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# Solemnity of Mary

**DECEMBER 31 – 5:30 PM VIGIL MASS**  
*No confessions*

**JANUARY 1 – 7:15, 8:45 & 10:45 AM MASSES**  
*No Sunday 5:30 PM Mass, Coffee & Donuts or POD Nursery*

*Parish office is closed Monday, January 2*

**OUR VISION** – Become who you were created to be

**OUR MISSION** – St Brendan Parish is your home to encounter Jesus and grow in virtue

## HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY 8 AM, 5:30 PM  
SUNDAY 7:15, 8:45, 10:45 AM & 5:30 PM  
DAILY 5:30 PM – MON & WED  
8 AM – TUES, THURS, FRI

## RECONCILIATION TIMES

WEDNESDAY 6-7 PM (During Adoration)  
SATURDAY 9 AM  
Parishioners can also schedule a confession appointment with Fr Bob or Fr Brown by calling the parish office.

**OFFICE HOURS: MON-FRI 9 AM-4 PM**



## MARRIAGE

Contact the Parish Office at least six months prior to marriage. Marriage preparation is required.

## BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated at 12 PM on most Sundays. Two baptismal preparation classes are required. Visit [stbrendans.net/baptism](http://stbrendans.net/baptism) to schedule a Baptism.

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please contact the Parish Office.

## RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS)

Interested in becoming Catholic? Contact Fr Brown at [frbrown@stbrendans.net](mailto:frbrown@stbrendans.net) or 614.876.1272, ext 226

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# SAINT BRENDAN INFORMATION CENTER

## Church Hours

The church is open weekdays, 6 AM-9 PM.  
The Parish Office is open weekdays, 9 AM-4 PM.

## New Members

All are welcome to join our parish! To request a new member packet, please call 614.876.1272, email [receptionist@stbrendans.net](mailto:receptionist@stbrendans.net) or visit [stbrendans.net/become-a-member](http://stbrendans.net/become-a-member)

## Marketing & Bulletin Requests

Our Marketing/Bulletin Request form is available at [stbrendans.net/marketing](http://stbrendans.net/marketing). Please read all the information to find deadlines for each media platform being requested. For questions, or to send artwork, email [marketing@stbrendans.net](mailto:marketing@stbrendans.net)

## Mass Intentions

To schedule an intention, please mail in requests or contact the Parish Office. The amount set by the diocese is \$10, due when the request is made.

## Flowers for the Altar

If you wish to purchase flowers in remembrance of a loved one or special intention, the cost is \$75. Requests are published in the bulletin.

## Baptism Preparation Class

First Sunday of most months at 12 PM. New program is beginning January 2023. See website for dates and details. For questions, contact [baptism@stbrendans.net](mailto:baptism@stbrendans.net)

## Ministry of Care for our Homebound

Contact Jennifer Rice at 614.876.1272, ext 227 or [jrice@stbrendans.net](mailto:jrice@stbrendans.net) if you would like to receive the Eucharist at home or in a facility.

## Protecting God's Children Class

Register online at [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org)

## POD Nursery

The nursery is open during 8:45 AM & 10:45 AM Masses for children ages 6 months to 4 years.

## Receive Navigator News or Liturgy Aids

Keep updated on parish events by subscribing to Navigator News available through ParishStaq. Visit [stbrendan.ccbchurch.com](http://stbrendan.ccbchurch.com) to create an account and you will automatically receive our parish e-newsletter. To have Sunday worship materials and bulletin emailed to you weekly visit [tinyurl.com/LiturgyAids](http://tinyurl.com/LiturgyAids) and fill out the form.

# EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

<https://stbrendan.weadorehim.com/>

TUESDAY 9 AM-9 PM

WEDNESDAY 7 AM-7 PM

HOLY HOUR 6-7 PM

Confessions available

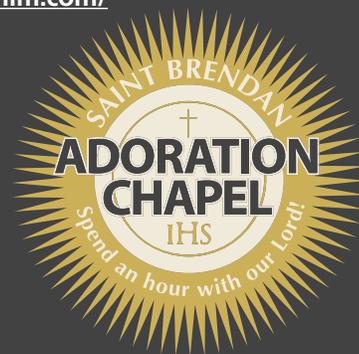
THURSDAY 9 AM-9 PM

10-11 AM

Special time for families  
with young children

FRIDAY 9 AM-9 PM

SATURDAY 9 AM-1 PM *(New Hours Added!)*



**PLEASE NOTE:** Beginning Saturday, Jan 7, we will have Adoration in the chapel from 9 AM - 1 PM adding to our expanding Adoration hours!

