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
Barbara Taylor—Wedding Coordinator—941.961.2487
dbt1412@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.
Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, December 28
No Mass.

Tuesday, December 29
5:30 p.m.  No Mass.

Wednesday, December 30
8:30 a.m.  No Mass.

Thursday, December 31  MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD VIGIL
5:30 p.m.  For the health & well-being of Pete & Mary Barbarich.
6:00 p.m.  Adoration of the Most Holy Eucharist.

Friday, January 1  MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
10:10 a.m.  Benediction
10:30 a.m.  For vocations to the priesthood & religious life.

Saturday, January 2  VIGIL OF THE EPIPHANY
5:00 p.m.  For our family, Mary, Queen of Peace.

Sunday, January 3  THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
8:00 a.m.  † In loving memory of Martha Bates.
10:30 a.m.  † In loving memory of Mabel Gibbs.

Time ~ Talent ~ Treasure

Treasure
Because of an early publication deadline for this bulletin, there is no collection information. Collection numbers for December 20, December 25, December 27, and January 3 will be in the January 10 bulletin.

Time & Talent
Thank you to all on the Art & Environment Committee for making our worship area and the outside so beautiful for Christmas!

Religious Education

Religious education classes will resume on January 3.

We are getting into the season for winter weather. If winter snow causes classes to be cancelled the primary communication will be by email.

Students in the Level 3 and Level 4 classes may participate in the sacrament of reconciliation during their religious education class on January 10th. The Catholic faith is what we believe. The Catholic faith is what we do.

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

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. We will begin selling advanced, discounted tickets in January.

Our mission trip to Appalachia next July needs another member. Join us for a week of service (corporal acts of mercy!) building and repairing housing, and sharing the week with other young Catholics. Meeting the needy face-to-face is even more impactful. The contract requires a tenth person - that could be you!

Bereavement Ministry

If you have lost a loved one recently or know of a parishioner who has, please contact Helen Disney so that we can include the family in our ministry. 317-745-4867 or jimandhelendisney@gmail.com
“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,

As we continue to bask in the Octave days of Christmas, Holy Mother Church calls us together to observe the *Solemnity of the Holy Family.*

Two holy, elderly couples are presented to us in today’s Mass - Abram and Sarah, and Simeon and Anna. The common thread that weaves through each of these people’s lives is that they longed for something. Who among us has not experienced this same feeling and desire?

For Abram and Sarah, it was for a child. For Simeon and Anna, it was to behold the Messiah before they died. Perhaps the message of these holy people is that for a people of faith, often what we greatly desire comes only after a very long wait; and waiting is not something most of us are very good at! We can draw inspiration from the great faith and patience shown us by Abram, Sarah, Simeon and Anna!

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and St. Joseph, also offers us an example; an example that seems almost impossible to imitate. Well, that’s OK really because we are called to do our best and that means acknowledging our failings and beginning once more to better imitate the Holy Family.

Today, we also reflect upon the upcoming *Holy Day of Obligation of the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God.* Mass on December 31st will be offered at 5:30pm. On January 1st, Mass will be offered at 10:30am.

As the New Year prepares to dawn, we gather to place ourselves and our world under the protective mantle of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God! She is the Queen of Peace, to whom we can pray for an end to violence and all threats against the dignity and protection of human life; from conception to natural death. She is the Mother of Sorrows, who joins her heart and voice to ours as we bring to God our prayers and needs. She is *Theotokas,* the *God-Bearer,* through whose intercession we raise our prayers to the Lord Jesus, Who reigns in eternal glory! Mary is the Mother of the Church and our Mother. Who better to turn to in prayer than the Mother of Christ Himself? Mary, Mother of God, pray for us!

My humble thanks for your kind remembrances at Christmas! I wish you all a very *Happy New Year!* May this coming year be a time of blessing for all of us, our families and our friends! *Ad multos annos!*

Scott & Lisa Evans.

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Holy Day Mass Schedule

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

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Weekend of January 2 & 3
At publication time, the schedule was not yet available. Please check your email or watch for a postcard in the mail with the schedule. You will be receiving the full first trimester schedule as well as a reminder for the weekend of January 2 & 3, if it is your turn to serve.

Parish Town Hall
We apologize for any confusion caused by the cancellation of the December town hall gathering. It has been rescheduled for Tuesday, January 19, from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. in the church.

We had one town hall in November to gather feedback from members of the parish before we solidify the scope of our project, and encourage members of the parish to attend this second gathering so we can learn more.

Please bring your ideas for sharing with the group. We will be not only collecting ideas but also sharing some concepts that have been developed to-date by the team for your feedback. We look forward to talking to you.

Liturgical Meditations

Monday, December 28, 2015
1 John 1:5–2:2/Psalms 124:2-5, 7-8/Matthew 2:13-18

Tuesday, December 29, 2015

Wednesday, December 30, 2015
1 John 2:12-17/Psalms 96:7-10/Luke 2:36-40

Thursday, December 31, 2015
1 John 2:18-21/Psalms 96:1-2, 11-13/John 1:1-18

Friday, January 1, 2015
Numbers 6:22-27/Psalms 67:2-3, 5-6, 8/
Galatians 4:4-7/Luke 2:16-21

Saturday, January 2, 2015
1 John 2:22-28/Psalms 98:1-4/John 1:19-28

Sunday, January 3, 2015
Isaiah 60:1-6/Psalms 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13/
Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6/Matthew 2:1-12

Passion & Purpose for Marriage
Led by renowned speaker and author
Dr. Allen Hunt
Hosted by St Monica and St Gabriel Catholic Churches
January 30, 2016 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Come to St Monica Catholic Church for a great morning of listening, learning, scripture, and prayer. Don't worry, no one will be asked to share their feelings with the group. This is an opportunity to learn and grow as a person of faith who strives to love in all their relationships. Snacks will be provided at two breaks. As a bonus, you will receive a great swag bag to take home!

Even if you cannot attend, consider sponsoring someone to attend that might not be able to afford it otherwise. This event is being held to further our parish mission, to be a living, Catholic, Christian community; therefore we must all work together.

So many ways to purchase tickets!
For Tickets ($25/person)
Go online: www.dynamiccatholic.com/Indianapolis
Or email Liz Dininger - ldininger@att.net