



MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS

Corpus Christi: 4:00 PM

St. Angela Merici: 4:30 PM

SUNDAY

St. Patrick: 8:30 AM

St. Robert Bellarmine: 9:30 AM

St. Angela Merici: 11:00 AM

WEEKDAYS

St. Angela Merici:

Monday—Friday 8:30 AM

Thursday 6:30 PM

MASSES AND PRAYER SERVICES AT ST. ANGELA WILL CONTINUE TO BE LIVESTREAMED THROUGH A LINK ON OUR WEBSITE:

www.marymotherofgodl.org

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Thursdays, 5:50 – 6:20 p.m.

St. Angela Church

Saturdays, 12 – 1 p.m.

St. Robert Church



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. - Lk 3:21-22a

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SUNDAY | JANUARY 9, 2022

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD PARISH

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White Oak, PA 15131

Corpus Christi
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McKeesport, PA 15132

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St. Robert Bellarmine
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SACRAMENTS

Please contact the parish office as to the following sacraments:

Sacrament of Baptism
Prior to having your child baptized, parents must attend a baptismal class.

Sacrament of Matrimony
Arrangements should be made at least six months prior to your wedding date. A date will be set only after contacting the priest.

Sacrament of the Sick
(You may also see one of our priests after Mass)

Holy Communion for Homebound

R.C.I.A

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults
This is the process to become Catholic or for Catholics to receive the rest of their Sacraments of Initiation. We also offer programs for children.

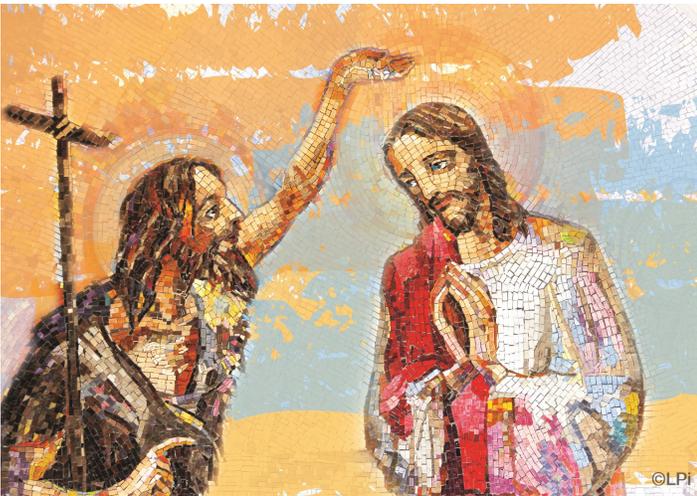
Mass Readings and Intentions

<p>Saturday, January 8</p> <p>4:00 pm CC 4:30 pm St. A</p>	<p><u>Christmas Weekday</u> 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30</p> <p>Joseph J. Zajdel by: Terrie Boyce Robert Henry by: Mary Henry</p>
<p>Sunday, January 9</p> <p>8:30 am St. P 9:30 am St. R 11:00 am St. A</p>	<p><u>THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD</u> Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-2</p> <p>Giff Williams by: Harry & Joanne Welch Priscilla Kent by: The Holland Family The Living and Deceased of the Parish</p>
<p>Monday, January 10</p> <p>8:30 am St. A</p>	<p><u>Weekday in Ordinary Time</u> 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20</p> <p>Larry Berletic, Fifth Anniversary by: Kohl Family</p>
<p>Tuesday, January 11</p> <p>8:30 am St. A</p>	<p><u>Weekday in Ordinary Time</u> 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28</p> <p>Living and Deceased of the O'Connor Family</p>
<p>Wednesday, January 12</p> <p>8:30 am St. A</p>	<p><u>Weekday in Ordinary Time</u> 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39</p> <p>Respect for All Life</p>
<p>Thursday, January 13</p> <p>8:30 am St. A 6:30 pm St. A</p>	<p><u>Saint Hilary, Bishop, Doctor of the Church</u> 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45</p> <p>Souls in Purgatory Hilary Young, Birthday</p>
<p>Friday, January 14</p> <p>8:30 am St. A</p>	<p><u>Weekday in Ordinary Time</u> 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12</p> <p>Ann Cervo by: Mike Cervo</p>
<p>Saturday, January 15</p> <p>4:00 pm CC 4:30 pm St. A</p>	<p><u>Weekday in Ordinary Time</u> 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17</p> <p>Julian & Mary Panek and Frank Dorazio by: Children Don Jackson by: Gerry Jackson</p>
<p>Sunday, January 16</p> <p>8:30 am St. P 9:30 am St. R 11:00 am St. A</p>	<p><u>SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</u> Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-1</p> <p>Geraldine Roberts by: Cathy Nola Living and Deceased of the Parish William Wasak by: Family</p>