## MASS INTENTIONS, JANUARY 2-8

MONDAY	5:30 PM	Margie Campana
TUESDAY	8:00 AM	Marilyn Jane Radich
WEDNESDAY	5:30 PM	Nicole Deford
THURSDAY	8:00 AM	Richard Seipel
FRIDAY	8:00 AM	Kenvin Class
SATURDAY	8:00 AM	Tom Toth
	5:30 PM	Florence Scheel
SUNDAY	7:15 AM	Odyne Barlage
	8:45 AM	Catherine Anderson
	10:45 AM	Jason Grieshop
	5:30 PM	For the People of St Brendan Parish



## COMING TO ST BRENDAN LENT 2023!\*

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by the stories we believe...  
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# 2023 – A YEAR OF PRAYER

Months ago, when I announced my new role here, I spoke about the pillars of encounter with Our Lord: prayer/formation, community and service. We begin the new year with a focus on prayer. This is our starting point – everything – every relationship, decision, action – should come from a place of prayer. In prayer, we give time and space to a relationship with the One who gives us everything. We talk to Him, He listens. He speaks to us and what His will is for us, we listen and respond. The more we can prioritize our time with the Lord in prayer, receiving from Him so that we can give to all the aspects of our lives, the more fruitful and peaceful we will be.

You are invited to create or deepen your own prayer life this year, individually and in community. We will offer opportunities to learn, to connect with others, and simply more time to pray. We begin with our parish prayer found here or on the cards available in the church gathering space. Jesus is our best example of how to pray – with openness, dependence, turning to Him in times of joy and need. We invite you to use this prayer to draw you closer to His heart.

Then, join us at one of the offerings this month and beyond. Our deacons will lead **First Friday Evening Prayer** in the Adoration Chapel this Friday at 7 PM and every first Friday of the month. **Anchored in Adoration** happens on the second Wednesday of each month at 6 PM with prayer, a witness speaker and our intercessory prayer team. On Saturday, January 7, we will have Adoration in the chapel from 9 AM – 1 PM added to our expanding hours. Committing to a regular Adoration time through [stbrendan.weadorehim.com](http://stbrendan.weadorehim.com) is one New Year's Resolution that is promised to be successful! Take it from someone who used to only sub, but now has a regular commitment!

Small faith sharing groups are another way to pray in community. Our women's group of **Walking with Purpose** is gearing up for a study on friendship as our men start their semester with **Pray Like a Man Bound for Heaven**, 6:30 AM Saturdays before the sun and the rest of the household get up! New for the parish is a monthly pray, learn and share experience focused on a different type of prayer each month. This month is **New Year, New Prayer** at 10 AM or 7 PM on Monday, January 23. Create or revamp your prayer habits and bring your favorite prayer to share with the group. More prayer resources can be found on our Year of Prayer page or sprouting up on our social media platforms.

If prayer is elusive or uncomfortable or you want to know more about who is on the other end of prayer, stay tuned. We are excited to announce the launch of **The Rescue Project** this Lent. Thanks to a generous grant from the Catholic Foundation, you are invited to hear the Gospel like you never have before through a series of seven small group mornings or evenings with breakfast or dinner served, as well as a retreat. It will be an experience of acquainting or reacquainting with Jesus and will change your prayer life.

**We are excited and honored to walk with you this year. St Brendan, pray for us!**

~ JENNIFER RICE

## PRAY WITH US

[STBRENDANS.NET/YEAR-OF-PRAYER](http://STBRENDANS.NET/YEAR-OF-PRAYER)



LORD,  
TEACH US  
HOW TO  
PRAY

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## LORD,

Teach us how to pray.

From the manger,  
with all dependence  
and receptivity

From your family home,  
learning what it means  
to be a beloved child of God

From the mountain,  
creating time and space  
for daily conversation  
with the Father

From the cross,  
when hope seems lost,  
to raise our eyes to you

From your throne,  
together with all our  
champions in heaven.

