



PARISH INFORMATION

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturdays: Msgr. Ryan Hall - 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.
Also by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

The Church provides certain times and preparation for weddings. Please contact the Rectory at least six months in advance to begin the process.

REGISTRATION

Every family and person within the parish is encouraged to register with the Parish.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Celebrated on the 2nd Sunday of the month at 2:00 p.m. A required Baptism preparation meeting for parents meets on the first Monday of the month at 8:00 p.m. Godparents are welcome. Please register in advance for the class and Baptism. Godparent Pre-Requisites: Godparents must be practicing Catholics in good standing, 16 years of age or older, Baptized and Confirmed Catholic.

ON BECOMING A CATHOLIC

Those seeking information about the Catholic Faith are invited to contact Fr. Valentine at the Rectory at (516) 621-2222.

CARE OF THE SICK

Please notify the Rectory and Human Concerns Ministries if there is anyone seriously ill so that we can provide spiritual care.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Kathleen Capuano	Frank Krukowski
Mary Ann Cifarelli	Richard Malon
Rebekah Cole	Marilyn Manning
Kevin Cronin	Stuey Manzione
Paul Cronin	John McCormack
Joseph V. Danbusky	Justin Paradine
John Damiano	Diana Pearce
Jessica Dawson	Karen Petrik
Linda De Stio	Marion Prendergast
John Paul DiNonno	Gregory Racaniello
James Dougherty	Jaxon Rivera
Eric DuBois	Roy Rodrigues
Members of Ferreira	Angelo Santora
Family	Charles Strecker
Noel Glen	Clotida Vecchione
Stephen Grabher	Ronald Webb
Roberta Greco	Anne Wright
Christine Kenney	Mary Wybaillie



...AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Anne Krukowski and Ilse Govoni



THE MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, December 18: 4th Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m. Laura Nicholas
by Ann & John Nicholas
9:00 a.m. Mary & Carmin Dellavecchia
by Charles & Linda Dellavecchia
11:00 a.m. Francesco & Giuseppina Aversa
by The Family
Dr. Rodolfo Magpantay - 2nd Anniversary
by Dr. Esmeralda Magpantay
Tom McCormack
by The Lynn Family
Carol & Salvatore Sica
by The Scuderi Family
Peter Vanatta
by Larry & Lorraine Porto
12:30 p.m. People of the Parish

Monday, December 19: Late Advent Weekday

9:00 a.m. Dolores O'Hara
by Richard O'Hara

Tuesday, December 20: Late Advent Weekday

9:00 a.m. Edith Monteserrato
by Her Family

Wednesday, December 21: Late Advent Weekday

9:00 a.m. Alexander Levchuck,
Michael & Gertrude Hochla
by Janet

Thursday, December 22: Late Advent Weekday

9:00 a.m. Lucyan Wierzbicki - Happy Birthday in
Heaven
by Irene & Family

Friday, December 23: Late Advent Weekday

9:00 a.m. Cornelia Massimo
by Her Daughter

Saturday, December 24: Late Advent Weekday

4:00 p.m. Christmas Memorial
6:00 p.m. Christmas Memorial
7:00 p.m. Spanish Mass
10:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday, December 25: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

7:30 a.m. Christmas Memorial
9:00 a.m. Christmas Memorial
11:00 a.m. People of the Parish
12:30 p.m. Christmas Memorial

READINGS FOR SUNDAY DECEMBER 18, 2022

4th Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18
 Second Reading: Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
 Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

FOCUS: God keeps his promises.

Through the prophet Isaiah, the Lord reaffirms the promise of a savior for his people, a savior born under unusual circumstances who would clearly be God's chosen one. After many years had passed since that promise – years in which the Lord continued to guide and prepare his people – we hear of its fulfillment in Matthew's Gospel. In this final week of Advent, let us rejoice and praise God for he is faithful and keeps his promises.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Isaiah prophesies that the Lord will give his people a sign: A virgin shall conceive and give birth to a son and will name him Emmanuel. Paul introduces himself to the Romans as one called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God, specifically among the Gentiles. In the Gospel, Matthew recounts how the birth of Jesus Christ came to pass, in accordance with Isaiah's prophecy.

