

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday December 9-Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtiatcatzin

5:00pm Hannah & Charles Stark
Elizabeth Stark Tanaka

Sunday, December 10

7:30 am Nancy Palmieri
Aldo & Family

9:00 am For all Parishioners

10:30 am Angelo Pellicano
Al & Sally O'Hara
12:00 pm Silvana Rubeo & Josephine Somma
Joanne, Rachele & Rocco Nuzzaro

5:00 pm

Monday, December 11-Saint Damasus I

9:00 am Vincent Panigrosso, Jr.
Cathcart Family

Tuesday, December 12-Our Lady of Guadalupe

9:00 am Angelo Rosa Carino
Your wife and mother in law

Wednesday, December 13-Saint Lucy

9:00 am Guenter Szczuka
Deacon Walter & Anne

Thursday, December 14-Saint John of the Cross

9:00 am Anthoni Carino
Your Grandmother

Friday, December 15

9:00 am Patrick Weir
Carmel Dillon

Saturday December 16

9:00 am Matthew Herring
The Weinert Family

Vigil

5:00pm John Perrino
Happy Birthday in Heaven
Love Fannie & Family

Sunday, December 17

7:30 am For all Parishioners
9:00 am Ricky Modica
Love Mom & Dad
10:30 am Agnes Yarchak
Rob & Laura Esposito & Family
12:00 pm Tom Conroy
His loving Family
5:00 pm

Weekly Readings

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

THIS WEEK

MONDAY: December 11

- Women of Grace: after 9 am Mass, PCH
- AA: 7:00 pm Step, LRC
8:15pm Big Book, LRC

TUESDAY: December 12

- Light for Living: 12:30 pm, RMR

WEDNESDAY: December 13

- Loving Hands: 10:00 am, RMR
- Youth Choir Rehearsal: 6:00pm
- Adult Choir Rehearsal: 7:00pm

THURSDAY: December 14

- Weekday Fellowship after 9 am Mass
- Comfort Corner: 10:00am, RMR
- Narc Anon: 7:45 pm, LRC

FRIDAY: December 15

- Lessons & Carols: 7:30 pm. CH
- AA: 7:00 pm Open Speaker;
8:15 pm Beginners, LRC

SATURDAY: December 16

- Men's Group Rosary: 7:00 am
- Men's Group: 7:30 am, LRC

The Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be enthroned in the home of The Broad Family this week. If you would like to have the Statue of Our Lady visit your home, please call Helen at 227-5075.

STEWARDSHIP – A WAY OF LIFE TITHING—GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

December 3, 2017: \$ 11,966.00

December 4, 2016: \$ 10,745.01

The White Rose by the St. John Vianney Window recognizes and honors our holy priests both living and deceased.

- For all Priests

The Rose on the Blessed Sacrament Altar was donated:

- Happy Birthday Mary Lando The Home Prayer Group
 - For Joe & Pauline Gallagher In Loving Memory
Your children
- To reserve a rose, call the Rectory Office at 227-8382.

