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Joseph Davis, Trustee

MASS SCHEDULE
SATURDAY VIGIL: 5:00 PM
SUNDAY: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 AM, 5:00 PM
WEEKDAYS: 6:45 AM & 12:15 PM
SATURDAY: 8:00 AM
Holy Days & Federal Holidays: Consult Parish Bulletin

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturday: 3:45-4:45 PM
and other times, please call the rectory.

SCHOOL
845.452.4428
Mr. Greg Viceroy, Principal
www.smdpschool.net

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
845.471.8728
Mrs. Cynthia Fratto, Director
Office Hours Monday-Thursday
9:30-1:30 PM

PARISH CEMETERY
Call 473-4222

BAPTISM: Celebrated on Sundays at 1:00pm. Please contact the rectory well in advance of the Sacrament. Baptismal preparation class is on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM in the Church.

MARRIAGES: Couples should contact one of the priests or deacons at least 6 months prior to the wedding date. A marriage preparation program is required.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK: Please call the rectory if you wish to receive the Sacraments at home. Notify us of any hospitalization so that we may be of assistance.

NEW PARISHIONERS: We welcome you and would like to meet you. Please introduce yourself to one of our priests, deacons or call the rectory. Please consult the bulletin for registration information.

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Friday 9:30 AM-3:30 PM
Dear Parishioners:

I hope and pray that everyone had a very blessed Thanksgiving with family and friends. Let us give thanks for this New Year of Grace which begins today with the First Sunday of Advent – a new start, a new opportunity to grow deeper in our faith and to live it even more fervently and sincerely than we did last year.

These weeks of Advent are such a busy time for everyone getting ready for Christmas. However, let us not let all the exterior preparations that need to be done cause us to miss the more important interior preparation in order to celebrate well and with renewed hearts the birth of our Savior. The word Advent we know means Coming. “Come, Lord Jesus” was the cry of the first Christians. This Holy Season of Advent is a time for us to rekindle in our hearts a burning desire for the coming of our Lord.

Theologians speak of three comings of Christ: First, His coming in History over 2000 years ago when He was born as a little baby in Bethlehem; Second, His coming in Majesty when He will come again in glory at the end of time to judge the living and the dead as we pray in the Creed every Sunday; and Third, His coming in Mystery right here and now in so many ways, most powerfully in the Sacraments, culminating in the supreme gift of Jesus Himself in the Eucharist.

Jesus’ first coming in history happened very quietly and humbly. His birth in the middle of the Night in a tiny town called Bethlehem went largely unnoticed by the world. His second coming in majesty to judge the living and the dead is what Jesus speaks of in today’s Gospel: “Stay awake!...be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.” On that day everyone will notice Him, everyone will see Him, those who believed in Him and those who did not, those who loved Him and those who hated Him. The time of His second coming will be a time of great fear and trepidation, or a time of great joy, depending on our relationship with Jesus now.

That brings us to His coming in mystery in so many ways right here and now, most awesomely in the Eucharist. If we are living in a relationship with Jesus now, living our faith everyday with all our might the way we are supposed to, then we will be ready to stand before Him without fear whenever He comes again, either at the end of the world or at our own death. We are given this precious time of Advent to begin again to set things right in our relationship with God, walking in His ways and living in His presence every day of our lives. Then we will know the Peace for which our hearts are longing, a Peace that the world cannot give or take away. May this Advent be a moment of Grace for all of us. May God bless us all with His Peace.

Sincerely in Christ,
Rev. Matthew J. Furey

Saturday, November 30
5:00 Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus

Sunday, December 1
7:30 Deceased Members of the Arrigo & D’Ingiullo Families
9:30 Carl Post
11:30 Robert Griscom
5:00 Kenneth Neisser

Monday, December 2
6:45 Paul LaMatty
12:15 John Leyden, Sr. & John Leyden, Jr.

Tuesday, December 3
6:45 Charlene Moore
12:15 Evelyn Michos

Wednesday, December 4
6:45 Marie Cannon
12:15 Gladys Reynolds

Thursday, December 5
6:45 The People of St. Martin de Porres
12:15 Ronald McPike

Friday, December 6
6:45 Margaret Darling
9:00 Major James M. Brophy
12:15 Linda Amadeo

Saturday, December 7
8:00 Marion Sauter
5:00 Helen & Joe Urbanak

Sunday, December 8
7:30 Pasquale Bottini
9:30 Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus
11:30 Stefan Kabarec
5:00 Dan Schrader

The Bread & Wine
Used during the Masses this week are in Loving Memory of
Eileen Heller

