

# MARIANEWS

Marian High School – Tamaqua, PA 18252

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## Happy New Year!

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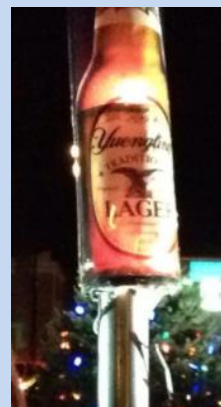
By: Grace Lorenz

We made it to another year, 2019! Many people celebrate this festive holiday in many different ways. People have different traditions on New Year's Eve if they go to a party or just stay at home. People stay up all night trying to stay up until midnight to watch what happen in your time zone. In some time zones, such as Eastern Time zone, they watch the ball drop in Time Square in other time zones there might be fireworks. Some people are early birds and go to bed and wake up the next day like any other day. Other people will stay up until after midnight or later and celebrate the New Year. Do you stay up all night or go to bed early? "I stay up all night with my family to ring in the New Year" senior at Marin Jordan Woitko said.

The famous saying "Don't forget to make your New Year's resolutions" is what you hear every new year. New Year's resolutions last about a week until you give up on yourself. Some New Year's resolutions might be losing weight, being a better person, learning a new hobby etc. New Year's day families come together around a table and eat the traditional meal of pork and sauerkraut. What traditional foods do you eat on New Year's Day "Pork, sauerkraut and applesauce" Rio Malarkey, a senior at Marian, said. Hope everyone has a blessed and healthy 2019!



Happy New Year! In Time Square they celebrate the New Year with the traditional dropping of the ball. The streets are lined up with people from all over.



There are even local customs like the dropping of the Yuengling bottle or can in Pottsville.

### Upcoming events -

Jan 25-Feb. 1 – Catholic Schools Week	Feb. 18 - Holiday
Feb. 4 – Report Cards	Feb. 20-22 – Kairos Retreat
Feb. 9 – Semi-formal	Feb. 25 – NAEP Testing
Feb. 14 – Valentine's day	Feb 28-March 1 – County Band

Newspapers should proofread!

Threat disrupts plans to meet about threats.



# The Epiphany of the Lord

By: Jordan Woitko

The Epiphany of our Lord is the Christian feast celebrated on January 6. This feast celebrates the ways in which Christ has made himself known to the entire world. The main three events that revealed the mission of Christ are the visit of the Magi (Matthew 2:1 - 12), the baptism of Jesus (Mark 1:9-11), and the miracle at Cana (John 2:1-11). When the Magi makes a visit, it is usually emphasized on Epiphany Day and Christ's baptism is then celebrated on the first Sunday that follows. The word "Epiphany" comes from the word epiphainen which is a verb that comes from the Greek language. The word epiphainen means "to shine upon" or "to make known". The Epiphany is a holy day of obligation.

To get a feel for the idea of the feeling of The Epiphany of the Lord I asked our well known Librarian, Mrs. Costello her thoughts on the Epiphany and she said "It is one of my favorite days, because it was the beginning of the gift giving." We also talked a little further into detail and she said "I also love the music." She even started singing a verse from the song. It was very interesting to hear her thoughts because this was such a pure topic, and it showed the true importance and impact of the first gift giving.



This picture shows the three wise men, or three kings as many refer to them, gathered around baby Jesus prepared to offer the gifts.



# Martin Luther King Jr. Day

By Madeline Ruff

Martin Luther King Jr. day is dedicated to Martin Luther King Jr. because he was best known for advancing civil rights through nonviolence and civil disobedience. He did many things to help the Civil Rights community during the 1950s and 60s. King led the 1955 Montgomery bus boycott which was a political and social protest campaign against the policy of racial segregation on the public transit system of Montgomery, Alabama. After the Montgomery bus boycott, in 1957 he became the president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. He continued his leadership through the next years of his life which unfortunately ended on April 4, 1968. King was fatally shot by James Earl Ray. King wrote the famous speech *I Have a Dream*. He is still acknowledged today as one of the greatest civil rights activist of all time.



Pictured above is Martin Luther King Jr. giving his "I Have a Dream" speech which he gave during the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom on August 28, 1963.

### District Deppen Pie Sale

Each 9" Pie Costs \$12.00.

**The Pie sale deadline is  
Thursday, February 7, 2019  
and the pick-up date will be  
Wednesday, February 20, 2019  
at Tamaqua Public Library.  
All orders MUST be prepaid!**

Pies must be ordered and picked up at:  
Tamaqua Public Library  
30 South Railroad Street  
Tamaqua, PA 18252.  
Call (570) 668-4660 with questions.