Jesus, in this year of prayer,  
open our hearts to  
receive your love,  
your Word,  
your instruction,  
all of You.

Lord, teach us how to pray.

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# SAINT BRENDAN PRAYER LIST

## Please remember in your prayers:

Noreen Marcinick	Tom Speroni
Bob Suchy	Mary Frick
Sandra Dugan	Michelle Murphy Delio
Elyse Latella	Cathy Pencil
Joanna Sheaf	Chris Carrino
Mary Jo Flickinger	Bob Kienle
Debra Block	Tracy Rowland
Matthew Paquin	Bill Nichols
Kelly Kinser	Patrick Hume
Vince Van Almen	Eugene Chervenak
Cindy Zengler	Charlie Dorian
Don Azelvandre	Stephen Toth
Mike Boesch	Regina Tharp
Ron Szczesny	Darren Harder
Pam Bauer	Kathy Ferguson
Kevin Ferguson	Kristina Dunlap
Sally Kimball	Cora Paz Raymundo
Connie Feliks	Pamela Theado
Richard Crumley	Jack Hershey

And all healthcare workers and first responders

## Please pray for all of our men and women in service to our country, especially:

Christopher Keck	Bram Carney
Kyle Mullins	Andre Racanelli
James Polnac	Tony Dugan
Aaron Huseman	Eric Wehrum
Alex Parker	Mark Jackson
Connor Karman	Patrick Karman
Aidan Karman	Jackson Maassel
Aaron Grieshop	Robby Shonkwiler
Nathan Smith	Rick Shonkwiler

To add a name to the list, please email [jrice@stbrendans.net](mailto:jrice@stbrendans.net) or call Jennifer at **614.876.1272, ext 227**

If you or a loved one is hospitalized and would like a pastoral visit, call **614.876.1272**

## OUR SYMPATHY ...

To the families of Wayne Lichwa, Nick Barr, Joyce Brown and Francis Matthew Jr.

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## MONDAY, JANUARY 2 – New Year's Day Observed

9:00 AM-4:00 PM	Parish Office Closed	
5:30 PM	Daily Mass, New Year's	Church

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## TUESDAY, JANUARY 3 – No school (last day of Christmas break)

6:30 AM	Men's Ministry: Faith Sharing	Davidson Rd Meeting Room A
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
9:00 AM-9:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
6:00 PM	Men's Retreat Committee Planning Meeting	The Carter Center
7:00 PM	Men's Club Monthly Meeting	Wellnitz Hall, Room 1 (with patio)
7:00 PM	RCIA	Chas McCurdy Center

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## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4

7:00 AM-7:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
10:00 AM	Elizabeth Ministry Playgroup	Wellnitz Hall, Room 1 (with patio)
5:30 PM	Daily Mass	Church
6:00 PM-7:00 PM	Adoration, Confessions Available	Adoration Chapel
6:30 PM	KofC Assembly #2727: Monthly Meeting	Wellnitz Hall, Room 1 (with patio)
7:00 PM	VBS Planning Team Meeting	Wellnitz Hall, Room 2

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## THURSDAY, JANUARY 5

8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
9:00 AM-9:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
10:00 AM	SVdP Sandwich Making for Homeless	Wellnitz Hall, Room 1 (with patio)
6:30 PM	The Avow Group	The Carter Center
6:30 PM	The Melchizedek Project	School Teachers' Lounge

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## FRIDAY, JANUARY 6

8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
9:00 AM-9:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
5:00 PM	KofC 11208 Free Throw Championship	Multi-Purpose Room
7:00 PM	First Friday Evening Prayer	Adoration Chapel
7:15 PM	M.A.S.T. Book Club	School Teachers' Lounge

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## SATURDAY, JANUARY 7

8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
8:45 AM	Praying the Rosary	Church
8:45 AM	Seniors Now Breakfast	IHOP on Sawmill
9:00 AM-1:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
9:00 AM	Confessions	Church
9:00 AM	Prayer Shawl Ministry	The Carter Center
5:30 PM	Vigil Mass	Church

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## SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