Readings for next week, Sunday December 25, 2022
 Isaiah 52:7-10, Hebrews 1:1-6, John 1:1-18 or John 1:1-5, 9-14

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FOSTERING STEWARDSHIP AS A WAY OF LIFE

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING

As we wrap up the Advent season and come closer to Christmas day, use the remaining days of Advent to teach someone (perhaps a friend or child) the meaning of Christmas.

Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary

Sunday Offering ~ December 11 \$5,923.00*
 Same Week Last Year \$7,779.00*

Mass Attendance for ~ December 11 594
 Same Week Last Year 503

**Does not include Faith Direct*

2022 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

St. Mary's Parish Assessed Goal	\$66,300.00
Amount Raised to Date	\$25,690.00
Number of Gifts and/or Pledges	87
Percentage of Goal	38.75%

✠ Celebrants for the Weekend of ✠ December 24/25, 2022

Date	Location	Mass Time	Celebrants*	Lector
December 24th	Hall	4:00 p.m. (Choir)	Fr. Valentine	Virginia Eyerman - L
	Church	6:00 p.m.	Fr. Valentine	Paul Ditrano - L Dina Ditrano - EM
	Church	10:00 p.m.	Fr. Valentine	Phyllisann Kalenka - L
December 25th	Church	7:30 a.m.	Fr. Valentine	John Dussel - L Anne Dussel - EM
	Church	9:00 a.m.	Fr. Lauder	Nora Toal - L
	Church	11:00 a.m. (Choir)	Fr. Valentine	Volunteers Needed
	Hall	12:30 p.m.	Fr. Valentine	Volunteers Needed

* Subject to last minute changes.



Just a reminder all St. Mary's Masses are on Youtube link

<https://tinyurl.com/St-Marys-Roslyn>

The Pastor's Page

Dear Friends:

This past May I mentioned a visit to Chartres Cathedral (about 50 miles southwest of Paris), and the magnificent labyrinth in its nave. It served as a spiritual pilgrimage for faithful Catholics when actual pilgrimage to the Holy Land was impossible. The design of the maze is imbued with dozens of overlapping meanings: the journey of human life, man's place in the universe, the zodiac, the phases of the moon, etc. Moreover, the six-lobed rosette at the center is a symbol of the six levels of existence: mineral, vegetable, animal, human, angelic, and divine. Moreover, by connecting the inner points of each lobe to those opposite it, we form a 13-point invisible star representing Christ and the 12 apostles. Unlike its pagan counterpart, the maze is not meant to entrap or frustrate the traveler. On the contrary, everything is intended to guide the pilgrim through the twists and turns of life, culminating in the everlasting joy of heaven. For those of us not blessed with a keen sense of direction, the question becomes whether we are willing to accept directions when we become lost.

The figure of the labyrinth came to mind when thinking about the Gospel for the 4th Sunday of Advent, Year A. This year, we hear the account of Jesus' birth from the perspective of St. Joseph. St. Matthew points out that Joseph was a "just" (δικαιος) man; that is, he abounds in the natural virtues, which is why he wants to obey the Law of Moses regarding marriage, but not in such a way that brings shame upon his wife Mary. If we apply the "pilgrimage" metaphor to Joseph, we might say that, despite having a sharp sense of direction, he finds himself, despite his best efforts, lost. How does he get back on track when the natural virtues take him only so far? The good news is that Joseph is much like his Old Testament namesake, the son of Jacob, who was blessed by a

series of dreams that helped him understand the ways of God. The angel reveals to Joseph in a way that he could never have otherwise known, that his wife was with child according to a divine plan, one that was foretold through the prophet Isaiah: "The virgin shall conceive..." But on a wider scale, the angel reveals the mission of the child Jesus, whose name means "The LORD is salvation": Jesus will save the people from their sins. For his part, Joseph's only imperfection is that of having a limited understanding of God's will. The wounds of the human race, by contrast, are far more excessive, our disorientation more profound. We cry out for more than simply a set of directions. We are in need of one who *is* the Way to God. Pope Benedict XVI points out that Christ accompanies us on our earthly pilgrimage while healing our soul and strengthening our will in order to find our way back to God.



