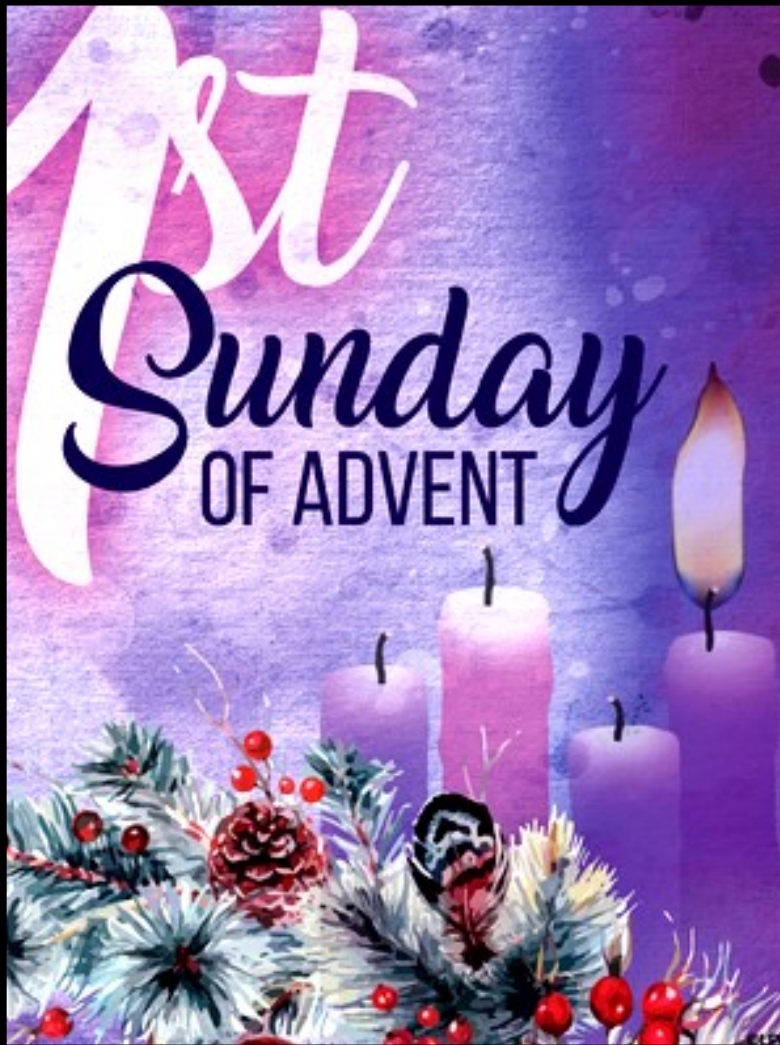


Saint Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church



A PRAYER FOR THE First Sunday of Advent

God of light and life,
give us hope as we wait
for your coming again.
When we are tempted
to be grateful to have found you
while others are lost,
send us out into the darkness
in search of those
who need you most.
Amen.

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Mass Schedule

Monday, November 30th **St. Andrew, Apostle**
No Mass

Tuesday, December 1st
Mass 8:15 am
† Charlie Ray

Wednesday, December 2nd
Mass 8:15 am
† Therese R. O'Connor

Thursday, December 3rd **St. Francis Xavier**
Mass 8:15 am **Adoration Following Mass**
† Joe Murphy

Friday, December 4th **First Friday**
Mass 8:15 am
† Dennis Geoghegan

Saturday, December 5th
Mass 8:15am **First Saturday**
† Fr. William Randall

Confessions 4:15- 4:50 pm
Mass 5:15 am
† Janice Marie Bauer

Sunday, December 6th **2nd Sunday of Advent**
Confessions 7:30 -7:50 am
Mass 8:00 am
† Bill Schroeder

Confessions 9:30 -10:20 am
Mass 10:30 am
Our Parish Family

Readings for the week of November 29, 2020

Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/
1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37
Monday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10]/Mt 4:18-22
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/ Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 [cf. 7]/Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/
Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. Is 30:18d]/
Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
Next Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/2 Pt 3:8-14/
Mk 1:1-8

From your pastor . . .

