Mission Statement

We, the people of Mary, Queen of Peace, are called to be a Catholic faith community centered around prayer and worship and embodying Gospel values. We are a family of Christians committed to growth in faith and holiness as signs of God’s presence in the world. We act in imitation of Christ, by reaching beyond ourselves in service to others.

Mass Schedule

- Saturday Anticipation: 5:00 pm
- Sunday: 8:00 am and 10:30 am
- Weekday: Tuesday and Thursday at 5:30 pm
- Wednesday and Friday: 8:30 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

- Saturday: 3:45-4:30 pm, before any Mass, or anytime by appointment.

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms are celebrated on the second and fourth Sundays of the month, after the 10:30 Mass. Parents who have not yet received pre-baptismal instruction are required to attend a Baptismal Preparation Session. For more information please call the Parish Office.

Sacrament of Marriage

Contact Barbara Taylor—Wedding Coordinator—941.961.2487 dtbt1412@yahoo.com

Contact the parish office at least 6 months in advance.

Sacrament of Anointing

In an emergency, call the Parish Office at anytime. If you or a loved one are hospitalized, confined to home, or residing at a health care facility, contact the Parish Office to receive the Eucharist and/or Anointing.

Interested in Becoming Catholic?

Inquiry classes begin in September as part of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Contact Jeff Earl 317.626.0811 or rcia@mqpdanville.org.

Bulletin Deadline

Please submit bulletin announcements by 10:00 pm on Sunday’s to amw1005@iquest.net, also a copy to patsmooney@indy.rr.com and tjmobrien@sbcglobal.net Thank you.

Third Sunday of Advent ● December 13, 2015
For all those living in assisted living and nursing homes, also Bob Elliott, Ken Warner, Betty Schmutte, Rita Fritsch, David Sheets, Bob Sturm, Pauline Cave, Casey Juza, Eva Tax, Mary O’Brien and Meeda Lentz. We ask that the Lord heal them and restore them to good health.

If you know of someone who needs the special healing power of prayer, or to become a part of this ministry, call Fran Strauss at 317-745-5640.

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Monday, December 14**  
No Mass.

**Tuesday, December 15**  
5:10 p.m.  Rosary.
5:30 p.m.  In loving memory of Herb Myers.

**Wednesday, December 16**  
8:30 a.m.  † For all the poor souls.  
Rosary in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

**Thursday, December 17**  
5:10 p.m. Rosary.
5:30 p.m.  † For all the poor souls.

**Friday, December 18**  
8:30 a.m.  † In loving memory of Paul Bailey.  
Rosary in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

**Saturday, December 19**  
5:00 p.m.  † In loving memory of Irene Lashbrook.

**Sunday, December 20   Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
8:00 a.m.  For our family, Mary, Queen of Peace.  
10:30 a.m.  † In loving memory of Mabel Gibbs.

**In Honor of our Blessed Mother Mary, Queen of Peace**

In loving memory of Charles Andrew Murphy and Joseph Spugnardi.

If you would like to make a donation for fresh flowers to be placed before Mary’s statue in the church, please use the envelopes that are located in the vestibule. Donations will be accepted in honor of our Blessed Mother, Mary, Queen of Peace and given in the name of whomever you choose. Envelopes can be dropped in the collection. Thank you, The Liturgy Committee.

**A Prelude to Midnight Mass:**

**Thursday, December 24th, at 11:30 p.m.**

Join your Mary, Queen of Peace Choir for a Christmas carol sing-along and program of musical reflections on "The Reason for the Season." Plan on arriving at Mass early that night so you can enjoy a concert and get a good seat.

**Photographers needed for Christmas programs, etc.**

If interested call Mary O'Brien at 317-627-0752 or tjmobrien@sbcglobal.net.

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**Collection for December 6, 2015**

**This Week's Regular Collection (144 envelopes)**  
$7,720.00

**This Week’s Gold Envelope Collection (45 envelopes)**  
$1,658.00

**Immaculate Conception (3 envelopes)**  
$115.00

**Christmas Gift to Seminarians**  
$1,628.53

**Christmas Memorial Flowers (25 envelopes)**  
$930.00

**Budgeted Year-to-Date**  
$174,386.00

**Actually Received**  
$171,355.96

**Variance to Budget**  
$-3,030.04

**Time & Talent**

We would like to thank Kathy & John Chapin for the beautiful flower arrangement that they made for Christ the King.