FROM FATHER TERRY

J+M+J

I hope you are enjoying the Christmas season and the New Year. Today we conclude the Christmas season with the Baptism of the Lord. As the adult Jesus begins his public ministry, he is baptized by St. John the Baptist in the Jordan River. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* tells us, “The baptism of Jesus is on his part the acceptance and inauguration of his mission as God’s suffering Servant.” (536) What word in that sentence stands out for you? For me, it is MISSION. Jesus was on a mission! Are we on a mission? Baptism undoubtedly sets us on a mission. We have the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit in our souls, and we are called to bring God’s love and hope to the world. The mission is a reality, the question is, “Are we accepting the mission?” As we conclude the Christmas season today, may we go forth and show and tell the world that life is forever changed by the birth of the Baby born in Bethlehem.



As we conclude our Christmas season, I thank those who had a hand in making our Christmas Masses so beautiful. I hope all of you had a blessed season. I sure did! I also thank those who decorated, our churches looked spectacular. A final thanks to those who generously made flower donations. Please find the names of donors in next week’s bulletin.

Poinsettias are free for the taking after the Masses this weekend at each of our churches.

Please find in the bulletin the bishop’s announcement we read at all the Masses last weekend regarding Covid safety protocols. Of note, all are urged to wear masks when attending Mass, regardless of

vaccination status. I invite you to read the entire announcement in the bulletin.

As announced last weekend, we decided to postpone our Mary, Mother of God New Year Party due to Covid concerns. Please stay tuned for a future date. Thank you for your understanding.

We still have many Mass intention openings. The Mass is the highest form of prayer that we have. Mass intentions call for the priest to offer up the needs of a loved one, either living or deceased, with Christ’s saving sacrifice on the Cross. Wow, this is so powerful and effective. Mass intentions are \$10. Please find more details in the bulletin.

Saturday, January 22, is the 49th Anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, which legalized abortion in the U. S. Since this Supreme Court decision, there have been approximately 63 million abortions performed in the U.S. alone. Currently, there are about 2,400 abortions each day in the U.S. According to the U.S. Bishops, January 22 “shall be observed as a particular day of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion, and of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life” (GIRM, n.373). Forms of penance can include such things as fasting, self-denial, charitable works, peaceful protests, voting for pro-life candidates, giving to pro-life causes and candidates, and standing up for life in daily conversation.

Over the years, along with the Knights of Columbus, we have proudly led a group to the March for Life in Washington, D.C. to peacefully protest abortion. Due to the pandemic, we have elected not to be a part of leading a group to the March this year. However, we will have our own March for Life on Saturday, January 22, 2022. All are welcome to attend Mass at 9:00 a.m. at St. Angela and peacefully march with us on Lincoln Way. The walk will begin at approximately 9:45 a.m. You are urged to wear a mask and practice social distancing. I hope that you can stand up for life!

The U.S. bishops’ *9 Days for Life* is from January 19 -27. *9 Days for Life* is a novena for the protection of

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human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. Please visit www.9daysforlife.com for more details.

Next weekend, January 15-16, we will have the annual second collection for the St. Anthony School Programs and the DePaul School for Hearing and Speech. We have St. Anthony School Programs at Mary of Nazareth. Please be as generous as possible to these collections which help children with various disabilities. Details are in the bulletin.

My trip to Jacksonville, Florida to officiate a dear friend's wedding was terrific. I was also able to go to St. Augustine. I saw where the first Mass was said in America and visited Our Lady of La Lecha Shrine, the first Marian shrine in America. I prayed for you. Thanks for the prayers. I already miss the sun!

CHRISTMAS COLLECTIONS

December 24 & 25, 2021

Christmas Offertory \$ 19,076.26
 Christmas Charities \$ 5,158.44

Thank you for your generosity!

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

December 26, 2021

Offertory	\$	12,528.00
Monthly Maintenance	\$	449.00
Parish Share*	\$	1,695.00
Immaculate Conception	\$	55.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$	5.00
Christmas Flowers	\$	50.00
Christmas Charities	\$	95.00
Outreach	\$	550.22

*Parish Share Goal: 156,479.00

We have met our Parish Share Goal for the year!

