, Andrew Mannett, Sr. Joanne Eneguess, Ryan & Chad, Anna, Anthony, Denise, Paul, Lee L., Sr., Justin A., Jason Bailey, Ray L., Yvette Armstrong, Eric Shea, Maureen, Rachel, Bill Flaherty, Dylan, Becky English, Tom C., Tyler C., Peggy, Stephen A., Hannah, Josh, Sean S., Dina O'Leary, Lee L., Mike & Judy, for my nephew, Paul Rice, Silva Payne, Fr. Manny, Don, Joseph B., Deborah Brown, Marcia, Amy, Brian LeDuc, Joe Atkinson, Henry Pearce, Pam B., John Tyndall, Mary, Bob & Marsha G., Ellen, Joseph, Pat G., Joe, Jack, William, Ed S., Bob D., Tip, Alidia, Edward D., Antoinette M., Ollie McMullun, Carina, Carla, McKenzie, Addie, Pat R., Michael B, A.D., Beatrix, Jennie Schump, Michael S. Sullivan, Marilyn, Paula G., Wes Stevens, Mike O'Neal, Rebecca Sherwood, Jennifer Smedley, Zachery, Jen Hollis, Stephanie Banks, Tyler C., Jasmine R., Trey, Joseph & Samantha, Joseph Padavano, David, Lucille, Erin, Julie, Tom H., Tiffany & Family, Buffy H., healing prayers for a family member, Paul, Carol A., Ernie Quintiliani, For my sons, Larry Hardenbrook, Tyler L., Chris, Jenn Luke, Carol P., Margaret (Hazel) B., Alex, Julie S., Brian Rittershaus, Josephine H., Lucas, Sandy L., Jenn Rajala, Pearl & Deacon Dick Martino, Ron Prishivalko, "For my children", Baby Gianna, Katie K., Sharon D., Ron G., Tom P., George, Donna, Les C., Lindsey Downing, Leann Kirwin, Danny Wadhwani, Lorraine Sullivan, Frank & Ann Masiello, Rita Cormier, Jim, Jay Chelo, Carol McNaught, Sharon, Tom F., Kristin, Myra C., Duncan, Tom C., Doris Paolini, Lindsey, James Prendergast, Julie and her Family, Mary Severin, "for my husband", Laura Giurleo, Jim Bettger, Patsy, Ivy M., Chris Ann & Ian, Tuan Dao, Mike Fleming & Family, Laura T, Clara B., Mrs. Toffelmire and Christine da Silva Schneider, Deb & Kevin Donovan, Linda Towne, Pamela, Meg Milonopoulos & Family, Keegan Devaney, Gordon W. and Russell, Greg C. Paul O., Joan B., Patrice Peris Gendoni, Helen Kelly, Scott W., Harry Zimmerman, Stephen A., John Clarke, the Porter Family, Theresa, Roger Meeks, Dave Perry, Denise D., Nicholas E., Harry J., Kenny H., Emma LeBlanc, Bob C., MaryAnn H. Maureen & Joe Campos, Dick, Linda, Sue S., Butch & JoAnn, Gail Rajala, Joe, Annette D., Caroline H. and Sue.

*+++ It would be most appreciated if you could let the Office know
when to take a name off The Prayer Line. Thank you! +++*

Petition for God's Intercession

All-powerful and ever-living God, the lasting health of all who believe in you, hear us as we ask your loving help for our sisters and brothers who may be troubled by illness of body, mind or spirit; restore their health, that they may again offer joyful thanks in your Holy Church. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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