

Sunday, December 8, 2019 – Second Sunday of Advent

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RECENTLY DECEASED:

COMMUNION SERVICES:

8:00 a.m. St. Joseph Mon. (followed by Miraculous Medal Novena)

RESERVED MASSES:

Sun 12/8	8:00 a.m.	Msgr. Edward J. Montano <i>Req. by estate</i>
	9:30 a.m.	Clement Kildy Corrado <i>Req. by his sister Marie and family</i>
	11:30 a.m.	Robert Speirs <i>Req. by Chuck & Joan Misasi</i>
Mon 12/9	8:00 a.m.	James T. Roach <i>Req. by Anita Yates</i>
Tue 12/10	8:00 a.m.	Florence Ecke <i>Req. by Mary Quade</i>
Wed 12/11	8:00 a.m.	Bill Freer <i>Req. by the Yates family</i>
Thu 12/12	8:00 a.m.	Louis Costello, Jr. <i>Req. by family</i>
Sat 12/14	4:00 p.m.	Eleanor Naccarato, Frank & Dennis Mauro <i>Req. by Shirley & Bob \ Carpenter</i>
Sun 12/15	8:00 a.m.	James Boyle <i>Req. by his children</i>
	9:30 a.m.	Michael Missasi <i>Req. by Paul & Joyce Brazier</i>
	11:30 a.m.	Corrine VanBenschoten <i>Req. by Art & Isabel DeCelle</i>

GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING – TITHING

Sunday Collection:	\$ 6,116.00
Church Maintenance:	121.00
Catholic New York:	2.00
Last Year's Collection:	4,970.00

THANK YOU!

FUEL FUND – CLUB #74

Weekly Winner #1 – Warren Swarthout
Weekly Winner #2 – Carrie Kennett

NOTICE

St. Mary-St. Joseph Altar Rosary Society
MEETING
Tuesday, December 8, 2019 at 1:00 PM!

Recitation of the Rosary, then a friendly meeting,
followed by refreshments.
“Wear your Medals”

Please call 845-217-3333 to reach Alison at the Parish Office or for Religious Education.

OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Sun	12:30 p.m.	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Mon	8:00 a.m.	Communion Service & Miraculous Medal Novena – St. Joseph
	7:00 p.m.	RCIA – St. Mary Chapel
Tue	7:00 p.m.	– BST #135 – St. Joseph
Wed	7:15 p.m.	R/M Prayers
	7:30 p.m.	Advent Penance Service – St. Mary
Thu	7:15 p.m.	Adult Choir
Fri	7:00 p.m.	BST #36 – St. Mary
Sat	4:45 p.m.	Confession – St. John
Sun	12:30 p.m.	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

St. John the Evangelist (5:00 pm)	Dec. 21
St. Joseph (4:45 pm):	Dec. 14 & 28



ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

Please mark your calendars for the Advent Penance Service. This service will be held at 7:30 pm on Thursday, December 12th at St. Mary's Church. If you are unable to attend, Fr. Chris will be available for individual confessions on Reconciliation Monday, December 16th, from 4 – 8 pm at St. Mary of the Snow Rectory.



The sanctuary candle at **St. Mary** is burning in loving memory of **Diane Yetter**, requested by **her Aunt Lena**.

The sanctuary candle at **St. Joseph** is burning in loving memory of **Joseph Ferraro**, requested by **Barbara & family**.



HAT & MITTEN TREE

Our Parish is sponsoring a hat & mitten tree from Dec. 4th through Dec. 17th. Everyone is invited to place new hats, mittens, scarves, gloves and socks on the tree located at St. Joseph Church. If you are unable to go to St. Joseph, a box will be located by the Sacristy at St. Mary's for your donation. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

FUEL FUND

There are a few tickets available for this Fuel Fund. If you are interested in joining, please call Alison at 845-217-3333.

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RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE COLLECTION

The Religious Education program is collecting donations for the Ronald McDonald House in Albany. We encourage families to donate to this wonderful charity. You may drop donations off in the parish office during the week. Please bring in your items by December 18th. *If you are donating a gift card, please either give it directly to Alison in the parish office or put it in a sealed envelope marked ALISON BELFANCE and place it in the collection basket as they will be kept locked up.* All items will be delivered to the Ronald McDonald House prior to Christmas. Please refer to the previous bulletin insert or

<https://rmhcofalbany.org/how-to-help/wish-list> for a list of suggested donations. Thank you for your generosity!