In your prayers please remember the needs of the parishioners, particularly those confined at home or in the hospital, especially: Carman Lando, Mary Korducki,,Thomas Deacon, Jessie Lewis, Jessica, Mickey Zayas, Mark Heule, Erin, Rachel Vincini, Peter Rasulo, Gloria Knapp, Nicole D., Pat Cassels, Virginia Irwin, Flora Slater, Sara Garrand, Rev. Maurice Wright, James Virtuoso, Marion Wilson, Tom Kenny, Frank DiCostanzo, Ted and Pat Schlager, Eileen Jaeger, Jennifer Colburn, Rose Ann O'Mara, Rose & Michael Duane, Jr, Noemi Munoz, Jack Nevins, Salvatore DiMaiuta, Stan S., Dominick Velardo, Maryann Burchfield, Katharine Torlish, Mercantino Palmieri, MaryBeth S., Dianna Mackey, David Reed, Angelo Mastandrea, Paul Schick, Mary Anne Burchfield, Kristin Delia, Francis Virtuoso, Andrew McAleer, Chester Bruskevicz, Joseph Egitto, Emily Sprance Hutter, Matthew DiCostanza, Margaret Dunne, Chris Birdsall, Brenden McGuire, Nicholas Gasparra, Dolores, Sara Keating, Rev. Joseph Levesque, Salvatore DiPillo, Jennie Angelo, Tom S., Helen Rodriguez, Valerie & Stephen Friscia, Emily DeStefano, Christine S., Rebecca Conroy, Justice Disney, Tom Bergman, Mr. & Mrs. Marchini, Edith Marhold, Calid, Jack Heybruck, XEN Wright, Avery Wikstrom, Muriel McCulloch, Mike Denick, Mildred Pizzuti, Mercedes Menendez, Charina McDonald, John Terzani, Agnes Byrne, Lorra Hoffman, Joe Miller, Stefanie Fischer, Nola Devitta, George and Jean Corwin, Jose Lopez, Jamie Cipriani, Theresa Gmeiner, Christina Padilla and all the sick of our parish.

St. Denis Sick List: Names placed on the sick list remain for sixty (60) days and are then removed. If there is a continued need for prayers after the sixty days, please contact the rectory 227-8382. Leave your name, the telephone number for contact purposes, and the name of the person for the sick list.

Prayers for Those Fighting in a War

Let us keep in our prayers all of the brave men and women who continue to fight for our freedom and safety, as well as for their families. Please remember especially:

Philip J. Ryan	Peter Schmidt
Sean Heffernan	Kevin Heffernan
Connor Lapadula	Tyler Dobbins
Matthew Ibsen	Jonathan Swierat
Katherine Swierat	Joseph Phelan
Kevin William Winant	Michael DeCarlo

If you know of someone, in any branch of the military, who is currently assigned in an area of conflict, let us know at the Rectory.

St. Michael the Archangel & St. Joan of Arc are two patrons of those in the military. Let us pray to them for the safety of the men & women in our Armed Forces.

The Image of the Divine Mercy will be enthroned this week in the home of Linda & Mike Delia

In His conversations with St. Faustina, Jesus said, "I am offering people a vessel with which they are to keep coming for graces to the fountain of mercy. That vessel is the image with the signature 'Jesus, I trust in you.'" –Diary #324
If you would like to have the Divine Mercy image in your home please contact Deacon Enrico & Susan Messina 845-896-2620.

The Image should be returned to the Sacristy the following Sunday so it can be given to the next person on the list.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2017

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday, December 18, 4:00-8:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 23, 8:00-8:45 a.m.
3:30-4:30 p.m.

MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve

4:00 p.m. (Children's Choir)

4:15 p.m. (Parish Center)

6:00 p.m.

12:00 midnight (Adult Choir)

Christmas Day

9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:00 noon

(Please note that there will **not** be a 7:30 am Mass Christmas morning.)

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Since January 1st is a Monday this year the Feast of Mary, Mother of God will not be a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will only be celebrated at 9am on Monday morning

ARE YOU ABLE TO HELP?

We will be preparing the **Christmas mailing** for St. Denis this **Tuesday, December 12th**, immediately after the 9:00 am Mass. If you are able to spare some time, please join us in the lower room of the church. No particular skills necessary--we will train you! Thank you for your consideration.



MONTHLY COFFEE

After Daily Mass, Thursday, December 14. Please join us in the lower church for some coffee and cake after the 9am Mass. All are welcome!

ADVENT RECONCILIATION MONDAY

On Monday, **December 18th** all Catholic churches in the Archdiocese of NY will offer the opportunity for confession from 4-8 pm. Taking part in this beautiful and powerful Sacrament is a wonderful way for each of us to help in our personal preparation for the celebration of the Birth of Christ this Christmas. Come and receive the gift of God's love and forgiveness, especially if it may have been some time since you last went to confession...and bring a friend.

