

Mass Intentions

SUNDAY: DECEMBER 17

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 5:30 p.m.** Rita Taranella
7:30 a.m. Teddy Perich
9:30 a.m. Gerard LeComte
Evaristo Lorenzo
11:30 a.m. Dorothy Fersch
Mary Burns
Margaret Conroy

MONDAY: DECEMBER 18

- 7:00 a.m.** People of the Parish

TUESDAY: DECEMBER 19

- 7:00 a.m.** Kyle Sheplak

WEDNESDAY: DECEMBER 20

- 7:00 a.m.** Caesar Swidan

THURSDAY: DECEMBER 21

- 7:00 a.m.** Nancy Bona
Evaristo Lorenzo

FRIDAY: DECEMBER 22

- 7:00 a.m.** Fr. Derek Anderson

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Mary Meyer, Joseph Braun, Rocco Pandone, Irene Herbert, Joseph Manogue, Edna Lomotan, Linda Martin, Charlie Russo, Arlene Mount, David Butler, Sr. Thomasine, Carol Sicsko, Christopher McDermott, John Holmes, Margaret McKearney, Eileen Curylo, Carmella Cullen, Joan Shotmuller, Mary Mancin, John Skidmore, Tina LePre, Wayne Tompkins, Scott Sullivan, Robert Kelly, Denise Bencel, Mary Narcise, Mike Suckey, Miguel Rivera, Brittany Bragg, Vincent Merendino, Peter Cerenzio, Frances Norton, Victoria McCann, Anne Matanin, Louis Cloitre,

SANCTUARY LIGHT

Burns this week in memory of
Louise, Lucy and Richie Fiorello
req. by Joan Howard

PARISH SUPPORT

Last weekend's collection: \$5,037.00
Thank you for your financial investment in St. Mary's.

GIVE ONLINE

We encourage those parishioners who feel comfortable making secure online donations to consider automatic online giving through our parish website at www.stmarysdover.org This is an easy and convenient way to support our parish.



Monday evenings 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Parish News

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Wed. Dec 20: Advent Vespers & Adoration 7:00 pm.

Sun. Dec. 17: Giving Tree Gifts due back.
Breakfast with Santa
8:00 am to 12:00 pm
Lessons and Carols
Performed by St. Mary's Choir
3:00 pm in Church

Tue. Dec. 19: Advent Penance Service – 7:00 pm.

RAFFLE WINNERS TO DATE FOR DECEMBER 2017

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| 1. Trish Franco | 8. Jenny Oliveira |
| 2. Libby & Tim McClain | 9. Kathe Gildersleeve |
| 3. Pamela Banks | 10. Marty Smolko |
| 4. Anita Katzenstein | 11. Kris Beirne |
| 5. Lauren Alvarez | 12. Anita Katzenstein |
| 6. Teresa Hernandez | 13. Kathe Gildersleeve |
| 7. Donna Daniels | 14. Rick Sanderson |



ADVENT VESPERS AND ADORATION

All are welcome to attend our Advent Vespers and Adoration prayer service on Wednesday evenings during Advent (December 20th), from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. This is a great opportunity for parishioners and friends to come together in preparation of Christmas.



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Will once again be singing at the 5:30 Christmas Eve Mass. Rehearsals will be on Sunday mornings after the 9:30 am Mass. Please contact Paul (973) 691-9208 or Jeannie (973) 361-8621, if interested.

SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN COLLECTION

This year St. Mary's Parish is collecting items for the servicemen and women working overseas. Below is a list of items being collected. Items will be collected at the back of the church after each mass this weekend.

Shampoo	Hairbrushes/Combs	Socks
Toothbrushes	Toothpaste	Dental Floss
Mouthwash	Soap	Deodorant
Hand Sanitizer	Razors	Hard Candy
Gum/Mints	Christmas Candy	Nuts
Peanut Butter	Beef Jerky	Cookie Tins
Crackers	Dry soup packets	
Non-Perishable Snacks		

Tuna/Salmon (vacuum-sealed packages)

Please contact Megan Goulden at mgoulden19@gmail.com. Thank you for your support.



GIVING TREE

Please attach the tag to **outside** of wrapped gift and return under tree by **Sunday, December 17th**. Gifts will be distributed the following Thursday, **December 21st**.



CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERING

Please return the Christmas Flower envelopes included in your monthly packet by December 17th. You can also make your donation online at www.stmarysdover.org



ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Tuesday, December 19th - 7:00 p.m.

