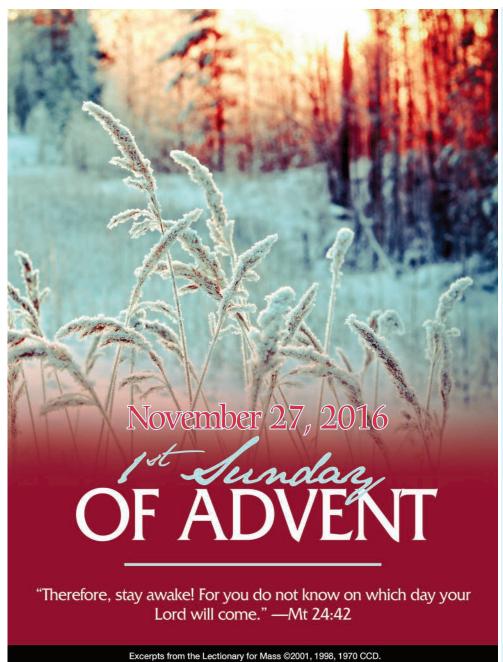
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Intercessory Prayer Line

Do you have a special prayer intention? Please call Marie Bantivoglio at (856) 751-8803

OUR SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Daily Mass: Monday-Friday: 8:00am (Chapel); Weekend Masses: 5:00pm (Sat.), 8:00am, 10:00am, 11:30am; Korean Mass: 5:00pm (Sunday)
Children's Liturgy of the Word: 5:00pm (Sat) & 10:00am (Sun)
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat.: 8:30am & 10:00-10:30am or by appt.

Eucharistic Adoration: Monday: 8:30 am-1:15 pm

Our Parish Community extends a warm welcome to all our parishioners and visitors! If you would like to register as a member of our Parish Community, please contact the Parish Office at (856) 424-1454.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday
8:00amNovember 28, 2016
People of the Parish
November 29, 2016
Rosita Moran

r/b the Pastrana-Lamboy families

Wednesday November 30, 2016

8:00am Pasquale & Catherine Amoriello

r/b their children

Thursday 8:00am December 1, 2016 Judge Frank Lorio

r/b Patrick & Kathleen Kirschling

Friday December 2, 2016

8:00am Intentions of Sam Richards

r/b the family

Saturday 5:00 pm December 3, 2016 Mary Gannon

r/b Ron & Mary Von Stetina

Second Sunday of Advent-December 4, 2016

8:00am **Joan Vogel**

r/b husband, Jack

10:00am Bill Gorman

r/b Marie & Tom Gorman **Dr. Robert Rosado** r/b Thomas & Elizabeth

Ramona Davila

r/b Pastrana-Lamboy families

Sally Campiglia r/b Eve & Cos Contento

11:30 am **People of the Parish**

STEWARDSHIP



Due to early submission requests from our publisher, last week's collection information will be unavailable until next week.

Stewards Prepare

"Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come." MATTHEW 24:42

People who have had health issues or near-death experiences generally have a greater appreciation for each day being a gift from God. The rest of us usually take for granted that we will be around tomorrow. But when in living *Stewardship* you start to look at each day as a gift, you realize all the little miracles that happen daily and grow in gratitude for all that we have been given.



We joyfully welcome into God's family, our newly baptized...

Charlotte Amelia Ervolini Jordan Randall Yarnell

Baptized November 20, 2016

SAINT MARY MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Catholic community of St. Mary, are empowered through Baptism, guided by the Gospel and nourished by the Eucharist. We serve the People of God through active participation in the mission and ministry of the Church. We are committed to an inclusive and compassionate living out of the Gospel in our daily lives.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY & OUR SICK

US Army: Capt. Alex F. Katauskas, Ranger, Capt. Doug Sackett, PFC Christopher Vassey, Sgt. John David Vozzelli, Lt. Joseph Weston, Jr., Sgt. Deanna D'Ambrosio, SPC Christopher Hill; US Navy: E6 Bob Moeller, Ryan E. Gager, Lt. Grahm Gill, Joseph Cornell, Cmdr, JG, Michael C Rutcosky, Jr USCG Petty Officer Tim Edwards; USAF: MSgt. Tony Frieske, Zachary S Hensinger USMC: Daniel Gallemit, Thomas Grace, Adam Ardire, Holly Harrington, Cpl. Isaac Freese

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Need help raking?

