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Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan writes:

Dear friends in the Lord,

On December 8 and 9, the archdiocese will conduct the Retirement Fund for Religious special collection. This annual appeal benefits 31,000 elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests-women and men who have consecrated their lives to serving God and His Church.

During the 2018 World Day for Consecrated Life, Pope Francis remarked, “There is no growth without roots and no flowering without new buds.” This analogy has certainly born out within the life of the Church in the United States. Senior religious were the roots that established Catholic schools, hospitals, and social service agencies— allowing generations of Catholics to flourish. Today, the example of older religious inspires younger members to persevere in mission and ministry.

Yet, many religious communities struggle to provide for aging members. Most elder religious served for small stipends, leaving a large gap in retirement savings. Rising healthcare costs and decreased income compound the struggle to provide adequate care. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious special collection provides vital funding for medications, nursing care, and more. It also helps religious congregations implement long-range retirement strategies, even as they continue to serve the People of God.

This is, I recognize, but one of numerous worthy causes in need of assistance; I ask simply that you give what you can. In thanksgiving for their faithful service, please join me in supporting the Retirement Fund for Religious collection and in praying for the Lord’s blessing on our nation’s elderly religious.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Fr. Newcomb



Thank you to all the donations thus far. Please deposit food items in the red bins in the Narthex or stop by the parish office during the week. We are hoping to fill 100 boxes this year! We will be collecting hams and turkeys on Monday, December 17th from 4pm to 6pm.

December 8th, Saturday, 9:00PM-10:00PM, in the Chapel, we will have a Holy Hour to unite ourselves with others across our Nation. We pray to re-establish the Culture of Life, restore the Family, and the church, and become a nation worthy of Christ's Peace. Please join us.

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception and our parish feast day is Saturday, December 8th. Let’s celebrate after the 4 pm Mass, in Most Sacred Heart Hall. Beer, wine, appetizers and dessert will be served.

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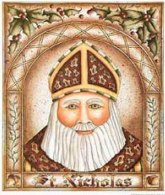
Adults: ____ /Children ____

Return no later than Wednesday, December 5th.

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Liturgical Ministers for December 8th, 9th, 2018.

MASS	LECTOR	MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
4:00PM	B. HECKMAN	H. ECKES, J. FLYNN	J. ENNIS, K. CASE
8:30AM	P. CAL	T. HOPPEY, T. CALVARIO	A. AND E. TRUJILLO
11:30AM	M. ESLING	T. MARION, N. SMITH, H. MARINARO	K. EPPS, M. FEDRIZZI, M. LAUTURE



Today is the day! St. Nicholas Fair in the Most Sacred Heart Hall from 9:30am until 2pm. Get your shopping done in one location without all the lines!

December 7th there will be adoration in the chapel from noon until 6:30. It will be followed by a vigil Mass for the Holy Day of obligation, *The Feast of the Immaculate Conception*, 7pm in the Church. We will also have a Mass on December 8th at 9am.

Sounds of the Season, *St. Mary's Annual Christmas Caroling is Tuesday, December 4th*. All are welcome. Meet at Bon Secours hospital main entrance at 4:15. Caroling begins at 4:30 in St. Joseph's Place. By 5:15 we are caroling in the main building at Water's Edge.

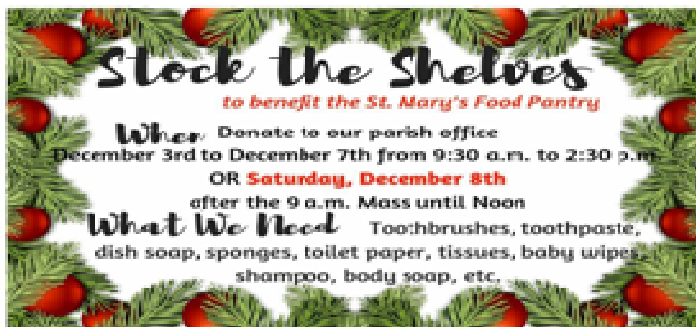


The K of C is hosting Breakfast with Santa on Sat., Dec. 8 8am-noon. 63 Seward Ave. Adults \$7/Kids \$5. All proceeds to benefit St. Mary's Food Pantry.

The second collection next weekend is for Retired Religious.

This year we will not have an evening Mass for Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12th. Cardinal Dolan will be celebrating Mass at St. Joseph's in Midletown at 7pm and all our welcome to attend.

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. To register, please call the parish office. The deadline is Thursday, January 24, 2019.



ANNOUNCED MASSES

- Monday, December 3 (Francis Xavier, priest)**
9:00am June Livingston, by Vincent Livingston
Souls in Purgatory, by Lisa and Robert McDonough
- Tuesday, December 4 (John Damascene, priest and doctor of the Church)**
9:00am James Newcomb
- Wednesday, December 5**
9:00am Dominic Biondi, by Missy, Todd, and Kyle
- Thursday, December 6 (Nicholas, bishop)**
9:00am Intentions of Dotty Lynch, by Ellen McCarthy
- Friday, December 7 (Ambrose, bishop and doctor of the Church)**
11:30am John Francis Konchan, Mike and Carol Braun
Joseph Portella, by Catherine and Bill Simons
7:00pm The parishioners of St. Mary's
- Saturday, December 8 (Feast of the Immaculate Conception)**
9:00am Blaise Joseph Zorich, by Dr. Jane Brooks
4:00pm Joseph H. Kucher, by mom and family
- Sunday, December 9**
8:30am Charles Neumann, by Paul and Diane Hartmann
11:30am The parishioners of St. Mary's



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn brightly this week in the church, in memory of Stephen, Evelyn, and Charles Westfall, by Catherine Westfall.

Please Pray For the Sick: Angela Portella, Joann Wilcox, Walter Szpakowicz, Elizabeth Brennan, Michael Medaglia, Jackie Mundy, Barbara Straub, Tress Loughrey, Sal Careri, Elizabeth Startup Jones, Louis Harford, William Lincoln, Jeanine Lincoln, Michael Barnes, Donald Wolff, Ramonita Irizarry, Debi Cotugno, Theresa Fuller, Maureen Hildebrandt, Charles Hildebrandt, Aedan Roach, James Roach, Robin Radzikowski, Helen Andreano, Tito Rivera, Neil Stasilli, Josefina Rodriguez, Joseph Hinkley, Toni Sorrentino, Frances Brennan, Andrea Fedoruk, Susan Upton, Chris Marion III, Loretta Olenick, Layla Grace Foster, Roderick T. Esling, James Lincoln, Danielle Devore, Wayne DeMarco, Marge O'Connor, Mindy Walsh, Arieal Walsh, Raquel Maldonado, Tyrell Davis, Eppie Harford, Christine Nowak, Jesivel Abreu, Stacie Holman, Cody Bain, and Robert Cinerar.

The collection for was \$4,333.
Thank you for your continued generosity.