The Sanctuary Candle
is lit this week in Loving Memory of
Doris Gill VanTassell
PARISH INFORMATION

Calvary Cemetery
62 Lagrange Avenue, Poughkeepsie 473-4222

Caring Committee  Parish Office at 473-4222

Community of Praise Prayer Group Meetings
Praising God and Prayers for Healing
Monday-7:30 PM  Bill Haag  462-3669
C. Y. O.  Chris Fields  462-8790

Knights of Columbus  Ed Ohms  483-0032

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
Coley McCarthy  485-1705

Senior Program  Val Brown  471-7567

Youth Ministry  Fr. Bancroft  473-4222

Music Ministry  Jackie Hourani  223-3439

Catholic Charities  452-1400

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament-
Every Friday from 7:30 AM-12:00 noon. First Fridays from 7:30-5:00 Holy Hour & Benediction 5-6:00p
Rosary-(Mon.-Sat.) after the First Mass of the day.
Miraculous Medal Novena: Monday after the 12:15pm Mass
St. Martin de Porres Novena Wednesday after the 12:15pm Mass

ArchCare Navigation- Need help caring for yourself or someone else? Totally Free!  855-951-CARE
Care Net Pregnancy Center  845-471-9284

Sisters of Life Hope & Healing After Abortion
Women -866-575-0075/ hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org
Men-877-586-4621/lumina@postabortonhelp.org

Online giving https://www.parishpay.com/nonprofit/
Flocknotes; Stay connected to the Parish and the Archdiocese.
Text Martin to 84576 or go to Flocknote.com/smdppough
to sign up.
Formed: go to stmartindeporres.formed.org to sign up
Parish code P4QHJ3

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 website 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 smdnorman@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.

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; Sgt. Christopher Wilks; Arm. Robert Wilks; Pvt. Donald Schneider; Sr. Airman Anthony DiMase; Corey R. Tag; E-4 James LeRoy, US Army; Ens. Kathryn Munson; Sgt. Vincent A. Fiorillo; Airman Frank Lauria; Sgt. Marc Coviciolo; Army; Pvt. Nathan Wentworth; Petty Officer 3rd Class Brian Brandon USN; Sgt. Levi Santagate; AM2 (AW) Bridgit Stratton; Capt. Eddie Preisser, US Army; Airman 1st Class Preston David Wtulich, USAF; Richard Miliot, 2nd Mate; LTC Benjamin Hung, US Army; CPL Aidan Steckley, USMC; Sgt. 1st Class Harold Petershagen; Captain Gregory Correale USAF, Staff Sgt. Dustin Scott, USAF; Staff Sergeant Kyle Moskiewicz, USMC.

Coffee Sunday

This weekend is coffee Sunday. Please join us following the 9:30am Mass and enjoy the company of your fellow parishioners, coffee, treats, crafts and while there, have your blood pressure checked by our nurse ministry.

Let us pray for our deceased parishioners, and family members and loved ones

Especially: Alice Sheehan
James Williams

Senior Center Corner

December 9th ~ Christmas Party
at Pirate Canoe Club, 12:00-4:00p.
Music by Bob Martinson.

Please stop by and check out all the fun exciting activities going on each week visit:
https://stmartindeporres.org/senior-center-program

First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Friday December 6th, beginning with Exposition after the 6:45am Mass and ending with Holy Hour and Benediction from 5:00-6:00pm. Please consider signing up in the vestibule for one or more half hour slots or at least stop in at some point during the day to spend some time with Our Lord Jesus truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.
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 (code 16284).

Box Top for Education
Send in box tops 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. 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

Please visit the PSA website for all information regarding our committee and events.
http://www.smdpschool.net/about-us/psa/.

School News

The children of St. Martin de Porres School will be proudly performing Christmas Music for their families this month. Grades 1-4 will perform the Nativity Pageant, Grades 6-8 will perform a brand-new modern Christmas musical called “CAKE, Christmas Acts of Kindness” and our PreK-3 PreK-4 and Kindergarten will surely make everyone smile with their fabulous singing. They will also enjoy breakfast with Santa & Mrs. Clause before leaving for Christmas break.

Save the Date!!

Bookfairs supporting St. Martin de Porres School

Tuesday, December 3, 2019
Barnes & Noble Poughkeepsie
2518 South Road
Bookfair ID 12569620

Please present this voucher prior to making your purchase. A percentage of the net sale will be contributed to your school/organization.