Man is a relational being.
And if his first, fundamental
relationship is disturbed—his
relationship with God—then
nothing else can be truly in
order...if you are not healed
there, then however many
good things you may find,
you are not truly healed.

In an age that finds the idea that acknowledging one's sinfulness anathema, the story of St. Joseph and the angel acts as a healing remedy. The human condition is marked by limitation, from simple ignorance to wickedness, but Christ does not abandon us. He helps us find the way.

Faithfully,
Fr. Valentine

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Religious Education at St Mary's - 12/18/2022

Sharing the Mass †

Thank you to all of the families who attended our special grade level masses these past 2 weeks! It's been so lovely seeing you in the pews and we hope you continue to be with us!

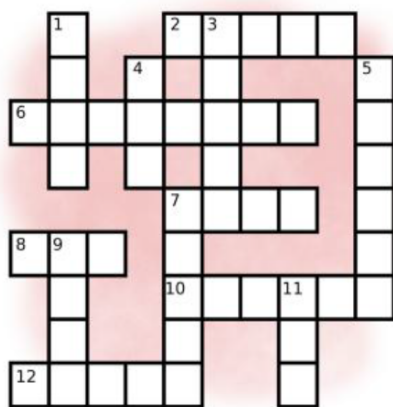
¡Gracias a todas las familias que asistieron a nuestras misas de grado especial en las últimas 2 semanas! ¡Ha sido tan encantador verte en los bancos y esperamos que sigas estando con nosotros!

Kid's Corner

Isaiah 7 Cross-Word

Find the words that fit into the spaces in today's first reading, and then fit them into the puzzle. A=Across and D=Down.

HOUSE
VIRGIN
HIGH
SHEOL
CHILD
THE
DAVID
HEAVEN
NAME
DEEP
IMMANUEL
GOD
MAN



8A LORD spoke to Ahaz, "Ask a sign of the LORD your 11D; let it be 7A as 2A or 9D as 5D." But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test." And he said, "Hear then, O 3D of 7D! Is it too little for you to weary 4D, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you this sign: the 10A shall be with 12A, and bear a son, and shall 1D him 6A.



Reminder: Family Meetings

Reunión con las familias

1st Grade/para el 1º grado

→ Jan 17 at 7pm

(this is a change from last week's bulletin)

The Religious Education Office will be closed until January 3rd. We will see you that evening for classes and in the meantime... We wish all of you a safe and Merry Christmas!



La Oficina de Educación Religiosa permanecerá cerrada hasta el 3 de enero. Nos vemos esa noche para las clases y mientras tanto... ¡Les deseamos a todos una Navidad segura y Feliz!

Jesus' Birthday is almost here!



Now there is only a week left until Christmas!

In today's Gospel reading God gave St. Joseph a special job. He told him to take care of Mary and the baby Jesus. St. Joseph thought he was just an ordinary person and didn't expect to have such an important responsibility, but he did what God asked.



God has given us a responsibility too. We have to love Jesus as much as we can. How can you love and honour Jesus at Christmas time? If your family has a nativity scene you can pray to Jesus while you look at it. Right now you have a few days left to get ready for Jesus' birthday. Ask St. Joseph to help you prepare for Jesus' coming.



