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# Immaculate Conception of the BVM “St. Mary’s”

# Saint Rita’s 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

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**Mass Schedule** Saturday · 4:30pm Sunday · 8:30 & 11:00am

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& Tuesday Morning After Mass

**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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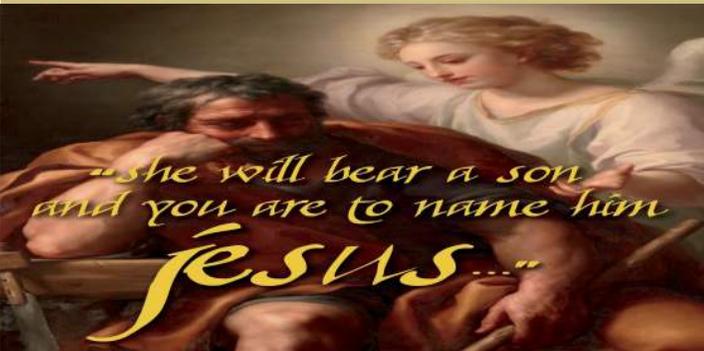
Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 21 2025

## Our Stewardship

December 7 & 14, 2025

St. Mary		St. Rita	
Weekly Budget	\$4,300 <sup>00</sup>	Sunday 12/7	\$2,868 <sup>00</sup>
Sunday 12/7	\$2,868 <sup>00</sup>	Repair 12/7	\$3,050 <sup>00</sup>
Repair 12/7	\$1,660 <sup>00</sup>	Holy Day 12/8	\$750 <sup>00</sup>
Holy Day 12/8	\$901 <sup>00</sup>	Sunday 12/14	\$3,798 <sup>00</sup>
Sunday 12/14	\$3,290 <sup>00</sup>	Retirement 12/14	\$881 <sup>00</sup>
Retirement 12/14	\$1,997 <sup>00</sup>		



## Scripture Readings

For the Week of December 21, 2025

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b> Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Rm 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24
<b>Monday</b>	1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
<b>Tuesday</b>	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14; Lk 1:57-66
<b>Wednesday</b>	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29; Lk 1:67-79
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>The Nativity of the Lord</b> <i>Vigil Mass:</i> Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or Mt 1:18-25 <i>Mass during the Night:</i> Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14 <i>Mass at Dawn:</i> Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20 <i>Mass during the Day:</i> Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Feast of Saint Stephen, First Martyr</b> Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17; Mt 10:17-22
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Feast of Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist</b> 1 Jn 1:14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a and 2-8
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</b> Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

St. Mary	Extraordinary Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers	Ushers
12/27 5:00pm	B. Liska/D. Sanders/D. Ritchie	C. Macuirles	Volunteers	J. Kincius/R. Maturo
12/28 8:00am	D. & S. Ranney/D. Heibel	K. Farabaugh	Volunteers	T. & J. Tippett
12/28 10:30am	P. Leister/A. Bohn/D. Sprinkle	B. Carr	Volunteers	Volunteers
St. Rita	Extraordinary Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers	Money Counters
12/27 4:30pm	A. White	A. Shepard	Volunteers	12/28 J. Kenney
12/28 8:30am	J. Crawford/J. Lowrie	B. Lowrie	Volunteers	1/4 A. Hauryski
12/28 11:00am	P. & L. Crawford	J. Orlando	Volunteers	1/11 A. Serpi

### St. Mary Mass Intentions

Saturday 12/20	8:00am	† Roger Semplak.
	5:00pm	† JB Barefoot
Sunday 12/21	8:00am	† Teresa Rodgers
	10:30am	People of the Parish
Monday 12/22	8:00am	Intentions of Suzanne Treis
Tuesday 12/23	8:00am	Ints. of Archbishop Timothy Broglio
Wednesday 12/24	8:00am	Living & Decd. People of Ukraine
Vigil	5:00pm	† Melvin L. Losovsky
Mass	10:00pm	† Mary Ann Carr
Thursday 12/25	10:00am	Living & Deceased Military
Friday 12/26	8:00am	† Gene & Ruth Sites
Saturday 12/27	8:00am	† Noel & Ariel Nunez
	5:00pm	† Melvin L. Losovsky
Sunday 12/28	8:00am	People of the Parish
	10:30am	† Ted Kane