This column is a companion to last week's column where I began the response that Cardinal Raymond L. Burke wrote in response to Pope Francis' comments that appears in a documentary "Francesco" that made its debut at the Rome Film Festival on October 21 of this year. If you have not done so, please read last week's column for the context of Cardinal Burke's response which continues below in *italics*.

"First of all, the context and the occasion of such declarations make them devoid of any magisterial weight. They are rightly interpreted as simple private opinions of the person who made them. These declarations do not bind, in any manner, the consciences of the faithful who are rather obliged to adhere with religious submission to what Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition, and the ordinary Magisterium of the Church teach on the matter in question. In particular, the following are to be noted.

1. "Basing itself on Sacred Scripture, which presents homosexual acts as acts of grave depravity, Tradition has always declared that "homosexual acts are intrinsically disordered" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no.2357) inasmuch as they are contrary to the natural law, closed to the gift of life and void of a true affective and sexual complementarity. Therefore they cannot be approved.

2. The particular and sometimes deep-seated tendencies of persons, men and women, in the homosexual condition, which are for them a trial, although they may not in themselves constitute a sin, represent nonetheless an objectively disordered inclination (CCC no.2358). They are, therefore, to be received with respect, compassion and sensitivity, avoiding any unjust discrimination. The Catholic Faith teaches the faithful to hate sin but to love the sinner.

3. The faithful, and, in particular, Catholic politicians are held to oppose the legal recognition of homosexual unions. (Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, Considerations Regarding Proposals To Give Legal Recognition to Unions between Homosexual Persons, n. 10[3]. The right to form a family is not a private right to vindicate but must correspond to the plan of the creator Who has willed the human being in sexual difference, "male and female He created them (Gen.1, 27), thus call man, male and female, to the transmission of life. "Because married couples ensure the succession of generations and are therefore eminently within the public interest, civil law grants them institutional recognition. Homosexual unions, on the other hand, do not need specific attention from the legal standpoint since they do not exercise this function for the common good" (Ibidem, no. 9[4]. To speak of a homosexual union, in the same sense as the conjugal union of the marries, is, in fact, profoundly misleading, because there can be no such union between persons of the same sex. In what regards the administration of justice, persons in the homosexual condition, as all citizens, can always make use of the provisions of law to safeguard their private rights.

It is a source of deepest sadness and pressing pastoral concern that the private opinions reported with so much emphasis by the press and attributed to Pope Francis do not correspond to the constant teaching of the Church, as it is expressed in Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition, and is guarded, protect and interpreted by the Magisterium. Equally sad and concerning is the turmoil, confusion and error they cause among the Catholic faithful, as is the scandal they cause, in general, by giving the totally false impression that the Catholic Church has had a change of course, that is, has change its perennial teaching regarding such fundamental and critical questions."

*Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke
Rome, October 22, 2020*

I hope that these two installments cast some light on the questions that a number of you had concerning what our Holy Father had said about this matter.

Until I write again, may God bless you and all the parishioners of Saint Mary's Parish,

Monsignor Roger J. Scheckel

2020/2021 Diocesan Annual Appeal

Thank you to all who have responded
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Located in the south-west vestibule of St. Mary’s is a lending library. There are books, DVDs, and CDs about a wide range of topics from Scott Hahn, Matthew Kelly, Pope Benedict, Pope Francis, Pope John Paul II, on prayer, on saints, on teaching of the Church. Simply sign out the article and return it when you are through. Borrow and share with family and friends.

Check it out !!!

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS



Please use the envelopes in your packet
 Or any (marked envelope)
 To make a memorial for a loved one.
 Thank you !!!
 A current listing will be forthcoming.

A Message from St Mary’s School

Thank you to the members of St. Mary for all of the prayers, support and well wishes this school year.
 By the grace of God, we have been able to keep our doors open and students in their seats, and we know the impact this has on both their academic and spiritual lives.
 We hear comments from parishioners of how nice it is to see students praying in Mass, playing outside, and heading into the building to learn.
 We keep you all in our prayers, and we appreciate your continued prayers as we continue on in our mission!

