

THE CATHOLIC CHURCHES OF

Immaculate Conception of the BVM "St. Mary's"

Saint Rita's Parish

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Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish

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Mass Schedule · Saturday · 5:00pm | Sunday · 8:00 & 10:30am

Weekdays · 8:00am · Saturday · 8:00am

Vigil of the Holy Day 6:30pm (except for 12/31 5:00pm)

Holy Day 8:00am & 6:30pm

Confessions · Thursday after the morning Mass

Saturday 3:30 to 4:30pm

The Sacrament of Baptism Please call the parish office to schedule. **The Sacrament of Marriage** is celebrated throughout the year. Diocesan policy requires that engaged couples begin sacramental preparations with a priest at least nine to twelve months before the desired wedding date. Please call the parish office for details at 717-642-8815.



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Light

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The Epiphany of the Lord

January 4, 2026

Our Stewardship

December 21, 2025

St. Mary	St. Rita
Sunday \$6,099 ⁰⁰	Sunday \$3,331 ⁰⁰
Christmas Flowers \$1,178 ⁰⁰	Christmas Flowers \$1,030 ⁰⁰
	Repair \$3,000 ⁰⁰

Weekly Budget \$4,300⁰⁰

LORD,
every nation on earth
will adore you.

Scripture Readings

For the Week of January 4, 2026

Sunday	The Epiphany of the Lord Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Mt 2:1-12
Monday	Memorial of St. John Neumann, Bishop 1 Jn 3:22-4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday	1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday	1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52
Thursday	1 Jn 4:19-5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22
Friday	1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16
Saturday	1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Jn 3:22-30
Sunday	The Baptism of the Lord Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Mt 3:13-17

St. Mary	Extraordinary Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers	Ushers
1/10 5:00pm	D. Sanders/D. Ritchie/S. Krueger	C. Macuirles	Volunteers	J. Kincius/R. Maturo
1/11 8:00am	D. Sprinkle/D. Heibel/B. Lamb	K. Farabaugh	Volunteers	D. & S. Ranney
1/11 10:30am	P. Leister/A. Bohn/A. Poslosky	B. Carr	Volunteers	M. & K. Powell
St. Rita	Extraordinary Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers	Money Counters
1/10 4:30pm	M. White	H. Brennan	Volunteers	1/11 A. Serpi
1/11 8:30am	G. Crawford/D. Fawks	J. Crawford	Volunteers	1/18 F. Ganoe
1/11 11:00am	P. Cliber/K. Reed	J. Orlando	Volunteers	1/25 M. Lawrence

St. Mary Mass Intentions

Saturday 1/3	8:00am	† Roger Semplak
	5:00pm	† JB Barefoot
Sunday 1/4	8:00am	† Lois Tokar
	10:30am	People of the Parish
Monday 1/5	8:00am	† Christopher Dowell
Tuesday 1/6	8:00am	† Melvin J. Losovsky
Wednesday 1/7	8:00am	† Adolph & Eileen Poslosky
Thursday 1/8	8:00am	Souls in Purgatory
Friday 1/9	8:00am	† Dan Smith
Saturday 1/10	8:00am	† Peter & Mary DiTomasso
	5:00pm	† Jerry & Pat Cullinane
Sunday 1/11	8:00am	People of the Parish
	10:30am	† Ted Kane

St. Rita Mass Intentions

Saturday 1/3	9:00AM	The Kim Family
	4:30pm	† Meredith DeDona
Sunday 1/4	8:30am	People of the Parish
	11:00am	† Darlene McCleaf
Monday 1/5	9:00am	† Poor Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday 1/6	9:00am	† Susan McLoughlin
Wednesday 1/7	9:00am	† Kenneth Crawford
Thursday 1/8	9:00am	Intentions of Justin Robertson
Friday 1/9	9:00am	† Valeria Leu
Saturday 1/10	9:00am	† Fransiskus Leu
	4:30pm	† Kevin Bilder
Sunday 1/11	8:30am	People of the Parish
	11:00am	† Carole Wiegand

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary & St. Rita

There will be a Second Collection today at both Churches for the repairs and maintenance of the property.. Thank you for your generosity.

UNDECORATING of Christmas at both Churches today after the second Masses. Thank you for helping with the undecorating.

Masses We are in need for weekday Masses at both Churches. Thank you.

Second Collection at Both Churches next weekend for Catholic Churches in Central and Eastern Europe, Latin America and Africa. Thank you for your generosity.

Ruth's Harvest - The next collection at St. Mary's for Ruth's Harvest will be Jan. 10-11. Some of the most needed items are plastic cups of fruit or vegetables, single servings of cereal, ramen and microwave popcorn. Thank you!

Anointing of the Sick and Prayers for Healing at Both Parishes will be offered Sunday, January 11th, after the first Sunday morning Mass at both churches.. You are welcome to come forward if you have any illness, debilitating chronic infirmities, advanced age, forthcoming surgery and recovery from surgery.

Prayer Shawl Meeting

Monday, January 12th, **at 10:00AM** at St. Mary's Church. All are welcome.

