

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 28, 2024



# ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

## MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 2024 (5:00 PM)

Dt 18:15-20 | Psalm 95:1-2,6-9 | 1Cor 7:32-35 | Mark 1:21-28



Special intention of Anthony Trimboli

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2024 (9:00 AM)

For the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2024 (11:00 AM)

†Larry Ward

MONDAY, JANUARY 29, 2024

2Samuel 15:13-14,30; 16:5-13 | Psalm 3:2-7 | Mark 5:1-20

## NO MASS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2024 (7:00 PM)

2Samuel 18:9-10,14b,24-25a,30-19:3 | Psalm 86:1-6 | Mark 5:21-43

†Lisa Costa

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2024 (9:00 AM)

2Samuel 24:2,9-17 | Psalm 32:1-2, 5-7 | Mark 6:1-6

Special intentions of Ettore & Maria Binotto and Renzo Zuccarelli

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2024 (9:00 AM)

1Kin 2:1-4,10-12 | Ps 1Ch 29:10,11ab,11d-12a,12bcd | Mark 6:7-13

Special intention of Ruth Apperley

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2024 (9:00 AM)

Malachi 3:1-4 | Psalm 24:7-10 | Heb 2:14-18 | Luke 2:22-40

Blessings for Samantha Cameron

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2024 (9:00 AM)

1 Kings 3:4-13 | Psalm 119:9-14 | Mark 6:30-34

Blessings for Benny Lobo, Tessie Tesoro and Stephen & Diya Lim  
Hoye Yee and family

## EUCARISTIC ADORATION

Wed. & Thurs. 9:30 am - 10:30 am

Friday 9:30 am to 12:00 noon

## DAILY DEVOTIONS

(after Mass)

Tuesday – Sts. Anne & Joachim

Wed. – Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Thursday - St. Jude

Friday – Sacred Heart of Jesus

Saturday – St. Michael

Confessions: Sat. 9:30 to 10:30 am

## Support Your Parish:

1. Drop off or mail your regular weekly offertory contribution to the parish office.

2. Contribute to your parish offertory by credit card. You can make a one time or recurring contribution to your parish's offertory or other special funds.

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4. You can contribute to the offertory via on-line banking.  
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## PASTOR'S BLOG

Welcome back to the pastors blog. Many thanks to Deacon John for his insightful message about the power of prayer last weekend while I was away on vacation. Looks like it was a good week to go as well, avoided the bitter cold. No, I did not plan to leave when I saw the weather forecast...but I am sure glad that I was not here for it. #sorrynotsorry

Anyways, over the years, I have been learning how to really take advantage of vacation time. When I was first ordained, I would need a vacation from my vacation because I just tried to do too much and exhausted when I returned. As I am getting older, I have learned that vacation can be a time to just pick up a book that I have been wanting to read, but have no time to do so at the parish. This year, the book that I chose was "What is Christianity?" By Pope Benedict XVI. Effectively, it is a collection of his last writings while he was Emeritus. While he no longer felt and discerned that he could not hold the Petrine Office, his mind was certainly still very sharp. With many different topics that he was writing about, the one that got me into a reflective mind was titled "Monotheism and Tolerance." I will unpack later my reflections as I am still sorting them out and making sense of them in prayer.

Also, while we can take a vacation from work we cannot take a vacation from God. So, while on vacation, my brother priests and I still offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, we still pray the Divine Office, we still pray our rosary and any other devotions we might have. One of the things we noticed this year at meal times was the amount of people that were praying publicly before meals by making the sign of the cross. A few times we commended them for their witness to the faith.

Returning to the parish, I am excited about the new prayer ministry that we are beginning in February at St. Mary's. We look forward to having our 1st Friday adoration this coming Friday February 2nd at 7pm, our 1st Saturday Intercessory Prayer on February 3rd following Mass and the Divine Mercy Chaplet prayed at 3pm on Zoom (if you are at work, why not use your second break and join us in prayer?)

The beginning of our prayer ministry also coincides with the "Year of Prayer" that was officially opened up by Pope Francis in preparation for the 2025 Jubilee Year. In his 21 January Angelus, Pope Francis expressed that the Year of Prayer is dedicated to "rediscovering the great value and absolute need of prayer in personal life, in the life of the Church, and of the world."

Following the lead of the Holy Spirit, we entrust our prayer ministry to Our Lady, Star of the Sea. May she help us to discover how to pray in today's culture so that it can be effective and fruitful in our lives and the lives of those around us.

Fr Michael

PS: Here is a little picture after Mass on Sunday while on vacation which was offered for the people of the parish.



## YOUTH MINISTRY - TOTUS TUUS IS BACK!

The youth of the parish are invited to join us for Totus Tuus Summer Camp this summer the week of July 15th! For those of you who may not know. Totus Tuus is an Archdiocesan program whereby seminarians and young adults travel to different parishes, spreading the Good News of our Lord through catechesis, Mass, Confession, songs and games! The Day camp is for children entering grades 1-6 and runs Monday to Friday and the Evening Program is for youth entering grades 7-12 and runs Sunday to Thursday. The cost is only \$125/child for the whole week for the day program and \$25/child for the whole week for the evening program. Registration is now open and you can find it online on the Parish Website or at the exits of the Church. For more information, please contact Sam, the Youth Minister!

### SSVP AND THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Thanks to your generosity, we were able to make Christmas brighter for 76 households, consisting of 119 adults, of which 17 are seniors, plus 49 children. We distributed \$15,630 in store vouchers, and \$1,476 in bus tickets for a grand total of \$17,106. May God bless you. **St. Mary's continues to be the "little parish that could" (and does!).**

### SSVP – TAX RECEIPTS

As always, we are grateful to our donors. Tax receipts will be mailed in the next week. Receipts are sent for donations of \$20 or more. Receipts are available for donations under \$20 by request.

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### LEGION OF MARY BOOK BORROW

The Legion of Mary will have their monthly book borrow after the 9 and 11 am Masses this Sunday, January 28, 2024. Feel free to browse or borrow a book. Kindly return any books you may have previously loaned.

### THIS WEEK'S VOTIVE LAMP DEDICATIONS

#### TABERNACLE

Special intentions of Ettore & Maria Binotto  
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#### SACRED HEART OF JESUS

For the conversion of sinners  
For the conversion of sinners

#### OUR BLESSED MOTHER

In Loving Memory of Lena Winniski  
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#### ST. JOSEPH

In Thanksgiving



**DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET 3PM  
(ONLINE)  
EVERY FRIDAY BEGINNING IN FEBRUARY**

Please join us virtually every Friday afternoon at 3pm  
to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

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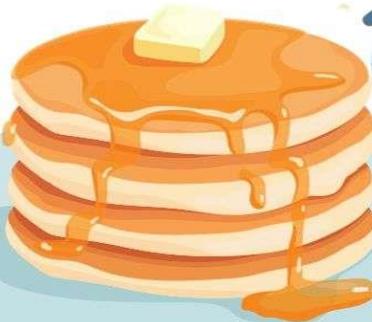
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**SUN, FEBRUARY 11, 2024**

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to Steubenville Catholic Conference this summer!**