Thank You



I cannot express my gratitude enough to all the families who helped at the Silver Tea. Thank you for putting up signs, helping in the kitchen, helping set up, helping clean up, donating food and attending the Silver Tea. Your support at the craft fair and raffle table made it a total success. Thank you ever so much. Your example of volunteering and helping is one of the best lessons you can give to your children – to model Jesus and to model your lives after his.

Laura Esposito & Staff



BEST ADVENT EVER

'Tis the season' We prepare for everything we consider important in life. And that includes Christmas. Join our parish for Best Advent Ever, a free email program that will help you prepare for Christmas in a unique way. Each day you'll receive an email with...

- Short inspirational videos from Matthew Kelly and Dr. Allen Hunt
- Practical tips for your everyday life
- Real-life stories of hope

BestAdventEver.com/BeautifulHope



WOMEN OF GRACE MORNINGS OF PRAYER

Join us on Monday mornings in the Parish Center following the 9am Mass as we "strive to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord, Jesus Christ."




CHRISTMAS COOKIE EXCHANGE

Monday, December 18-9:45 in the Parish Center-Come celebrate our Annual Christmas Cookie Exchange and Donation for the Homeless served by Newburgh Ministries. We will exchange cookies among ourselves and pack the boxes for the sisters in Newburgh. The donation of hygiene items for the shelter are also greatly appreciated. Please bring 4 dozen cookies to fill the boxes. In addition, bring another 2 dozen to share with the other ladies. Want to donate, but can't make the meeting? Call or e-mail Sally 845-227-5504 or sohara@frontiernet.net.

LESSONS AND CAROLS

JOIN US on Friday December 15 at 7:30pm.

Saint Denis Youth Choir  Lessons & Carols
SEE you in the Church at 7:30 and after the concert we will have a social in the Parish Center.

Make Christmas Ornaments , Decorate

Cookies , Food , Face Painting



and more! FREE PRIZES for all attending! Just RSVP by DEC.12 to 845-227-8382

SAVE THE DATE- JANUARY 13, 2018

St. Denis 4th Annual Adult Wine and Cheese Social 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. St. Denis Parish Center (*Snow Date*: January 27, 2018)



Join fellow parishioners for a fun filled evening listening and dancing to the sounds of Sinatra and your favorite oldies, sung by Bob D'Angelo (St. Denis Parishioner)



COOK FOR THE HOMELESS MINISTRY



We just want to let you know that we will not be cooking in December. Our date to serve is Tuesday, December 26th. The meal will be delivered in another way.

We want to thank all of you for all of your support over the past year, we can't do this without each one of you.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!



ST. VINCENT dePAUL NEWS FOOD PANTRY

Thank you for your continued prayers & support. If you need to reach us, or would like to volunteer to become a member of SVDP, please call us at (845)227-7863. This week the pantry is in need of:

**Jello / Pudding, Mustard,
Toothbrushes. Deodorant**

Next meeting: Wednesday, December 13, 7pm in classroom 11 of St. Denis-St. Columba School.

Please visit us at: www.svdfoodpantry.org



CHRISTMAS BASKETS

Christmas season is a time of giving. Please consider preparing a holiday food basket for a family in need. A basket can be prepared alone or with a group, and should include the following items: turkey or ham, stuffing, gravy, cranberry sauce, white potatoes, sweet potatoes, fresh vegetables, salad mix & dressing, rolls, butter, milk, eggs, fresh fruit, dessert, coffee, tea, cold beverages and a foil pan. We also accept loose items. Drop off for baskets is **SUNDAY DECEMBER 17th BETWEEN 10:00AM -12:00 NOON AT ST. COLUMBA CHURCH.** Baskets are blessed at 1:00pm and disbursement will follow. If you can donate a basket, please call Linda at 227-7863.