Knights of Columbus

Council 12250 Meeting will be held at 7:30PM on Monday January 12th, 8th, at the St. Mary's Church

That Man Is You (TMIY) will return Saturday, January 17th, 6:15AM—St. Mary's Hall with Session 14 and end April 18 with Session 26. This will continue every Saturday until the session is completed. Contact Dick Heibel at 717-338-2044.

ADORATION At St. Mary's . We will resume on January 7. Please join us on Wednesdays from after the morning Mass until 6:00 pm and Fridays until 3:00 pm. If you can commit to a weekly hour, please contact Karen Graff (717-408-5537 or piratefans@comcast.net). We are especially in need of another adorer on Fridays for the 11:00 and 1:00 hours.

Pro Life Corner For all families: As the domestic Church, may they pursue holiness, pass on the faith, and persevere in love.

Gettysburg Community Soup Kitchen (St. Mary's) - thank you to everyone who donated in 2025 to St. Mary's ministry to the Gettysburg Soup Kitchen! We provided almost \$1600 of food for 10 meals during the year. We contributed toward over 700 individual meals. If you would like to make a donation for 2026, you may put it in the collection basket at any time marked for the Soup Kitchen. Please make checks to St. Mary's PCCW. Ten times during the year we will purchase the food they request, and volunteers from St. Mary's will assist in preparing and serving those meals. Thank you!

Call for Faith Friends from St. Mary's and St. Rita's "No one should walk alone"** As more people are drawn to explore or return to the Catholic faith, we need joyful companions to welcome them. Faith Friends offer friendly support to newcomers and those Catholics returning to their faith, by sitting at Mass together, introducing them to parishioners, and being a familiar face.—no experience necessary, just a welcoming heart! There will also be an 8 week group called LANDINGS that offers support through sharing our faith journeys. This program needs Faith Friends as well and will be offered in the New Year. If you are interested in being a Faith Friend in any of these ways, please sign-up on the sheet on the table in the back of the church. Please prayerfully consider this beautiful way to live out the Gospel.

Come HOME! We've Missed You! If you have been thinking about returning to the Church again after a time away, St. Mary's and St. Rita's welcomes you. We invite you to attend LANDINGS which is an eight-week program that offers "a safe place to land," a place for listening and for being heard, a place for asking questions and for reconnecting with the faith as an adult. We begin our next session for both St. Rita's and St. Mary's at St. Mary's in the new year. More information will be coming soon. If you are interested, please email Mary Grist megrist12@gmail.com or fill out the form on the cards in each pew and deposit in the collection basket. Parishioners, if you know of anyone who might be interested in returning to their faith, please pass this information along to them.

The second semester of Symbolon at St. Rita's will begin on Tuesday, January 13th (weather permitting) with sessions at 10 am and 6:30 pm. Choose the session that fits your schedule or flex between the times as needed. The first semester was amazing! We warmly invite you to join us even if you didn't participate in the first semester. Please contact Jan Dililio at 563-940-4907/jandililio@icloud.com to register as soon as possible.

The Men's Club and Knights of Columbus are holding an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast in the parish hall on Sunday January 18th from 8:00 AM till noon. It includes pancakes, eggs, bacon, ham, hash-browns, coffee, tea, iced tea, and orange juice. The cost is \$10.00, \$5.00 for children 6 to 12, under 6 free. Carry-outs are available. Volunteer to help and receive a free meal; youth earn service hours. Volunteer sign-ups after Masses on January 3rd & 4th & 10th & 11th or call Dick Heibel on 717-338-2044.

PRAY for those who are Sick Sharon Aanensen, Tom Miller, Avery, Craig Cruttenden, Carol Schorn, Joy Brown, Irene & Bernard Zaborowski, Gordon & Mary Ann Shuman, Mike Bunch, Rick & Paulette Nidel, Fr. Mike, Rose Crespo, Richard Storm, Philip Ulzheimer, Larry Weikert, Jakie Weikert, Mary Jo Losovsky, Ok Cha Jones, Mary Little, Lottie Pecher, Nancy Berry, Marilyn Crawford, Pete Crawford, Joyce Speelman, William Walsh, Tom Jackson, Wilbur Martin, James Campbell, Mary Catherine Nagengast, Katharina Brewer, Ann O'Toole, Noah Trimmer, Benjamin Sites, John J. Brennan, Christine Schriver, Natalee McClain, John Wheeler, Gail Pagac, Lauren Becker, Sandy Fox, Barbara Williams, Steve Hoke, Joe Sass, Alexis Shuman, Johnny Parkolay, Allie Freesland, Duke Bovey, Mary McGlaughlin, Roger & Donna Butt, Gene Pecher, Barb, Joani Patterson, Lilah Zep, Ranee Miller, Stephen Pauley, Nate O'Bradovich, Bruce & Mira Form, Lyn Becker, Paul Miller, Greg Farkas, Jodi Trio, Sammie Baker, Alicia Poslosky, Bill Lamb, Dorothy Faulkner, Marilyn Crawford and Paisley Topper. Please pray for the repose of the souls of Kevin Bilder, Meredith DeDona and Victor Paul Prugar.



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