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PASTOR'S PEN

Greetings in Christ Jesus!

For us Catholics, every new year begins with Mary as Mother. We were all born of a mother, and many millions of women are mothers. On the New Year's Day, we are to think about and celebrate Mary as the Mother of God. Her trust in God, and her faith in the future, is one reason why we honor Mary today, the first day of the new year.

At the human, biological level Mary is our precious link to the incarnate Son of God, Jesus Christ, whose birth some 2020 years ago we recall at Christmas. Mary leads us uniquely and constantly to Christ's incarnation, his taking on of flesh and blood. Far from being a distracting alternative to Christ, devotion to Mary attaches us more firmly to her Son.

One delightful wordplay in Latin thought of 'Ave', the angelic greeting to Mary, precisely as the reversal of the name 'Eva'. Mary stands among us, creatures in need of redemption, yet supremely without sin and full of faith. Mary represents the ideal believer, for she hears the good news and ponders it in her heart, and fully responds to it. Her heart becomes the place of discovering Jesus, and who he truly is.

Mary, who was through her motherhood and shared life was so intimately bound up with Christ, continues also in bodily ways as well as spiritually to be uniquely close to him. She is assumed into heaven, body and soul.

Mary encircles in her arms not just her own Son Jesus, but all those who are destined to have life in him, the whole human race. As the New Eve she is truly Mother of all the Living, and so is Mother of each one of us. Small wonder that she is also called 'Mother of the Church'.

Mary's entire life, and the Church's entire life, is centered on that process of pondering who that child now born to us really is. Mary in contemplating her son becomes the Church reflecting on the Incarnation. It is this aspect of Mary's motherhood that is most important for our new year, a year in which we continue our own journey of the heart towards God.

By the grace of God, on this day and throughout the new year, let us resolve to remember always what Mary gave the world and what she continues to give to us. And may we continue to learn from her, and grow in fidelity, and love, and trust.

Bless this New Year O God and form us into a community of faith, hope and love.

Happy & Blessed New Year to you!

Fr.Maschio.

JANUARY 1ST - SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD - HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

New Year's Eve	December 31 st	4:00 PM	St. Patricks (make note of the 4:00 PM time)
New Year's Day	January 1 st	8:00 AM	St. Patricks
New Year's Day	January 1 st	10:00 AM	Holy Rosary

TO BE CHILDLIKE PHOTOS

Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child, he is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 18:3-4)
 Thank you to all who brought in your pictures! Next week we'll have the names on the pictures, this week you get to guess who is who!

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

SATURDAY Holy Mass	December 26th 5:00 PM Hallock Charles & Mary Reese
SUNDAY Holy Mass	December 27th 9:00 AM Hallock Rose Cooney
Holy Mass	11:00 AM Lancaster Pro Populo
MONDAY Holy Mass	December 28th 8:00 AM Hallock Ingrid Ulyott
TUESDAY Holy Mass	December 29th 8:00 AM Hallock Father Bryan Kujawa
WEDNESDAY Holy Mass	December 30th 8:00 AM Hallock Verona Karboviak (1 year Requiem)
THURSDAY Holy Mass	December 31st 4:00 PM Hallock NEW YEAR'S EVE Phillip O'Hearn
FRIDAY Holy Mass	JANUARY 1st 8:00 AM Hallock NEW YEAR'S DAY Pro Populo
Holy Mass	10:00 AM Lancaster Louie Masloski
SATURDAY Holy Mass	JANUARY 2nd 5:00 PM Hallock Evie Karboviak
SUNDAY Holy Mass	JANUARY 3RD 9:00 AM Hallock Pro Populo
Holy Mass	11:00 AM Lancaster Leona Chalaturnyk

Masses can be requested from the parish at anytime, for the living or the dead, or for any good intention. A \$5 offering is customary for each request.

ADORATION SCHEDULE

We will not be having adoration December 30th. We will resume January 6th.

PRAYER LIST

Those who are Sick, Struggling, Recovering

Elmer Hungate
 Sophie Olsonawski
 Eleanor Kraska
 Cathy Cleem
 Iver Cleem
 Janet Olsonawski
 Dion Turgeon
 Jeanette Forfang
 Kim Short
 Wayne Stewart
 LeRoy Vonasek
 Renee Stewart
 Robb Brown
 Bonita Hanson
 Ruth Hennen
 Dorothy Barber
 Dave Fertig

Deceased Loved Ones

Catherine Klegstad
 MaryAnn Schmiedeberg
 Leona Chalaturnyk
 Helen Potrament
 Irene Kiesow
 Rosemary Cooney
 Don DeLorme
 Mark Rocznik
 Betty Lockman
 Susan Weaver
 Andi Olsonawski
 Walt Crummy
 H Jeannie Howe
 Louise Docken

Email the parish office with those you would like listed above for prayer each month.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY LIST

Thursday December 31st 4:00 PM St. Patrick
 Sacristan: Erick Gubbels
 Servers: Asher & Parker Olsonawski
 Commentator: Carol Olsonawski
 Lector: Hank Noel
 Ushers: Nathan Olsonawski & Mike Olsonawski

Friday: January 1st 8:00 AM St. Patrick
 Minister: Volunteers

Friday January 1st 10:00 AM Holy Rosary
 Minister: Volunteers

Saturday January 2nd 5:00 PM St. Patrick
 Sacristan: Erick Gubbels
 Ministers: Volunteers

Sunday January 3rd 9:00 AM St. Patrick
 Sacristan: Jeff Reese
 Servers: Noah Olson & Avery Wiese
 Commentator: Carol Olsonawski
 Lector: Gloria Cedergren
 Ushers: Phil Muir & Shane Stewart
 Money Counters: Keith Urbaniak & Jay Friedt

Sunday January 3rd 11:00 AM Holy Rosary
 Ministers: Volunteers

USING FELLOWSHIP HALL FOR MASS

To provide more space for those who wish to participate in the weekend Holy Mass at St. Patrick's, the fellowship hall is available to view and hear the Mass live on the screen located there.

CALENDARS

The 2021 calendars are here and available in the entry for you pick up after Mass. We have plenty so take as many as you need.

ENVELOPES

The 2021 giving envelopes are ready to be picked up in the entry of St. Patrick's church.

FORMED.ORG

Don't forget about a great resource for us is our subscription to FORMED!
 To access our account:
 Go to: www.Formed.org
 Our parish code is: WPKWQV.

ST. PATRICK'S MONTHLY CONTRIBUTION REPORT

2020 Charitable Contributions:

	<u>November</u>	<u>October</u>
In-Church Contributions:	\$4063.00	\$4459.00
On-Line Contributions:	\$1141.67	\$1741.67