

Announcement to B.V.Mary

Readings: Gal 3:15-22 and Lk 1:26-38

The lingering question, as we honor the Lord on his birthday, is why was he accepted by so few? Was he so strange that they could not recognize him? Was he so different that he was beyond their expectations? No. The problem was that he was too much like them. So many had already decided how God should act, how He should come among them. They had forgotten that the Lord had spoken through Isaiah: “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways.” (Isaiah 55:8)

Nazareth. The Annunciation. The Incarnation. They are our warnings to keep ourselves open to the Lord, wherever and however He may manifest Himself. He is the God of surprises who comes in amazing ways. The apostle Nathaniel wondered, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” He was told, “Come and see.” Be surprised, be amazed, and be open. He is Emmanuel—God with us. But in ways we did not expect.

Christmas Poinsettias in Memory of:

A bouquet of yellow roses will decorate the altar of the Blessed Mother in Memory of Helen Fielding by her husband Donald Fielding, Florida.

These Poinsettias were donated in Memory of:

- ☼ *Louis N. & Louis H. Khourey, Sr. & Gladys Howard by Lou and Charlotte Khourey and Family*
- ☼ *In honor of Tom & Denise Ferris and in Memory of Mary K. Ferris*
- ☼ *LaVerne Thomas and Evelyn Hall by Dr Adel, Diane, Andreah & Justin Frenn*
- ☼ *Elias & Siham Frenn by Dr Adel, Diane, Andreah & Justin Frenn*
- ☼ *The Rohana and Rahi Families by Alicia Peklinsky*
- ☼ *Don & Emily Vince and Patricia Gompers by Matt & Vicki Gompers*
- ☼ *Bob Sengewalt by the Sengewalt Family*
- ☼ *For a “Special Intention” by A Friend*
- ☼ *Bill and Mary Daniel by Rebecca & Michael DiFabrizio*
- ☼ *Suzanne Linton by husband Mike*
- ☼ *Frances & Joseph Linton by sons Steve & Mike*
- ☼ *The deceased of our parish by Steve & Mike Linton*
- ☼ *Msgr. Bakhos’ parents Adib & Sadie, his sister Mona & his brother Nadim by Steve & Mike Linton*
- ☼ *Rick Frazier by his wife Luane*
- ☼ *The Saseen and Schlog Families by M.F.Saseen and sons*
- ☼ *The Habdo and Dougherty Families by Carol & Bill Dougherty*
- ☼ *Ralph and Mary J. Shipley and Robby Hunter by Thomasina Geimer*
- ☼ *In honor of Dr. Alkhouri and his Family*
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Divine Liturgy Schedule

This Weekend, Nov. 24-25: Announcement to B.V.Mary

Saturday November 24 at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ Rose & George Fadoul by Millet & Sisie Fadoul
- ✠ Kareem & Amelia Azar
- ✠ George Joseph (Birthday) by Larry & Becky Ferrera

Sunday, November 25 at 10:30 a.m.:

- ✠ Harry Seabright & Edwin & Ernie & Frank by Mary Seabright Lish and Family
- ✠ Helen Fielding by her husband Don Fielding (FL) & his special intentions

Weekdays Masses

Monday November 26: No Mass. Pastor’s Day off

Tuesday November 27 at 12:05 p.m.:

✠ Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, & her son Mark by her last will

✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her Will

Wednesday November 28: No Mass. Pastor's day of vacation

Thursday November 29 at 12:05 p.m.:

✠ Bob Sengewalt by his grandchildren: Jeff, Courtney and Patrick

✠ Special Intentions and good health of Lucille Gibbons and her children by Steve & Mike Linton

Friday, November 30: No Mass. Pastor's Day off

Next Weekend, Dec. 1-2: Mary visits Elizabeth

Saturday December 1:

at 3:30 p.m.: Christmas Novena

at 4:00 p.m.: Mass

✠ Jean Bentz and Billy Bentz (Birthday) by Millet and Susie Fadoul

✠ Cathy Sharp Howard (Birthday) by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt

✠ Special Intention

Sunday, December 2:

at 10:00 a.m.: Christmas Novena

at 10:30 a.m.: Mass

✠ Living & Deceased members of the Nicholas & Nimnoom Ghaphery Family & the David Abraham Ghaphery Family

✠ Siham Frenn (Anniversary) by Dr. Adel, Diane, Andreah and Justin Frenn

✠ Isabel Ferris Wolfe (Anniversary) by Mary Zaid Stees and Libby G. Magnone

Calendar of Parish Events

<p>Women Society Meeting (<i>Nov.25th</i>)</p>	<p>Sunday, November 25th after Mass</p>
<p>Christmas Party <i>Sunday, Dec.9th</i></p>	<p>--December 1: Starting at 9 a.m. please join Carol & other's in decorating our Church for Christmas. --December 9: Those who attend the Christmas Party will receive 2 beverage coupons which can be used to select wine, beer or pop. We wish to thank Rex & Rita Strawn for the donation of wine for our Christmas Party. Each person can choose to use 1 or 2 of their complimentary beverage tickets to enjoy a glass of wine. --If anyone else would like to donate some pop or beer, please contact Carol Dougherty so she can let you know the quantity needed. All Women's Society members are asked to bring a donated item for the Christmas Basket as soon as possible. Drawing will take place during the Party. We appreciate your consideration and look forward to seeing you all at the party.</p>
<p>Christmas Party Program <i>Sunday, Dec.9th</i></p>	<p>4:00 p.m.: Doors open 5:00 p.m.: Buffet Dinner catered by Ye Olde Alpha Restaurant, Wheeling Menu : Grilled sirloin of beef and lemon chicken, mixed greens salad and cranberry salad, roasted red potatoes, grilled mixed vegetables, bread and Honey Butter, and brownies and cookies for dessert. Two free beverages. Live Entertainment by DJ Jim Laurine after Dinner. Cost: \$20.00</p>
<p>Children Santa Party <i>Sunday, Dec. 16th</i></p>	<p>The Women's Society welcomes the children of OLOL Church to visit with Santa in the Cedar Hall immediately following Mass. Santa will give each child a treat and a</p>

	light snack. Please plan to come and bring all the children of our parish. (All Women’s Society members are asked to bring a bag of candy to be divided for the children November 25.)
Hall Rental	<i>Saturday, December 22nd (5-9 p.m.)</i>
Msgr Bakhos 27th Anniversary <i>Sunday, Dec 23rd</i>	On Sunday December 23, the Women’s Society invites you to join them following Mass to celebrate Msgr. Bakhos 27 th Anniversary to the Priesthood. Cake will be served to celebrate the occasion.

Birthdays’ Wishes in the Coming Month:

- November 26: Mary Lish
- November 28: Richard Obyc
- December 3: Joey John
- December 7: Christina Committee Zdilla
- December 12: Lou Khourey
- December 19: Chris Wakim
- December 22: Millet C. Fadoul
- December 24: Paula Moses Neavin
- December 25: Shelly Hancher

Please Pray for Those on Our Prayer List

(Note: Please call Msgr. Bakhos if you need your name added to our Prayer List. HIPPA regulations)
 Joe Simon, Jim McGlumphy, Patty Fahey, Phil Geimer, Bill Dougherty, John Frazier (son of Luane Frazier), Austin Strawn (grandson of Rex Strawn), Debbie Crumpler (sister of Nini Miller), Shirley & Jim George, Justin Frenn, Sandra Dusick, John Shiben, Diane Palotay, Jim Thomas (father of Diane Frenn), Mike O’Kane (brother-in-law of Nikki Popovich)

<i>Your Church Support Last Week</i>	
\$1,365.00	Sunday Collection
30.00	2 nd collection
23.50	Bake sale
600.00	Bulletin ads
42.00	Candles
21.00	Coffee Hour
60.00	Christmas Dinner Dance
18.00	Spaghetti dinner
2,000.00	Donation to church
316.00	Christmas Poinsettias
30.00	Donation to the poor
\$4,505.50	Total Deposits: <i>May God reward you abundantly for supporting your spiritual home!</i> The Finance Committee: Lou Khourey, Mary Stees, Linda Duffy & Mike Linton

What’s New?