BELIEVE IN THE NATIVITY

The Rosary Society urges all to defend the “**Keep Christ in Christmas**” Campaign.

Do you know that atheist groups are putting up billboards with “Make Christmas Great Again ---Skip Church” or “Keep the Merry--dump the Myth”, and call God “sadistic” and Jesus “a useless savior?!”

The Rosary has powerful appeal.

Please use your rosaries to help Defend Christmas and counter the sad efforts of atheists to demean this sacred day!

MARIAPOLIS LUMINOSA 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. People come yearly and have said their visits have made their Christmas season more meaningful. **There will be musical performances at 2 pm by the St Kateri Music Ministry on Sunday, December 8th; the St Martin DePorres Choir on Saturday, December 14th; and The Poughkeepsie New Yorkers Barbershop Chorus, December 15th. Come, listen and sing along to your favorite holiday tunes. A Baby Jesus Craft Workshop for children ages 4 and up will take place on Saturday, December 14th at 2:00 pm. Kindly RSVP by December 7 for the Baby Jesus Workshop.** The display runs from December 7 – December 29 from 1:00 pm-5:00 pm. Suggested donation for both the Nativity Display and Baby Jesus Workshop: \$5 per person. For more information, go to www.focolare.org/mariapolisluminosa, or call (845) 229-0230, ext. 127.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

There will be a second collection next weekend to support the retired religious. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

WELCOME FR. JOHN FISCHER

We welcome Fr. John Fisher from Cross Catholic Outreach this weekend!



ADVENT WREATH 2nd CANDLE (purple) THE BETHLEHEM CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF PREPARATION!

God kept His promise of a Savior who would be born in Bethlehem. Preparation means to “get ready”. Help us to be ready to welcome YOU, O GOD! As is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet: ‘A voice of one calling in the desert, ‘Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him. Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill made low. The crooked roads shall become straight, the rough ways smooth. And all mankind will see God’s salvation.’ (Luke 3:4-6)



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Jan vander Poel, Barbara Wismont, Mary Ellen Fuoco, Neil Gallagher, Adrian Lepe, Maryanne DePoala, John Valdata, Melanie Hagan, George Woerthmann, Darryl Caldwell, Anthony Konopka, SherryAnn Kenjersky, George Dale, Clare Miller, Patricia Robinson, Doreen Churchill, Francis Posavec, Robyn Daugherty, CB Slutzky, Shanna Pesce, Laura Bach, Tony Gallo Sr., Jacqueline McNeil, Miriam Imbierowic, Pam Frost, Amy Schofield, Laurie Simmons, Mary-Lynn Ceccotti-Cody, Joseph P. DeFozio, Kathy Schmitt, Brian Marshall, Esther Lemmerman, Edward Castinidos, Sr., Dashell Baptista, MaryEllen D’Amico, Giada Pettengill, Allen GianCola, Kathy Trees, John Creggan, Theresa Fabiano, Beth Marshall, Charles Visich, Rosa Lattanzio, Anonymous parishioner request, Fred Lenz, Fr. Joe Lorenzo, Kathleen Brooks, Kenneth P. Sinnott, Florence Snyder, David VanBenschoten, Mary Martino, Rose S. Riozzi, Rita Misasi, Joseph Veltrie, John Adam, Nick Gasparro, Sister Peggy, Joseph Konopka, Edward Sinnott, Brandon Smith, Genevieve Orbacz, Chris Stafford, Cindy, Stephanie Lowe, Anonymous Parishioner, Gene Lang, Ray Ray Lang, Walter Johnson, Salvatore Ciccarino
To place or remove name from sick list, please call 217-3333.

Father of goodness and love hear our prayers for the sick members of our community and for all who are in need. Amid mental and physical suffering may they find consolation in your healing presence. Show your mercy as you close wounds, cure illness, make broken bodies whole and free downcast spirits. May these special people find lasting health and deliverance, and so join us in thanking you for all your gifts. We ask this through the Lord Jesus who healed those who believed. Amen.