

St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy
November 15, 2020
Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Congratulations

Fr. Shafique Masih

on becoming a citizen of
the United States

You put a lot of time, energy and heart into achieving this goal. May the Pride and Hope that you feel today stay in your heart forever!!



America is lucky to have a new citizen like you!

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon.	Nov. 16	8:30am	For Therese Smith Req. by Julie & John Barile Dan Miller Req. by Julie & John Barile Mary Milatz Req. by Don & Kathy Yokley
Wed.	Nov. 18	Noon	Enrico & Ida Canini Req. by Graziano Canini Deceased Members of the John & Kathryn Colton Family
Thurs.	Nov. 19	8:30am	For Vocations
Fri.	Nov. 20	8:30am	Enrico & Ida Canini Req. by Graziano Canini For Conor & Michelle Smith Req. by Julie & John Baile
Sat.	Nov. 21	4:30pm	Jim Godvin Req. by Patricia Godvin Eugene Gibbs Req. by Family Members of the Doherty & Sielass Families Req. by Family
Sun.	Nov. 22	9am	Our Parish Family
		11am	Barone & Vozda Family Req. by Sara Scanga Jerry Pietszak Req. by Deb Pietszak & Family



K of C Coats for Kids Collection

Please drop off a new or gently used children's coat in the back of the church between now and December 14th - We will get them in to the hands of local children who would otherwise not have one this winter!

Donate A Car to St Vincent de Paul

Donate a car to the National Council of The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul USA and help those in need in your community. How it Works

- Call us at 800-322-8284 or go to svdpusa.careasy.org
- We will tow your vehicle at no cost to you!
- Get a tax-deductible receipt and help our cause.
- Your local SVdP Conference will get the proceeds.



PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Steve Anderson	John Kaminsky	Debbie Moore	Sean Schaefer
Kelly Beaudry	Susan Kelly	Leo Mysiewicz	Andy Scheich
Joan Bischoff	Joan Klein	Margaret Newman	Tom Shafer
Jerry Borycz	Bob & Dolly Kluba	Diane Novotny	Jack & Nancy Shea
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Faith Falzon	Patricia Lickman	Kathryn Piotrowski	Doris Urbanski
Ashley Aaron Farkas	Barabara Martin	Annette Puczkowski	Cathy West
Janet Fleis	Donald Masternak	Kim Quinn	Loretta Wood
Mike Fusco	Dennis & Kathy McCann	Debbie Robarge	Walter Wrone
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Ellen Howell	Tony Micallef	Grace Rysztak	Henry Zajac
Evangeline Kabacinski	Selena Montez	Emma Scaramella	Joseph Zasa

If there are any names that can be removed from our Prayer List, please let us know by calling **734-425-4421**.

OUR ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE MEMBERS

CPT Joey Saunders, U.S. Marines; **Joseph David Onadia**, U.S. Navy; **PVT Marcus Rodriguez**, U.S. Army

Parish Mission Statement

The Parish of St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy, inspired by Mary's "Yes" and led by the Holy Spirit, strives to be a faith-filled community, joyfully welcoming all to witness and to celebrate the Gospel.

NOTES FROM PAUL

This weekend I have three things for you. First, many people have been looking for the "Living in Christ" Annual Missals, the good news is that they are finally in, and the price is the same as last year. Adult copies are \$3 a piece, where children's are \$6 (The price difference has to do with the number we order). I will have these after weekend Masses for the next few weeks, or you can stop by the office on Monday and Wednesday between 8 and 4pm if that is more convenient. These should not be confused with the Advent Prayer books which will be free again this year, and by all church doors next weekend.

Second, we will be running a Zoom Book Club during advent this year. The Zoom meeting will at 7:00 pm on Wednesday nights during advent starting on Dec. 2nd. We will be reading the classic book *The Reed of God* by Caryll Houselander. All you need to do is get a copy of the book (order it from your favorite book store, or see if a friend has a copy you can borrow) and let me know if you are interested. I will send you the Zoom link so you can join us from wherever you keep your computer in your home. There are no additional costs.

Lastly, we will be collecting gift certificates for families in need, starting the weekend following Thanksgiving. Instead of the normal Giving Tree, we will collect gift certificates between Nov. 28th and Dec. 6th, then divide the gift certificates up equally between all of the children in the program.

We would ask that all of the gift certificates be from local businesses that sell toys and/or food. For example Meijer or Target, so that it will be easier for the parents to go out and buy gifts for their children. Families can also use things like gas cards, and cards to grocery stores. Just to be clear, we will *not* be collecting any toys or wrapped gifts this year, only accepting gift cards. You will see a collection box for gift cards in the Gathering Space between Nov. 28th and Dec. 6th.

Good bless,
Paul
God bless you.
Paul Zbytowski
Pastoral Associate

Queen's Quotes from Religious Formation

Greetings and Salutations,

A few words on **RCIA...the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults**. If you or someone you know need to make up sacraments, refresh your faith, or would like to become Catholic this information is for you.

