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## A New Year's Prayer

May God make your year a happy one!  
Not by shielding you from all sorrows and pain,  
But by strengthening you to bear it, as it comes;  
Not by making your path easy,  
But by making you sturdy to travel any path;  
Not by taking hardships from you,  
But by taking fear from your heart;  
Not by granting you unbroken sunshine,  
But by keeping your face bright,  
even in the shadows;  
Not by making your life always pleasant,  
But by showing you  
when people and their causes need you most,  
and by making you anxious to be there to help.  
God's love, peace, hope and joy to you  
for the year ahead.

~Anonymous

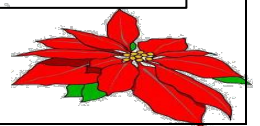
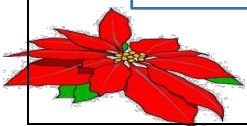
## PREGHIERA PER L'ANNO NUOVO

o Signore, che tra le braccia  
porti l'anno appena nato:  
accompagnalo, lungo il cammino,  
di bianca pace illuminato.

Mettigli in capo una ghirlanda  
di giornate buone e serene,  
perchè tutti nel vasto mondo  
come fratelli si vogliano bene.

Mettigli in mano per i poverelli  
pane e fuoco e un po' d'amore:  
fai che i suoi giorni rechino in fronte  
la tua immagine, o Signore.

(Graziella Ajmone)



## January 1, 2023 – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Today's feast affirms that the Blessed Virgin Mary is truly the Mother of God and shows the importance of her role in the mystery of our salvation.

The life of Jesus begins with Mary. Mary is not only Jesus' Mother but she is our Mother too and she cares for us and for all of God's family with the same love she had for Jesus. Jesus is the shortest way to the Father, Mary is the shortest way to Jesus. She knows exactly how to please the Father. Jesus is the gate of heaven and Mary is the pathway to the gate. Jesus is the bread of life and Mary is the bakery where this bread is produced. Mary is a testimony of God's omnipotence. The gospel says Mary pondered all these things in her heart. She treasured the Word of God which later took flesh in her womb. It is also an invitation to treasure the Word of God in our hearts and know that with God all things are possible. A New Year with Mary Mother of God and our Mother is the best way to start and walk all the way.



IN questo primo giorno del nuovo anno è bello scambiarsi gli auguri di bene e di prosperità: essi ci provengono anzitutto dalla benedizione di Aronne che chiede al Signore di proteggerci e di far brillare il suo volto su di noi.

E Dio ha esaudito questa invocazione attraverso il suo Figlio incarnato. Maria, obbediente alla volontà del Padre, ha dato alla luce la persona del Verbo e per questo possiamo invocarla a buon diritto con il titolo alto e sublime di "Madre di Dio".

La sua maternità ha segnato definitivamente la sua esistenza, che ha vissuto totalmente riferita al Figlio, nella gioia come nel dolore; ha conservato ogni parola e gesto di Gesù, meditando tutto nel suo cuore e lo ha seguito fino al gesto del suo sacrificio supremo nella passione e nella morte. In Maria noi vediamo allora l'immagine della Chiesa e dell'atteggiamento che deve avere ogni discepolo di Gesù Cristo per condividere la sua stessa gloria nella risurrezione, di cui Maria è segno, esempio e anticipazione.

### Mass Intentions

#### SUNDAY January 1 – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

8:00 AM – COMMUNITY

10:00 AM COMMUNITY

12:00 PM

5:00 PM –

#### MONDAY January 2 – Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory

8:00 am – †

7:00 pm – †

#### TUESDAY January 3 – The Most Holy Name of Jesus

8:00 AM †

7:00 PM - †

#### WEDNESDAY January 4 – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

8:00 AM †

7:00 PM - † Cathy Malisani

#### THURSDAY January 5 – St. John Newman

8:00 AM †

7:00 PM - † Jao, Filomena, Jose Luis Camara

#### FRIDAY January 6 – St. Andre Basette

8:00 AM †

7:00 PM – 25<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of Philip & Sophia Fernandez  
†

#### SATURDAY, January 7- St. Raymond

8:00 AM – †

5:00 PM – † Nicola Tancredi

#### SUNDAY, January 8 – Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 AM †

10:00 AM †

12:00 PM † Lolita & Edgardo Dadia; Giustino Coccia

5:00 PM †



Let us include in our prayer  
**Giovanna Scali, Nicola Buonerva**  
**Ida Cito**

Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord,  
And let perpetual light shine upon them and  
may they rest in peace. Amen.