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**United Catholic Appeal Update**

- We have met our goal!
- The total collected so far is: $33,215.00.
- Thank you for your support of the parish and the Archdiocese of Indianapolis with your gifts of time, talent and treasure.

**Historic Christmas Festival at St. John’s in Downtown Indy**

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in downtown Indy is hosting the fourth annual Christkindl Village “Christ Child Village” on December 18-19, 2015. The festival will run from 5:00-9:00 p.m. on Friday, December 18, and 12:00-9:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 19, on the West block of Georgia Street and in the parking lot of St. John Catholic Church located at 126 West Georgia Street.
**God has found me worthy to be a minister of His Gospel, and so when I speak, I strive to please God and not men.**

1 Thessalonians 2:4

Dear Friends,

“The Lord, your God, is in your midst.” We hear those words on this Third Sunday of Advent, words that remind us to continue our joyful vigilance. This Third Sunday is called *Gaudete Sunday*. Its name comes from the Latin for “rejoice.” The rose vestments are worn, the rose candle of the Advent wreath is lit, all as reminders that the joy and miracle of the Incarnation of Christ at Christmas is near. Truly, as the Scriptures tell us this weekend, “Rejoice in the Lord always!”

These holy days leading up to Christmas are a time of preparation, of reflection and, as St. John the Baptist reminds us today, ones of sharing. They are days in which to give thanks and also to share with those less fortunate than ourselves. This is one way in which we make present the Lord in our midst. Whether or not it consists in taking a name from the giving tree, contributing to St. Vincent de Paul or some other random act of kindness and charity, sharing and giving to another makes our Lord ever more in our midst.

Our second reading today from St. Paul has been one of my favorites for many years. Quite honestly, while a favorite, it is also one of the most difficult to live. I can usually handle the “rejoice in the Lord” part; it is the “have no anxiety at all” part that I find difficult! I realize that almost everyone else finds this admonition to be very challenging as well. While we profess faith; while we do indeed have faith, still it is not always easy to “let go” and not fret about things, is it? I don’t believe I’ve ever read any writer put this forth but perhaps St. Paul wrote these words of encouragement because he himself knew what it was to live with anxiety. And, perhaps we live with this because of our fallen human nature. Until the fall of man, humanity knew no anxiety or fear. So, ever since that choice away from God, we live the struggle to believe and truly believe without fear; with no reservations. I know that each of us has probably known people who live this way and we all admire them, don’t we? Their example can give us courage and strength too. What a perfect Advent prayer for us to offer!

I think our Advent Penance Service last Wednesday was very well attended! It was great having the number of folks we had come for Confession! In this “Year of Mercy,” experience the forgiveness of God in this holy Sacrament!

I’ll be a tad early but I want to put this in **bold, dark** type so none of us forgets: **Masses for Christmas are:**

- **Thursday, December 24th at 4:00 p.m.**
- **Friday, December 25th at Midnight at 10:30 a.m.**

Please pass along these Mass times to someone who may not be aware of the special holiday schedule!!

Better go for now. May the good God help us as we continue our Advent journey to Christmas! God bless you all!

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**Mary Queen of Peace Jackets**

Dennis Graves again will be taking orders for MQP jackets on Sunday, December 13 & 20. Hopefully, they will be here for Christmas. Orders taken on December 13 will be more likely. They will be $40. Sizes range from small to 6xl. They are available in fleece (long-sleeve & vest) and wind breaker. The colors are blue for men and blue or pink for women.

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**Youth Activities**

Keep that ball in the middle of the lane! On Tuesday, December 22, middle school youth programs from around the West Deanery will be getting together to knock over the pins at Brownsburg Bowl. We’ll gather to talk, bowl, get to know each other a little, and have fun. $10 gets your bowl on from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Get yourself a permission form from the bulletin boards, if you didn't get one in class.