Confirmation students are available to rake leaves for our elderly parishioners to complete their service requirement. Contact Pat at (856) 424-2679. Pat will meet students outside at your address and stay until the job is completed. There is no cost for this service!



Feast of the Immaculate Conception A Holy Day of Obligation

Mass Schedule

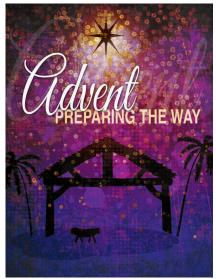
Wednesday, December 7th at 7:00pm Thursday, December 8th at 8:00am, 12:10pm & 7:00pm

DID YOU GET YOUR RAFFLE TICKET YET?

Only 500 tickets will be sold. Make sure to get yours! **Tickets** will be sold after all weekend Masses!! Tickets are always available during the week at the Parish Center. This is a major fundraiser for our church. As always, we appreciate your generous support!

170 tickets sold!

Gospel Meditation



"Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come." Jesus doesn't tell us when he will come again; but he does tell us all we need to know. First, he leaves no doubt in our minds that he will in fact return-this isn't a question we have to debate. And secondly, he tells us what we need to do to be ready: stay awake! As long as we don't doze off while we're waiting, everything will be all right.

This is what the season of Advent helps us to do. It's like the Church's alarm clock, ringing with persistence in our ears: Wake up! Throw off the covers of apathy and distraction! Jesus is coming! Get up and get your house in order before he arrives! What exactly this means will be different for all of us--the particular behaviors we need to change, the specific virtues we need to develop--all of this is unique to each individual. But our common goal is the same--to clean house in our hearts and make ourselves ready to welcome the Lord. Yes, his return at the end of time will be a momentous event, but even if we never experience it during our lifetime, Jesus still wants to come to us here and now, to dwell in our hearts through the presence of his Spirit. This Advent, let's be ready to welcome the Lord every minute of every day.



G.I.F.T. Book Discussion Update

The GIFT Ministry sponsored book discussion will continue their sharing of "What Are We Doing On Earth For Christ's Sake"? by Richard Leonard, S.J., at the December 6th session. It's not too late to catch up!

The book is by best selling author. Fr. Leonard In his third book titled in a

The book is by best selling author, Fr. Leonard. In his third book, titled in a series of questions, he invites Christians to revisit their faith in the midst of the contemporary world and its challenges. A timely book choice, for sure!

It is always more enjoyable sharing a book with friends, so why not join us?

When? *Tuesday, December 6th (*Changed from Monday for December)
Time? 1:00pm - 2:30pm Where? Parish Hall, Room 102

A copy of the book can be obtained by contacting Janice Rueppel at <a href="https://hittage.nih.gov/hittage.ni

It's Advent!
What can I do
to prepare my
heart for
Christmas?



PRAY WITH OTHERS!

The Holy Rosary at St. Mary:
Join us on Thursday mornings, after
the 8:00am Mass, for the Rosary. In
December, we will be praying the
Joyful Mysteries for the intention of
peace in the world.

SPEND SOME QUIET TIME WITH THE LORD!

Eucharistic Adoration: Mondays, 8:30 am-1:15 pm (Chapel) The LORD waits for you in the Blessed Sacrament!

Cherry Hill Advent
Communal Penance Service
(at St. Mary)

Monday, December 12th at 7:00pm in the Church



Don't forget to pick up an Advent devotional in the Gathering Space this weekend.



Angel Tree News!!!



Dear Parishioners,

The G.I.F.T. Ministry sponsored "ANGEL TREE" tags will be distributed this weekend.

This year, we again hope to make Christmas, a little happier for 200 children from low income families in the Camden area.

After you pick up your "ANGEL" this weekend; please

- Remove the wings in the Gathering Space;
- Write your name and phone number on those wings
- Drop the wings into the box on the table before you leave. (Only the Angel itself goes home with you.)