**Pie Flavors Include:**

- Blueberry Crumb
- Apple Crumb
- Strawberry Rhubarb Crumb
- Cherry Crumb
- Peach Crumb
- Raisin Crumb
- Shoofly
- Coconut Custard
- Lemon Sponge
- No Sugar Apple



# Winter

By: Grace Mussoline

Winter is the coldest season of the year. It begins on December 21st and ends on March 20th. This season occurs after fall, and before spring. Many people enjoy the season of winter because they are able to participate in winter sports and activities. For example, one can snowboard, ski, or ice skate in the season of winter.

In a recent interview with Maggie Joseph, a senior member of the Journalism class, she was asked what she likes most about winter.

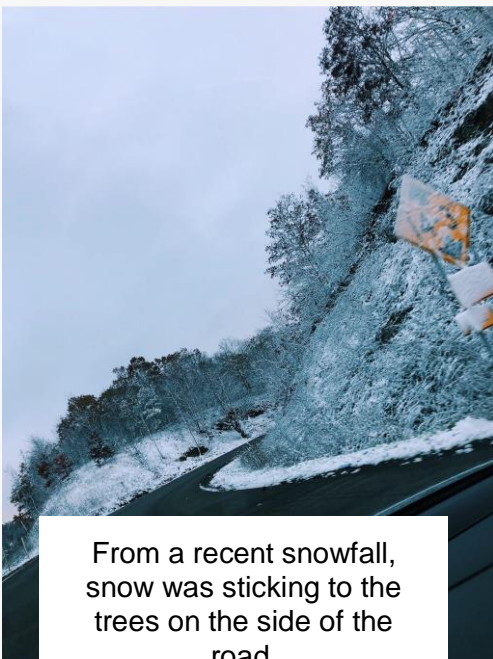
Maggie said, "I like the holidays that are celebrated during the winter season the most."

There are a few holidays that are celebrated in winter. Some examples of these holidays are Christmas, St. Nicholas Day, and Hanukkah. These holidays are of the Christian and Jewish religions. Another day that is important, during the first day of the winter month of January, is New Year's Day. During this holiday, we ring in the New Year and continue to celebrate winter. Valentine's Day takes place in February, which is also in the winter season.

Snow is another thing that takes place during the winter months. Whether it may be enjoyed for fun or dreaded for driving purposes, snow is usually what one thinks of when it comes to winter. Currently, our area has not really experienced a lot of snowfall this season, just the bitter cold after a small snowfall at the end of the month.

To get some insight on snow, an interview of Grace Lorenz, a senior here at Marian, was conducted. She was asked if she enjoys snow. She paused for a moment and then said, "yes, I do enjoy snow ... mainly because it makes the outside surroundings look pretty."

Whether you like or dislike Winter and things involved with it, there are many reasons as to why this season is so important-- being snow, time spent with family, and the celebration of special holidays.



From a recent snowfall, snow was sticking to the trees on the side of the road.

## National Popcorn Day!

By Maggie Joseph

To understand National Popcorn Day and how it came about, the history of popcorn should be discussed. According to Days of the Year website, the original corn was derived from different breeding, similar to wheat, and now known as the corn plant. After performing a few tests, it was then realized that certain popcorn kernels, when heated, "pop" and creates a fluffy exterior that is known as "popcorn". Mrs. Costello, the Librarian at Marian said "I love popcorn. It's a true American snack. Corn originated here in America and popcorn is enjoyed throughout the world."

On Saturday January 19th, we celebrate National Popcorn Day. This sweet or salty snack can be complemented with caramel, salt, butter, or plain and is enjoyed throughout the world. April Tate, a junior at Marian Catholic said "I like popcorn so I think it's pretty awesome that we celebrate a day to honor this snack."

Popcorn Day can be celebrated in numerous ways. You can begin by enjoying a bowl of popcorn accented with your favorite toppings. It's basic element is with butter and salt, but you can flavor it up by adding sweets and spices to compliment the savory snack.

To enjoy National Popcorn Day, my friend gave me a bag. Grab a bowl and get popping!



Some examples of sweet and salty popcorn bowls:

Top – Butter, Cheese

Bottom – Chocolate, Caramel

## MARIAN CATHOLIC CHERISHES LIFE

*Students attend the March for Life in Washington D.C.*

By: Jacob Artz

WASHINGTON D.C. - The debate has been argued for many years whether it is a women's choice to abort an infant in the womb or give birth to the baby. The birth of the child puts circumstances to the side and chooses to participate in God's plan of creation and life.

The issue of abortion and the law that the Church and the school is fighting against in this country stemmed from the infamous Roe v. Wade Supreme Court Case.

