

**ST. MARY'S  
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**SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS**

**Dec.31, 2023**

**SAT. 4:30 p.m. +William J. Bailey Sr. by Martha Pally Page 302**  
**SUN. 10:30 a.m. Health & Blessings of Parishioners**

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**MON. 10:30 a.m. Health & Blessings of Parishioners**

**TUE. 10:30 a.m. No Liturgy**

**WED. 10:30 a.m. No Liurgy**

**THU. 10:30 a.m. +Mary Elizabeth Andraso by The Hines Family**

**FRI. 10:30 am. No Liturgy**

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**THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD.....SUNDAY AFTER AFTER THEOPHANY**

**SAT. 4:30 p.m. +Anthony & Margaret Hanigosky by Susan & Rick Teter**

**SUN. 10:30 a.m. Health & Blessings of Parishioners**

*Joseph, proclaim the wonders you have seen to David the Forefather of God:  
The Virgin has given birth; you have given glory with the shepherds and  
worshipped with the Wisemen; You have been instructed by the angel. Ask  
Christ our God to save our souls.*

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*CHURCH DONATIONS Dec. 24 2023*  
*Monthly Dues..\$300.00 Candles \$119.00*  
*Christmas \$5,590.00*  
*Offertory..... \$1,295.00*

### **SOCIAL GAMES**

Games are played every Sunday Doors open at 5:00 p.m., Games begin at 6:30 p.m. Plan to join us in the New Year!!

### **MOST BLESSED AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!!**

Father Richard, Deacon John, Linda, Bill, & Dan would like to extend our most sincere and heartfelt wishes to each of you that Our Lord grant you His blessings and constant love as you start another year, may He watch over you and those you hold most dear. May He fulfill your deepest hopes in all you do, and may He keep you in His care each day of the New Year. *Also ..our Thanks for all your kind wishes and prayers!*

### **BLESSED WATER**

Water will be blessed on the Feast of Theophany. If you would like to take some home please bring a small container.

### **MY RESOLUTIONS**

I won't look back; God knows the fruitless efforts, I'll leave them all with Him who blots the record, and mercifully forgives and then forgets. I won't look forward; God sees all the future , the road short or long will lead me home, and He will face with me its every trial and bear with me the burdens that may come. But I'll look up into the face of Jesus, for there my heart can rest, my fears are stilled; and there is joy and love, and the light for darkness, and perfect peace, and every hope fulfilled.

***HAPPY NEW YEAR***  
***2024***

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## SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

O Come, let us extol the Lord's forebear, David, the prophet and king, for from his lineage did the virgin come forth. It was she who gave birth to the Word of God, Christ who renewed the fallen nature of Adam and Eve. With James, the brother of the Lord, let us praise the just and venerable Joseph as well, that we may emulate their faith and love, imploring the Lord our God, for his great mercy.

## THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

When the Christmas spirit springs to life in the human heart each year, the world becomes, for a little time, a haven of love and cheer. The poor in body are clothed and fed, and the lonely know once more the warmth of hearing a welcome knock on a too long silent door. For these few days we remember well that all mankind is kin, bound by the love of the Babe who found no room in that long-ago inn. But the days go by, and the spirit dies, so busy with living are we, and the poor and the lonely are left once more in hunger and apathy. I have been guilty too, God knows, too busy to lend a hand, too busy to stop for a friendly chat, too busy to understand. "No more, let this happen to me, Dear Lord," I earnestly pray. "Let me keep the spirit the whole year through as bright as it is on *Christmas Day*."

## A CREED TO LIVE BY FOR THE NEW YEAR

**Don't undermine your worth by comparing yourself to others. It is because we are different that each of us is special.**

**Don't set your goals by what other people deem important. Only you know what is best for you.**

**Don't take for granted the things closest to your heart. Cling to them as you would your life, for without them life is meaningless.**

**Don't let life slip through your fingers by living in the past or for the future. By living your life one day at a time, you live up all days of your life.**

**Don't give up when you still have something left to give, Nothing is really over....till the moment you stop trying.**

**Don't be afraid to admit you are something less than perfect. It is this fragile thread that binds us together.**

**Don't be afraid to encounter risks. It is by taking chances, that we learn to be brave.**

**Don't shut love out of your life by saying it's impossible to find. The quickest way to receive love is to give love; the fastest way to lose love is to hold it too tightly..and the best way to keep love is to give it wings.**

**Don't dismiss your dreams. To be without dreams is to be without hope; to be without hope is to be without purpose.**

**Don't run through life so fast that you forget not only where you've been, but where you are going.**

**Life is not a race, but a journey to be savored every step of the way.**

## FOR A HAPPY NEW YEAR

New Year's Greeting: A little more happiness spread through the day. A little more cheer to light up the way. A little more thought for the chap at our side. A little more credit for others who've tried. A little more kindness in word and in deed. A little more boasting that others may need. A little more love for the folks that we know. A little more effort so friendship may grow. Just a little of these ...as we plod along here...will make it a wonderful, wonderful year!