This is a great opportunity to prepare the way for Christ's coming. Jesus is always extending an invitation for all people to return to the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY TRAINING

Ministry to Homebound Eucharistic Ministers:
Jan. 10 – 7:00 p.m.

SMALL GROUP INITIATIVE

Last month St. Mary's formed small groups of 6-8 parishioners to help grow in faith and get a sense of belonging in our community. Each group meets twice a month at a convenient location. For more information or if interested in joining, please call the parish office – 973.366-0184.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP

The local college students are getting together to study/learn more about the bible and our faith. We would like to invite local college students to join us. We meet every two weeks for an hour and a half, and we always have food! If interested, call/text Stephanie at 860.333.0817 or email college@stmarysdover.org.

STEBENVILLE YOUTH CONFERENCE

July 20 – 22, 2017

Open to all 8th grade graduates and high school students – this is a great experience in faith and community. If interested please call the Religious Education Office, 973.366.0184 ext. 21.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Grades K-4: December 18: 7:00 – 8:00 pm

Grades 5-10: December 17: 6:30 - 8:00 pm

"THE WILD GOOSE PROJECT"

Dates: January 9 & 16

Time: 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

The Wild Goose Project is a simple attempt to invite Catholics the Holy Spirit. This is a relationship marked by the love of God which breathes life into our daily existence. The Holy Spirit is not merely something relegated to Confirmation. The Spirit desires a relationship with us that will take us on the greatest adventure imaginable; a journey to the very Heart of God. The Holy Spirit desires to be present to us in a manner that brings light out of darkness, freedom out of bondage, order out of chaos and life out of death. This is a great series no matter where you are at in your faith.

SYMBOLON

Sundays: 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. in the school
Dec. 10; Jan. 7 & 21; Feb. 11 & 25; Mar. 11
A great opportunity to learn more about the Catholic faith and enter into a meaningful discussion with other members of the parish. New arrivals are always welcome.

CHRISTMAS LITURGY SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve – Sunday - December 24th

5:30 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.

Christmas Day – Monday - December 25th

7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

Tuesday December 26th

Daily mass will be at 9:00 am

New Year's Eve – Sunday - December 31st

5:30 p.m.

New Year's Day – Monday - January 1, 2018

9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.



We welcome into our Christian community the following who were baptized in December:

Gianna Sofia Lynn Gast
Daughter of Matthew and Lisa

Olivia Marie Vazquez
Daughter of Jesse and Elizabeth

Congratulations to the parents and godparents.

Parish Contact Information

Pastoral Associate / Director of Faith Formation

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Middle School Youth Ministry

Sarah Robinson MSyouth@stmarysdoover.org

High School Youth Ministry

Alexandra Cernick HSyouth@stmarysdoover.org

Young Adult Ministry

Katie Woltornist Young-Adults@stmarysdoover.org
908-310-9965

College Ministry

Stephanie Twedt College@stmarysdoover.org
860-333-0817

Counseling Service

Mary M. Kane, PHD., ED.S 973-625-8711

Ministry Scheduling

Parish Office 973-366-0184
Email: info@stmarysdoover.org

Music Ministry

Paul F. Fersch 973-691-9208

Charismatic Prayer Group

Joan Costello 973-366-8968

Pre-Cana

Please call Parish Office.

Rite of Christian Initiation Program

Call Parish Office 973-366-0184

Knights of Columbus

Michael Keiser 973-229-6165

Right to Life

Mark Churchman 973-366-4035

Senior's Club

John Sutherland 973-366-7656

Food Pantry

Donations accepted on weekends before / after Mass
Lisa Masone 973-932-4741

Altar Servers

Fr. Derek Anderson 973-366-0184

Hand In Hand Caregivers Ministry

(Meets 3rd Saturday of the month- 9:30 AM Birmingham Hall)
Kris Beirne 973-366-5679

Homebound Ministry

Fr. Patrick Prajzner 973-366-0184

Rosary Devotion

Deenie Saltarelli 551-655-4109

Parish Trustees:

Mr. Mark J. Alpaugh
Mr. Gerard P. Daingerfield

Administrative Assistants

Mrs. Andrea Henry

Parish Membership

New Parishioners are asked to register at the Parish Office as soon as possible.

Please notify the Parish Office for changes of address, also.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Monday evening - 7:00-8:00 PM

Saturday - 4:00 - 5:00 PM

Also by appointment at the Parish Office

Sacrament of Baptism

Arrangements can be made by calling the Office.

Note: baptisms are not celebrated during the Lenten Season.

Sacrament of Marriage

Arrangements must be made at least one year in advance.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

For anyone who is sick or homebound, please call the Parish Office.

