Notes from Fr. Nick

Happy New Year!

The date on which the New Year begins has changed over the course of time. Until 153 B.C., the Romans began the year on March 1st. It was changed to January 1st because the Roman Consuls (after whom each new year was named) were chosen on that date. After 525 A.D., the Christian calendar began on March 25th to commemorate the Annunciation of Christ, although many calendars continued to list the months from January to December. European countries reverted to January 1st sometime before the Pope Gregory corrected the calendar in the 18th century.

The fact is, January 1st is an arbitrary date. Nevertheless, it has significance for us, because we choose to mark our time beginning with it. In this light, resolutions and celebrations are appropriate. Regardless of how we mark our time, it is still important to take stock of where we have been and plan for the future.

As we look forward to 2022, let’s keep our resolutions realistic, preserve our hope and avoid the trap of counting our mistakes and setbacks as loss. May 2022 be a time of grace and mercy for ourselves and those whom we meet. May it be an opportunity to encounter Christ in our work, in the people who cross our path, and in the grandeur of the world that is our home.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

January 1st

Mass at 8:30 am