The history of the Roe v. Wade case started when Norma McCorvey, known as Jane Roe in the court case, wanted an abortion in Texas. Abortion was illegal in Texas. She was challenged by Henry Wade, a pro-life district attorney in Dallas County, Texas. The case went to the Supreme Court and it was ruled 7-2 that abortion was legal in Texas under the ruling that the 14th amendment affirmed a women's right to privacy under "equal protection of the law."

The students at Marian Catholic who support the Catholic Church's stance chose the right to life position as they attended the 46th annual March for Life in Washington D.C. on Friday, January 18th. The mass to start the day of prayer and support for life was cancelled due the weather.

The students packed the bus at 8 am in either Frackville or Nesquehoning to be transported to the March for Life. Once the students were dropped off at the March for Life, they heard a variety of speakers reinforce the need to support life and overturn the legality of abortion along with refuting the pro-choice arguments. Marian Catholic sophomore Ben Artz commented, "They added an element of enthusiasm to a day filled with joy and reminded us all to march for those who can't speak for themselves." He added, "Specifically, Ben Shapiro's speech helped reinforce the pride we were feeling at that moment."



Supporters eagerly gather at 12th street on the National Mall in Washington D.C. to listen to speakers on the pro-life movement and its standing in current society. The crowd was shocked when VP Mike Pence spoke and President Donald Trump addressed the marchers via video. "It was great seeing everyone come together for a great cause." Marian Catholic freshman John Milosh said. The surprises of the magnitude of prominent speakers fired up the masses to march for life.

A first time pro-life marcher, Marian Catholic senior Lidia Sokarda, was amazed at the speeches being presented. "My favorite part of the march was hearing our vice-president and his wife along with a video of Trump speak." She elaborated, "It was great seeing Americans unite for this great cause."

The March for Life itself started around 1 pm after the participants heard all of the speeches. There was a purpose behind the marching for life that members of Marian Catholic expressed. Senior Zach Mauro stated, "All it takes for evil to prosper is for good people to do nothing." He explained further, "Now is the time where we must put everything on the line, even our lives if necessary, to end the merciless slaughter of abortion."

The organizer of the Frackville bus congregation for the retreat and the chaplain at Marian Catholic Father Brian Miller offered his purpose to be present at the March for Life. "The march we participate in every year lets the public know that we still care about the dignity of human life."

The March for Life commenced at 12th street by the National Mall and followed Constitution Avenue between 12th and 14th streets. Marian Catholic students and faculty provided their motivation on why they attended the March for Life. First time attendee, senior Zach Boyer stated, "I decided to attend in order to show my protest for the abomination of abortion and to urge officials to make a moral change to protect life."



An organized group of excited chanters for life hold up their signs proudly as they walk along Constitution Avenue at the March for Life in Washington D.C. They were singing occasionally as some of their chants included "We love babies! How about you?" to entice the droves of people. "It made me feel like hope is still out there even with all the negative news in the world." senior Sarah Mutsenburger commented.

Marian Catholic English Department chair, teacher, and pro-life advocate Ms. Velekei shared her thoughts on why she comes annually to the March for Life. "I believe everyone should experience the March for Life and more importantly as a Catholic, I strongly believe that every child that is conceived has a right to life."

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She completed her point by saying, “The March for Life unites all those in the common cause to defend life.”

The bus then departed with the members of the school and parishes back home but first they stopped at Baltimore’s Inner Harbour for dinner.

Ariel Stanalonis, a senior at Marian Catholic, extended her view on the food and the sights of the Inner Harbour. “The end of the day was the icing on the cake as I was able to eat at the Cheesecake Factory and the food was out of this world. It was such a fine way to wrap up the day.”

After enjoying a bite to eat, the buses drove back to Frackville and Nesquehoning, respectively to drop off the members after a day in Washington D.C. The members on the trip were glad they went and would participate again to protect all human life.

## Mid-Terms Take Over Marian

By: Dylan Seibert

One of the two most stressful weeks of the school year is upon us at Marian Catholic. For students and teachers mid-terms are not the most fun part of the school year. They’re far from it, actually. It is very unlikely that the teachers enjoy making these big exams. The big tests that a student has to take and spend a few extra hours studying for are very tedious and boring, unless you enjoy failing Chemistry tests. Tests that are based off of everything that a student learned and were already tested on are highly controversial. Marian senior, Maggie Joseph, has some strong feelings about mid-term exams. “I think mid-terms are a good way to reflect on the information we learned in the first semester, it’s almost like a final review before we start new material” Some people think that they are necessary to see the benchmark for their curriculum. Others tend to think that the tests are irrelevant because the students already proved their level of knowledge on the content. What do you think?



Scantrons used for many exams. Did you bring your #2 pencil?

