

Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>

First Sunday of Advent  
OCIA– Rite of Acceptance/  
Welcome 9:30 am

Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>

Exposition 9:15 am  
Adoration 9:15 am to 6:00 pm  
Benediction 6:00 pm

Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>

Second Sunday of Advent

Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>

**Holy Day of Obligation**  
Solemnity of the  
Immaculate Conception of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary  
8:30 am & 7:00 pm

Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>

Third Sunday of Advent  
Blessing of Straw at each Mass

Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>

Parish Confessions–6:00 pm  
Additional priests  
will be available

Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>

Fourth Sunday  
of Advent

Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>

Christmas Eve  
4:00 pm Church Hall  
4:00 pm Church  
7:00 pm Church  
10:00 pm Church

Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>

Christmas Day  
7:30 am Church  
9:30 am Church  
11:30 am Church

Dec. 29<sup>th</sup>

Feast of the Holy Family of  
Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>

Vigil, Mass for Mary,  
Holy Mother of God  
5:00 pm

Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>

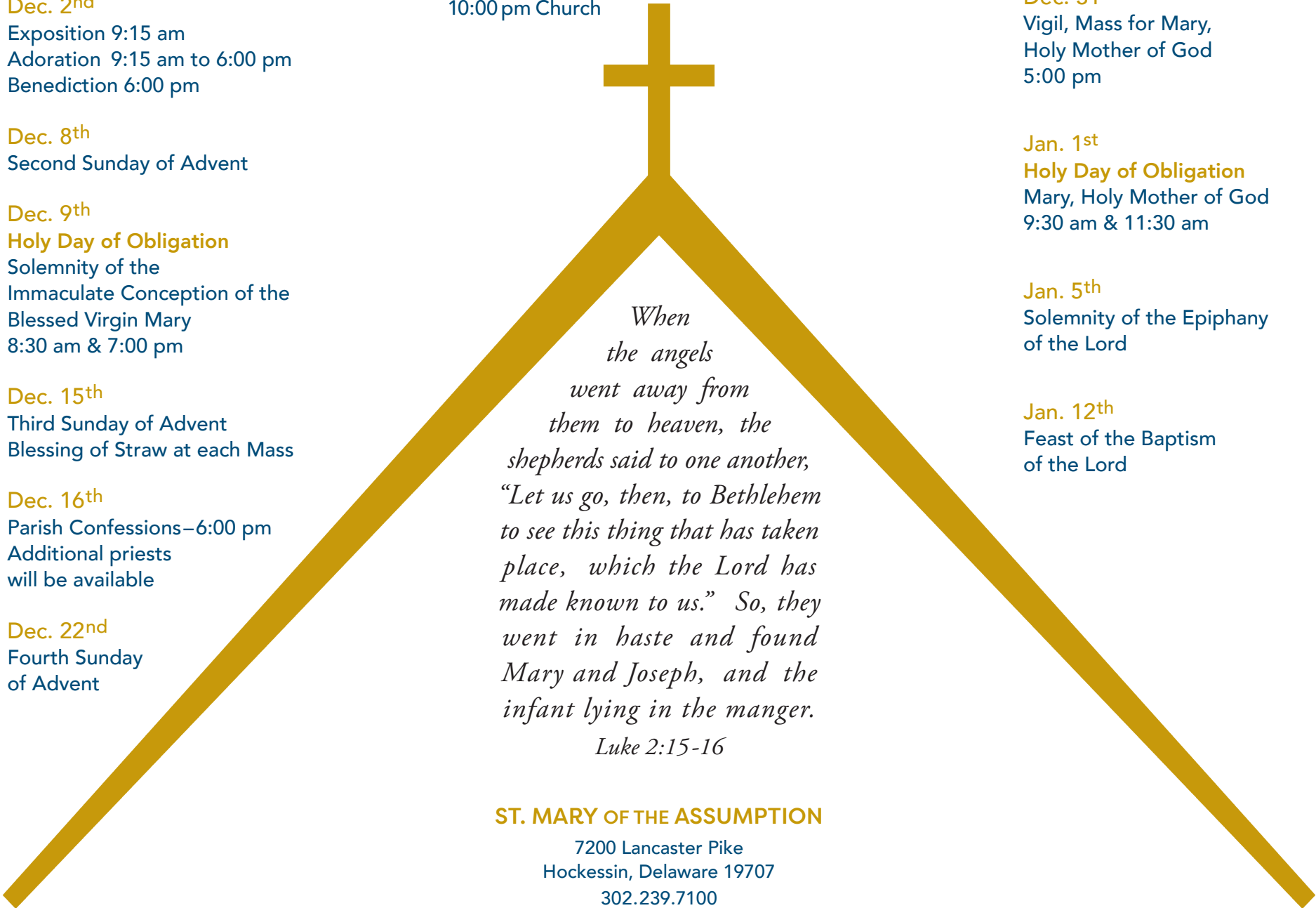
**Holy Day of Obligation**  
Mary, Holy Mother of God  
9:30 am & 11:30 am

Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>

Solemnity of the Epiphany  
of the Lord

Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>

Feast of the Baptism  
of the Lord



*When  
the angels  
went away from  
them to heaven, the  
shepherds said to one another,  
“Let us go, then, to Bethlehem  
to see this thing that has taken  
place, which the Lord has  
made known to us.” So, they  
went in haste and found  
Mary and Joseph, and the  
infant lying in the manger.*

*Luke 2:15-16*

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### *Blessing of a Christmas Manger or Nativity Scene*

God of every nation and people,  
from the very beginning of creation  
you have made manifest your love;  
when our need for a Savior was great  
you sent your Son to be born  
of the Virgin Mary.

To our lives He brings joy and peace,  
justice, mercy, and love.

Lord,  
bless all who look upon this manger;  
may it remind us of the humble  
birth of Jesus,  
and raise up our thoughts to Him  
who is God-with-us and Savior of all,  
and who lives and reigns  
for ever and ever.

*Amen*

### *Blessing of a Christmas Tree*

Lord our God,  
we praise you for the light of creation;  
the sun, the moon,  
and the stars of  
the night.

We praise you for the light of Israel:  
the Law, the Prophets, and the  
wisdom of the Scriptures.

We praise you for Jesus Christ,  
your Son:  
He is Emmanuel, God-with-us,  
the Prince of Peace, who fills us with  
the wonder of your love.

Lord God,  
let your blessing come upon us  
as we illumine this tree.  
May the light and cheer it gives  
be a sign of the joy of salvation.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

*Amen*



## *Advent & Christmas 2024-2025*

Weekend Mass Schedule  
Saturday-5:00 pm  
Sunday-7:30, 9:30, 11:30 am  
9:30 Mass is Live-Streamed



*“A Child shall be born for us,  
and He will be called God,  
the Almighty;  
and every tribe on earth  
shall be blest in Him.”*

*[Is. 9:5; Ps. 72 (71):17]*