### St. Rita Mass Intentions

Saturday 12/20	9:00AM	NO MASS
	4:30pm	† Antoinette Flook
Sunday 12/21	8:30am	People of the Parish
	11:00am	† Darlene McCleaf
Monday 12/22	9:00am	† Christopher Bland
Tuesday 12/23	9:00am	Intentions of Michelle Devlin
Wednesday 12/24	9:00am	Intentions of Murray McCarty
Vigil	4:30pm	Intentions of Peter Griffith
Mass	10:00pm	Ints. of Charlotte Folkenroth
Thursday 12/25	9:00am	† Joseph Lowrie
Friday 12/26	9:00am	† Mr. & Mrs. C. W. Jones
Saturday 12/27	9:00am	The Kim Family
	4:30pm	Intentions of Ellen Robertson
Sunday 12/28	8:30am	People of the Parish
	11:00am	† Charles S. Jones

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**Both Churches** there is a Christmas Flower envelope in your packets please put in the collection basket anytime during Advent. If you don't get envelopes, please use a plain one and put who there are in honor of or in memory of and your name. Thank you.

**ST. RITA'S SUNDAY SOCIAL December 21st** after both of the morning Masses. Donuts and Seasonal treats will be provided. Please join us for fellowship, morning snacks, and beverages in the Parish Hall.

**St. Rita's Church Christmas Decorating:** Please join us following **this weekend's 11AM Mass** to help decorate our church as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Lord. Enjoy some music as our choir practices. All ages are welcome. Treats will be provided when we are finished.

**St Mary's Church Christmas Decorating** will take place **after the 10:30AM Mass today**. All are welcome to help.

**St. Mary's Story of Faith For December** Please see Story of Faith "Miracle of the Rosary", available on red draped table in the foyer.

**Merry Christmas & Happy New Year** from Fr. Peter, Fr. Mar-sia and the parish staff.

**If you would like to become a member of either parish and received envelopes** You need to fill out a census card and return to the parish office so we have the correct information to add you. We need the correct mailing address and phone number. We cannot send you envelopes until all of this is done. Thank you.

**Bulletin Announcements must be submitted to the parish office 10 days before the bulletin date. With the holidays coming 15 days earlier. Thank you**

**Gettysburg Soup Kitchen Ministry** St Rita's will be sponsoring a Food Drive for the Gettysburg Soup Kitchen on the weekend Dec 20 & 21 in time for the Christmas holidays. Funds collected will be used to purchase fresh vegetables and fruits, bulk meats, canned goods and dessert items to supplement their pantry supplies. Non-perishable items are also welcome and will be delivered along with purchased items. Cash or checks made out to "Chris Manning" are being collected. There will also be a collection box marked "Gettysburg Soup Kitchen" located in the back of the church. Contact Chris with questions (703) 678-3055 or [cm.manning@comcast.net](mailto:cm.manning@comcast.net).

**Pro Life Corner** For all parents awaiting the birth of their child: May they look to the Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph and follow their example of cherishing and protecting human life.

**Christmas Schedule for St. Rita's** Wednesday, December 24th, 4:30PM Vigil, & 10PM Mass. Christmas Day, 10AM. December 31st Vigil 4:30PM, January 1st 10AM.

**Christmas Schedule for St. Mary's** Wednesday, December 24th, 5PM Vigil, & 10PM Mass. Christmas Day, 10AM. December 31st, Vigil 5PM, January 1st, 10AM.

**ADORATION** There will be no Adoration at St. Mary's the weeks of Christmas and New Year'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](mailto:piratefans@comcast.net)). We are especially in need of another adorer on Fridays for the 11:00 and 1:00 hours.

**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](mailto: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 Dilulio at [563-940-4907](tel:563-940-4907)/[jandiulio@icloud.com](mailto:jandiulio@icloud.com) to register as soon as possible.

**The PCCW Health Committee/Parish Nurses** would like to thank everyone who has participated in our blood pressure monitoring program throughout the years. We will no longer be offering monthly blood pressure screening. Our nurses are aging and there are fewer nurses willing to commit to the monitoring program. We feel the best option is to end the program. We encourage you to continue to monitor your blood pressure regularly and contact your health professional with any concerns or changes.

**A trip to Sight & Sound to see "Joshua"** has been planned for Tuesday, July 14, 2026! Please arrive at St. Mary's by 9:15 AM. We will stop for lunch at Shady Maple Smorgasboard. Then, we will go to the theater for the 3:00 show. We should return to St. Mary's around 7:45 PM. The cost for the coach bus seat, a ticket to the show with **Preferred Seating**, and lunch is \$160.00 per person including tips for the meal and the driver. There is a flyer with more information and a sign-up sheet in the lobby. Payments can be made at any time by making a check to St. Mary's. Please place it in an envelope marked "Bus Trip 2026" and place in the offering basket. This trip could make a wonderful Christmas gift! **All money due by April 1st, 2026.**



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