



# Queen of Heaven

Roman Catholic Church

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# January 1, 2023

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**MARY,  
THE HOLY MOTHER  
OF GOD**

When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child. All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds. And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.  
- Lk 2:17-19

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**From our Parish Family to yours,  
we pray that the**

*Light of Christ*

**is with you today & every day.  
May God Bless you and grant you  
a happy & healthy New Year!**



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### **This Week's Readings - January 1, 2023**

**Sunday:** Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

**Monday:** 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28

**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34

**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42

**Thursday:** 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Jn 1:43-51

**Friday:** 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mk 1:7-11 or  
Lk 3:23-28 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

**Saturday:** 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a, and 9b/Jn 2:1-11

**Next Sunday:** Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/  
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

For more information on our Parish, how to become a Parishioner, or for Letters of Recommendation, please call the Rectory or head on to our website.

## Mass Intentions

### Monday, January 2

Ss. Basil the Great &  
Gregory the Nozianzen

- 7:30 am Jackie Fenzel  
- Christine & Lilien  
11:30 am Mary Catherine Miles  
- Family

### Tuesday, January 3

- 7:30 am For the People  
- Fr. Greg  
11:30 am Robert Wesolowski Sr.  
- Valerie Devany

### Wednesday, January 4

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

- 7:30 am Karen King  
- Annette  
11:30 am George & Ruth Hitzel  
- Doris Petrussek

### Thursday, January 5

St. John Neumann

- 7:30 am Rose Wade  
- Anna M. Bretl  
11:30 am Martha Shaw  
- Inman Family

### Friday, January 6

- 7:30 am Anthony Kosis  
- Ed Egan  
11:30 am Arlene Benz  
- Family

### Saturday, January 7

St. Raymond of Penyafort

- 8:00 am Patricia A. Brant  
- Lynn & Chris  
Sherman  
4:00 pm Joseph Etterle  
- Family  
5:30 pm Ernie Cuthbert  
- Daughters

### Sunday, January 8

The Epiphany of the Lord

- 8:00 am John Wroblewski  
- Ken & Anne  
Marie Maskulski  
9:30 am John Sajecki  
- Kreuzer Family  
11:15 am Rose Wade  
- JoAnn Lowczys

## From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

**Christmas this year was certainly a different experience for us all**, as we were in the midst of a blizzard and driving bans throughout Western New York. Most of us had to come up with alternative plans by which we celebrated the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ. One blessing is that we have the AngelCam, and while most were not able to make it to Church, many were able to join in our liturgical celebrations through our live streaming of the Masses or our recorded Masses through Facebook. I had all six Masses over the weekend with only 18 people in attendance. However, I know many more were watching, including some from out of the area. My friend from England, Fr. Peter Conley, said that he concelebrated the 4 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass with me from his home in England, and he passed on his Christmas wishes to all. I can't really say how many people celebrated the Mass via the live stream, but as of this morning on the Monday after Christmas our 4 p.m. Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve that is recorded on Facebook had 325 viewers and our 9:45 a.m. Christmas Day Mass had 240 onlookers. I know that many more were watching it via the live stream as I heard from a number of different people who made comments to me concerning the Mass. In any case it was a very different Christmas for me. It was the first time in my life that I was not able to be with my family physically, but **we were all joined together in the spirit of Christmas wherever we might have been.**

**I thank all those who worked so hard to get ready for our liturgical celebrations for Christmas, even if things did not work out the way we had planned.** It is hard to name everyone, but many were involved in preparing the decorations, music, and various other liturgical ministries. It is unfortunate that we were not able to experience everything fully, but hopefully we are all able to be together in Church at some point during this Christmas season to reap the benefit from all of their work.

**Along with the festivity of the New Year, we commemorate this weekend the Solemnity of Mary, The Mother of God.** It is a week after Christmas, and we honor Mary as *Theotokos*, a term in Greek that means "God-bearer." Our Gospel this weekend is taken from the second chapter of St. Luke which records the shepherds traveling to Bethlehem, relating the message that had been told to them by the angel of the Lord about this newborn child who was in a manger wrapped in swaddling clothes. This child is our savior who is Christ and Lord. All who heard this were amazed, and "Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart." **During these busy holiday times, may we follow Mary's example, finding time to meditate upon the events of our lives and our world in prayer and honoring God by our lives.** Next weekend, we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany, and we rejoice at the spreading of the good news of the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ throughout the world. It is the last Sunday of our Christmas season which ends on the following day, Monday January 9, with the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord.

Have a Blessed New Year!

Fr. Greg



Our Rectory will be closed for the Holiday on Monday, January 2nd.

We will be open for our regular office hours from Tuesday - Friday.

