

# Mass Intentions

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
December 9, 2018

## Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>

- 9:00 Angela Corelli req. by The Corelli Family  
11:00 Stephen Hughes req. by The Tinsley Family  
5:30 Judith Lynch req. by The Pelosi Family

## Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>

- 7:30 For the Living & Deceased Members  
of St. Patrick's Parish  
9:00 Georgette Haddad req. by Lou Nemnom  
10:30 Marita Josephine Cacciato req. by The Cacciato  
Family  
12:00 Stephen D. Hughes req. by Marylyn Callow  
5:30 Christopher Giannelli req. by Mrs. O'Leary,  
Faculty, Staff & Children of St. Patrick's School

## Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup>

- 7:00 Carl Stark req. by Tim Loeven  
9:00 Stephen Hughes req. by Teresa Flynn

## Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>

- 7:00 --  
9:00 Julia & Frederick Glinka req. by The Lonczak-  
Collins Family

## Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>

- 7:00 --  
9:00 Thomas Butkiewicz req. by the Family

## Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup>

- 7:00 Domenick DiLecce req. by Angela Paolicelli  
9:00 Sean Doherty req. by Sr. Kathleen Fitzgerald

## Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup>

- 7:00 Dr. Frank Castellano req. by The Zaminsky Family  
9:00 Frank O'Brien req. by Keri O'Shea

## Saturday, December 15<sup>st</sup>

- 9:00 Mario Franco Iacino req. by the Religious  
Education Program  
5:30 Anne Longobardi req. by The Scuderi Family

## Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>

- 7:30 For the Living & Deceased Members  
of St. Patrick's Parish  
9:00 Richard Alvarez req. by Patrice Browne & Family  
10:30 Joseph LaMotta req. by Deena LaMotta  
12:00 Laura & Joseph DelRicci req. by Rosa  
Cannistraci  
5:30 Mario Franco Iacino req. by Grace Cipriano

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

The Second Sunday of Advent introduces the person of John the Baptist. From before John's birth, God chose John to be the herald of the Savior and to point Him out to others when He came. He began his ministry by proclaiming repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

Quoting Isaiah, John calls people to "prepare the way of the Lord." Life and our relationship with the Lord can and often does encounter detours. We need to clear the path between ourselves and the Lord by becoming more aware of His presence, not just at Christmas but every day. We have to fill in those valleys of what is lacking in our commitment to discipleship and level those things that have become obstacles in our spiritual journey. We can also, like the Baptist, lead others to Christ by our words and most importantly by our example. Try not to get so busy or stressed during these days that the spiritual meaning of Christmas gets lost. Remember Jesus is Emmanuel which means "God IS with US!"

As we continue this holy season of Advent may it be a time for each of us to reflect on where we stand in our own relationship with Christ. Let us look at anything in our lives that we need to change or improve in order to prepare the way for the Lord to be reborn in us.

Advent blessings!

Msgr. John T. Ferry



*Please consider a Flower Donation!  
Many weekends in  
January & February are available!  
Call the Parish Office 234-3344*



### *Pray for the Sick*

Clara Asaro, Krista Bugenhagen, Anne Cook,  
Marie Doescher, John Flynn, John Gill, Molly Henry, Francine  
Holley, Richie Hughes, Freeman Huntington,  
Liz Leinhard, Kevin Mahoney, Kelly Mealia, Daphne Root, Ann  
Smith, Drew Swiss, Dr. Michael Walsh,  
Eileen Riley Zawada  
and all who request our prayers

### **Service Personnel Prayer List**

The names listed below are service personnel serving in our  
nation's armed forces who are relatives of our parishioners.  
Please keep them in your prayers.

Darren Adler/Marines  
Charlie Carr /Air Force  
Richard Hughes/Marines  
Steven Scully/Marines  
Thomas M. Stevenson/Army

### **RECENT COLLECTIONS:**

December 2, 2018 \$8,334  
Last year: \$5,735  
Fuel Collection: \$3,071

Today's 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection is for the Retirement Fund  
of Sisters & Brothers of the Archdiocese.  
Thank you for your generosity.

### *Ministry Reminders:*

**Youth Ministry** meets tonight, Sunday, December 9<sup>nd</sup> at  
6:30pm. Church Meeting Room.

**Adult Faith Formation:** Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup>  
at 9:30-10:30am & 7:30-8:30pm. Church Meeting Room.

**Christmas Eve Children's Mass Nativity Play  
Rehearsal:** Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 5:30pm to 6:45pm  
in the Church.

**Centering Prayer Group** meets Wednesday,  
December 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm to 8:15pm in the Church  
Meeting Room.

**Women's Faith Sharing Group:** Thursday,  
December 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 at the Cenacle.