Christmas Novena *(All Saturdays and Sundays before Christmas ½ hour before Mass)*

Christmas Novena will replace the Rosary and Litany on all Saturdays and Sundays during December until Christmas. It is a good way to prepare ourselves spiritually to the coming of our Lord. Please come early half hour early and attend the beautiful prayers and Benediction of the Novena.

Holiday Food Barrell *(Now thru December 18th, 2018)*

Please bring items for the needy of our Parish and put them in the Holiday Barrell placed at the entrance of the church. As soon as we can fill few boxes of food, it will be distributed to needy people on your behalf. Please be the Santa Clause this year and instill a Christmas Joy in the hearts of the less fortunate among us.

Pita Bread and other items for Sale at the church:

There are 8 frozen packages of large pita bread available. Also Burghol #1 and #2 are available. Please see Mike Linton or one of the Ladies of our church to purchase some.



Christmas Story: Remember my Birthday

“As you well know, we are getting closer to my birthday. Every year there is a celebration in my honor and I think that this year the celebration will be repeated. During this time there are many people shopping for gifts, there are many radio announcements, TV commercials, and in every part of the world everyone is talking that my birthday is getting closer and closer.

It is really very nice to know, that at least once a year, some people think of me. As you know, the celebration of my birthday began many years ago. At first people seemed to understand and be thankful of all that I did for them, but in these times, no one seems to know the reason for the celebration.

Family and friends get together and have a lot of fun, but they don't know the meaning of the celebration. I remember that last year there was a great feast in my honor. The dinner table was full of delicious foods, pastries, fruits, assorted nuts and chocolates. The decorations were exquisite and there were many, many beautifully wrapped gifts.

But, do you want to know something? I wasn't invited. I was the guest of honor and they didn't remember to send me an invitation. The party was for me, but when that great day came, I was left outside, they closed the door in my face and I wanted to be with them and share their table.

In truth, that didn't surprise me because in the last few years all close their doors to me. Since I was not invited, I decided to enter the party without making any noise. I went in and stood in a corner. They were all drinking; there were some who were drunk and telling jokes and laughing at everything. They were having a great time. To top it all, this big fat man all dressed in red wearing a long white beard entered the room yelling Ho-Ho-Ho! He seemed drunk. He sat on the sofa and all the children ran to him, saying: "Santa Claus, Santa Claus"... as if the party were in his honor!

At midnight, all the people began to hug each other; I extended my arms waiting for someone to hug me and ... do you know ... no one hugged me.

Suddenly they all began to share gifts. They opened them one by one with great expectation. When all had been opened, I looked to see if, maybe, there was one for me.

What would you feel if on your birthday everybody shared gifts and you did not get one? I then understood that I was unwanted at that party and quietly left.

Every year it gets worse. People only remember to eat and drink, the gifts, the parties and nobody remembers me. I would like this Christmas that you allow me to enter into your life.

I would like that you recognize the fact that almost two thousand years ago I came to this world to give my life for you, on the cross, to save you. Today, I only want that you believe this with all your heart. I want to share something with you. As many didn't invite me to their party, I will have my own celebration, a grandiose party that no one has ever imagined, a spectacular party. I'm still making the final arrangements. Today I am sending out many invitations and there is an invitation for you. I want to know if you wish to attend and I will make a reservation for you and write your name with golden letters in my great guest book.

Only those on the guest list will be invited to the party. Those who don't answer the invitation will be left outside.

Do you know how you can answer this invitation? It is by extending it to others whom you care for... I'll be waiting for all of you to attend my party this year...

See you soon ... I love you! Jesus.”