CHILDREN GIFT CARDS

We are purchasing gift cards from Kohl's for each child age 0 – 17 of the families we serve. The gift cards permit the parents/guardians to purchase a needed or wanted item for the child. If you would like to assist in covering the cost of these cards, please indicate "gift card" in the memo section of your check and mail to: St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, St. Columba Church, P.O. Box 428, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533. Thank you for your generosity.



Feast of the Holy Innocents Thursday, December 28th

The Stations of the Cross for Life will take place at St. Columba's Chapel starting at 7:30 PM followed by silent meditation and then Benediction. Please join us as we pay homage to the children murdered by King Herod in his attempt to kill the baby Jesus.

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly
Second Sunday of Advent-December 10, 2017
“The Lord does not delay in keeping His promises, though some consider it ‘delay.’ Rather He shows you generous patience since He wants no one to perish but all to come to repentance... I send my messenger before you to prepare your way, a herald voice in the desert crying, ‘Make ready the way of the Lord clear him a straight path.’”

The letter of Peter and Isaiah’s message in the gospel of Mark, provide a wonderful opportunity to begin this second week of advent. Somehow it is easy, or convenient, to forget or presume why Jesus came two thousand years ago. A lost people needed a savior, to bring them back to union with their creator. He came, revealed the Father’s love for us and still invites us to respond to that love. Do I see my need today, and the needs of my family and our world?

Let’s face it, our messed up world needs a savior, not a political leader or powerful military strength, but someone to free us from sin and all that divides us, the barriers which keep us from growing in holiness, in grace, or love of God and neighbor. Advent invites us to focus on our need from the Lord today. Advent, the great time of hope and expectation calls us to make ready, the way of the Lord, to have Him into our hearts and the hearts of others. ‘Come Lord Jesus.’

NATIVITY DISPLAY

Each Christmas, throughout the month of December, Mariapolis Luminosa in Hyde Park displays over 200 Nativity scenes from 50 countries at the Chiara Lubich Conference Center. There will be musical performances by the Poughkeepsie New Yorkers, Evergreen Chorus, St. Kateri & St. Martin de Porres Music Ministries the weekends of **Dec. 9 & 10; Dec. 16 & 17**. A Baby Jesus Craft Workshop for children ages 4 and up will take place on Saturday **December 16th at 2:00 pm**. The display runs from **December 8 – January 7** from 1:00pm-5:00pm. Suggested donation is \$5. For more information, call 845-229-0230, ext 127. Or go to www.focolare.org/mariapolisluminosa Stop by and visit the Ave Art Center and gift shop, too!

BREIF SYNOPSIS OF SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Isaiah emphasizes that from the desert to the mountains, all people must prepare for “the glory of the Lord to be revealed.” Rather than looking only at God’s power, Isaiah focuses on God’s kindness, comparing it to a shepherd who feeds and cares for his flock.

Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14

For those who are impatient for the Second Coming, Peter explains that time is different to God than to people. He reminds them that they should be grateful for the extra time to prepare, and concentrate on striving to become all that God would want them to be.

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

In this passage, John the Baptist stressed the importance of the coming of the Messiah. He acknowledged that he was only the messenger, and unfit to “stoop and untie his sandal straps.” John urged them to prepare for one far holier than he, who would walk among them.

LUTHERAN CARE CENTER

Every year we ask for donations to help enhance the holiday season for the residents of Lutheran Care Center. Please help us to continue to provide our residents with a happy holiday. Donations need to be delivered to Lutheran Care Center, 965 Dutchess Turnpike, Poughkeepsie, care of Carolyn Brazil, by **Dec. 16**. If delivery is a problem, please call (845) 486-9494 ex 230 & we can discuss options.

Men Clothing sizes L-2X, Sports Oriented Figurines/Pictures, Toiletries, Electric Razor

Women Clothing sizes M-2X, New Costume Jewelry including Large Face Watches, Perfume, Toiletries.