7:15, 8:45, 10:45 AM, 5:30 PM	Mass	Church
During 8:45 & 10:45 AM Masses	Children's Liturgy of the Word	Adoration Chapel
During 8:45 & 10:45 AM Masses	POD Nursery	Childcare Center
After 8:45 & 10:45 AM Masses	Coffee & Donuts	Davidson Rd Meeting Room A
9:45 AM	Family Faith Formation Sunday	Multiple Locations
12:00 PM	Baptismal Preparation Class	Wellnitz Hall, Rooms 1 & 2
12:00 PM	Baptisms	Church
6:30 PM	Family Faith Formation, 6-8 Grade Parents Sunday	School Cafeteria
6:30 PM	The ROOTS	Multi-Purpose Room
6:30 PM	Sunday VINE	Davidson Rd Meeting Rooms A & B
7:00 PM	Cub Scouts Akela Meeting	School Teachers' Lounge



**SATURDAY, FEB 11, 6 - 9 PM**

St Brendan Men's Club is sponsoring a Chili Cook-off competition Saturday, February 11, 7-9 PM in the Davidson Rd Meeting Rooms. The competition is open to all parishioners 21 and older. Due to space limitations, only 20 entries will be accepted, on a first-come, first-serve basis. The best chili wins \$50! Contact Fred at [joc93@yahoo.com](mailto:joc93@yahoo.com) or 614-946-7733 to sign up.

## SENIORS NOW

**JAN 6 – MASS & BREAKFAST**

8 AM – First Friday Mass followed by Breakfast at IHOP on Sawmill Road Questions? Contact Larry Hanchin at [larryhanchin@yahoo.com](mailto:larryhanchin@yahoo.com)

## GIVING STATEMENTS

**2022 YEAR-END GIFT DEADLINE**

Please help us prepare your 2022 Giving Statements for your tax records. The deadline for donations to be recognized as 2022 gifts is Jan 15, 2023. Checks dated for 2022 received in the parish office after January 15 will be recorded as 2023 donations. Any gifts made through PUSHPAY will be recorded as of the date the donations have been made.

## NO PARKING!

**IN FIRE LANES OR BY DRIVEWAYS**

There is no parking permitted in designated **fire lanes**, in areas not marked as parking spaces (such as the non-parking spot side of the medians) or along driveways on our campus, especially at this time of year, to allow access for **snow plows** and **emergency vehicles**. Violators may be towed at their own expense.



# REGISTRATION

for the **2023/24** school year  
(GRADES K-8)

## IS NOW OPEN!

To register, request more information or schedule a tour of our school, please visit

[www.stbrendans.net/school](http://www.stbrendans.net/school)



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## WINTER WEATHER ON THE HORIZON

**DETAILS ON HOW WE MANAGE SNOW ON CAMPUS...**

Our snow contractor only plows the lot when we reach TWO INCHES of snowfall. The parking lot is only pretreated if it is not raining (the rain would simply wash it away). The parish facilities team will be responsible for keeping the walkways cleared. When weather is cold, please be careful when walking around the campus as it may be slippery in places.

Parish activities remain open if we are at a Level 1 Snow Emergency, but people should carefully consider whether they can safely reach the campus and attend. If a Level 2 Snow Emergency is declared, the entire campus closes, including Mass. We will alert you by ParishStaq email and social media if this happens. School parents will be alerted by school communications of any school closures or delays. Faith Formation parents will be notified via ParishStaq email communication of any cancellations. The Parish Office remains open during business hours, 9 AM-4 PM during a Level 1 Snow Emergency. If we reach Level 2 or 3 Snow Emergency, the office will close.

## FIRST FRIDAY EVENING PRAYER

### BEGINNING JAN 6 – COME PRAY WITH US!

To help us to stay focused on prayer this year, our deacons will lead *First Friday Evening Prayer* in the Adoration Chapel beginning this Friday at 7 PM and every first Friday of each month. Please join us!



