

St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy

January 1, 2017



MARY, **THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

When eight days were completed for his circumcision, he was named Jesus, the name given him by the angel before he was conceived in the womb. - Lk 2:21

PARISH INFORMATION
ST. MARY, CAUSE OF OUR JOY

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Website: www.stmarycooj.org

Office Hours

Monday to Friday:
8:00am-4:00pm

Reconciliation:

Saturdays: 3:30pm

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:30pm

Sunday: 8:00am 10:00am 12 Noon

Weekday: Monday, Thursday & Friday: 8:30am
Wednesday: 12 Noon

Baptisms

Please call our Parish Office (425 4421) during regular business hours to make arrangements if you have a child to be baptized.

Marriage

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

Visitation to the Sick

The pastor, deacon & lay visitors are available to visit the sick of the parish upon request.

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Call the Parish Office



St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy

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Questions? You can call the office and leave a message OR
Email: PPC@stmarycooj.org

Readings for Sunday, January 8
The Epiphany of the Lord

1st Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6
Resp. Psalm: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.
2nd Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

As of today, St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy Parish is 6 months old – or young! And we continue to grow. We have just experienced our first Christmas as a parish. Now we head into the “duller” winter months before Lent begins on March 1.

When we first began, I promised you that the road would be bumpy sometimes, occasionally a rocky road. And we have had those. However, the staff and I feel that, on the whole, things are going well. We have volunteers for the liturgy (although we can still use more), there are children and young adults willing and eager to serve, both as altar servers as well as greeters and ushers. Our youth group is large and energetic. Our Faith Formation program with grade school age children is busy. Sometimes Sister Gemma calls it “chaos”. I like to consider it “holy” chaos. Come by on Monday evening at 6:00 pm if you want to see. With great leaders I am hopeful for the future. Active young people in the parish are a sign of life.

The various organizations –the Forever Young Seniors, the Joyful Women, the Holy Name Fraternity – along with the other groups, such as the Knights of Columbus, are enthusiastically going ahead. They, too, have had a few bumps along the way. Remember the Bumpy Cake, and how good it is. Bumps aren’t always bad!

Thanks to your generosity, our financial situation is good. The debt is what it is, but we are slowly paying it off. We have revised the budget. Your big-heartedness extended to the Christmas donations for the Capuchins. They were overwhelmed by how much you provided; they were worried that the truck they brought wasn’t big enough, there was so much. It really is something special to see so many people being generous, whether it be with your time, your talents and your treasures.

I’m not trying to gloss over the issues that still face us; but I do believe in the grace of God and its presence in our lives and in our parish. I also like to be joyful, like our name reminds us. Having a positive outlook and trusting in our God is what our faith and our parish is all about. Working together as a parish community makes things go smoother. I pray that 2017 be a blessed year for all of you, and for our parish.

Fr. Ken



IN FORMATION

Here is a photo of some of the members of our children’s choir singing at Breakfast in Bethlehem. We are still reveling in the realization of the Incarnation – Emmanuel – God is with us. As we celebrate Mary under her greatest title – Mother of God – let us resolve to try to be more like her Divine Son to this troubled world of ours. Happy, blessed, healthy, holy New Year! Enjoy some good wholesome family time. Sessions resume on Jan. 9.

The Bottom Line One Sunday morning at a small southern church, the new pastor called on one of his older deacons to lead in the opening prayer. The deacon stood up, bowed his head and said, “Lord, I ate buttermilk.” The pastor opened one eye and wondered where this was going. The deacon continued, “Lord, I hate lard.” Now the pastor was totally perplexed. The deacon continued, “Lord, I ain’t too crazy about plain flour. But after you mix ‘em all together and bake ‘em in a hot oven, I just love biscuits. Lord help us to realize when life gets hard, when things come up that we don’t like, whenever we don’t understand what You are doing, that we need to wait and see what You are making. After You get through mixing and baking, it’ll probably be something even better than biscuits. Amen.”