LESSONS & CAROLS FOR ADVENT & CHRISTMAS



St. Mary's Choir

Paul Eschenauer (Choir Master and Organist)

Dennis Brosnan, Meredith Brosnan, Susan Challender, Jen Chapman, Eng Cortes, Pat DeCicco-Goldstein, Tom Eyerman, Catherine Lau, Sandie McLaughlin, Alissa Palen, Lucia Piccoli, Jean Marie Stavola, Fr. Tim Valentine

Special thank you to Ft. Valentine on guitar and Jessica Palen on flute.



Lectors (L to R)

Virginia Eyerman, Phyllisann Kalenka, Celina D'Souza, Jason Ferreira, Lora Lofaro, Barbara Betkowski



St Mary's Christmas Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 24th

Christmas Eve

4:00 pm (Choir) - Msgr. Ryan Hall

6:00 pm - Church

10:00 pm - Church

Sunday, December 25th

Christmas Day

7:30 am - 9:00 am - Church

11:00 am (Choir) - Church

12:30 pm - Msgr. Ryan Hall

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Saturday, December 31 5:00 pm - Msgr. R. Hall

Sunday, January 1 7:30 am, 9:00 am & 11:00 am - Church

12:30 pm - Msgr. Ryan Hall



Christmas Flowers and Greens

St. Mary's has the custom of a Flower Fund to provide flowers for the altar and sanctuary in the church and Msgr. Ryan Hall at Christmas. If you wish to make a donation to our Christmas Flowers and Greens in memory of a loved one, **please return your envelope that you will receive in the mail to the Rectory or place it in the collection basket.** There are extra envelopes at the doors of the Church and Hall.



Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel



St. Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle.

Be our protector against the
wickedness and snares of
the devil.

May God rebuke him,
we humbly pray;

And do Thou,
O Prince of the Heavenly
Host,

by the power of God,
cast into hell Satan,
and all the evil spirits
who prowl about the world
seeking the ruin of souls.

Amen

The Fourth Sunday of Advent, year A, page 33 in the Missal

Processional Savior of the Nations Come



1. Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; Show the glo - ry
 2. Not by hu - man flesh and blood, By the Spir - it
 3. Won-drous birth! O won-drous child Of the Vir - gin
 4. God Cre - a - tor is his source, Back to God he
 5. Now your low - ly man - ger bright Hal - lows night with



of the Son! Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth,
 of our God Was the word of God made flesh—
 un - de - filed! Might - y God and man in one,
 runs his course, Down to death and hell de - scends,
 new-born light; Let no night this light sub - due,



That our Lord chose such a birth.
 Wo - man's off - spring, pure and fresh.
 Ea - ger now his race to run!
 God's high throne he re - as - cends.
 Let our faith shine ev - er new.

Text: *Veni, Redemptor gentium*; ascr. to St. Ambrose, 340-397; tr. sts. 1-3a, William Reynolds, 1812-1876; sts. 3b-5, Martin L. Seltz, 1909-1967, alt.
 Tune: NUN KOMM DER HEIDEN HEILAND, 77 77; *Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn*, Wittenberg, 1524

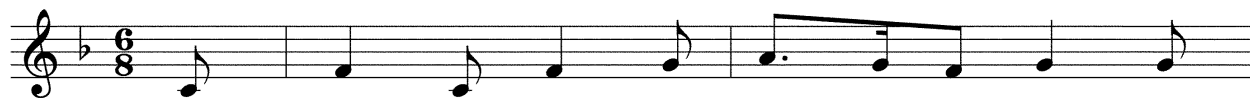
Responsorial Psalm



Let the Lord en - ter; he is the King of glo - ry.



