

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 22, 2019

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21ST

5:00PM Thomas Amodeo req. by his wife, Anne

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22ND

8:00AM People of the Parish

9:30AM Sarah Malone Smith req. by Joe & Angie

11:00AM Antonino Incorvaia req. by Barbara Roser

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23RD

9:00AM Ed Floor req. by Nancy & Ed Gurnee

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH – CHRISTMAS EVE
NO MORNING MASS**

4:00PM For All Children – Living & Deceased

9:00PM Frank Scaturro req. by Rose Cricchio

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25TH – CHRISTMAS DAY

9:30AM Ricky Evangelisto req. by Family

11:00AM John Amodeo, Sr. req. by Faye

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26TH

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

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27TH

9:00AM No Mass

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28TH

5:00PM Joan Barley req. by Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29TH

8:00AM Robert Uresk req. by M/M A.P. Porpiglia

9:30AM People of the Parish

11:00AM Melba & Anthony Fabrizio req. by Children And 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



Advent calls us to a deeper relationship with the underserved but deserving in every way. "Be not afraid, I go before you always", says the Lord. This will be a first for us in January. Baseball in the dumps of Mexico City! New gloves and equipment for the children; hot dogs and fun wow! We ask y'all to visit this site once again baseballmiracles.org and we ask for your powerful steady prayers for our entire team.

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.



TITHING REPORT

Weekend of **December 14/15** - total was \$4087. 119 envelope users contributed \$2450; non envelope users - \$1637. As always, we thank you for your continued support of our parish.

RELIGIOUS ED NEWS

A reminder from the Religious Ed Office: After the New Year, classes will resume on Monday, January 6, 2020. Any questions? Please call the Religious Ed Office at 236-7791

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

As we enter into the joy of Christmas time, we pray that the new life of Christ be born in us each day. Let the light of Christ find a dwelling place in our hearts as we nurture it throughout this New Year. And may the Christ Child fill your New Year with His Blessings.



Fr. Thomas K. Dicks
Pastor

Deacon Thomas Cornell
Deacon Vincent Porcelli

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY
READINGS
HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly



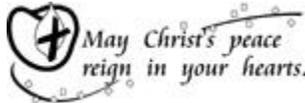
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“Through him we have been favored with apostleship that we may spread his name and bring to obedient faith all the Gentiles among whom are you who have been called to belong to Jesus Christ. To all in Rome, beloved of God and called to holiness, grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.”

Do you ever count how many Christmas cards you receive? Do you classify some as religious, family pictures, or strictly secular? A card sometimes expresses how people feel about you, or even the Christmas season. We are about to celebrate the birth of Christ. Is not this passage of Paul to the Romans a great Christmas wish? We may not be in Rome, but his care for those loved by God is quite clear. We 1. Belong to Jesus Christ 2. Are called to holiness 3. Grace is his wish for us and 4. Peace is the result of the presence of the Lord.

May the blessings of Christ be with you and yours.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS



HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

First Reading: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

This passage from Sirach details the duties children owe to father and mother. Their life-long devotion will not be forgotten and “will take lasting root.”

Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-21

Paul urges Christians particularly in the setting of the family, to “clothe” themselves with kindness, patience, humility, and mercy; to forgive; and, above all, to love!

Gospel: Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

An angel of the Lord, appearing in a dream to Joseph, urges him to flee with Jesus and Mary to Egypt to escape the murderous schemes of Herod. Later, in another dream, an angel tells Joseph to go with Jesus and Mary to a town called Nazareth in the region of Galilee, thus fulfilling the Scriptures: “He shall be called a Nazarean.”

IT'S NEVER TOO LATE – COME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

Have you felt that something is missing your life – maybe a little emptiness at this time of the year? With everyone's busy schedules – working, running the children to all their afterschool activities, shopping, caring for your home, etc. – perhaps you have strayed a bit and have not been as faithful as you once were in attending weekly mass?

Why not take the time this year to bring your children to the Christmas Eve Mass at 4:00PM and also start to come to Mass weekly to give thanks for the many gifts we have been given - especially for the Birth of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. **Come Home For Christmas – It is NEVER Too Late!**

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 EVE (Tuesday)

9:00 AM - Rectory

5:00 pm Vigil – 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



Did you know that the Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a Blood Drive on Father's Day, June 21, 2020 and on the Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 20, 2020? Save the dates!

The Knights of Columbus says “THANK YOU FOR SAVING LIVES” to the members of St. Mary's Parish who donated the “gift of life” last Sunday. Blood drive coordinator, Raymond Bianco, Jr., however, indicated that he was disappointed that the number of donors were fewer than in previous blood drives. He suggests that parishioners make a New Year resolution to spread the word to family and friends about future blood drives.

Merry Christmas from Father Hanley Council #7266.

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