## MEN'S FAITH SHARING MINISTRY

### JAN 14 – PRAY LIKE A MAN BOUND FOR HEAVEN!

WANTED: Men who are supporting their families and friends on the road to Heaven! Join other men in the parish for the spring semester of our faith sharing group starting on January 14 at 6:30 AM in Wellnitz Hall, Room 1. Our theme for the semester is *Pray Like a Man Bound for Heaven* in which we will explore through small group discussion, video presentations, and Adoration. For questions, contact Grant Rice at [ricekris8813@att.net](mailto:ricekris8813@att.net)



## LORD, TEACH US SERIES

### JOIN US JAN 23 – NEW YEAR, NEW PRAYER

Monday, January 23 at 10 AM or 7 PM in Wellnitz Hall – Learn how to start or improve your prayer routine to find time with Our Lord through the day and in different ways. Bring your favorite prayer to share!



## JAN 7 – AUCTION GIVING TREE

### NOW ACCEPTING AUCTION DONATIONS & 2023 SPONSORS!

The St Brendan School Auction and Dinner, *Nashville Nights*, will be held Saturday, March 4. We are currently accepting personal and corporate donations and sponsorships. There will be a giving tree in the gathering space from January 7 - 22 with individual items you can donate for the event. Questions? Contact Joy Bair, auction chair at [jbair1@cdeducation.org](mailto:jbair1@cdeducation.org); or one of our donations team members at [sbauction@cdeducation.org](mailto:sbauction@cdeducation.org) Auction news is available at [www.stbrendans.net/school/st-brendan-school-auction/](http://www.stbrendans.net/school/st-brendan-school-auction/)



## ROOTS MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP



### FOOD SPONSORS ARE NEEDED THIS SPRING!

If you are a parent of a middle school child who attends Roots, please consider donating money or food for our upcoming spring youth groups, especially during March, April and May. To volunteer to supply food, please sign up at [tinyurl.com/Roots-Food](https://tinyurl.com/Roots-Food) or make a cash donation at <https://ppay.co/qi3TI05RLuc> (or scan the QR code).

## TIES & TIARAS



### FATHER & DAUGHTER DANCE

The St Brendan American Heritage Girls Troop 0516 presents the 2nd annual Ties & Tiaras Dance January 28, 6:30-8 PM in the School MPR. Girls bring their Dad or Dear One for a Country Western Night of line dancing and fun! Tickets are \$25 per couple, \$5 for each additional sibling and are now available by visiting <https://ahgdance23.eventbrite.com> Questions? Email us at [ahgstb@gmail.com](mailto:ahgstb@gmail.com)

## BLOOD DRIVE



**American  
Red Cross**

**BLOOD DRIVE**

### JANUARY 13, 1 - 7 PM

The next St Brendan Knights of Columbus sponsored Red Cross Blood Drive is Friday, January 13, 1 – 7 PM in Davidson Road Meeting Rooms A & B. Give the gift of life by scheduling an appointment online at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org), or call 1-800-RED-CROSS. Questions? Contact Jeff Lehr or 614-315-7466 or email [Audhil1@yahoo.com](mailto:Audhil1@yahoo.com)

## TRINITY PRESCHOOL

### REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Trinity Preschool is accepting registrations for the 2023-2024 school year. If you have a child 3-5 years old (age 3 by Sept 30) and are looking for a preschool that shares your Catholic values, look no further than Trinity Preschool. As an affiliate of St Brendan School, Trinity is a highly recommended choice located nearby at St Margaret of Cortona (1600 N Hague Ave). Trinity graduates are likely to see familiar faces once they enter kindergarten at St Brendan! If you have questions or would like to schedule a tour, please contact Director Andrea Boyd at [aboyd@cdeducation.org](mailto:aboyd@cdeducation.org)

# SAINT BRENDAN MINISTRY OF EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS



## FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

We are on break with no family sessions of middle school small groups until January 9. Our family sessions in January will kick off the Root program for all faith formation families. We are excited to walk together through the first section of the Catechism! You may also want to subscribe to the Catechism in a Year podcast by Ascension. This will increase your understanding of Church teaching and give you more opportunities to share what you are learning with your family.

