

Mass Intentions

SUNDAY: DECEMBER 3

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 5:30 p.m. Glen Wagnecz
7:30 a.m. Guiseppina Grecco
9:30 a.m. Yves and Marie Cloitre
11:30 a.m. Barbara F. Ohlsen
Mary O'Neill
T. J. Brady

MONDAY: DECEMBER 4

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

TUESDAY: DECEMBER 5

- 7:00 a.m. Angie Perrella

WEDNESDAY: DECEMBER 6

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

THURSDAY: DECEMBER 7

- 7:00 a.m. Nicholas Silvestri, Jr.

Vigil Mass - Feast of the Immaculate Conception

- 7:00 p.m. People of the Parish

FRIDAY: DECEMBER 8

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

- 7:00 a.m. Amelia Kuzma
7:00 p.m. People of the Parish

BREAD AND WINE

Given this week in memory of

GLEN WAGNECZ

Requested by his family

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,

PARISH SUPPORT

Last weekend's collection: \$5,940.00

Next weekend the second collection will be taken up for Retirement Fund for Religious. Please be as generous as possible.

Thank you for your financial investment in St. Mary's.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends,

This Sunday marks the first day of a new liturgical year and the beginning of Advent (from the Latin "*adventus*", meaning "an arrival", or "a coming"). It is a season draped in violet to signify the penitential spirit which characterizes the four weeks of Advent. But what is Advent all about? And how can we allow the spirit of Advent to penetrate and transform our lives over the next several weeks?

The readings for this first Sunday of Advent direct our gaze not to the crib in Bethlehem, but to heaven and the fulfillment of the Kingdom of God and Jesus' return in glory. Advent prepares us to recall the moment when God took on flesh and entered our world 2,000 years ago as a baby, but it also urges us to prepare ourselves to live with God now, as He is still present among us, and to be prepared for His eternal presence. Advent is therefore a season of grace, given to us by the Church, so we may be better prepared to receive the full mystery of Jesus Christ.

I will end with an insightful comment from Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, as it reminds us of the value of Advent for us today: "In our daily lives we all experience having little time for the Lord and also little time for ourselves. We end by being absorbed in 'doing'. Is it not true that activities often absorb us and that society with its multiple interests monopolizes our attention? Is it not true that we devote a lot of time to entertainment and to various kinds of amusement? At times we get carried away. Advent, this powerful liturgical season that we are beginning, invites us to pause in silence to understand a presence. It is an invitation to understand that the individual events of the day are signs that God gives to us, signs of the attention he has for each one of us. How often God gives us a glimpse of his love!" Let us pause and take up the challenge to seek the Lord's presence each day throughout this Advent season. It will be tough, but rewarding!

God bless,
Fr. Derek Anderson

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 PM

Sunday: 7:30, 9:30, and 11:30 AM

Monday - Friday 7:00 AM

Holy Days: As Announced

Confessions - Saturday
4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Adoration and Confession
Monday evenings 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Parish News

LITURGICAL MINISTRY TRAINING

Lectors: Dec. 13 – 6:00 pm
Ministry to Homebound Eucharistic Ministers:
Jan. 10 – 7:00 p.m.

“THE WILD GOOSE PROJECT”

Dates: *December 5 & 12; 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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- Sun. Dec. 3:** Gift tags from our Giving Tree are available
- Mon. Dec. 4:** Parish Speaker Event
Fr. Will Tarraza
7:00pm—8:00pm in the School Gym
- Wednesday's
Dec. 6-13-20:** Advent Vespers and Adoration
7:00 pm.
- Fri. Dec. 15:** Nativity Presentation – 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.

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.



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

Joaquin John Santos Canizales
Son of Joaquin and Jennel

Ethan Kristopher Leek
Son of Kristopher and Leidy

Natalie Rose Marchut
Daughter of Kevin and Jacqueline

Ava Sophia Yura
Daughter of David and Carly

Congratulations to the parents and godparents.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Grades K-4: December 4,11,18: 7:00 – 8:00 pm

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

GIVING TREE



Gift tags from our Giving Tree are available this weekend. 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**.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

SUNDAY – DECEMBER 17 - 8 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

\$12 Adults - \$8 Children (8-11yrs.) under 4 free
Menu includes: eggs, bacon, sausage, bagels, pancakes, fruit, orange juice, coffee tea, milk, etc.



CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

(Friday, December 15 – 7:00 p.m.)

If your child would to be a part of our Christmas play, please email Wendy at winnie17@aol.com. Please include the first & last name of the child, age, first and last name of parent, your phone number and email address.

Parish / Diocesan News

PARISH SPEAKER SERIES

“The Joy of Advent”

Join us on December 4th, 7:00 to 8:00 pm, in the school, as we welcome Fr. Will Tarraza. Fr. Will is a very energetic and inspirational speaker. Family and friends are invited to attend.

ADVENT VESPERS AND ADORATION

All are welcome to attend our Advent Vespers and Adoration prayer service on Wednesday evenings during Advent (December 6th, 13th, and 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.

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.

HIGH SCHOOL & MIDDLE SCHOOL EVENTS

Youth Group Cookie Bake for Seniors: On December 3rd, from 12:30 to 4:30 pm, the youth group will be baking & decorating cookies for seniors in our parish. For those students attending, we ask that you bring at least 2 types of pre-made cookie dough & cookie cutters. Donations will be accepted to help with any additional expenses.

HIGH SCHOOL EVENTS

Youth Leaders Initiative – Dec. 10th – 6 pm

The Youth Leadership Team is a program open to juniors and seniors who want to learn core leadership skills and form a deeper relationship in faith and understanding of discipleship. Meetings are held in the old convent and will count towards volunteer hours.

Steubenville 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.

2017 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

As you plan to celebrate the joy of the Christmas season by giving gifts to your friends and loved ones, there is one gift that you can give to tens of thousands of people. It does not require ten thousand name tags or ten thousand bows. All that's needed is a completed pledge card to the Bishop's Annual Appeal or an on-line gift at www.2017appeal.org. Say “Merry Christmas” to so many of your brothers and sisters in the Diocese of Paterson who need some hope and joy.

COLLEGE EVENTS

Catholic Underground – December 2nd

Come join us for an evening in the city with other young adults! We will be leaving from the old convent at 3:30 p.m. for dinner in NYC, followed by Catholic Underground, an event sponsored by the Franciscan Friars, with Adoration, a social, and a concert. We look forward to seeing you.

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.

YOUNG ADULT EVENT

Ugly Christmas Sweater Party – December 10

Have that ugly Christmas Sweater in your closet? Well, this is the time to wear it. After the 11:30 am Sunday Mass we will be hosting a pot-luck lunch and white elephant at the old convent. Bring a wrapped \$10 gift to put in the gift exchange.

YOU ARE INVITED

On December 9, 2017, we will celebrate the 80th anniversary of the actual date of the creation of the Diocese (December 9, 1937). You are invited to a special 9:30 a.m. Solemn Mass at the Cathedral with our Bishop, Bishop Serratelli, followed by a breakfast at the Brownstone, Paterson at 11:00 a.m. All are invited to attend this Communion Breakfast!

Tickets are \$40 per person and are available online at www.rcdop.org/breakfast. This is a day of Celebration for all of us living in the Diocese of Paterson.

THANK YOU

I was really overwhelmed on Sunday when Fr. Derek bestowed a blessing on me after Mass. The reception that followed was something I will always remember. Thank you Fr. Derek and all those who worked so hard to make it such a great memory. St. Mary's has been my “other family” for 28 years. You have all been a source of joy and support and it has been an amazing journey. Many thanks for your beautiful thoughts and notes. Your gifts are greatly appreciated. Please continue to keep me in your prayers as you will always be in mine. You are all the best!

Love & Prayers,
Evelyn

P.S. Happy Birthday, FDA
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Music Ministry

Paul F. Fersch 973-691-9208

Charismatic Prayer Group

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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 Bermingham 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. Evelyn Muldoon

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.