Thank you for your generosity!



Please remember in your prayers:

Mary Lombardo, Rosemarie Pavlecic

May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

Sanctuary Light

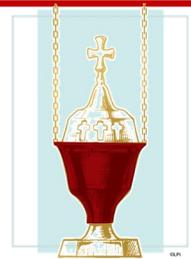
burns before the Blessed Sacrament the week of January 9, 2022 in loving memory of:

Corpus Christi: *James Fedasz*

By: Sister, Anna Fedasz

St. Angela: *John Andrison*

By: Wife, Edith, and Family



OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

January 4, 2022

Offertory	\$	11,305.60
Monthly Maintenance	\$	706.00
Parish Share*	\$	1378.00
Immaculate Conception	\$	42.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$	2371.00
Christmas	\$	1523.00
Christmas Flowers	\$	55.00
Christmas Charities	\$	317.00
Outreach	\$	171.34
Epiphany	\$	765.00
St. Anthony	\$	45.00
Retired Religious	\$	20.00

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BISHOP ZUBIK'S COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS REMINDER

“As you know, the celebration of the Holy Mass, where we gather to worship God and receive Holy Communion, is the heart of our Catholic faith. Given the recent record-breaking surge in positive COVID-19 cases in Allegheny County and surrounding counties, I am reminding everyone of the current diocesan safety protocols. I am doing so in order to safely continue in-person Masses throughout the Diocese of Pittsburgh. This is also being done as an urgent request for everyone to do their part to remain vigilant and mitigate the spread of the virus.

The current diocesan COVID safety protocols are:

- ◆ The obligation to attend Sunday and Holy Day Mass in person was restored effective Sunday, August 15, 2021. That obligation remains in effect. Those who are sick, have a health risk, or are a primary caregiver, are excused from this obligation.
- ◆ The practice of extending the Sign of Peace at Mass is suspended until further notice.
- ◆ The distribution of the Precious Blood continues to be suspended until further notice.
- ◆ Given the high transmissibility rates, mask-wearing is urgently encouraged for all attending Mass regardless of vaccination status.
- ◆ Priests, deacons, and all Eucharistic Ministers must continue to wear masks during the distribution of Holy Communion and at all times, except when speaking.
- ◆ All greeters and ushers must wear masks while welcoming parishioners, should maintain social-distancing, and should refrain from hand-shaking with fellow parishioners.

As we mark the end of 2021 and look with hope to a New Year filled with God's continued blessings, I ask each of you to please join with me in praying for an end to the spread of COVID-19, and for health and happiness for all.”



2022 MASS INTENTIONS AVAILABLE

We still have some daily and weekend Mass intentions available for 2022. If you have not already scheduled your one weekend and two weekday Masses for the year and would like to request a Mass, please contact the Parish Center Office at 412-672-9641. Mass stipends remain \$10.

MARCH FOR LIFE

Mass at 9:00 a.m.

March begins at 9:45 a.m., and will peacefully

travel along Lincoln Way. All are urged to wear a mask and practice social distancing.



WEARING OF MASKS

In light of the rising COVID concerns, all are urged to wear a mask, regardless of vaccination status, when partaking in our various ministries, visiting our churches and Parish Center. Thank you.



Holy Hour:	Monday	7:00 p.m.
Daily Mass:	Weekdays	8:30 a.m.
Weekend Masses:	Saturday	4:30 p.m.
	Sunday	11:00 a.m.

WE LOVE HAVING YOU AS

a part of
our Flock!



Keep in touch with us via
email and text!



TEXT
MMOG
TO 84576



As of now, 772 parishioners have signed up!



OR CONNECT WITH US ONLINE AT:
marymotherofgodparish.flocknote.com

Text STOP to 84576 to stop txt notifications at any time. Text HELP for help. There is no charge for this service, but your carrier message and data rates may apply. View full privacy policy & terms at flocknote.com/txt.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

We are seeking Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. This is such a great honor to distribute the Body and Blood of Christ at Mass. A training session will be provided. Please pray about becoming an Extraordinary Minister. If interested, please send Fr. Terry an email at toconnor@diopitt.org or call the Parish Center. Thank you for your consideration.