After you've wrapped your gift, please

- attach your angel tag, and
- Drop in off in the Gathering Space during Mass times, or
- Bring it to Parish Center during the week.

The deadline for gifts drop off is **Sunday**, **December** 11th. (We need to have them sorted and delivered that week). God's blessings, the G.I.F.T. Ministry

(If you know of a family in the Parish who could use help this Christmas, please contact Loretta at (856) 309-8334. All requests will be handled with the utmost confidentiality.)

Celebrate Christmas early & support our Catholic Schools!

Christmas Amore - The Sicilian Tenors

Investors Bank Performing Arts Center 519 Hurffville-Crosskeys Rd, Sewell, NJ 08080 Saturday, December 3, 2016 at 7:30pm Tickets on sale through Ticketmaster or the IBPAC Box office Ticketmaster.com 1-800-745-3000 I BPAC (856) 218-8902

PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE SOUTH JERSEY SCHOLARSHIP FUND FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION





"Santa Claus is coming to St. Mary"

(NEXT) Saturday, December 3rd, 2016 After 5:00 pm Mass in the Hall 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.



Desserts, Refreshments, Coffee/Hot Cocoa, Moon Bounce, Crafts, Door Prizes & Other Surprises!

Bring Your Own Spirits, Dinner, Snacks or have your Favorite Dinner Delivered!



WANTED: VOLUNTEERS!

Friday, December 2nd - 6 pm to 7:30 pm in the Hall Saturday, December 3rd-5 pm - 10:00 pm in the Hall For More Information: Janet Maloney 123maloney@gmail.com

Jennifer Sullivan sjbounce@gmail.com Jeanette Covert chef.jeanette@comcast.net



On Tuesday, November 15th, "Forever Young" hosted their annual "Thanksgiving Thank You" for the Troops." Thanks to the generous donations of our parishioners, the participants were able to fill 125 bags with all kinds of donations & treats for our troops. These bags and money (\$695 collected for postage) will be delivered to our Military Support Group for distribution to our soldiers.



Of course, a huge thank you goes out to the "FOREVER YOUNG" TEAM and our GUESTS for making this happen. tremendous effort was truly a parish wide endeavor! Thank You St. Mary, for your support and caring!!

TLA (To Live Again)

TLA is a bereavement support group that meets 7:00pm, at Monday evenings, at Resurrection School. It's not a structured process, so you can come when you can. And, you can come when you're ready, whether that's two days, or two years, after your spouse has passed. No one knows how you feel better than someone who has been there. God often works through others to heal us. Come, & find comfort in the sharing. For more info, please call St Mary parishioner, Bob Tell,

(856) 424-4847 & leave a message. He'll get right back to you.





MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 3RD/4TH

Mass Time	<u>Presider/</u> Deacon	<u>Music</u>	Eucharistic Minister	<u>Lector</u>	Altar Server
5:00 PM	Fr. Ed Deacon Bob	G. Willson J. Rabic	T. Sullivan (2) M. VonStetina (4) R. VonStetina (C) R. Whitty (1)	J. Whitty (A) K. Rando (B)	E. Boyle H. Sullivan T. Sullivan
8:00 AM	Fr. Cesarone	L. Hurley J. Rabic	R. Cowley (C) G. Daniero (4) A. Domingo (1) J. Fallon (2) K. Sheerin (A)	J. Miller (A) C. Domingo (B)	F. Cero N. Dacanay M. Miraglia
10:00 AM	Fr. John	L. Rabic J. Rabic	S. Baratta (B) M. Borinski (2) L. Ciccone (D) P. Galie (1) J. Olenick (A) L. Kosyla (4) C. Mc Donald (C)	M De Angelis (A) F. De Angelis (B)	E. Baratta V. Barbato J. Walker
11:30 AM	Fr. Ed Deacon Bob	L. Poslusny M. Brinn	T. Alonzo (4) B. Coen (1) E. Kenny (2) J. Robertson (C)	D Czerniakowski (A) K. Omari (B)	M. Costello T. Costello R. Gorman

"The Holidays are Coming, So Is All That Good Food! Time to Get in Shape with Cindy!"

