

DECEMBER 21, 2014 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



The Lord ... will establish a house for you. (2 Samuel 7:11)

Imagine David's surprise when God denied his request to build a temple but promised instead to build a house for David—a royal dynasty that would never end!

Like David, we often think that human hands can build a house for God. We think if we spend enough time accomplishing tasks in our churches or doing enough charitable works, we can establish His kingdom on earth. We tend to forget that the Christian life has just as much to do with humbly receiving unmerited grace from a powerful and generous God. We tend to forget God's greatest desire—to build his personality, his priorities, and his passions within us.

There is a wonderful story about the late Vietnamese cardinal Nguyen Van Thuan who, while still a young bishop, was arrested and imprisoned by his government. Van Thuan was so devastated at not being able to complete the projects that he had started for God that he went nights without sleeping. Then one night he heard a voice saying, "Everything you have done and desire to continue doing ... are God's works, but they are not God. Choose God and not the works of God."

These words changed Van Thuan's whole way of thinking. He found a new peace and strength to surmount moments in prison that were almost unbearable.

In his book, *Testimony of Hope*, Cardinal Van Thuan referred to Mary as a prime example of choosing God and not the works of God. "She abandoned her projects without fully understanding the mystery that was being accomplished in her body and in her destiny." By her fiat, Mary allowed God to build within her a house for Jesus Christ, the King of kings and Lord of lords. May we follow her example and let God build his house within and among us.

"Jesus, I surrender to you. Come and dwell within me, so that I may give you glory."

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Saturday December 20

5:00 Patrick Murphy &

Louis & Mary DePaolo



Sunday December 21

7:30 Robert Rieger

9:30 Andrew Marrone

11:30 Brian Clark

5:00 Philomena Schordine

Monday December 22

6:45 The People of St. Martin de Porres

12:15 Dr. Robert Furlong

Tuesday December 23

6:45 Kathleen Sullivan

12:15 Daniel Pinto

Wednesday December 24 Christmas Eve

9:00 James & Julia Dlubach

4:00 James & Kathleen Sullivan

6:30 The Murphy & Teeling Families

10:00 The Karrott Family

Thursday December 25 Christmas Day

7:30 Louis Barone

9:30 The Franco & Socha Families

11:30 Deceased Members of the

Knights of Columbus

NO 5:00PM MASS

Friday December 26

6:45 Steven & John Amarillo

12:15 George McGrath

Saturday December 27

8:00 Tony Sileno

5:00 Anne Healy

Sunday December 28

7:30 John & Carmella Marcus

9:30 Gerry Maggiacomo

11:30 Jagdish Das

5:00 Mildred Reddy



Please note the morning Mass on December 24th will be at 9:00am. Christmas Eve Masses are as follows: 4:00 pm, 6:30pm, & 10:00pm. Christmas Day Masses are as follows: 7:30am, 9:30am & 11:30am, there is NO 5:00pm Mass Christmas Evening.

PARISH INFORMATION

Calvary Cemetery

62 Lagrange Avenue, Poughkeepsie 473-4222

Caring Committee Parish Office at 473-4222

Charismatic Prayer Group Meetings

Monday-7:30 PM Bill Haag 462-3669

C. Y. O. - Chris Fields 462-8790

Knights of Columbus Peter Stafford 462-2110

Parish Council William Kennedy 462-4717

Meets the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM in
The Nativity Center

Health Care Ministry Doris Kennedy 462-4717

Senior Program Val Brown 471-7567

Youth Ministry Grace McNamara 636-0514

Music Ministry Jackie Hourani 223-3439

Catholic Charities 452-1400

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every Friday from 7:30 AM-12:00 noon.

ROSARY -(Mon.-Sat.) after the First Mass of the day.

