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We are delighted to have you with us as we celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ!

Our Parish Community extends a warm welcome to all! May God richly bless your time with us!



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



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	December 26, 2016
8:00am	Michael & Sophia Vitello &
	Joseph & Mary Romagnano
	r/b Joseph & Carol Romagnano
Tuesday	December 27, 2016
8:00am	People of the Parish
Wednesday	December 28, 2016
8:00am	Isabel Matula
	r/b Joseph Matula
Thursday	December 29, 2016
8:00am	Isabel Matula
	r/b Joseph Matula
Friday	December 30, 2016
8:00am	James Verano
	r/b Marie Bantivoglio
Saturday	December 31, 2016
5:00pm	Rose Rotoli
	r/b sister
Sunday, Januar	y 1, 2017, Solemnity of Mary,
	The Holy Mother of God
8:00am	Jane Hardin
	r/b Gail Dwyer
10:00am	Peggy Jones
	r/b Grace Coen
	Elsie Mc Fadden
	r/b Tom & Marie Gorman
	David Roberts
	r/b Joyce Hamilton
	Anthony Rauco
	r/b the Forever Young Team
	Evan Gray
	r/b Marie Bantivoglio
11:30am	People of the Parish

STEWARDSHIP



12/18 Regular Collection \$8,445 215 envelopes 12/18 Online Giving information unavailable

There will be 2 collections taken up for the weekend of December 31st/January 1st. The first collection will be for the Solemnity of Mary. The second collection will be for the Sunday offering. Thank you for your generous support to our church!

Please help us keep our databases up to date! In an effort to better serve you, please notify the Parish Center if you are moving or have any new address, email or phone changes!

Thank you for your help!



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

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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

Catherine Adelizzi, Baby John (Jack) William Adelizzi, Martin Alfano, Ruben N. Alvarez, Rita Anona, Anne Arauz, John & Mary Lou Baird, Tate Balcarek, Marie Bantivoglio, Elizabeth Belli, George Bellmiano, Mary Ann Blanco, Shirley Rios Brady, Jim Brady, Jackie Brooks, Marybeth Brooks, Eileen Buroojy, Mark Celijewski, Anthony Ciarroccki, Matthew Ciancitto, Terri Cirillo, Eve Contento, Jimmy Contento, Joe Conti, Ann Cowan, Josiah David, Julie Davis, Estelle De Lellis, Concetta Di Bella, Frank Dolan, Ricardo Domingo, Eileen Edwards, Jack Elliott, Catherine Faccine, Annette Ferraro, Frank Fieni, Mary Agnes Foldes, Mary Anne Frye, Carol Gallagher, Matthew Gallagher, Baby Andrew Paul Glaser, Carole Grady, Anne Greco, Lexi Guerin, John Hagan, Christine Hallinan, Joseph L Hallinan, Arlene Harvey, Babies Liam & Kian Hawkey, Elinor Hayes, Josiah Heino, Dorothy Higham, Lucille Horton, Jake Howerd, Angie Jacob, Jacqueline Lamboy, Nick Lamparelli, Fred La Rosa, Nathan Levinson, Helen Madison, Natalie Markiewicz, Liam Marino, Lydia Marrero, Christine Marsden, Jill Mehigan, Blasco Molle, Anthony & Michael Mosco, Tenaro Moulic, Rich Munce, Zachariah Chase Murray, Kathy Obchinetz, Eliza O'Neill, Josephine Omari, Stanley & Marie Pasternak, Vicky Peralta, Michael Piazza, Josephine Penna, Patty Plunkett, Ed Polansky, Catherine Potts, Lori P., Heidi Holscher Pryal, Jean Rayner, William Roca, Joseph Ragusa, Samuel Richards, Eleanore Rinear, Thomas & Elizabeth Rosado, Patty Ruebeck, Greg Rueppel, Gloria Santone, Alecia Bauer-Sears, Kevin Schoen, Jean Schmitz, Michael Sepessy, Bena Shah, Adrian Shaw, Deacon Jim Smith & Grace Smith, Lorraine Stenella, Rose Tartamosa, John Thomas, Lee Thurber, Charles Tobin, Jr., Joseph Tomkins, James Tyrrell, Jean Vogt, Steve Weber, Lena Zanghi

Please call the Parish Office to let us know when a name can be removed from the sick list. Thank you for your help!

