

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday December 16

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 Miguel & Obdulia Paredes
Happy 23rd Anniversary

Monday, December 18

9:00 am For all past & present Priests of our parish
George & Sally

Tuesday, December 19

9:00 am Lucia & Colomba Zarra
Your sister

Wednesday, December 20

9:00 am Guenter Szczuka
Mike & Josephine Wade

Thursday, December 21-St. Peter Canisius

9:00 am Eileen Johnsmeyer
Anthony & Andrea Cirone

Friday, December 22

9:00 am Guenter Szczuka
Kathleen Healy

Saturday December 23- St. John of Kanty

9:00 am Guenter Szczuka
Rose Daniele

Vigil

5:00pm Eugene & Marion Hughes
Edgar & Diane Zipprich

Sunday, December 24-Christmas Eve

7:30 am For all Parishioners
9:00 am Frank Viger
The Trainor & Palazzo Families
10:30 am Nicholas Liantonio
Mary Bronzi
12:00 pm Debra DeCamillis
Your Family

Weekly Readings

Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Monday: Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25

Tuesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25

Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45

Friday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56

Saturday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66

THIS WEEK

MONDAY: December 18

- Women of Grace: after 9 am Mass, PCH
- Reconciliation Monday: 4:00PM
- AA: 7:00 pm Step, LRC
8:15pm Big Book, LRC

TUESDAY: December 19

- Light for Living: 12:30 pm, RMR

WEDNESDAY: December 20

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

THURSDAY: December 21

- Narc Anon: 7:45 pm, LRC

FRIDAY: December 22

- AA: 7:00 pm Open Speaker;
8:15 pm Beginners, LRC

SATURDAY: December 23

- 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 Eileen Weir 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 10, 2017: \$ 8,629.00
Holy Day: \$ 1,994.00
Second Collection: \$ 2,445.00
December 11, 2016: \$ 13,050.00

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:

- For Ricky Modica Love Mom and Dad
 - For Alberta Buchanan In Loving Memory
Annette, Brian & the boys
- 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 Bruskevich, 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, Rebecca Conroy, Jo-Ann Citterbart, 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, John J. Purdy, Edward Leonard, Peter Kolesar, 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.



In celebration of **Christmas** and the **New Year**, the **rectory will be closed** on **Monday 12/25/2017**, **Tuesday 12/26/2017** and **Monday 1/1/2018**. Have a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!!

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

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



MASS INTENTIONS

Mass intentions for May through August 2018 will be available beginning **Tuesday, Jan. 16, from**

9:00 am – 2:45 pm in the RECTORY OFFICE.

SPECIAL NOTE: Phone requests for Mass intentions will not be taken on Jan. 16. Phone requests may be made Jan. 17 or later. Mass intentions will be limited to four (4) per person. The offering for each intention is \$15.00.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION MONDAY

On Monday, **December 18th** all of the 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.

CLERGY CORNER

FIRED ! FIRED, YOU'RE ALL FIRED !"

I gave you the gift of life and you didn't respect it.....YOU'RE FIRED !

I gave you a beautiful world and you didn't care for it.....YOU'RE FIRED !

I always respected you but you didn't respect others.... YOU'RE FIRED !

I offered you peace but you chose to be violent.....YOU'RE FIRED !

I loved you but you disrespected and hated others.....YOU'RE FIRED !

I gave you all you needed but you wanted more.....YOU'RE FIRED !

I was fair with you but you took advantage of others.....YOU'RE FIRED !

CAN YOU IMAGINE GOD EVER SAYING THAT TO US, HIS CHILDREN ???

The true message of the great Feast we are soon to celebrate is that God touched earth and took on our humanity, flesh and bones, to show us that, despite our failures and infidelities, we are of such worth that He wants to redeem us...buy us back...at the cost of giving Himself up on a Cross. Truly, He is EMMANUEL (God is With Us) and, despite our human failings and infidelities, He says..."I need YOU to follow me and be my Mystical Body in the world to make my love known and felt by all in the world! Please, be my disciple....**YOU ARE HIRED !!!!!!!**

Now, that's Good News of Great Joy !

Fr. Pat



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

To sign up, visit:

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.

MONTHLY MEETING

New Date: Wednesday December 20th 7-9 pm

Location: Rectory Meeting Room

This month: "Preparing Our Hearts to

Cradle the Baby Jesus This Christmas & Always"

FORMED

We hope you are enjoying the free parish subscription to www.formed.org which gives you access to quality Catholic on line programs, movies, audios, and books. Simply register with parish code **33H2KZ** and enjoy. **Today is the Third Sunday of Advent.** Study: Advent, session 3: *Watch and Pray*, or watch: *Christmas in Rome*.



THE ST. DENIS BOOK CLUB

We meet on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm. If you are joining us for the first time, please call Elaine (226-8356) or Chris (392-0157) for directions.