A Time to Laugh (386)

A minister concluded that his church was getting into serious financial troubles. Coincidentally, by chance, while checking the church storeroom, he discovered several cartons of new bibles that had never been opened and distributed. So at his Sunday sermon, he asked for three volunteers from the congregation who would be willing to sell the bibles door-to-door for \$10 each to raise desperately needed money for the church. Peter, Paul and Louie all raised their hands to volunteer for the task. The reverend knew that Peter and Paul earned their livings as salesmen and were likely capable of selling some bibles, but he had serious doubts about Louie who was just a little local farmer who had always tended to keep to himself because he was embarrassed by his speech impediment. Poor little Louis stuttered badly. But, not wanting to discourage poor Louis, the reverend decided to let him try anyway.

He sent the three of them away with the back seat of their cars stacked with bibles and asked them to meet with him and report the results of their door-to-door selling efforts the following Sunday. When they got together, the reverend immediately asked Peter, "Well, Peter, how did you make out selling our bibles last week?" Proudly handing the reverend an envelope, Peter replied, "Pastor, using my sales prowess, I was able to sell 20 bibles, and here's the \$200 collected on behalf of the church." "Fine job, Peter!" the reverend said, vigorously shaking his hand. "You are indeed a fine salesman and the Church is indebted to you."

Turning to Paul, he asked "And how many bibles did you manage to sell for the church last week?" Paul, smiling and sticking out his chest, confidently replied, "Reverend, I am a professional salesman and was happy to give the church the benefit of my expertise. Last week I sold 28 bibles on behalf of the church, and here's \$280 I collected." The reverend responded, "That's absolutely splendid, Paul. You are truly a professional salesman and the church is also indebted to you."

Apprehensively, the reverend turned to little Louie and said, "And Louie, did you manage to sell any bibles last week?" Louie silently offered the reverend a large envelope. The reverend opened it and counted the contents. "What is this?" the reverend exclaimed. "Louie, there's \$3200 in here! Are you suggesting that you sold 320 bibles for the church, door to door, in just one week? Louie just nodded. "That's impossible!" both Peter and Paul said in unison. "We are professional salesmen, yet you claim to have sold 10 times as many bibles as we could." "Yes, this does seem unlikely," the reverend agreed. "Please explain how you managed to accomplish this, Louie." Louie shrugged. "I-I-I- re-re-really do-do-don't kn-kn-know f-f-f-for sh-sh-sh-sure," he stammered. Impatiently, Peter interrupted. "For crying out loud, Louie, just tell us what you said to them when they answered the door!" "A-a-a-all I-I-I s-s-said wa-wa-was," Louis replied, "W-w-w-w-would y-y-y-you l-l-l-l-l-like t-t-to b-b-b-buy th-th-th-this b-b-b-b-bible f-f-for t-t-ten b-b-b-bucks ---o-o-o-or--- wo-wo-would yo-you j-j-j-just l-like m-m-me t-t-to st-stand h-h-here and r-r-r-r-r-read it t-to y-y-you?"

The Economy is so Bad ...

- 1- CEO's are now playing miniature golf.
- 2- Women are marrying for love.
- 3- Hot Wheels & Matchbox stocks are trading higher than GM.
- 4- McDonalds is selling the 1/4 ounce.
- 5- Parents in Beverly Hills are firing their nannies & learning their children's names.
- 6- A truckload of Americans got caught sneaking into Mexico.
- 7- The most highly-paid job is now jury duty.
- 8- Dick Cheney took his stockbroker hunting.
- 9- People in Africa are donating money to Americans.
- 10- Mothers in Ethiopia are telling their kids, "Finish what's on your plate, do you know kids are starving in the US?"
- 11- Motel Six won't leave the light on.
- 12- The Mafia is laying off judges.
- 13- And finally... Congress says they are looking into this Bernard Madoff scandal. Hey, great! ... The guy who made \$50 billion disappear is being investigated by people who made \$750 billion disappear.