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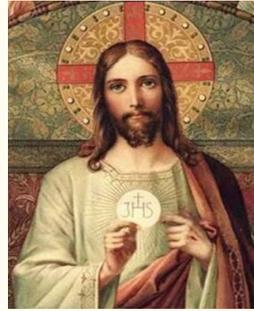
While travelling or on holiday vacation, we recommend visiting www.masstimes.org. This site will convey the various Catholic churches and Mass times along your route and at your destination. Please remember to visit the website of the church you are visiting, since that church's website will be the most up-to-date.

CHURCH TO RE-OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER



St. Angela Merici Church is now open for private prayer on weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Please wear a mask and practice social distancing while being respectful of one another's peaceful prayer when in the church.

COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND



We are now able to resume home visits to bring Holy Communion to the Homebound. Should you or a loved one like to receive monthly home visits from our Clergy team, please contact the Parish Center at 412-672-9641.

PRIVATE MASS INTENTIONS



The Mass is the highest form of prayer we have. We are blessed that the masses for 2022 are filling up with intentions. However, if you would like to have a private mass celebrated for one of your intentions, please fill out the form below and return it to the Parish Center or place it in the offertory with a \$10 stipend per intention marked "Private Mass Intentions."

Please note that intentions may not be requested for a specific date or priest, as availability varies. Thank you!

Offered for:

Requested by:



Mary, Mother of God



ITALY PILGRIMAGE WITH FR. TERRY O'CONNOR

In partnership with the *Pittsburgh Catholic*, Fr. Terry is leading a pilgrimage to Italy from November 1 – 10, 2022. Italy is a beacon of our Catholic faith. The pilgrimage will be filled with amazing sites, prayer, friendship, and fun. Visits include Rome, Assisi, San Giovanni Rotondo, and Loreto. We will walk in the footsteps of Saint Peter, St. Paul, St. Francis, St. Clare, and Padre Pio. We hope to have a general audience with Pope Francis. Daily Mass. The price is \$4,299 per person based on double occupancy in specially selected hotels. Includes round trip airfare from Pittsburgh. Breakfasts and dinners are included. You can request a roommate and Unitours will try to accommodate you. For itinerary and to book online visit www.bit.ly/Pio2022 or contact Marianna at Unitours, phone 800-777-7432 or email mpisano@unitours.com. Please feel free to contact Fr. Terry with any questions.

THE GLOBAL SYNOD—REFLECT ON YOUR CATHOLIC EXPERIENCE

To prepare for participation in the worldwide Synod, ponder how you have experienced “journeying together” in your parish or Catholic community. What joys, obstacles, or insights did you receive from this journey? As you reflect, consider where you are hearing the voice of the Holy Spirit. What is the Spirit asking of us as a Church? What paths are opening? Synodal sessions will be held throughout the Diocese of Pittsburgh in early 2022.

Synod 21-23

communion | participation | mission

For more, text “Synod2021” to 84576 or go to www.diopitt.org/journeying-together to download your Participant Guide.

"The chief service I owe you, O God, is that every thought and word of mine should speak of you."

St. Hilary

EXODUS 90

90-DAY JOURNEY FOR MEN

STARTING JANUARY 17, 2022

PRAYER, ASCETICISM, AND FRATERNITY

We have been raised in a society that promotes and even glorifies all sorts of vices, and many of us are bound by addictions to binge-watching TV shows, over-working, materialism, food, and alcohol. We are made for more. Truly, we are made for freedom. I'd like to challenge you to prayerfully consider joining me on Monday, January 17th on a path to authentic freedom that includes 90 days of serious prayer, asceticism (depriving ourselves of non-essential things to make room for God), and fraternity. The 90-day journey ends on Easter Sunday with the Resurrection. In reality, this Easter Sunday has the potential to not just be the end but to be the beginning of a new life of real transformation to become who God has created us to be. Please join me! This is for men of all ages who are willing to commit to these 90 days and are hungry to love God and their loved ones as their truly desire. For more information, check out the website at Exodus90.com. There will be an information meeting on Monday, January 10th at 6:30pm at the Parish Center (St. Angela), where the material will be provided. There is no cost to join. If you are interested or have any questions, please email me at apotter@diopitt.org. God bless you and thank you for your consideration! -Fr. Adam