Dec. 20 - The Shepherd, The Angel and Walter the Christmas Miracle Dog - by Dave Barry

Jan. 17 - Once We Were Brothers by Ron Balson

SAVE THE DATE- JANUARY 13, 2018

St. Denis 4th Adult Annual Wine and Cheese Social 7 p.m. – 9 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)

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 weekend of **Dec. 16 & 17**. The display runs from **December 8 – January 7** from 1pm-5pm. Suggested donation is \$5. For more info. Go to www.focolare.org/mariapolisluminosaor or call 845-229-0230, ext 127 Stop by and visit the Ave Art Center and gift shop, too!

CLOTHING DROP SHED



Knights of Columbus #4065 Clothing Drop Shed. St. Mary's Knights of Columbus on Rt. 82 (next to Handshakes Restaurant) offers a Clothing Drop Off Shed the contents of

which will be distributed locally, nationally and internationally to the needy. Where: 4065 Club/St. Mary's Council #4065 Parking Lot What: All (gently used) clothing, shoes, sneakers, belts, purses, blankets, sheets, pillowcases, drapes, and stuffed toys are accepted DON'T BRING: rags, fabric scraps, pillows, toys, electronics or household goods When: Anytime 24hr a day/ 7 days a week How: Bag your clothing and tie with a double knot. Push into chute.

EIGHT GIFTS THAT DO NOT COST A CENT



- 1) **THE GIFT OF LISTENING...**But you must REALLY listen. No interrupting, no daydreaming, no planning your response. Just listening.
- 2) **THE GIFT OF AFFECTION...**Be generous with appropriate hugs, kisses, pats on the back and handholds. Let these small actions demonstrate the love you have for family and friends.
- 3) **THE GIFT OF LAUGHTER.....**Clip cartoons. Share articles and funny stories. Your gift will say, "I love to laugh with you."
- 4) **THE GIFT OF A WRITTEN NOTE...** It can be a simple "Thanks for the help" note or a full sonnet. A brief, handwritten note may be remembered for a lifetime, and may even change a life.
- 5) **THE GIFT OF A COMPLIMENT...** A simple and sincere, "You look great in red," "you did a super job" or "That was a wonderful meal" can make someone's day.
- 6) **THE GIFT OF A FAVOR...** Every day, go out of your way to do something kind.
- 7) **THE GIFT OF SOLITUDE...** There are times when we want nothing better than to be left alone. Be sensitive to those times and give the gift of solitude to others.
- 8) **THE GIFT OF A CHEERFUL DISPOSITION.....**The easiest way to feel good is to extend a kind word to someone, really it's not that hard to say, Hello or Thank You.

Friends are a very rare jewel indeed. They make you smile and encourage you to succeed. They lend an ear, they share a word of praise, and they always want to open their hearts to us.

LAST MINUTE GIFT IDEAS

If you need a last minute Christmas gift for someone check out our Kiosk near the front doors of the church. It contains books, CD's and booklets on a wide variety of topics...and the prices are very reasonable. Any of these items would be great stocking stuffers.



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.

Please visit us at: www.svdppantry.org



CHRISTMAS BASKET DROP OFF

DROP OFF FOR BASKETS IS TODAY BETWEEN 10:00AM -12:00 NOON AT ST. COLUMBA. Baskets are blessed at 1:00pm and disbursement will follow.



HEALING MASS

A Healing Mass, with a free flow of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, will be held **Tuesday January 2, 2018** at St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish, 1925 Rte 82, LaGrangeville. Guest Celebrant will be Fr. Matthew MacDonald, parochial vicar of St. Kateri parish. Praise and worship begins at 7:00; Mass at 7:30. Individual prayers for healing follow mass. The event is sponsored by Spirit Wind Prayer Group of St. Kateri. All are welcome. Weather cancellations on WHUD Storm Center 104FM. Details contact Pat or Joe at 845-440-3519.

OPLATKI

Polish, Slovak and Lithuanian background families have a Christmas tradition of breaking off a piece of oplatek (wafer) and sharing it with family and friends as an expression of blessing and forgiveness. Oplatki is available in the Narthex after Masses and at the Saint Kateri Parish Office. A donation to cover the cost of the oplatki would be greatly appreciated.



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 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.

PARENT CHILD CONNECTION

The Parent Child Connection will end the fall semester with a Christmas Celebration on **Tuesday, December 19** at 10am at St. Kateri. Our regular meetings will resume again on Tuesday, January 9th. For information contact meganzupan@yahoo.com

SILVER LININGS LEISURE CLUB

Wednesday, December 20th, 9:45-10:30am: Our weekly **Senior Stretch Class** in the St. Kateri Meeting Room. Free to all - just come! Please note that there will be **no class** on December 27th.

A Merry and Holy Christmas to all and a Happy 2018! Enjoy celebrating with family and friends the joy of Jesus' birth. Our activities will resume early in the new year.



Bus Reservations

The 2018 “March for Life” in Washington, D.C. will be Friday, January 19th. This is an inspiring and unforgettable Pro-Life event. 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), call George Morton at (845) 226-6896.



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.