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is the process by which people become members of the Roman Catholic Church. The process is concerned with the total formation of the person into, believing with the church community, living with the church community, and praying and serving with the church community. The RCIA is intended to serve the unbaptized who would like to learn more about the Catholic Faith. Those baptized in another religion who think they might like to become Catholic. Those baptized Catholics who have not completed the Initiation Sacraments; First Communion, and Confirmation.

The RCIA process is much more than a program. It is a learning and loving process in which conversion of the heart brings one to Christ in a powerful manner. It is an answer to the Gospel invitation. "Come to me all you who are weary and find life burdensome, and I will refresh you. Take my yoke upon your shoulders and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble of heart. Your soul will find rest, for my yoke is easy and my burden light." Here at Saint Mary, COOJ we have a wonderful RCIA program coordinated by Mrs. Kathy Birchfield. If you have questions or need more information, please call the Parish Office or myself in Faith Formation. Thank you!

Also, next Monday, November 23rd we are welcoming back GRADES 2, 6, 7, 8 to Faith Formation sessions. Grades 2, 6, 7, will be in the Parish Office Center rooms and grade 8 will be in the church. Please remember to wear a mask. Hand sanitizer will be available in each room. Please know the rooms and church is fogged before and after each session.

Have a great week!
Sabrina Queen

How do you fix a broken pumpkin? With a pumpkin patch
How do leaves get from place to place? With autumn-mobiles. Lol!



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Office Hours—closed for now
Monday to Thursday: 8:00am–4:00pm
Friday: Closed

Mass Schedule

MON, THURS & FRI	8:30 am
WED	12:00 Noon
SAT	4:30 pm
SUN	9:00 am 11:00 am

Confession

Saturdays: 3:30pm

Baptisms

Please call our Parish Office during regular business hours. Parish membership and preparation class required.

Marriage

Arrangements must be made by registered parishioner at least six months in advance to allow sufficient time for instructions and preparation.

Anointing of Sick and Ministry to Homebound

Our pastor is available to visit upon request.

RCIA

(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

For those interested in becoming a full member of the Catholic Church. Please call the office.

Hearing Devices are available. Please see our music director in the choir area.

Bulletin Articles due by 9 am on Monday (5 days prior to publication). Submitted bulletin content is subject to approval.

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Readings for the week of November 15

Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: Rv 5:1-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 19:41-44

Friday: Rv 10:8-11/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: Rv 11:4-12/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10 [1b]/Lk 20:27-40

Next Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 [1]/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/

Mt 25:31-46

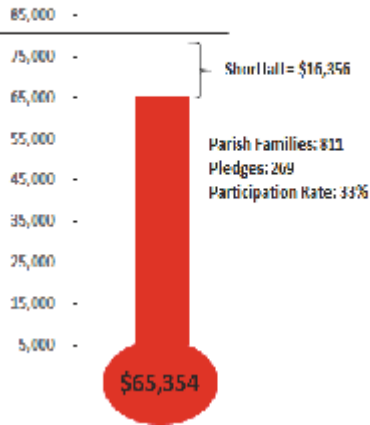
MEMORARE

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, we fly unto thee O Virgin of virgins, our Mother. To thee do we come. Before thee we stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not our petitions, but in your mercy hear and answer us. Amen.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

**St. Mary Cause of Our Joy
2020 CSA Goal is \$81,710**



SUNDAY CONTRIBUTION REPORT

Offertory	Actual	Budget	Variance
11/08/20	\$ 10,831	\$ 9,195	\$ 1,636
11/02/20	\$ 8,215	\$ 9,195	\$ (980)
10/25/20	\$ 9,142	\$ 9,195	\$ (54)
10/18/20	\$ 10,037	\$ 9,195	\$ 842
Fiscal Year	Actual	Budget	Variance
FY 20-21	\$ 177,397	\$ 174,698	\$ 2,700
FY 19-20	\$ 192,282	\$ 208,240	\$ (15,958)

Included is Holy Day collection \$4,662.00



Come and Pray
the Rosary with us!

Wednesday Evenings
at 7pm in the church.

**This Wednesday,
November 18.**

Bring your family
Invite a friend!

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
Council 15204**

Congratulations Fr. Shafique!

On behalf of all of all the parish Knights, we'd like to congratulate you on your upcoming U.S. citizenship! We are proud to have you as our brother, parish priest, and fellow citizen!

Vivat Jesus!

Grand Knight—Jeff Burden

**JOYFUL WOMEN OF
ST. MARY,
CAUSE OF OUR JOY**

"Envisioning a dream is easy. Following one is not! Congratulations on your becoming a citizen."



PARISH STAFF

Today marks a very special milestone in your life. With a solemn oath, you are now a citizen of the United States of America.

You pursued this day wholeheartedly and pledged your allegiance to this country; now we welcome you to the American family.

Congratulations Fr. Shafique!
We couldn't be happier for you.

**FOREVER
YOUNG SENIORS**

CONGRATULATIONS! To Fr. Shafique on becoming our newest citizen of The United States of America!

We are so very happy that he has passed his test and will take the Oath of Allegiance to become a naturalized citizen.