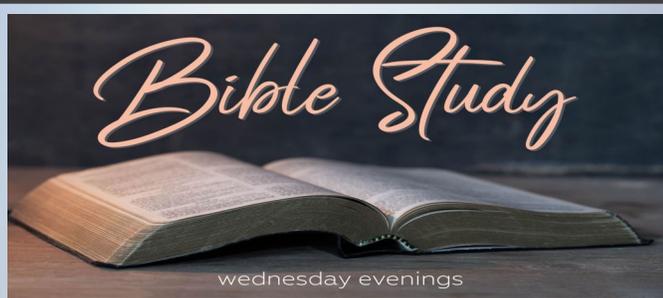
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FEAST DAY AND NEW YEAR'S PARTY POSTPONED

The Mary, Mother of God Parish Feast Day and New Year's Party scheduled for Saturday, January 8, 2022 has been postponed due to the increasing COVID-19 numbers. Be safe and stay healthy, we look forward to celebrating with you in the future.

Please watch the bulletin for the new party date later this year.



Every Wednesday

7:00—8:00 p.m.

St. Patrick (Church Hall)

Join Father Adam Potter weekly from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.. This time of reflection is a great way for us to prepare our hearts and minds for the most important part of our week: the Celebration of the Holy Eucharist on Sunday. All are welcome, either in person or by Zoom (the link is available on our website). If you would like to attend from home, and do not have internet access please call the parish office for the Zoom phone number. Bring your Bible or Word Among Us Booklet. Bring a friend! We look forward to seeing you!



SECOND COLLECTION: ST. ANTHONY SCHOOL PROGRAMS AND DePAUL SCHOOL FOR HEARING AND SPEECH

A new year is upon us and we are so grateful to have the opportunity to share a bit about our programs and to work together once again. Next weekend, January 15 and 16, has been designated for the special collection to benefit St. Anthony School Programs and DePaul School for Hearing and Speech. On behalf of our students and staff, we can't thank you enough for supporting these invaluable programs that benefit many members of our Diocese. St. Anthony's and DePaul both fill a necessary role for special education within the Diocese of Pittsburgh. St. Anthony School Programs offers an inclusive education to children ages 5-21 years with special needs and DePaul School for Hearing and Speech teaches children, birth to 14 years, who are deaf or hard of hearing to listen, speak, and learn. Both programs empower students to become active and contributing members of their respective communities. Any help you can give is deeply appreciated and makes a tremendous impact on the students we serve, as well as their families. Our fundraising efforts have been greatly impacted by the pandemic, so again, any support you are able to give means so much. Thank you for your time and God bless.



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MARY, MOTHER OF GOD PARISH JOB POSTINGS



S.A.M. Substance Abuse Ministry

The next Substance Addiction Ministry Rosary for Recovery will be Wednesday, January 19, 2022 at Christ The Divine Shepherd Parish, St. Bernadette Church, 245 Azalea Drive, Monroeville, PA 15146. We will meet at 7:00p.m. in the Church for the Rosary for all who are afflicted or affected by addiction and seeking education, referral and support. Please wear a mask. For more information please contact Noreen at 412-296-1709.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

It is the policy of the Diocese that all volunteers must complete the Safe Environment process before beginning a ministry or activity in any Parish. Please contact Kathleen Strangis, our Safe Environment Coordinator at 412-672-9641 or kstrangis@marymotherofgod1.org.



PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

If you suspect any child is being abused or neglected call 1-888-808-1235. If you suspect a child is in imminent danger from abuse please call 911 immediately.

Full-Time and Part-Time Maintenance Workers

Mary, Mother of God Parish is seeking both a full-time and part-time Maintenance worker. Maintenance workers provide cleaning, maintenance and repair service to all parish facilities.

Job Requirements:

- High School Diploma or GED.
- General maintenance experience
- Able to successfully complete Safe Environment requirements
- Full Time: 40 hours / week
- Part Time: 20 hours / week

Skills and Competencies

- Basic carpentry, plumbing, electrical and painting skills
- Cleaning skills
- Grass Cutting / Snow Removal
- Ability to carry 50 lbs.
- Good Communication Skills
- Maintain supply inventory at all locations
- Flexible schedule for snow removal on weekends.
- Must have a means of transportation during working hours.
- Available for emergencies—Cell phone required

Deadline Monday, January 17, 2022

Interested candidates for either position should send resume to:

Fr. Terry O'Connor (Pastor)

toconnor@diopitt.org

**Mary, Mother of God Parish,
1640 Fawcett Avenue, White Oak, PA 15131**

