



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 8, 2019

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7TH

5:00PM Joseph Dell Vechia, Sr. & Dan Martuscello Sr
req. by Martuscello Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8TH

8:00AM Mary & Myles Doyle req. by Doyle Family

9:30AM Joseph A. Primavera req. by His Wife

11:00AM Joseph Rodelli req. by His Family

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9TH

9:00AM Angela Palladino req. by The Marlboro Chapter
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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10TH

9:00AM Barbara Maloney req. by Her Husband

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11TH

9:00AM Jennie McClain req. by John, Irena, Adam, Ola

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12TH

9:00AM Ann Morehead req. by MaryAnn & Anthony Farkas

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13TH

9:00AM No Mass

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14TH

5:00PM Linda Morella req. by Nancy Porcelli

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15TH

8:00AM People of the Parish

9:30AM Vito Truncalli req. by Bonnie Sweetman

11:00AM Mary & Charles Carofano req. by Grandchildren

We warmly welcome all our visitors to St. Mary's and Our Lady of Mercy Churches and invite you to participate and enjoy our liturgies. If you are new to our parish and would like to register as a parishioner, please call the rectory office at 236-4340 during the week.

DIVINE MERCY MEETING

On the first Sunday of each month, the Divine Mercy Group will meet in the side room of St. Mary's Church. The Chaplet will be sung at 7:40.



The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be sung every first Saturday before the 5:00 Mass.

The second Sunday of the month, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy is recited in Our Lady of Mercy.

For more information on the organization's Mission Statement please contact, Jovita Kanz at friends06@icloud.com

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.)

WE ASK YOUR HEALING PRAYERS FOR...



healing prayers for all in our parish who are ill or recuperating from an illness. We also ask your prayers for family members who may be caring for spouses or parents who are elderly and unable to live alone.

We would like to extend our gratitude toward Fr. Ed Straub, who filled in while Fr. Tom was on his vacation. If you would like to send Fr. Ed a Christmas card you may send it to:

John Cardinal O'Connor Pavillion, 5655 Arlington Avenue, Bronx, NY 10471

RECONCILIATION MONDAY

Let us prepare our hearts for Christmas.

On Monday, December 16, 2019, Confessions will be heard in the Rectory from 4:00pm to 8:00pm. Just stop by and you will be warmly welcomed. For more information, call 845-236-4340.



TITHING REPORT

Weekend of **November 23/24** - total was \$3224. 105 envelope users contributed \$1982; non envelope users, \$1242. As always, we thank you for your continued support of our parish.

The tithing report for the weekend of 11/30-12/1 was not available due to the snow storm. They will be in next week's bulleti

RELIGIOUS ED NEWS

A reminder from the Religious Ed Office: The last day for classes before Christmas will be on Wednesday, Dec. 18th. After the New Year, classes will resume on Monday, January 6, 2020.

Any questions? Please call the Religious Ed Office at 236-779

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

Second Sunday of Advent
December 8, 2019

“Everything written before our time was written for our instruction, that we might derive hope from the lessons of patience and the words of encouragement in the Scriptures...the Spirit of the Lord will rest upon him, a spirit of wisdom and understanding. A spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the Lord...”

How special are the words of scripture helping us to really live the advent season. The promises and prophecies of the first testament direct our attention to the coming messiah and ask two things of us: patience and encouragement. These are gifts already packaged to be wrapped during this holy season. What are the gifts? Because of Jesus' coming we refer to them as gifts of the Holy Spirit offered to us at our Confirmation.

During this week, unwrap each one, opening your heart to a different gift each day. May wisdom direct you, understanding guide you to see the need of the Savior, counsel in giving care and support for someone in need, strength to focus on what really matters and respect for the Lord who comes to save us. These are steps to be taken this second week of advent.



Did you know that *Raymond Bianco, Jr. a 4th Degree Knights of Columbus member has been coordinating the biannual Blood Drive for the past sixteen (16) years?*

The next Blood Drive will be held next Sunday, December 15th in St. Mary's Hall from 8:00 AM to 2:30 PM. All donors and those who accompany him or her is treated to a free home cook breakfast. For more information about the blood drive, please contact Raymond Bianco, Jr. at 845-569-9289 or at rbianco@yahoo.com.

An Open Invitation

Come, join us for an afternoon in God's presence as we gather together on each Tuesday, from 1- 3 pm in the rectory dining room. Right now, we are few but what makes us special is God's signature on our lives. We find happiness in doing God's will working in His Service and sharing our spiritual journeys. We have a place for you. We read "The Word Among Us.: We read other scripture messages and devotionals. We hope to have you join us, Come by any Tuesday

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10

Isaiah tells us that when Christ comes, the weak will be made strong, the deaf will hear, the blind will see, and, above all, "sorrow and mourning will flee."

Second Reading: James 5:7-10

As the farmer waits patiently through winter and spring for the "yield of the soil" so, too, must we wait patiently for the coming of the Messiah.

Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

While in prison, John sends a messenger to Jesus to ask, "Are you He who is to come or do we look for another?" Jesus replies by citing the miracles he has performed for the blind, the deaf, and the crippled. He concludes by identifying John as the messenger He has sent to prepare the way.

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WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK...

The many organizations that have held food drives and donated to St. Mary's Food Pantry.



Sawyer Bank and Marlboro Free Library held their food drives in October and Cub Scout Pack 73, Boy Scout Troop 72, and CYO Basketball held theirs in November. Several families donated turkeys. Every little bit helps and the food pantry thanks every one of you.

OUR CHRISTMAS LITURGY SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE (Tuesday)

9am - No Mass

4:00pm – Family Mass at St. Mary's

9:00pm – Mass – St. Mary's

CHRISTMAS DAY (Wednesday)

8:00am – No Mass

9:30am – Mass - Our Lady of Mercy

11:00am – Mass at St. Mary's

NEW YEAR'S DAY (Wednesday)

Solemnity of Mary

8:00am – No Mass

9:30am – Mass at Our Lady of Mercy

11:00am – Mass at St. Mary's



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