C'mon down to St. Mary Parish Hall, every Thursday from 1:00–2:00pm & exercise with Cindy, a Cert. Arthritis Instructor/Personal Trainer. She makes one hour of cardio activity, strength building, balance work & meditative relaxation a fun experience! All activities can be done with or without the support of a chair. A free will donation is

accepted. Questions? Call Karen Young, at (609) 707-4989.

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SHOPRITE GIFT CARDS at ST. MARY

ShopRite gift cards are sold, after the 10:00am Mass each Sunday, on the Plaza. Proceeds benefit St. Mary Church and our Local Knights of Columbus Council. Thank you for your support!

You Are Invited!! Mon. Dec. 5, 7:00 PM – "Relevant Radio Introduces the Servant of God Maria Esperanza – by Fr. Timothy Byerley. Come learn about this incredible woman of our times. Hear her message of how to grow in trust and joy in God! The Collegium Center for Faith and Culture, 301 White Horse Pike, Haddon Heights, NJ 08035; Please contact us at: (856) 534-0400 or www.thecollegiumcenter.org

PARISH INFORMATION

Sacrament of Baptism: Celebrated on the 1st Sunday of the month at the 11:30am Mass, and on the 3rd Sunday at 12:30pm. Parents are required to attend a preparatory session. Please make arrangements in advance through the Parish Office.

Visitation & Anointing of the Sick: Please call the Parish Office if a family member is seriously ill, facing/recovering from surgery and would like to see a priest or receive the Anointing of the Sick. Holy Communion is also available to those who are homebound.

Marriage: Couples planning to marry will attend a marriage preparation program. Please contact the Parish Office one year in advance of the wedding date.

Funerals: The proper form of Church burial for a baptized Catholic is the Mass of Christian Burial, not a service at a funeral home. The Mass is the greatest prayer of the Church.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): The RCIA is a process of formation for full initiation into the Catholic Church. It is open to those never baptized, those baptized in another faith, and Catholics who have not received First Communion and Confirmation. For more information, please contact Kathleen Rando, Pastoral Associate. **Liturgy Committee** meets the second Tuesday of the month (September through June) at 7:00pm in the Parish Office.

Parish Pastoral Council meets throughout the year as an advisory board to the Pastor. Next meeting: January 19, 2017 in the Parish Office Meeting Room. If you would like to address the Council, please email us.

Catholic Grade School: Resurrection Catholic School, 402 N. Kings Highway, Cherry Hill. Principal: Sister Lydia Etter, OSF, (856) 667-3034.

PARISH CALENDAR

Weekend, November 26th/27th

Children's Liturgy of the Word 5:00pm Mass & 10:00am Mass Raffle Ticket Sales after all Masses

Advent Begins

Monday, November 28th

8:30am-1:15pm Adoration

Tuesday, November 29th

8:00pm Knights of Columbus (Hall) 4:30pm Rel Ed Level 1 & 2

Rel Ed Advent Communal Penance Services (Level 3-4) 4:30pm & (L5-7) 6:30pm

Wednesday, November 30th

6:30pm 'Religious Education Advent Communal Penance Services (L5-8) 7:30pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (Church)

Thursday, December 1st

1:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (103) 1:00pm Seniors' Exercise Class (Hall) 4:15pm Jr. Choir Rehearsal (Church)

Friday, December 2nd

6:30pm Youth Group (Hall)

Weekend, December 3rd/4th

Children's Liturgy of the Word 5:00pm Mass & 10:00am Mass 5:00pm Level 7 Rite of Acceptance

"Santa Claus is Coming to St. Mary" (6:00pm in Parish Hall)

Engaged Encounter Ministry

Good things are happening on Engaged Encounter Retreat Weekends! Comments from recent weekends include: "Re-affirmation of Catholic faith re-enforcing the strength of marriage." Couples are reporting a much needed weekend of spiritual connection and opportunity for improved couple communication in preparation for the Sacrament of Marriage. Contact: Mary Lou Hughes 856-583-2903

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