



# ST. MARY'S & ST. PATRICK'S NEWSLETTER



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## A Word (or Two) From Fr. Joe

**Joy to the World, the Lord Has Come! Let Earth Receive her King!** Christmas Blessings for you and your family!

The COVID pandemic has been with us for more than two years. We have felt weighed down for some time now. When we turn elsewhere for some relief, commercials bombard us with messages about great gift deals and holiday sales. Even so much of the holiday music on the radios misses the point of the season: Christmas marks the Birth of the Messiah who comes into the world to save us. In Luke's Gospel, the archangel Gabriel seeks out Mary and discloses God's Plan for her life. She replies, "May it be done to me according to your Word."

Mary's 'yes' changed our world. Now we think about what our 'yes' can mean. Let's start by sharing the Good News of the Birth of the Messiah with everyone we meet. Share it with great joy and generosity! "Be ready to share an account of the hope that is yours." (1 Peter 3:15) Let people know they are always welcome at St. Mary's and St. Patrick's. Share the Word and bring a friend.

With the warmest Christmas Blessings for you and your family and for your safety,

– From Fr. Joe O'Brien and the Staffs of St. Mary's and St. Patrick's Churches

**Thank you!** As the year draws to a close we would like to thank all of the many volunteers at St. Mary's and St. Patrick's. We couldn't do it without you! Particularly over the last two years with all of the COVID precautions volunteers have been essential to our ability to return to Mass. Ushers, greeters, seaters, sanitizers, cleaners, choir members, lectors, altar servers, catechists, members of all of our committees and councils, office volunteers, the counting teams, buildings and grounds volunteers and everyone who contributed in any way.  
Fr. Joe O'Brien and Dawn Brownson

Best Wishes for a Merry Christmas, and a Happy and Healthy New Year!

**Faith Formation** Do you have a student in grades K-10 that you would like to participate in faith formation or prepare for the sacraments? If that is your wish, your contacts are:

St. Mary's - Bob Desrosiers: [stmffo@aol.com](mailto:stmffo@aol.com) 518-731-9268

St. Patrick's - Christa Herting-Desrosiers: [derobccr@gmail.com](mailto:derobccr@gmail.com) 518-756-3145

St. Patrick's welcomes back faith formation students on January 9<sup>th</sup>.

St. Mary's welcomes back faith formation students back January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>.

St. Patrick's will NOT hold Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Sunday evening, January 2.

**Office Closing** The offices at both St. Mary's and St. Patrick's will be closed December 24<sup>th</sup> through January 2<sup>nd</sup>. If it is an emergency and you need to speak with a priest, follow the voicemail instructions and you will be connected.

**Visiting the Hospitalized and Home Bound** If you have a family member or friend who is hospitalized or home bound who would like to receive communion, the anointing of the sick or a visit from Fr. Joe please contact the office to make arrangements.

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