SINCERE THANK YOU TO OUR QUEEN OF HEAVEN & ST. JOHN VIANNY PARISHIONERS FOR YOUR KIND GENEROSITY TOWARDS THE

RESPECT LIFE



Angel Tree

Your contributions went to support:

- 1) Families identified by the Mother Teresa Home
- 2) Newest St. Gianna Molla Pregnancy Outreach Center Location
- 3) Family Justice Center - Domestic Violence Support

Interested in the Respect Life Committee? Please email: amelia@ameliagreenan.com

## Queen of Heaven School

839 Mill Road | West Seneca  
716.674.5206 | www.qofhschool.org

### OPEN HOUSE

February 1, 2023 | 5:00pm-7:00pm  
February 15, 2023 | 5:00pm-7:00pm



- †Small Class Sizes
- †Advanced Courses in Earth Science and Algebra
- †1:1 ChromeBooks
- †School Clubs
- †Sports Programs
- †Full Day Pre-K Four
- †Before & After School Care
- †Active Home School Guild
- †Family Atmosphere

## Parish Information

### Mass Schedule

Daily: 7:30 am; 11:30 am  
Saturday: 4:00 pm; 5:30 pm  
Sunday: 8:00 am; 9:30 am; 11:15 am  
Confessions: 3:00 pm Saturdays  
Holy Days: See Bulletin & Website

### Rectory

Weekdays: 9:00 am - Noon  
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm  
Phone: 716-674-3468  
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*To see a particular priest,  
please make an appointment.  
Sick calls any time.*

### Pastor

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## Weekly Collections

12/18/2022

Regular: \$5,577  
Loose: \$2,509.95  
2022 Stewardship:  
\$8,086  
2021 Stewardship:  
\$9,693.25

School Fund:  
\$2,095.65

Religious Retirement:  
\$250

Christmas:  
\$1,462.65

Christmas Flowers:  
\$40

## Upcoming Second Collections

January 1  
Solemnity of Mary

January 15  
School Fund

## Faith Formation

Phone: 675-3714 Email: youthfamilyinfo@qofhchurch.org

Faith Formation Registrations located on the Parish website or you can pick up a hard copy in the Rectory Front Hall.

**PLEASE NOTE: VISITORS WHEN SCHOOL IS OPEN NEED TO CALL OR EMAIL US TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO MEET IN PERSON AT THE OFFICE.**

**Confirmation Class** – Wednesday, Jan. 4th Session 5, 7 – 9:00pm

**Life Teen** – Sunday, Jan. 8th, 10:45am – 12:15pm

**Edge** – Tuesday, Jan. 10th, 7-8:30pm

Celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day - January 16th

***No Saturday Class on the 14th & No Life Teen on the 15th***



### **FAITH FORMATION 2022-2023**

*Faith Formation sessions will be on site this year.*

#### **Saturday Sessions**

Class dates – Jan. 7th, 21st, & 28th  
PK- 5th from 9:45-11:15 am in the School

#### **Family Program**

Sunday - Jan. 8th from 9 AM – 11 AM  
Held in Parish Hall

*Home study materials can be picked up in the Rectory entranceway.*

Each new year is a gift of learning, growth, and hope.  
May your mind and soul be enriched with these things  
and more in the days to come!

*"You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step."  
–Martin Luther King*

*"Enjoy the little things in life, for one day you may look back  
and realize they were the big things."  
–Robert Breault*

*God's grace is with you,  
and will continue to be with you in 2023.  
Happy New Year!*



## Legion of Mary

**"Inspired by this love and faith of Mary, Her Legion [attempts] any and every work and "complains not of impossibility, because it conceives that it may and can do all things"(Imitation of Christ Book 3:5)."**  
- Legion of Mary Handbook, Chapter 3, p.12 - 13

**"While on earth Her life was like that of any other, filled with labours and the cares of the home; always, however, She remained intimately united to Her Son and cooperated in an entirely unique way in the Saviour's work... Everyone should have a genuine devotion to Her and entrust his life to Her motherly care."**

- Vatican II document:  
**"Decree on the Apostolate of Lay People."**



**Knights of St. John**  
*International*

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# SPORTS NIGHT

**January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
**(Saturday)**  
**7PM - ???**

**Queen of Heaven RCC**  
**PARISH CENTER**  
**4220 Seneca St.**  
**West Seneca, NY 14224**

Television Broadcast  
AFC / NFC Wildcard Games  
(6 Flat Screen TVs)

Tailgate Party  
Compliments of the Knights  
Free Admission  
Refreshments and Snacks

Point of Contact  
Robert Mayer  
677-2620

RAFFLES  
SPLIT CLUB  
\$100 LOTTERY RAFFLE TREE  
\$200 GIFT CARD RAFFLE TREE  
\$30 SQUARES AVAILABLE



“Good friends find pleasure in one another’s company. Let us know pleasure in the company of our best Friend, a Friend who can do everything for us, a friend who loves us beyond measure. Here in the Blessed Sacrament we can talk to Him straight from the heart.”  
~ St Alphonsus de Liguori