Fr. Shafique, we are so pleased that you are OUR pastor of St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy. Our Blessed Mother Mary has guided you here to us and we are so fortunate to share this wonderful time in your life.

Maryann Sligay

**IMMACULATE HEART
OF MARY MINISTRY**

Your road was tough, but you did an excellent job. You never lost your faith and courage, which eventually brought you to success.

Congratulations!

**The Dispensation From the Sunday Obligation to Attend Mass has been granted
and extended to All the Faithful through Monday, November 23, 2020**

While in-person Masses are still being offered, the dispensation relieves the burden of conscience on those who have legitimate grave fears of contracting COVID-19 or who care for vulnerable individuals, the directive states. Those older than 65 years old (the recommended CDC age), those with a compromised health condition or those caring for the sick in any way, are encouraged to stay home. *Anyone who is ill, has a temperature, cough, etc., should definitely stay home as an act of justice to the whole community.*

Catholics who engage in other activities which would present a similar or greater risk of contamination (eating out at restaurants, traveling, non-essential shopping, widening one's circle of contacts, etc.) should begin to return to Sunday Mass as they are able.

WORSHIP & MEDITATION



FIRST READING

Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting;
the woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.
Give her a reward for her labors,
and let her works praise her at the city gates.
(Prv 31:30-31)



PSALM

Blessed are those who fear the Lord. (Ps 128)



SECOND READING

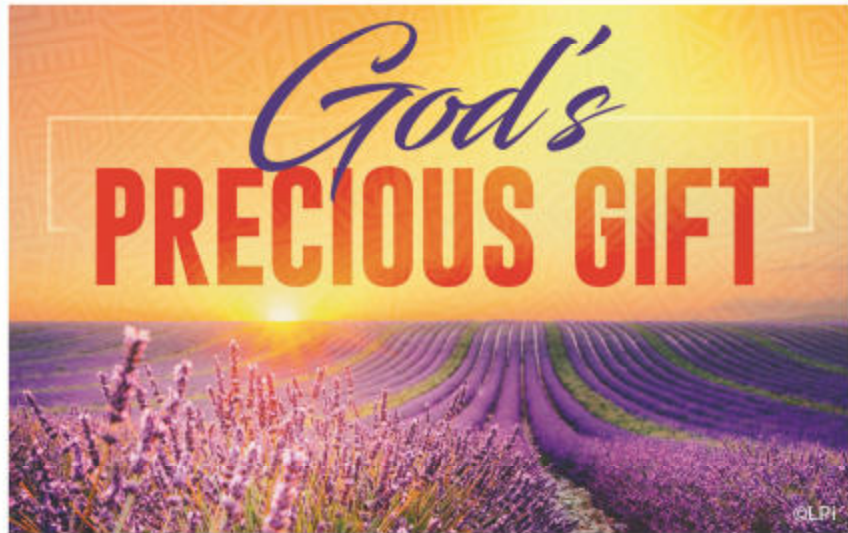
For all of you are children of the light
and children of the day.
We are not of the night or of darkness.
Therefore, let us not sleep as the rest do,
but let us stay alert and sober. (1 Thes 5:5-6)



GOSPEL

"His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.'" (Mt 25:21)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

God gives us the gift of His very self and asks us to invest it. Investing God's greatest gift of Himself wisely, allows God's kingdom to grow and flourish. God trusts us with this pearl of great price in hopes that it will produce abundant fruit. While God's gift of self is realized in the gifts of faith, hope, and love, they are not meant to be solely for personal benefit. They are intended to be shared and are at the heart of Jesus' blueprint for happiness, the Beatitudes.

When we properly invest God's greatest gift, His most treasured possession, we invest in the wellbeing of all of our brothers and sisters and the world in which we live. We take up most seriously our call to be stewards and properly manage, not only our own affairs, but the affairs of those around and before us. God has put tremendous confidence in us. Do we have that same confidence in God?

We often go the extra mile and put in the additional effort when it comes to those concerns closest to us: our families, friends, careers, home and securities. But when it comes to things that are not as close to us, we can become lax and less conscientious. Tending to God's treasure requires a great deal of focus and persistent hard work. It demands that I see the bigger picture, God's picture, in which self-sacrifice is a given as we labor for the establishment of God's kingdom, God's vision. Fear and a lack of trust can loom large, however. We are afraid of letting go of what is "mine" and apprehensive of jeopardizing what we have in order to venture into something bigger and more promising.

Fear and a lack of trust serve no purpose in God's kingdom. They benefit neither the person nor God. What is required is a courageous resolve that produces the fortitude necessary to stay the course and do what God is asking. Doing all in our power to cultivate the seeds of faith, hope, and love in our world, working diligently to put all of our relationships in proper order, becoming attentive to systems and ideologies that hurt and oppress people, being mindful of injustice, and laboring on behalf of the poor and the needy are at the core of what each of us is asked to do. It is how we invest God's most precious gift wisely. If persistent, alert and attentive, then life will gradually improve around us, there will be greater peace and we will experience joy.

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