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA

Monday after the 12:15 PM Mass

ST. MARTIN de PORRES NOVENA

Wednesday after the 12:15 PM Mass

CARE NET PREGNANCY CENTER 845-471-9284

HOPE & HEALING AFTER ABORTION

212-750-3967/ hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org

SEPARATED & DIVORCED -1st & 3rd Thursday in the
Nativity Center, 7-8:30pm. For info call
Fran @ 914-522-5928 or Cathy @ 845-546-0268.

FLOCKNOTE'S-Stay connected to the Parish and the
Archdiocese. Text Martin to 8457 or go to
flocknote.com/smdppough to sign up.

PASTORAL INFORMATION

If you are **new to the parish** and would like to register you may do so by filling out the registration form in the vestibule of the church or printing a form off the parish web site and returning it to the parish office via collection basket or mailing it to 118 Cedar Valley Rd. Poughkeepsie NY, 12603, or stop by the parish office.

If you are a parishioner & need to **update your information**, please e-mail updates to smdpnorman@gmail.com. Please let us know if you have an address, phone # or e-mail address change; are moving out of the parish; or if a family member is sick and would like to be visited by a priest or a deacon.



REMEMBER OUR SICK

Daniel Kelleher, Dennis Lengyel, Christopher LaFalce, Jeanette Iulo, Robert Stoutenburgh, Peter Cavaliere, Pat Drain, Cathie Geerlings, Francesco Ramirez, Stephanie & Kevin

Gieseler, Anthony Coviello, Phil Harnan, Matthew Bisanz, Bridie Craig, George Salchert, Josephine Bohac, Mary Peluse, Flo Nopolitano, Mary Trabucco, Mary Marquardt, Peggy O'Neil, Frank Hartenfels, Margaret Trojan, Tom George, Robert Belmonte, Sherry Fanelli, Catherine Gary Stuewer, Genie Rudmann, Beth Dzinowicz, Michael Micik, Katherine Murry, Janet & Gordon Gray, Patricia Harth, Arnold Barber & Paul Bucher, III.



MILITARY SERVICE

We would like to remember all of our parishioners serving in the Armed Forces, at home, but especially those serving overseas. Please remember especially: Pvt. 1st Class Evan Simeon; LT. Ryan Henebery; Sgt. Christopher

Wilks; Arm. Robert Wilks; Pvt. Donald Schneider; Sgt. Philip D. Percesepe, USMC; Sr. Airman Anthony DiMase; Corey R. Tag; E-4 James LeRoy, US Army; Ens. Kathryn Munson; Sgt. Vincent A. Fiorillo; Airman Frank Lauria; LT. Eric Hung, USN; Petty Officer 3rd Class Robert J. LaBarbera, III U.S.N.; PVT2 Ronald D. Biro; Sgt. Marc Coviello; Michael Wagner, Army; Pvt. Nathan Wentworth; Petty Officer 3rd Class Brian Brandon USN; Sgt. Levi Santagate, USMC; AM2 (AW) Bridgit Stratton; Capt. Eddie Preisser, US Army; Sgt. William Haas, USMC; Airman 1st Class Preston David Wtulich, USAF; Richard Milliot, 2nd Mate.

Banns of Matrimony



Marisa Gemmati & Bryan Davidson

Sacraments to the Homebound

Homebound parishioners who may be, temporarily, unable to participate, in the Parish liturgical celebrations, due to illness or hospital recuperation, please call the rectory to schedule a visit by a priest /Deacon during this Christmas Season. The Sacrament of the anointing of the Sick or Confession can be arranged at home at your convenience. "When there are people sick among you, let them send for the priests..." (from the ritual for anointing the Sick).



A Healing Mass.

With a free flow of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, will be held January 6 at St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish, 1925 Rte. 82 LaGrangeville. Guest Celebrant will be Fr. Tom Kreiser from Yorktown. Fr. Tom celebrated the first Healing Mass for the Spirit Wind Ministry. Praise & Worship at 7pm; Mass at 7:30. Individual prayers for healing follows Mass which is sponsored by Spirit Wind Prayer Group. Details contact Pat or Joe [845-440-3519](tel:845-440-3519) or Dave [845-223-3658](tel:845-223-3658). Weather closings follow Arlington Schools & are on WHUD.