At this point, all families should have received a link to complete payment for the Faith Formation program. We ask that once you receive the email, you complete payment as soon as possible. If you have additional questions, and/or need to arrange a payment plan, please contact Jamie Young at [jyoung@stbrendans.net](mailto:jyoung@stbrendans.net)

In December, Bonnie Creeger decided to move on from her position in the parish office. She has been so amazing and joyful in her 10 years here at St Brendan! Feel free to reach out to her to offer your love and gratitude for all her work. Thank you, Bonnie! Please send future emails regarding faith formation and sacrament prep to [faithformation@stbrendans.net](mailto:faithformation@stbrendans.net) and [sacraments@stbrendans.net](mailto:sacraments@stbrendans.net)

## SACRAMENT PREPARATION

**1ST RECONCILIATION** – If you missed the First Reconciliation service on December 10, please reach out to Jacob ([jdoran@stbrendans.net](mailto:jdoran@stbrendans.net)) for help scheduling a Confession with one of our priests. All faith formation families should have picked up a *Nourish* box to begin preparation for First Eucharist.

**CONFIRMATION** – In order for your teen(s) to receive this Sacrament in the Spring, they must have been Baptized as well as received the Sacraments of First Reconciliation/Eucharist. They must also be registered in our St Brendan Faith Formation program or School. If you haven't already, please complete the Sacrament registration form ASAP – once you complete it, you will receive the link to make your payment. For more info, visit [stbrendans.net/confirmation/confirmation-preparation-for-teens/](http://stbrendans.net/confirmation/confirmation-preparation-for-teens/)

## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Inviting all St Brendan women! Mark your calendar for the Columbus Catholic Women's Conference Saturday, February 18, 8 AM-4:30 PM at the Ohio Expo Center. This year's theme is "Light Shines in the Darkness" (John 1:5). Come ready to rest, refresh and renew with the Lord and with sisters in Christ from around the diocese. Register now at [www.columbuscatholicwomen.com](http://www.columbuscatholicwomen.com)



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MS Youth Group: **@stb\_theeroots**  
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January 1, 2023

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

## Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God

Nm 6:22-27 | Gal 4:4-7 | Lk 2:16-21

### **GROW** AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Today's readings remind us of the central role Mary plays in the story of Jesus and the story of our salvation. We may be tempted to place her on a pedestal – as well we should – she is the Mother of God! At the same time, today's Gospel reminds us she is not divine herself, but human – and she bore the incarnate flesh of the Son of God in his divine and human nature. She went through the sleepless nights and the uncertainties of parenting in all its stages. She learned early on what it takes many of us a lifetime to learn – often in fits and starts – absolute trust in God. As we celebrate this solemnity, we can bring our uncertainties, fears, and struggles to Mary our mother, asking for the grace to follow her faithful example.

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Of course there's nothing wrong with New Year's resolutions, and I always admire people who have thought about them in advance. Me? I'm often tongue-tied on January 1 when someone asks me what my resolutions are (hmm ... maybe I should think about kicking that procrastination habit in 2023?) This is why Mary's reaction to the visit of the shepherds strikes me so profoundly. The shepherds pay homage to Jesus and spread the word that God's Son has been born. Mary, Luke writes, "kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart." As we move into a new year, so rich with possibility, we might follow Mary's example and reflect before jumping headlong into this or that goal or New Year's resolution. Instead, perhaps we can take the day – or a week or a month – to prayerfully reflect on how we can best put our faith in Jesus into action. How can we witness to our faith in our daily lives? What changes might help us do that? We can ask God to help us draw up a list of ways that we can be more faithful to him.

**PRAY** Pray the Hail Mary, reflecting on each line with gratitude. If you have more time, give yourself a "mini-retreat" by reading or reflecting on a book or devotional about Mary.

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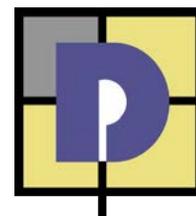
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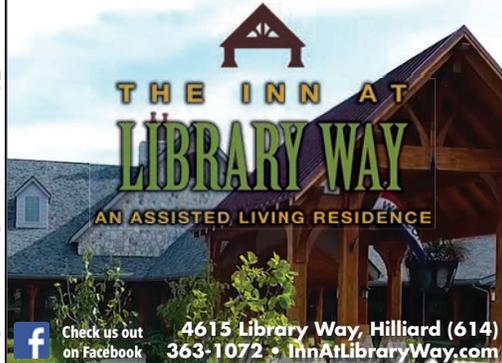
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