8th Grade Car Wash Coupon Sale! The St. Martin de Porres 8th Grade Class is selling Foam & Wash Car Wash Coupons to raise money for their end of the year dinner dance and class trip. The coupons are $8, normally $10, save $2! If interested, checks made payable to St. Martin de Porres School can be dropped off at the school or parish office in an envelope marked “Car Wash”. Any questions please call Michele Anderson 845-309-3462 or email her at speedoln@hotmail.com

Gift cards will be sold this weekend in the church vestibule after the 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30am Masses Sunday. All purchases benefit our school.

Calling all children age 2 – 5 for Story Hour!
Thursday, December 19th 10 to 11 a.m. St. Martin de Porres School Library. We would like to invite your children to our pre-school story hour, held the third Thursday of each month. All pre-school children are welcome, they do not have to be a part of the St. Martin de Porres School or parish family. The children have fun listening to stories, playing music, dancing, making crafts, and enjoying home-made treats. Every month we cover a different theme. To reserve your spot, please call 452-4428.

Thank You for your support of the Veterans Sundry Drive. Castle Point estimated the number of products generously donated totaled approximately $4000.00!!

Village of Wappingers Falls Victorian Candlelight Tours
Saturday, December 7th from 4 - 7 pm, Ticket: $15
Sinterklaas & Dutch Holiday Traditions
Designed especially for children, Sunday, December 8th Mesier Homestead, Mesier Park Wappinger Falls Program at 1pm. 2pm. 3pm, Event is FREE Registration is required. To purchase tickets or make reservations go to www.wappingershistoricalsociety.org or call 845-632-1281. Visit our website for our Holiday Gift Shop hours.

TEEN GROUP FUNDRAISER

Our Reach Christ Youth Group will be wrapping Christmas presents for anyone who would like them wrapped. If you would like us to wrap your gifts, please bring them to the Nativity Center on Sunday, December 15th starting from 7:30am. We will be providing all wrapping paper, please bring your own boxes. There is no fee but donations are greatly welcomed!
The Right of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) meets every Wednesdays at 7pm in the Nativity Center, for those wishing to receive the sacraments of baptism, Holy Eucharist and/or Confirmation, at the Easter Vigil or anyone baptized in another Christian Community who wishes to be brought into full communion with the Catholic Church, please call the Rectory and leave your name and number or just join us on Wednesday night. Also, anyone else who would like to come just to deepen your knowledge of our faith is most welcome.

**Thursday, December 12th 7:00-8:00p-**
The St. Martin de Porres Ecumenical Committee and the Adult Choir invite you to join together in prayer during the season of Advent. The theme for this year's ecumenical prayer service is "They showed us unusual kindness" (Acts 28:2). It will use familiar Taizé and other contemporary hymns. All in the parish community and beyond are invited to come together in prayer during the Church's season of hope and expectation. Refreshments and conversation will follow in the Nativity Center.

**Calling all Shepherds, Angels and Lambs!**
Children, we need you! We invite you to help us tell the story of Jesus birth in our annual Nativity Pageant at the 9:30 am Family Mass on Dec. 22nd. Please call or text Carolyn by December 16th at 797-5423, or email her at firstschooloffaith@gmail.com to sign up. Children preschool age and up are welcome to join us! There will be one rehearsal prior to the pageant.

Remembering that the focus of Christmas is the birth of Christ, we invite you and your family to bring your Baby Jesus figurines from your home nativity creches to the 9:30 am Family Mass on **December 22nd** to have them blessed. All Baby Jesus statues are welcome, from Fisher Price to Fontanini!

**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. **Our very own SMDP Music Ministry led by Mrs. Jackie Hourani will perform a medley of Christmas songs on Saturday, December 14th at 2 pm.** 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 14th at 2:00 pm. Kindly RSVP by December 7 for the Baby Jesus Workshop. The display runs from December 7 – December 29 from 1:00 pm-5:00 pm. The suggested donation is $5 per person. For more information, go to [www.focolare.org/mariapolisluminosa](http://www.focolare.org/mariapolisluminosa), or call (845) 229-0230, ext. 127.

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**SHARING TREE**
**November 16th-December 8th**
Once again, the Parish has adopted number of Local Families through the Catholic Center, Birthright and Care Net, The Poughkeepsie Children’s Home, & Avalon Assisted living for our Sharing Tree. Please choose a Star or Angel from the tree and purchase the gift. The angels have specific request for individual families Red and green stars are for general gifts and white stars are for the Catholic Center.

**PLEASE DO NOT WRAP GIFTS!**
Return the gift to the Church with the star or angel attached by Sunday, December 8th

As always please remember that the GIFTS BE NEW.
Each year your generosity is overwhelming. Thank you for the joy that you will bring to so many others.