**Men's Ministry:** Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30am in  
the Church Meeting Room.

**Reconciliation Monday:** December 17<sup>th</sup> - Confessions  
from 4pm to 8pm in the Church.

**DATES TO REMEMBER:** Due to shipping demands during  
the holiday season, Bulletins are due to the printer early.  
If you need an announcement in the Dec 30<sup>th</sup> bulletin,  
your request must be received at the parish office by  
**Wednesday, Dec 19<sup>th</sup>**. If you need an announcement in  
the Jan 6<sup>th</sup> bulletin your request must be received by  
**Wednesday, Dec. 26<sup>th</sup>**. We thank you for your  
cooperation and apologize for any inconvenience.



*The St. Nicholas Breakfast was a  
huge success with over 100  
people attending!*

*Thank you to all the volunteers  
for their hard work!*

*A special thank you to*

*Dawn Giannelli &  
Maryann Antolino who  
coordinated the event.*

*St. Nick joined us and gave candy  
canes to all good girls and boys!  
It was a great way to start off the  
Christmas season!*

### *2018 Adult Faith Formation Series*

#### **THE MASS**

**Presentation by Bishop Robert Barron  
(Facilitator: Fr. Joseph)**

**October 29<sup>th</sup> to December 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Morning Session: 9:30 to 10:30am**

**Evening Session: 7:30 to 8:30pm**

**Church Meeting Room**

**December 10<sup>th</sup>:** Incarnation of Christ

- a. The Word made flesh
- b. Ordering the kingdom
- c. Christ, the King of Kings

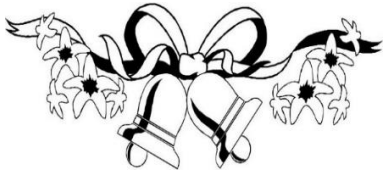
## BEST ADVENT EVER

With the Season of Advent here, please join our parish for BEST ADVENT EVER, a free email program from Dynamic Catholic that will help you slow down and focus on what matters most during the busy holiday season.

Each day of Advent, you'll receive an email with

- Short inspirational videos from Allen Hunt, Matthew Kelly, and the Dynamic Catholic team.
- Practical tips for your everyday life
- Real-life stories to encourage you in your faith journey

To sign up, visit [www.BestAdventEver.com/Christmas18](http://www.BestAdventEver.com/Christmas18)



## LONGEST MARRIED COUPLE SEARCH

The search begins for the longest married couple in the Archdiocese of New York!

To enter: Couples must be sacramentally married for a minimum of 65 years and reside in the Archdiocese of New York.

The longest married couples will receive commemorative certificates signed by His Eminence, Timothy Cardinal Dolan. Couples will be interviewed and featured in an article in *Catholic New York*.

Winners will be determined by how long the couple has been married as of **World Marriage Day, February 10, 2019.**

For further info, contact Joan Brisson at the Family Life Office at 646-794-3190 or [joan.brisson@archny.org](mailto:joan.brisson@archny.org).

**Deadline for entries is 5pm on January 24, 2019.**

## ST. MARY PARISH FESTIVAL OF LESSONS & CAROLS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16<sup>th</sup> at 7PM

Bring your family & friends to prepare in your hearts a home for Our Lord this Christmas! This service will include seven short bible readings, interspersed with carols, hymns, and choral music. Come hear the story of the fall of humanity, the promise of the Messiah, and the birth of Christ, while joyously participating in the singing of traditional carols. This event is free and open to the public. Enjoy a remarkable evening of good tidings, prayer, reflection, and music during this season of joyful expectation!

SAINT MARY PARISH  
55 CATOONAH STREET  
RIDGEFIELD, CONNECTICUT

Service will conclude at approximately 8:15PM



## 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 by St. Kateri Choir, December 9<sup>th</sup>; and The Poughkeepsie New Yorkers Barbershop Chorus, December 16<sup>th</sup>. 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 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm.** The display runs from December 7 – January 6 from 1:00pm-5:00pm. Suggested donation is \$5.

For more information, go to

[www.focolare.org/mariapolisluminosa](http://www.focolare.org/mariapolisluminosa), or call (845) 229-0230, ext. 127.



## The Shrine of the Holy Innocents

Invites you to visit their Chapel, on the grounds of St. Mary of the Snow in Saugerties, New York. The Shrine is dedicated to babies unborn, babies born too soon, infants, toddlers and children who have gone home to God. The Chapel is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

Located at 36 Cedar Street, Saugerties, New York. Mass is offered in the Chapel most Mondays & Wednesdays at 8am. To remember a loved one, you can also purchase a plaque in their name, on their website

[www.shrineinnocents.org](http://www.shrineinnocents.org)