Gemma Legel, OSF





Heavenly Father, welcome Home those whom you have called from this world especially

**Dorothy McDonald
Phyllis Zywic
Lester Hull
Sally Carter
Geraldine Ray**

*and all the souls of our faithful departed.
May they rest in peace. Amen*

SAVE THE DATE

Tuesday, January 24 at 7:00pm

Our 3rd Annual
Ecumenical Prayer Service

This year it is held at:
Newburg United Methodist Church

This is a joint prayer service with
St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy

Timothy Lutheran Church

Newburg United Methodist Church

**The Saints Constantine and Helen
Greek Orthodox Church**

Coffee Sunday



**Meet and get to know more of your
New parish family members in the
Social Hall after 10am Mass.**

Sunday, January 8th

*If you would like to donate homemade
cupcakes, cookies or other goodies for
the above date, please contact:*

Don & Kathy Yokley at: 734-335-6670

WELCOME

**Donald and Tammy Nadeau
Harold and Eleanor Snider**

And to all our newly registered members!
If you have any questions about any of
the Committees or Groups at our Parish,
please call the Parish Office at **425-4421**

Volunteer Help Needed

We are looking for two or three people
to volunteer to wash and iron purifica-
tors on a rotating basis. No experience
necessary. Please contact Pat Storey at
734 595 0622 or call the Parish Office
at 734 425 4421.

THANK YOU!

To all the parishioners of Saint Mary, Cause of Our Joy parish, we would like to
thank you for all the prayers and cards and visits for our Sister, Elizabeth (Betty)
Tonkin.

Special thanks to Fr. Ken for the beautiful Mass and Steve and singers for the
beautiful Music. And, of course, Deacon Jim Hensel and his wife, Sue for all their
support to our Sister over the years.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

God Bless

The Family of Elizabeth (Betty) Tonkin

THIS YEAR

This year, mend a quarrel.

Seek out a forgotten friend.

Dismiss suspicion and replace it with trust.

Write a love letter. Share some treasure.

Give a soft answer.

Encourage youth. Manifest your loyalty in word and deed. Keep a promise.

Forgo a grudge. Forgive an enemy.

Apologize if you were wrong. Try to understand. Flout envy.

Examine your demands on others. Think first of someone else.

Appreciate. Be kind; be gentle.

Laugh a little. Laugh a little more.

Deserve confidence. Take up arms against malice.

Decry complacency. Express your gratitude. Go to Church.

Welcome a stranger. Gladden the heart of a child.

Take pleasure in the beauty and wonder of the earth.

Speak your love. Speak it again. Speak it still once again.

BIBLE STUDY CLASS

**INTRODUCTION
TO THE OLD TESTAMENT**

Tuesdays

**Starting January 10, 2017 and
Continuing for Ten Weeks**

7 PM to 9 PM

Facilitator: Frank Briggs

**The study of the Old Testament
can be overwhelming. Its sheer
size, strange customs, and a sense
that this is "old history" and not
very relevant to today's Christian
makes it unlikely that Christians
will ever study it. But the Old Tes-
tament is a great treasure chest in
which a wealth of truth about God
lies waiting for us to discover it.
Christians can not fully under-
stand the New Testament revela-
tion of God if he or she has not
seen a glimpse of that wealth. The
purpose of this course is to make
this understanding much less diffi-
cult.**

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REMINDERS

There will be no Mass on **Monday,
January 2** and the
Parish Office will also be **CLOSED.**

Faith Formation resumes on **Monday,
January 9** at 6:00pm.



Host of EWTN's

GRACE BEFORE MEALS

A CATHOLIC FAMILY NIGHT

Wednesday, February 22, 2017

7-8:30pm at

St. Genevieve-St. Maurice

29015 Jamison St. Livonia

\$5 per person

**Tickets are on sale at our parish
office at St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy**

ALL AGES WELCOME!

Forever Young Seniors...

