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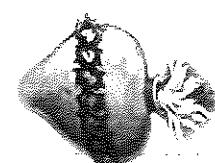
Weekend Masses Saturday Vigil 4 PM • Sunday 10:30 AM

Holy Day Masses Vigil 4 PM • 7 AM (day of)

Weekday Masses 7:30 AM • Monday, Wednesday, Friday

Confessions are heard on Saturdays at 3:00 PM

Parish Office hours Monday to Thursday, 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM, 1 to 3 PM; Friday, 8:30 AM to 12 PM



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Weekend Masses Saturday Vigil 5:30 PM • Sunday 8:00 AM

Holy Day Masses 5:30 PM

Weekday Masses 9:00 AM, Tuesday and Thursday

Parish Office hours Monday to Thursday, 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM, Tuesday, 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM, Thursday, 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM

Rev. Father Thomas J. Petro, J.V., J.C.L., KCHS, Pastor

Rev. Father Michael B. Wurtz, CSC, S.L.D., Supply Priest

✉ The Baptism of the Lord • January 11, 2026 ✉

Praised be Jesus Christ! Now and forever. Amen.

Each year, on the second weekend in January, every parish in the Diocese is required to publish a five-year financial trend analysis in its bulletin. It is hoped that the reports included in today's bulletin provide you with a better understanding of our financial situation. Thank you for your generous stewardship of our parishes.

The Christmas Crib remains in our churches until Candlemas. It can be found near the BVM side altar. Falling exactly 40 days after Christmas, Candlemas was observed as the official end of Christmas in medieval times. In some countries it is not unusual to retain some Christmas decorations until Candlemas on Feb. 2. Pope St. John Paul II would make his last visit to the crib in St. Peter's Square after celebrating the evening Mass on Feb. 2. After this visit the Nativity scene was dismantled. Consider making a visit to our crib this year!

Holy water will be blessed at the 4:00 and 5:30 p.m. Vigil Masses of the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, Saturday, January 10. The Sprinkling Rite will be used in place of the Penitential Rite to remind us of our own baptisms at Mass that day. Please bless yourself with the sign of the cross as the priest sprinkles you with holy water at the start of Mass. Please feel free to bring a container to church to take home some of the newly blessed water. The Christmas season ends with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

Christmas "undecorating" - As we enter winter Ordinary Time, volunteer help is needed on Sunday, January 11, after the 8:00 am Mass and the 10:30 a.m. Mass to help take down the Christmas decorations inside and outside of our churches.

SAVE THE DATE! Return to the Heart of the Father: A Three-day Parish Lenten Retreat will be held February 26-28, 2026, presented by guest speaker Allan Wright. We are happy to host Allan, who is a national speaker, author of over 20 books, adjunct professor at Seton Hall University and Executive Director of the NJ Family Policy Center. This retreat will take place at Sacred Heart Church and St. Mary Church, with a detailed schedule soon to be provided.

Feb. 26 - Disciples on Journey with Christ to the Cross

Feb. 27 - Return to the Heart of the Father

Feb. 28 - Living this Lent with Intention: Bringing Joy and Charity to a Broken World

We express gratitude to SH Confraternity of Christian Mothers, who recently presented a check at their Wafer Dinner in the amount of \$5,500 for SH Building Fund. This gift comes from their fundraising efforts during the past year. Thank you, ladies!

Requests for 2025 Contribution Statements for tax purposes can be made by contacting the parish office.

The Church celebrates the solemn *Feast of the Presentation of the Lord* on Feb. 2. According to ancient tradition, candles are blessed on this day, both those used in the church and the home. Candles will be blessed in a special ritual with a procession at 7:30 a.m. Mass on Monday, February 2 in SH church. The blessed candles may be obtained after the Mass for a donation of \$4 for a box of two "Candlemas" candles. The Church celebrates the *Feast of St. Blaise* on Feb. 3. Using candles blessed the day before at the Mass of the Presentation of the Lord, the faithful will be blessed through the intercession of St. Blaise. Throats will be blessed after all weekend Masses February 7/8, as well as on February 3.

Last Sunday, Finn Robert Grillini was baptized in SM church. Pray for him and his family as they grow in God's wisdom and grace.

SAVE THE DATE: Ash Wednesday Potato Pancake & Lenten Food Sale will be held on Wed., February 18, in SH church garage.

Saint Mary Church

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† MASS INTENTIONS †

Monday (Jan. 12) Weekday (1st week in Ordinary Time)

7:30 am (SH) Celia Wrazen
by Sacred Heart CCM

Tuesday (Jan. 13) St. Hilary
9:00 am (SM) Helen Golya
by Jackie & Paul Kmiec

Wednesday (Jan. 14) Weekday
7:30 am Mary Opiela
by the Antoine family

Thursday (Jan. 15) Weekday
9:00 am (SM) Zachary Bryk
by Billy Joyce family

Friday (Jan. 16) Weekday
7:30 am Faye Chmiel
by Joseph and Kathy

Saturday (Jan. 17) Vigil: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 pm (SH) Daniel Skrzysowski
by his mom, dad and family

5:30 pm (SM) David Yuschovitz
by the Jodus family

Sunday (Jan. 18) Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 am (SM) Joan McAndrew
by Brenda & Mike Busch

10:30 am (SH) Our Parishioners (*Missa pro populo*)

WEEKLY OFFERING

Last Sunday: (SH) \$12,300.64 (SM) \$6,827.00
Solemnity of Mary: (SH) \$1,142.00 (SM) \$403.00
Building Fund: (SH) \$429.00

May the Lord reward your generosity.

*The sanctuary candles burn this week in memory of:
in memory of Helen Brogan by Jim Brogan & family*

*The altar flowers (SM) this weekend are donated in memory of:
Dennis Fitzgerald by June Fitzgerald & family.
Blessed Mother (SM): James Fela & Jo Ann Phillips, by Janet Fela & Roseann Fela*

St. Joseph (SM): Peter Jodus, by his wife

*The offertory gifts (SM) of bread & wine this Sunday are donated
in memory of Helen Brogan by Jim Brogan & family*

UPCOMING EVENTS
Jan. 15, 6:30pm, SM/SH Choir practice, SH choir loft
Jan. 18, 8 & 10:30am, CCD Mass, grade 4 assists

Liturgical Volunteer Schedule

January 10-11

4pm: EM: C. Wesley, L. S. Bartosiewicz, Acolyte: Collis family
5:30pm: EM: P. Kriegowicz, L. R. Wright, Acolyte: JJ Galvin

8am: EM: A. Jake, L. L. Orr, Acolyte: G. Orr

10:30am: EM: B. Jones, L. G. Beccaloni, Acolyte: Toalongo

January 17-18

4pm: EM: M. Moletsky, L. J. Roche, Acolyte: Galvin, Hudzinski

5:30pm: EM: R. Lee, L. P. Bartnicki, Acolyte: M. Phillips

8am: EM: N. Adomik L. CCD students, Acolyte: K. Brogan

10:30am: EM: C. Wesley, L. CCD students, Acolyte: Rupprecht