**The Chapel will be closed on New Year’s Eve 12/31 at 3 pm and reopen at 8 a.m. on 1/2/23.**

*To learn more about our Adoration Chapel see our Parish website. Under the “Ministries” tab you can find the Adoration Chapel page to view open hours and complete a digital form to select your weekly holy hour with the Lord. Or, if you prefer, simply write your name and phone number on the printed schedule located inside the Chapel & we will contact you.*

*For more information, email us at: [adoration@qofhchurch.org](mailto:adoration@qofhchurch.org) or call Nancy at 907-5368.*

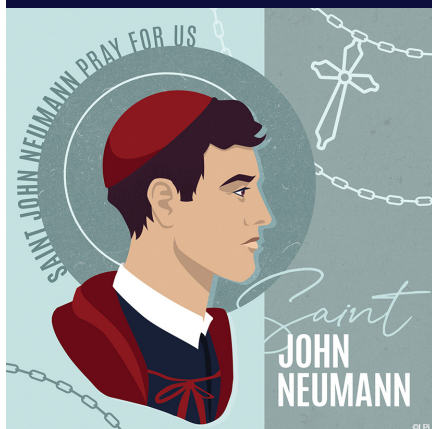
## A New Year Prayer

O Jesus, our Savior and our Lord, by the proclamation of your grace, you took the yoke of the law from our necks, and removed the burden from our shoulders to your own.

Hear the prayers of your Church, that we may joyfully serve you here, and see your glorious presence in all its joy in the life to come; through your mercy, O our God, you are blessed, and live and govern all things, now and forever. Amen.



## Saint Spotlight



St. John Neumann, patron saint of educators, immigrants, and sick children, was the first male saint to be canonized from the USA. An immigrant himself, he expanded Catholic education in his region from 2 schools to 100 & ministered in 6 different languages!

*O St. John Neumann, your ardent desire of bringing all souls to Christ impelled you to leave home and country; teach us to live worthily in the spirit of our baptism which makes us all children of the one Heavenly Father and brothers of Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the family of God. Help us to walk perseveringly in the difficult times, strengthened by the Body and Blood of our Redeemer and under the watchful protection of Mary our Mother. May death still find us on the sure road to our Father's house, with the light of living faith in our hearts.*

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**BLESSINGS  
ON OUR  
NEW YEAR**

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## QUESTIONS FOR THE WEEK

### First Reading: Nm 6:22-27

This priestly prayer was originally for the ancient Israelites who dedicated themselves to the Lord in the time of Moses. The prayer is filled with the hope of God's blessing, generosity, kindness, and peace. Which part of this prayer (God's blessing, generosity, kindness, or peace) do you most need this week?

### Second Reading: Gal 4:4-7

Paul teaches "the fullness of time had come" in Mary's birth of Jesus in that all believers are now "heir" (adopted sons and daughters) to God's promises made to Israel. Have you ever been "heir" to something from your family?

### Gospel: Lk 2:16-21

Luke teaches us that Mary — even as a young woman — reflected in her heart the events she was experiencing with her newborn son, Jesus. How often do you pray and reflect on events within your own life or in the life of others?

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## What is the history of the rosary? Where did this prayer come from?

Although a longstanding tradition attributed the rosary to Saint Dominic and the Dominican Order, the practice of using beads to count prayers predates the Dominicans by a few hundred years. In fact, it seems that what we now think of as the rosary (which means "garland of roses") was first developed by illiterate peasants and religious brothers and sisters as a way of offering 150 "Our Fathers" to replace the praying of the 150 psalms in the Divine Office. The practice of reciting 150 Hail Marys (which was later subdivided into 15 decades of 10 Hail Marys) arose during the late Middle Ages. Devotion to the rosary began to flourish in the nineteenth century, especially as new devotions to Mary began to spread throughout Europe and the New World. An annual liturgical celebration of Our Lady of the Rosary was introduced into the Church calendar in 1573 and it has been observed on the date of October 7 since 1913.

In the apostolic letter *On the Most Holy Rosary*, Pope Saint John Paul II not only added five new mysteries to the traditional fifteen, but he also reminded Catholics that the rosary is, at its core, an opportunity to go deeper into the life of Jesus: "The rosary, though clearly Marian in character, is at heart a Christocentric prayer ... It has all the depth of the Gospel message in its entirety, of which it can be said to be a compendium. It is an echo of Mary's prayer, her perennial Magnificat ... With the rosary, the Christian people sit at the school of Mary and are led to contemplate the beauty of the face of Christ and to experience the depths of his love" (no. 1).

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