**In Gratitude,
 The Staff and Students at St. Mary School**



Christmas Angel Gifts

St. Mary of the Assumption Church and School



will be collecting donations for our local nursing homes. Containers will be set up in the church entrance and at school. Donations should not be wrapped and need to be NEW. Please put in the box before December 17. A list of Christmas ideas will be forthcoming and made available in the main entrance of church and school. This is the year to spread joy and happiness to all those in need. May God’s blessings be yours this Christmas Season and always.

November 15/16, 2020 Stewardship

Adult Tithe.....	\$3,241.00
Offertory.....	242.00
Pastoral Care.....	1.00
Religious Education.....	2.00
Building & Maintenance.....	1.00
Cemetery Fund.....	1.00
Military.....	51.00
Holy Days.....	25.00
Christmas Flowers.....	35.00
Total.....	\$3,599.00

October (ACH) Automatic Contributions....	\$6,220.00
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**Mary Immaculate Patroness of Our Country
 Pray for Us.**

O GOD OUR CREATOR,
 from your provident hand we have received our right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. You have called us as your people and given us the right and the duty to worship you, the only true God, and your Son, Jesus Christ. Through the power and working of your Holy Spirit, you call us to live out our faith in the midst of the world, bringing the light and the saving truth of the Gospel to every corner of society.

We ask you to bless us in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty. Give us the strength of mind and heart to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened; give us courage in making our voices heard on behalf of the rights of your Church and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith.

Grant, we pray, O heavenly Father, a clear and united voice to all your sons and daughters gathered in your Church in this decisive hour in the history of our nation, so that, with every trial withstood and every danger overcome— for the sake of our children, our grandchildren, and all who come after us— this great land will always be “one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIP NEWS

This holiday season, give the gift that spreads joy long after it's been unwrapped. Presents with purpose
A percentage of each gift card purchased goes directly to St. Mary's. The gift card is worth face value, just like your thoughtfulness. Ways to spread more cheer. Whether you give the gift cards as presents or use them to buy gifts, your order immediately raises funds for St. Mary's.
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December 5, 5:15 P.M. Judy Murphy
December 6, 8:00 A.M. Betty Wastlick
December 6, 10:30 A.M. Emily Zorea

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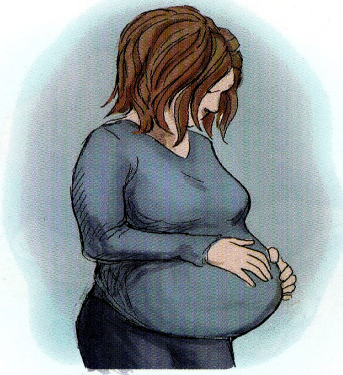
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Wedding Planning Information

For those seeking the Sacrament of Marriage in our Church
please notify the pastor as soon as you are engaged,
but not less than six months
prior to the proposed wedding date.

WEEK THIRTY-SIX



I'm ba—ack! And still kicking these little legs of mine for all their worth! Actually, they're not so little anymore. My 1/2 inch in growth each week has recently been taking place in these "not-so-little" legs. I'm having a lot of fun stretching and bending because each time that I push out on Mom's belly, she puts her hand on my foot or knee (or whatever part of me is making her skin bulge at the moment). Sometimes I've even gotten little love-pats on my backside! All of my organs are completely developed, including my lungs. The lungs are one of the last systems to fully mature, and, even after I'm born, it may take me a few hours to establish a normal breathing pattern. I guess that's when they are considered completely developed—they have to prove that they work! With my super-sonic hearing, I've heard that the baby's (that's me!) brain is the very last organ to reach real maturity. You know, I'm not too sure how to take that one...

"Strong is God's love for us."

—PSALM 117:2

Life—a most fantastic gift from our awesome, loving God! I'm so happy, aren't you? Let's celebrate! Speaking of celebrating, have you heard about the baby shower? You're invited—hope to see you there!

Love,
Baby Margaret Mary

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The Knights of Columbus #3942 Council
will be collecting food and money for the local
food pantry. We will have containers at all
of St. Mary's exits during November.

Please bring non-perishable food items and
cash donations to St. Mary's church.
Cash donations should be put in an envelope marked
Food Pantry and put in the collection, dropped off at
parish office or mailed to
Gary Hardy 25073 Hall Ln. RC.

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