Welcome to 2017 and blessings for a happy and healthy New Year!

Our next meeting will be on Monday, January 9, 2017 at 10am. We will be seeing the movie "Sully". Our volunteer chefs for January will be GERALYN Pawlaczyk and Roberta Piper.

The 2017 Annual dues are \$5.00 and should be paid by the January meeting.

Please keep all of our ill members in your prayers especially **Betty Martin & Charlotte Kirkpatrick.**

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Meadowbrook "Altar Boyz"

Sun, Feb 19th 10:00am – 6:00pm
\$92 **due by Jan 20th**

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Tues, March 14th 9:00am – 4:30pm
\$77 **due by Feb 28th**

Little River & Soaring Eagle Casino

Tues-Wed, April 25th -26th
\$179 **due by March 26th**

The bus trips are open to **everyone**. Please call me **734-525-3737** for more details and reservations. Copies of the Flyers can also be obtained at the Parish Office during regular business hours. Make checks payable to **Bianco** and mail to me at 8843 Linville, Livonia, MI 48150.

Maryann Sligay

GREETERS NEEDED

We are very much in need of more greeters for ALL Mass times. This is a great ministry for families. We would like enough greeters to be present at all of our doors.

If you would like to be the welcoming and smiling face that people see as they enter Church, we need you! If you can help with this important ministry, please call the office at 425-4421.

Your Donations Are Needed

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul has been dedicated to the corporal works of mercy in the Archdiocese of Detroit for over 130 years. Your donations of **furniture, household goods and clothing** can be dropped off at the SVDP Thrift Store located at **Wayne and Hunter. Drop off is at the FRONT of the Store.** The SVDP Thrift Store phone number is **734 629-8250** and they are **open 7 days a week.**

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HAPPY NEW YEAR! 2017



May you stand up for your own rights this year and also the rights of your fellow human being; May nothing stop you from championing a cause that you hold dear to your heart. Happy New Year! For more info: call LIFESPAN 734.422.6230 www.mLIFESPAN.org

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

You still have time to send in your Christmas offering. Donations postmarked or received now will be recorded for the 2017 tax year. You can use your Christmas envelope included in your offertory package. Should you forget your envelope, you can write "Christmas Collection" on your check or on the outside of any envelope and your gift will be counted in the Christmas Collection. You have until **January 15, 2017** to get your Christmas gift in.

- Drop your Christmas envelope in the collection basket at Mass
- On-line at www.stmarycooj.org
- By mail or by dropping your monetary gift off at the parish office.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish and its programs.

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It is FREE and SECURE. Go to our website - www.stmarycooj.org - Click on the Menu link. Scroll down and click Our Parish then Online Giving. On the next screen click the big blue DONATE button. When signing up for the first time, click on the top left - First Time? button.

If you have any questions or need assistance with set up, please come in or contact the parish office at 734-425-4421.

Polish Dinner

Please join us for the Polka Mass and Polish Dinner
St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy
Saturday, February 4, 2017
Doors Open 5:30pm - right after the 4:30pm Mass



Dinner will include: Stuffed Cabbage, Kielbasa & Sauerkraut, City Chicken, Red skin potatoes, green beans, salad, rolls, dessert, coffee, tea and soft drinks. Cash Bar

Entertainment: Dance and sing along with the Polish Band

THE KIELBASA KINGS
50/50 drawing

Ticket Sales: Will be available after Masses beginning **January 7/8** in the gathering space or at the parish office on weekdays.

All tickets must be paid for in advance. NO tickets will be sold at the door.