## Boys basketball

By: Zackery Hnat

The Marian boys’ varsity team has to be one of the best teams around. Not only are they great shooters like they have always been but they now have the ability to take it to the basket. Unstoppable outside and inside the paint, Coach Patton once said “Grabbing boards is key.”

Now let’s get to business. This year’s team record is 7-7 overall, and there conference record is 3-2. Yet these numbers may seem a little out of whack but there is a great chance of still making the playoffs.

The two seniors are very emotional this year, excited to be a senior playing on the team and getting one more chance to win. Yet they are also sad being it is the last year for them. The seniors on the team are Keith McCall and Brandon Sabulsky. The two seniors really know how to go out with a bang. Keith McCall is a former football player who is very athletic and is also a great basketball player. Brandon Sabulsky is another great ball player. He knows how to drive the ball, grab boards, and hype up the team when it is needed. As a matter of fact on January 12, Brandon scored 24 points to lead Marian to a win of 73-61 over Schuylkill Haven. Not only that but he had 21 rebounds as well. This is no small achievement.

But the seniors aren’t the only ones excelling. Junior Tyler Fritz reached his 1,000 points on January 8 against Nativity. He scored 28 points in the game to become Marian’s 35<sup>th</sup> basketball player to reach this goal and the 15<sup>th</sup> boy. Way to go Tyler.



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This year’s season is already half way over with only a few more games to go. The boys are looking for a districts win. LETSSSS GOOO COLTSSS!!!!!!

# Your favorite honey loving bear, Winnie the Pooh

By: Rhiannon Malarkey

You all know Winnie the Pooh, but what you may not know, is that January 18th is National Winnie the Pooh Day. Author A.A Milne, brought the honey loving bear to life in his many stories, that also feature his son Christopher Robin. The day itself commemorates Milne's birthday which was January 18, 1882.

Milne's very lovable Pooh Bear, as he was fondly called, was inspired by a black bear named Winnie who lived at the London Zoo during World War I. The author's son, Christopher Robin, visited Winnie often at the zoo and even named his own teddy bear after her and a swan at zoo named Pooh. This friendship, inspired Milne's books, starting with Winnie - the - Pooh in 1926, the books were illustrated by E.H. Shepard.

Disney bought the rights of Winnie - the - Pooh, and even dropped the hyphens from Pooh's name. The illustrations were even slightly altered too. The books were translated into over 50 languages and are considered classic books for children everywhere.

According to the National Day Calendar, the best way to observe the day is to snuggle up with your favorite Pooh fan and a pot of honey and take turns reading about the adventures of Winnie the Pooh using #WinnieThePoohDay to post on social media. Speaking of Pooh fans, I got the chance to catch up with one of Pooh's biggest fans, Mrs. Costello. On asked what she thought about the honey loving bear, she answered "I love Winnie the Pooh, I read all the books when I was a kid." How about you?



Winnie the  
Pooh- the  
Disney  
version

The author of  
Winnie the  
Pooh, A.A.  
Milne and his  
son  
Christopher  
Robin and  
Pooh Bear

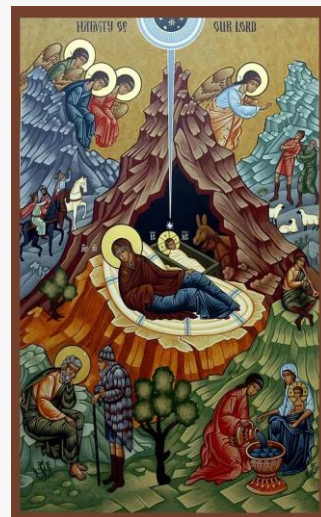


## I think you're 13 Days Late

By Vladimir Holoviak

On the 7th of January every year, Christmas is celebrated by millions of Eastern Orthodox Christians. The reason they celebrate on the 7th day of the new year, rather than on December 25th alongside Roman Catholics is because the Orthodox still follow the Julian Calendar, which was put in place by Julius Caesar in 46 BC. Because the Orthodox Church is deeply rooted in tradition, they like to keep things the way they've been and celebrate like their ancestors did. That's not to say every Orthodox Church celebrates on January 7th. In fact, few do in America. It is much more common in Europe where everyone celebrates at the same time (on the 7th).

And the party doesn't stop after January 7th. That's just the beginning of it. People will take weeks to eat, drink, and be merry with their whole family who are invited over immediately after liturgy. This type of celebration is unlike any other and can only really be experienced in Eastern Europe where the main religion is Orthodoxy. The thing that these people really do right, is enjoy the moment and take time to appreciate their faith, and the people around them.



An Icon of the  
Nativity of Christ