ECUMENISM: THE IRREVERSIBLE QUEST FOR UNITY



In his remarks to Pope Francis on November 30, 2014, in Istanbul, Turkey, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew offered a resounding declaration of his sure hope for the full unity between the Churches of East and West: "As a result of their meeting ... fifty years ago [Pope Paul VI and Patriarch Athenogoras, in Jerusalem], the flow of history has literally changed direction: the parallel and occasionally conflicting journeys of our Churches have coincided in the common vision of restoring our lost unity; the cold love between us has been rekindled, while our desire to do everything in our capacity so that our communion in the same faith and the same chalice may once again emerge has been galvanized. Thenceforth, the road to Emmaus has opened up before us - a road that, while perhaps lengthy and sometimes even rugged, is nonetheless irreversible - with the Lord as our companion, until he is revealed to us 'in the breaking of bread' (Luke 24:35)."

World Wide Marriage Encounter



"Forver I will sing the goodness of the Lord..." Does your marriage or Holy Orders sing the goodness of the Lord? Let World Wide Marriage Encounter help you strengthen you to be a light to the world. For information call 1-877-NYS-WWME ext 3.



A 2-Penny Social will be hosted at St. Mary's School in Wappinger Falls on **January 31, 2015** (2 Convent Avenue). Free admission. Parking at school. Doors Open at 11:30 a.m. Calling begins at 1:00 p.m. Over 200 new items. Food will be for sale. 50/50 raffle tickets for sale. Proceeds go to the school. For questions, please contact Mary Joe at 592-0147 or maryjoempq@aol.com.

EnCourage

A Catholic Support Community that supports families of those experiencing same-sex attractions. There are scheduled meetings in the Orange County area, and we are looking to develop additional meetings throughout the archdiocese. For further information, e-mail the Orange County EnCourage group at encourageny@hotmail.com. To learn more about Courage and EnCourage visit www.couragerc.com, or call the Family Life+Respect Life office at 646-794-3186.



K of C Food Drive

This week is the food collection; The K of C is requesting your support in their effort. The Food Drive is held the last weekend of each month. Money donations are used to purchase gift cards at the local supermarkets. Please consider helping us to sustain this charitable endeavor.

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Ways to support St. Martin de Porres School



Target- Take Charge of Education:

Register your card designating SMDPS School code 10910). The school will Receive 1% of your total bill.



Tools for School:

Register your Price Chopper AdvantEdge card designating SMDPS (School code 16284).



Box Top for Education & Campbell Soup Labels:



Send in box tops and labels for the school to receive credit for supplies.



A+ Bonus Bucks: Register your S&S card designating SMDPS (school code 07838) and the school will earn money based. All you have to do is: Log on to www.stopandshop.com/aplus to register online OR Dial 1-877-275-2758 to register your card over the phone.

Please visit the PSA website for all information regarding our committee and events.
www.teacherweb.com/NY/StMartindePorres/PSA/.

K of C Free Throw Competition



The Knights of Columbus, council #7551, is sponsoring a free throw competition for boys and girls from ages 9-14 (age as of 1/1/2015). The event will take place on Monday, **January 19, 2015** in the St. Martin de Porres school

gym. Registration will be from 6:30 to 7:00 PM and the competition will run from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. Please bring proof of age to registration. The winning boy and girl, from each age group, will receive a basketball and earn the chance to compete in the District competition. If you have any questions, please contact the event chairperson Rick Schultz at 845-489-7362 or Rick@MyMidHudsonAgent.com.



The Parish office will be closing Tuesday, December 23rd at 1:00 pm & will reopen Friday, December 26th from 9:30am till 1:00pm.



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Merry
Christmas
To All*