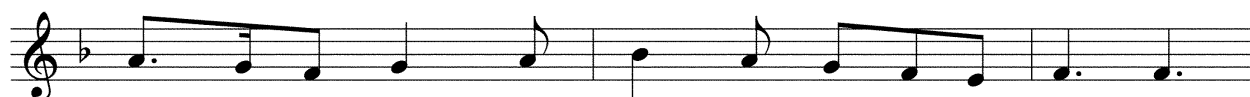
Offertory Awake, Awake and Greet the New Morn



1. A - wake! a - wake, and greet the new morn, For
 2. To us, to all in sor - row and fear, Em -
 3. In dark - est night his com - ing shall be, When
 4. Re - joice, re - joice, take heart in the night, Though



an - gels her - ald its dawn - ing, Sing out your joy, for
 man - u - el comes a - sing - ing, His hum - ble song is
 all the world is de - spair - ing, As morn - ing light so
 dark the win - ter and cheer - less, The ris - ing sun shall



now he is born, Be - hold! the Child of our long - ing.
 qui - et and near, Yet fills the earth with its ring - ing;
 qui - et and free, So warm and gen - tle and car - ing.
 crown you with light, Be strong and lov - ing and fear - less;



Come as a ba - by weak and poor, To bring all hearts to -
 Mu - sic to heal the bro - ken soul And hymns of lov - ing
 Then shall the mute break forth in song, The lame shall leap in
 Love be our song and love our prayer, And love, our end - less



geth - er, He o - pens wide the heav'n - ly door And
 kind - ness, The thun - der of his an - thems roll To
 won - der, The weak be raised a - bove the strong, And
 sto - ry, May God fill ev - 'ry day we share, And



lives now in - side us for ev - er.
 shat - ter all ha - tred and blind - ness.
 weap - ons be bro - ken a - sun - der.
 bring us at last in - to glo - ry.

Holy, Holy

F. Schubert

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts_____

9 Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts_____

17 Heav - en and earth are full,_____ full_____ of your glo - ry. Ho -

25 san - na in the high - est Ho - san - na in the high - est.

33 Bless - ed is he who comes_____ in the name of the Lord._____ Ho -

41 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Acclamation Savior Us Savior of the World

Great Amen

A - men, A - men, A - men, A - men, A - men.

Music: *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Schubert, 1797-1828, adapt. by Richard Proulx, © 1985, 1989, GIA Publications, Inc.

Communion

Christ, Be Our Light

Refrain: Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness. Christ be our light!

Shine in your Church, gathered today.

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Recessional

Now the Heavens, Start to Whisper



1. Now the heav - ens start to whis - per As the veil is
 2. Heav - y clouds that block the moon-light Now be - gin to
 3. Christ, e - ter - nal sun of jus - tice, Christ, the rose of



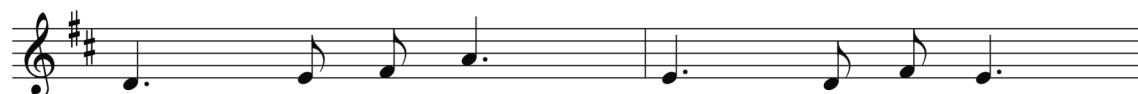
grow - ing thin. Earth from slum - ber wakes to lis - ten
 drift a - way. Dia - mond bril - liance through the dark - ness
 wis - dom's seed, Come to bless with fire and fra - grance



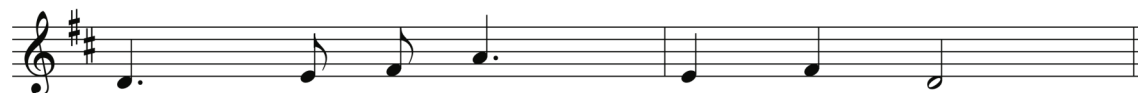
To the stir - ring, faint with - in: Seed of prom - ise,
 Shines the hope of com - ing day. Christ, the morn - ing
 Hours of yearn - ing, hurt, and need. In the lone - ly,



deep - ly plant - ed, Child to spring from Jes - se's stem!
 star of splen - dor, Gleams with - in a world grown dim.
 in the stran - ger, In the out - cast hid from view:



Like the soil be - neath the frost - line,
 Heav - en's em - ber fans to full - ness;
 Child who comes to grace the man - ger,



Hearts grow soft to wel - come him.
 Hearts grow warm to wel - come him.
 Teach our hearts to wel - come you.