



**2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 9, 2018**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8TH

5:00PM – Joseph DallVechia, Sr. and Dan Martuscello, Sr.
req. by The Martuscello Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9TH

8:00AM People of the Parish

9:30AM Deceased Members of the Freeborn and
Marcon Families req. by Angie and Joe Freeborn

11:00AM Joe Rodelli req. by Family

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10TH

9:00AM Lisa Arbus req. by Family

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11TH

9:00AM Anthony Cappillino req. by UNICO

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12TH

9:00AM No Intentions

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13TH

9:00AM Rudolph A. Campili req. by Wife, Agnes,
Bernadette and Frank

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14TH

9:00AM No Mass Scheduled

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15TH

5:00PM – Charles and Mary Carofano
req. by The Carofano Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16TH

8:00AM People of the Parish

9:30AM Juli Sadler req. by Porcelli and Schaffer Families

11:00AM Luigi and Nicolina Vitale
req. by Dino and Maria Tonelli

DIVINE MERCY GROUP



The next Divine Mercy meeting is January 6th after the 8 pm Mass. The Chaplet will be prayed at 7:40 before Mass. All are invited to attend.

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

At 4:30pm on the first Saturday of each month, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy is sung before the 5:00PM Mass in St. Mary's Church. Won't you join us in this beautiful prayer.



WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK...

Marie Rusk, one of our Food Pantry Volunteers, for donating a case or reusable grocery bags for food distribution in the food pantry.

Also, a thank you to all the volunteers who come each week to help distribute food to those in need – Domenica Gerentine, Mary Branning, Dolores Marquis, Jeanne DeSantis, Patrick Murphy, Joanne Pagnotta, Kate Sagarese, Marie Rusk, and Carmela Vasile. And let us not forget Anita Walters, who has been organizing schedules and keeping the shelves stocked as well as Dave Pulliam and his helpers who pick up and deliver the food to the pantry when needed. If it were not for these people, we could not keep the pantry open. Thank you again.

TITHING REPORT

This past week's collection totaled \$4790. 120 Envelope users donated \$2987; non-envelope users, \$1803. We once again thank you for your continued generosity.



**OUR HANDICAPPED BATHROOM...
(It's becoming a reality !)**

Our new bathroom hopefully will be open within a week !



WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

We ask your prayers *James Clarke (brother of Glenn Clarke and Ed DeSoto)*, who recently passed away. May God grant him His Eternal Rest and give peace and comfort to his family and friends.

ST. MARY'S WREATH MAKING PARTY...

...was held this past weekend in the Parish Hall. Although the turnout was much less than anticipated, those who attended had a wonderful time and made some beautiful wreaths. We thank Mary Noonan, our Religious Ed Coordinator, and Ann Marie Coffey, our Religious Ed Secretary, for all their work and efforts in planning and making this even happen!

K OF C BLOOD DRIVE

Next Sunday, December 16th from 8AM to 1PM, the Knights of Columbus will be holding their seasonal **Blood Drive** in the Parish Hall.



As a little incentive and thanks for your donation, a pancake breakfast with all the "trimmings" will be offered. Stop up after Mass with the family and let them also enjoy a great breakfast, compliments of the K of C.

THE GIVING TREE



A tree is set up in the sanctuary of St. Mary's church with a card that has the age and gender of a child marked on it. Please take a card, if you would like to do so and return with a gift for that child and leave it under the tree. The only stipulation is that the gift(s) stay unwrapped.

We will bring them to the police station for sorting. Parents to whom the gifts will be given will then be able to choose appropriate items for their children and will be able to personally wrap them. (You may also donate gift wrappings if you have some extras.)

TODAY'S GOSPEL MESSAGE
by Rev. William J. Reilly



"In every prayer I utter, I rejoice as I plead on your behalf at the way you all have continually helped promote the gospel from the very first day. I am sure of this much, that he who has begun the good work in you will carry it through to completion, right up to the day of Christ Jesus....My prayer is that your love may more and more abound...that you may learn to value the things that really matter up to the very day of Christ."

How many are busy writing greeting cards to relatives, friends and acquaintances. The thoughts expressed, speak of a deep, deep concern for the joy of Christ's presence to touch their lives. At times we might not think twice about the reason for sending a card.

Consider the reasons St. Paul referred to as he wrote the Philippians. He wrote about his prayer for this new Christian community. He offered encouragement for them to grow in their lives as disciples of the Lord. That prayer motivates us as we begin this second week of Advent. Advent reminds of the past coming, but directs us to today and tomorrow where the Lord is leading us. May we find a quiet moment to reflect upon Paul's wish for us today as we anticipate the coming of Christ with His grace and peace. May we seek out the Sacrament of Reconciliation as part of our advent.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18a

Zephaniah urges the people of Jerusalem to rejoice because the Lord is in their midst. He conveys the message that God will love and protect those who have remained faithful to him.

Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-7

Paul encourages the Philippians to be ready for Christ. He tells them not to worry about their concerns, but to instead ask God's help and allow his peace to fill their hearts and minds.

Gospel: Luke 3:10-18

John the Baptist answers people who ask him what they should do, leading some to believe he was the Messiah. John clearly states that he will be followed by one so powerful that "I am not fit to loosen his sandal strap."

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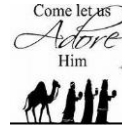
OUR CHRISTMAS LITURGY SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE (Monday)

No 9am Mass
4:00pm – Family Mass at St. Mary's
9:00pm – Mass – St. Mary's

CHRISTMAS DAY (Tuesday)

8:00am – NO MASS
9:30am – Mass - Our Lady of Mercy
11:00am – Mass at St. Mary's



Weekend schedule before New Year's
Saturday the 29th – 5:00pm – St. Mary's

Sunday the 30th

8:00am – St. Mary's
9:30am – Our Lady of Mercy
11:00am – St. Mary's

NEW YEAR'S DAY (Monday)

Solemnity of Mary

8:00am – NO MASS
9:30am – Mass at Our Lady of Mercy
11:00am – Mass at St. Mary's



IS SOMETHING IN YOUR LIFE IS MISSING?

Do you find that there is a kind of emptiness within you around the holiday season? Did you ever think there may be something missing in your life?

If you have been away from God, He is waiting for you. Why not **COME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS!** It is so easy to do.

On Monday, December 17, 2018, Confessions will be heard in the Rectory from 4:00pm to 8:00pm. Just stop by and you will be warmly welcomed by one of our priests. For more information, call 845-236-4340.

SPREAD THE NEWS....



.....the Christ Child is coming! Let us try to bring back the real meaning of Christmas - the Birth of Our Savior.

Over the years commercialism seems to have become the "reason for the season." **Churches should be filled** during Advent with the expectation of Christ's Coming. **Instead, the malls are filled.**

Why not teach your child the traditional story of St. Nicholas and the origins of Santa. Read the story of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem and the birth of Jesus.

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