Ticket Price: Adult- \$18 Children 7-14 \$7 6 and under free

MASS INTENTIONS

Wed. Jan. 4	12 Noon	Mary Mazur by Genevieve Cielma Prayers for Jackie's Family
Thurs. Jan. 5	8:30am	Deloris O'Hagan by her husband, Don Betty Tonkin by Deacon Jim & Sue Hensel Larry & Jerome O'Hagan by their brother, Don
Fri. Jan. 6	8:30am	Giuseppe Moroncelli by Graziano Canini Antonio Moroncelli by Graziano Canini
Sat. Jan. 7	4:30pm	Mary Frances Scannell by Mary Murphy Eleanora and Jozef Czerwinski by their daughter, Sophie Szymoniak Robert Bragiel, Jr. (15th Anniv) by his Mom, Geri Edward Jaskot (8th Anniv) by his wife, Evelyn & Family Nettie & Alex Flowers by the Jaskot Family
Sun. Jan. 8	8:00am	Monsignor Thomas Villerot For our Parish Family
	10:00am	Marion Kaczor by his Wife, Adeline & Family Henry DiDomizio (15th Anniv) by his wife, Marie Susan Aho by her Family Daniel Kaczor by his Mom & Family
	12 Noon	Deceased members of Studt and Weber Families Giuseppe Moroncelli by Graziano Canini Antonio Moroncelli by Graziano Canini

JANUARY Offertory Envelopes

Your donations in our **Yellow** Offertory Envelope for January go to help the St. Vincent de Paul Conference at our Parish to help those in need with utility bills and rent.

Thank you for your prayers and monetary donations to help the less fortunate in our Parish community.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan. 2—Jan. 8

MON. Jan. 2		No Mass Parish Offices Closed
TUE. Jan. 3		NO WEEKDAY MASS
WED. Jan. 4	10:30am 11:00am 12 Noon 6:00pm 7:00pm	Doors open for cards & coffee Cards & Coffee Mass followed by social gathering Catechist Epiphany Party Rosary
THURS. Jan. 5	8:30am 7:00pm	Mass No choir rehearsal Faith Formation Commission Mtg. Room 106/107
FRI. Jan. 6	8:30am 9-3:00pm	Mass Eucharistic Exposition
SAT. Jan. 7	3:30pm 4:30pm	Reconciliation Mass
SUN. Jan. 8	8:00am 10:00am 12 Noon	Mass Mass RCIA Coffee and Goodies following Mass Mass

SUNDAY CONTRIBUTION REPORT

<u>Sunday</u> <u>Offertory</u>	<u>No.</u> <u>Env.</u>	<u>Weekly</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>Weekly</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>Weekly</u> <u>Variance</u>
12/11/2016	297	\$ 8,120	\$ 18,000	\$ (9,880)
12/4/2016	384	\$ 11,244	\$ 18,000	\$ (6,756)
11/27/2016	369	\$ 10,097	\$ 18,000	\$ (7,903)
11/20/2016	370	\$ 10,426	\$ 18,000	\$ (7,574)
weekly actuals include your on line giving for Dec				
		<u>YTD</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>YTD</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>YTD</u> <u>Variance</u>
		FY 2016-17 \$ 256,757	\$ 432,000	\$ (175,243)

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE January 7/8

	SATURDAY 4:30pm	SUNDAY 8:00am	SUNDAY 10:00am	SUNDAY 12 NOON
Celebrant	Fr. Ken	Fr. Joe Plawecki	Fr. Ken	Fr. Ken
Lector Comm.	Rose Abela Ralph Costyn	Katie Bohr Cam Jankowiak	Victoria Apolzan Matt Schnapp	Joanne Harshman Jennifer Gonzalez
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Sacristan	Pat Storey	Alice André	Marlene Perez Yahzara Roland	Deacon John Ken Konrad Anmarie Konrad Jennifer Gonzalez
Ushers	Tony Collins Denis Rowland Peter Kowalski Paul Markus Emery Price	Don Koszegi Ernie Lenard Bill Lezotte	Jim DeVitis Leslie Johnston Dan Stachow	Deacon John Joanne Harshman Carol Knoblock Scott Ozga
Greeters	Ed Kiras			Anmarie Konrad Ronald Sherry Yonnie Underwood
Homebound			Patti & Rocky Krcatovich Theresa O'Bey	
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