The Middle School Event is this Sunday, December 13, after the 10:30 Mass. (The day was wrong in last Sunday’s bulletin.) We will be taking the children shopping and do some activities with them downstairs. We will also be taking donations this week. Thank you all for the help!

High school students: Do you need some extra/different exercise to burn some calories between Christmas and New Year? Concerned you will be too idle during Christmas break? Learn to ski, or show off your expertise at the West Deanery ski trip to Perfect North in Lawrenceburg, IN. A bus will take us from St. Susanna in Plainfield there and back. Transport and lift ticket for this all-day event will be the low price of $65! Permission forms are definitely necessary. Get one from the narthex/youth room bulletin boards.

Our next scheduled youth group meeting is on January 10th, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

We are looking for one more high school person (entering or graduating) to commit to our Mission Trip to Appalachia next July 10-16. More are certainly welcome; we need one to meet the minimum for the group. Contact Matthew for more details, or explore at: catholicmissiontrips.net

**ADVANCED NOTICE:** the youth group will be hosting our annual Family Taco-Bingo Night on January 23rd, after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Dinner and bingo with prizes for adults and kids. Funds raised that evening will help pay for our mission trip to Appalachia next July.
Holiday Mass Schedule

Masses for Christmas
Thursday, December 24
4:00 p.m.  Christmas Vigil Mass
Friday, December 25
Midnight  Christmas Mass
10:30 a.m.  Christmas Mass

Masses for New Year’s
Thursday, December 31
5:30 p.m.  Mary, Mother of God Vigil Mass
Friday, January 1
10:30 a.m.  Mary Mother of God Solemnity Mass

At A Glance Parish Calendar

SUNDAY, December 13
9:00 a.m.  Religious Education Classes
9:00 a.m.  Adult Education - Bible Timeline
9:00 a.m.  Breakfast hosted by the Knights of Columbus
9:15 a.m.  Christmas Play in Church
MONDAY, December 14
7:00 p.m.  Adult Education - Bible Timeline
TUESDAY, December 15
WEDNESDAY, December 16
THURSDAY, December 17
7:00 p.m.  R.C.I.A. Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults.  “Adoration”
FRIDAY, December 18
SATURDAY, December 19

Liturgical Meditations

Monday, December 14, 2015
Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17a/Psalms 25:4-9/
 Matthew 21:23-27

Tuesday, December 15, 2015
Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13/Psalms 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23/
 Matthew 21:28-32

Wednesday, December 16, 2015
Isaiah 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25/Psalms 85:9-14/
 Luke 7:18b-23

Thursday, December 17, 2015
Genesis 49:2, 8-10/Psalms 72:1-4, 7-8, 17/
 Matthew1:1-17

Friday, December 18, 2015
Jeremiah 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/
 Matthew 1:18-25

Saturday, December 19, 2015
Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a/Psalms 71:3-6, 16-17/
 Luke 1:5-25

Sunday, December 20, 2015
Micah 5:1-4a/Psalms 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19/
 Hebrews 10:5-10/Luke 1:39-45

Liturgyical Ministers Schedule

Weekend of December 19 & 20

COORDINATORS
5:00 p.m.  Kathy Stamper
8:00 a.m.  Jeannie Thurnall
10:30 a.m.  Mary Kay Hood

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY
5:00 p.m.  Dianne Guadaitis, Michael Guadaitis
 Bart Hensley, Bob Mathis
8:00 a.m.  Michael Corbitt, Debbie Green
 Dave Peak, Jaycee Peak
10:30 a.m.  Alex Earl, Tonya Earl
 Jeff Perry, Not Filled

READERS
5:00 p.m.  D.J. DesJarlais, Miriam Orelup
8:00 a.m.  Dusti VanLaere, Nick Schmutte
10:30 a.m.  Kim Lovejoy, Mary Lovejoy

SERVERS
5:00 p.m.  Alyssa Scales, Averie Wray
8:00 a.m.  Ellie Howard, Magdalene VanLaere
10:30 a.m.  Amy Earl, Meredith Perry

EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION
5:00 p.m.  Ciborium:  Margie Williams
8:00 a.m.  Ciborium:  Jeannie Thurnall
10:30 a.m.  Ciborium:  Pat Baldwin
 Marcia Castagno

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