*Un sincero grazie a tutti i parrochiani per il vostro supporto finanziario per la chiesa e a tutti coloro che offrono il loro tempo prezioso per servire la comunita' nei vari ministeri della nostra parrocchia.*

*Un grazie special a tutti i parrochiani, alle scuole, alle parrocchie e gli enti di affair che hanno risposto con generosita' distinta al nostra richiesta di generi alimentary per poveri nell'occasioni delle feste natalizie.*

**Che il Divin Infante, Gesu' vi volmi della sua gioia e pace!**



*Office Closed*

January 1 & 2, 2023

**To everyone who had donated generously gift cards, toys and non-perishable food for our needy parishioners .....**  
**To the volunteers who give their time, strength and effort ....**



*"Truly, I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to Me."  
 Matt. 25.40*

**Dear Father,**  
**Your Word says the prayer of faith shall heal the sick.**  
**We ask you today to heal us from every sickness, disease and illness.**  
**Please touch us with Your healing hand and give us the comfort and peace to get through.**  
**In Jesus' name, Amen.**

**Preghiera per l'ammalato**



Gesu',  
 il Tuo Sangue puro e sano  
 circoli nel mio organismo  
 malato,  
 ed il Tuo Corpo puro e sano  
 trasformi il mio corpo  
 malato  
 e pulsi in me una vita  
 sana e forte,  
 se e' la Tua Santa Volonta'.

*Sincere thanks to all parishioners for their weekly donations, and to those who offered their precious time and energy to serve the community through the various ministries, without counting the cost.*

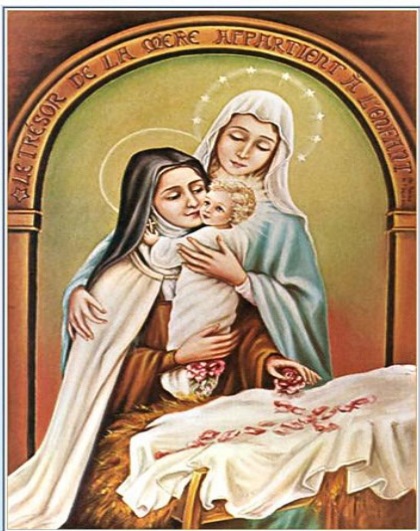
*A special thanks to our parishioners, to the churches, schools, businesses, donors, who responded so generously for our food drive appeal throughout the year and especially during the season of Advent and Christmas.*

**May the Divine Infant Jesus, reward you with gift of joy and peace!!!!**



**On the lighter side.... ☺**

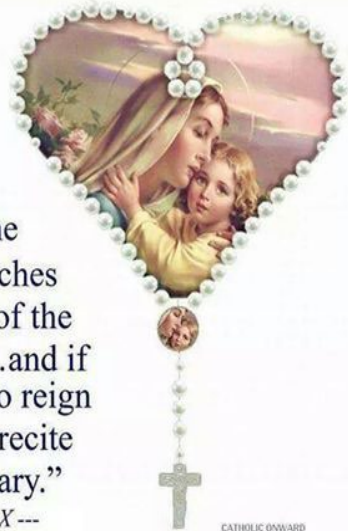
A husband and wife are in church. The preacher notices that the husband has fallen asleep and says to the wife, "Wake your husband up!" The wife answers, "You're the one who made him fall asleep, you wake him up!"



La Santa Vergine non manca mai di proteggermi appena la invoco.  
 Se mi sopravviene una preoccupazione, subito mi volgo a Lei, e sempre, come la più tenera delle Madri, Ella si prende cura dei miei interessi.  
 Ho un bell'impegnarmi nel meditare i Misteri del Rosario e non sempre arrivo a fissare il mio spirito, ma Ella vede la mia buona volontà, e se ne contenta.  
 Santa Teresa di Lisieux dal suo Libro Storia di un Anima

"The Rosary is the most beautiful and the most rich in graces of all prayers; it is the prayer that touches most the Heart of the Mother of God...and if you wish peace to reign in your homes, recite the family Rosary."

--- Pope Saint Pius X ---



**Welcome, new parishioners!**

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