Misc CDs, Radios, CD players, Word Puzzle Books, Socks, Slippers, Picture/Coffee Table Books.

PLEASE DON’T BRING used items of any kind, Hats/Gloves, Jigsaw Puzzles, Lap Robes/Blankets

Please do not wrap the gifts so we can match the gifts to the individual.

Thank you for your generosity!



TRI-PARISH NEWS



ADVENT DAILY MASS AT ST. COLUMBA
Daily Mass Monday to Friday at St. Columba during Advent will be at 7:00 a.m. and 12 noon beginning on **Monday, December 4** and concluding on **Friday, December 22.**

CATHOLIC PILGRIMAGES

Fr. Michael McLoughlin, Pastor of St. Columba is planning to lead two Pilgrimages. **The first** will be to Greece **“In the Footsteps of St. Paul” on July 29 – August 7, 2018.** It will make the Letters of St. Paul come alive! A three day cruise is included!

The second will be to see the **world famous Passion Play at Oberammergau in Germany** which is only held once every ten years. Tickets & accommodations are always in high demand so we must make reservations now. This will be from **July 30 – August 8, 2020.**

For more information on either of these pilgrimages call Fr. Michael at 227-8380 or email rectory@stcolumbaonline.org

HANDICAPPED ENCOUNTER CHRIST

Lose the blues, leave your worries behind and come away on a **Handicapped Encounter Christ (HEC) retreat!** It is a 3&1/2 day retreat that celebrates the Gospel and what Christ teaches us all about the beauty of our human diversity! It is are open to disabled and non-disabled folks ages 17 & up. Newcomers are welcome to join as participants or as volunteers who form the "team" for each weekend. The retreats are at the **Mariandale Retreat Center** in Ossining, NY. The cost is \$120/person for the entire weekend! The next HEC will be Fri-Mon, **Feb.16-19, 2018.** For more info. & an application, contact Teresa: 845-226-3035, 914 734-2933 or mtrahilly@frontier.com. You can learn more at our **HEC Facebook page:** HEC New York (Handicapped Encounter Christ) or at our HEC website: www.hecnewyork.com.

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY DINNER

The Altar Rosary Society Christmas Dinner at Mill Creek Caterers, Rt. 376, HJ. **Mon., Dec. 11** at 6pm. Entrée choices: Chicken Francese, Sliced Sirloin of Beef or Broiled Salmon. \$45. Send check payable to ARS to Joyce Moroney, 12 Northview Lane, HJ, by Dec. 4th.

SILVER LININGS LEISURE CLUB

Wednesday, December 13th, 9:45-10:30am:
Our weekly *Senior Stretch Class* in the St. Kateri Meeting Room. Free to all - just come!

Friday, December 15th: We'll meet in the St. Kateri parking lot at 10:30am and then form carpools to make our annual trip to *Mariapolis Luminosa* in Hyde Park, where 200 Nativity sets from around the world are on display. We'll also visit the gift shop and enjoy lunch together on site. \$15 per person. Contact Mary by December 13th if interested.

Thursday, January 18th: A matinee showing of *The Last Romance* will be shown after a 3-course meal at the *Clove Creek Dinner Theatre in Fishkill*. \$60 per person, 11:30am – 3pm. Bring your friends! Contact Mary Biasotti, mlbiasotti2000@aol.com, or 845-297-9310 by Dec.13. A \$15 down payment is due by Dec. 15.



Bus Reservations

The 2018 “March for Life” in Washington, D.C. will be Friday, January 19th. This is an inspiring and unforgettable adventure with hundreds of thousands of Pro-Life advocates of all ages. Round trip bus tickets are \$35 for adults and \$25 for children. Buses will leave St. Columba Church in Hopewell Junction after the 4:30 am Mass. To reserve your seat(s), please call George Morton before Christmas at (845) 226-6896.