**Adult Faith Formation**
CONTINUES: on Tuesday Mornings at 10:30am in the Nativity Center.
Please join us as we explore our faith during the advent season.
All are Welcome!!

**First Saturday Club Honoring the Blessed Mother for and by People with Disabilities**
The First Saturday Club will be held on **Saturday, December 7th**, at St. Mary’s, 11 Clinton Street, Wappingers Falls. The Rosary will be said at 11:30 am followed by Mass at 12:00pm. A luncheon, prepared by the Host Parish, will follow after the Mass. For further information, contact JoAnn at 462-3186 or Elizabeth at 454-2340.

**Bringing the Christmas Spirit to Families in Need**
Would you consider “adopting” a family, child, or lonely single and providing them with a few Christmas gifts this year? Catholic Charities will match you with a family size of your choice and then we share their “wish list” of basic clothing items that you can use as guide when you go shopping for them! If you or your family, friends or co-workers would like to Adopt-a-Family, please either fill out the donor form on our website: [www.catholiccharities-dutchesscounty.org](http://www.catholiccharities-dutchesscounty.org) or contact either Julie West at julie.west@archny.org (845) 452-1400 x4217 or Kim Whelly at kim.whelly@archny.org - phone: (845) 452-1400 x4263. Please help us bring the Hope and Joy of Christmas to others in need!

**Bereavement Support Group**
Join us on this Journey: From Grief to Healing on Tuesday, December 3rd, at 6:45pm in the Nativity Center.
HELP THOSE IN NEED WITH TAX PREPARATION
You can help hard-working families in your community by volunteering to prepare tax returns. We are a Dutchess County coalition comprised of several local organizations. Our mission is Creating Assets Savings and Hope, CASH-Coalition. Our goal is to assure working and low-income families receive free, reliable tax preparation and obtain federal and state earned income tax credits. Free training is provided in December. Tax sites are open the end of January to April and in or near your town. Choose from flexible hours including weekdays, weekends, or evenings for more information call: Julie West, Executive Director, Catholic Charities Community Services of Dutchess County 845.451.4217, julie.west@archny.org, www.catholiccharities-dutchesscounty.org.

The Women’s Parish Club of St. Joachim/St. John the Evangelist Church will be holding its Annual Christmas Fair on Saturday, Dec. 7th from 9am to 3pm and Sunday, Dec. 8th from 9am to 2pm in St. John the Evangelist Church Hall on Willow Street, in Beacon. Breakfast and Lunch will be available. Come start your Christmas shopping! Virginia's Famous Jewelry is always a GREAT starting spot for gift shopping. Also New Christmas Items, Tasty Treats, Santa’s Stuffed Animals and Raffles to name a few of the tables waiting for you! Values galore! You won't be disappointed!

Catholic Widows & Widowers
The Catholic Widow & Widowers of Dutchess & Putnam will meet on the third Tuesday of the month at 7pm in the parish meeting room at St. Kateri. 845-223-3097.

Separated and Divorced Support Group is held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month from 7:00 pm. to 8:30pm at Mt. Alvernia Retreat Center, 158 Delavergne Avenue, Wappinger Falls. For further information, contact Cathy at 845-546-0268.

INTERFAITH STORY CIRCLE
The next Dutchess County Interfaith Story Circle will be at the Buddhist Monastery (245 Sheafe Rd., Wappinger), on December 4th, 7:00pm. All are invited.

An international display of distinctive crafts, gifts, jewelry, food, live music and more at the Hellenic Center (54 Park Ave., Poughkeepsie), December 7th, 11am - 5pm and, December 8th, 11am - 3 pm. This activity is sponsored by the Dutchess County Interfaith Council.

VASSAR COLLEGE
This annual event of readings, music and candle lighting is sponsored by Vassar College's Music Dept. and Office of Religious and Spiritual Life, on Sun., December 8th, 7 pm, Vassar College Chapel.

Advent/Christmas Schedule

December 6th - 7:15am:
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Exposition
5:00pm:
Holy Hour and Benediction

December 12th - 7:00pm:
Taize Prayer Service

December 14th - 3:45-4:45pm:
Reconciliation
December 16th - 4:00-8:00pm:
Reconciliation
December 18th - 9:00-10:00am:
Reconciliation
December 21st - 3:45-4:45pm:
Reconciliation

December 24th - Christmas Eve Masses
4:00 ~ 6:30 & 10:00pm
December 25th - Christmas Day Masses
7:30 ~ 9:30 & 11:30am
No Evening Mass

December 31st - Solemnity of Mary Vigil
5:00pm
January 1st - Solemnity of Mary
7:00 & 9:00am and 12:15pm