NEXT WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

 Saturday: 12/31
 5:00pm Mass (Church)

 Sunday:
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 8:00am, 10:00am, & 11:30am Mass (Church)

Christmas Stewardship Every Day

"And the Word became flesh" JOHN 1:14A

Jesus is God's ultimate gift of love to us. The countless other blessings that God showers upon us are nothing compared to the gift of His only Son. The only appropriate way for us to respond to such generous love is with our own generous love. When we become His *Stewards*, we dedicate our lives to sharing all the gifts God has placed in our hands,

the peace of Christ truly will control our hearts and we will know

Christmas joy every day.





"She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." Today we celebrate that the prophetic dream of St. Joseph was fulfilled! Jesus is born! A Savior has come to deliver us--Emmanuel, "God is with us." Christmas is a feast of fulfillment, a holiday of deep and enduring happiness not only because God became man and was born of a woman, but because along with his Incarnation, God brought us freedom. Jesus is the long-awaited Messiah who sets us free from the misery of our own sins. This is the ultimate gift of Christmas Day.

We exchange gifts today as a sign of our love for one another to be sure, but also as a concrete, visible way to celebrate the gift that we have first received from God. We are free people! We are not slaves but rather the children of God whose priceless inheritance is to dwell in his kingdom for all eternity. On this most festive day of the year, we are invited to exult in this fact and spare little effort or expense to show our gratitude and joy.

We only must be careful not to reduce our celebrating today to something less glorious, something less meaningful, or less profound. This is no mere secular holiday. This is not just a ritual of family gatherings, elaborate evergreen trees and sumptuous meals. Christmas is a HOLY day and as Christians it is OUR day in a most definite and undeniable way. The treats and trimmings are all signs that remind us of what lies ahead for those who accept the real gift of Jesus Christ: an unending banquet of eternal delights and divine gifts that will never fail to satisfy. Yes, Christmas is a little taste of heaven, the perfect gift that lies in wait for those who love the Lord. *Taken from LPI, Inc.*



MERRY CHRISTMAS

The Priests, Deacons, and staff of The Catholic Church of St. Mary wish each one of you a joyous Christmas! We are delighted that you chose to be with us to celebrate the birth of Jesus, a clear sign of God's infinite, unconditional love for us. Our prayer this Christmas is that you will come to know His love & mercy ever more deeply as we worship together as a community at Mass. *A blessed & holy Christmas season to you & yours!*

Congratulations 500 Club Raffle Winners!

Grand prize: \$14,160-John Longa 2nd prize: \$1,770-Elizabeth Stakenburg 3rd prize: \$1,770-Frank O'Donnell *Congratulations to our winners!*

A big thank you to all who took part in our raffle! We sold a total of 354 tickets! Another thank you goes out to all of the volunteers who sold tickets for us! Thank you again for your generosity to our Church and God bless!

Angel Tree Thank you!

Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners, the GIFT Ministry sponsored, "Angel Tree Project" was again, a huge success! 200 children in Camden, as well as some locally, were assisted with the gifts supplied by our parishioners. Special thanks to all our GIFT ministers who sorted and distributed the gifts under the wonderful coordination of Loretta Repici. May God bless you for your generosity!





Translating God's Love

(Adapted) by Faith Noah

God reveals His love for us in incredible ways.

Sometimes, it's through the words we hear: a homily at Mass that makes us feel like God Himself has taken over the mic to speak individually to us, or a talk that says exactly what we need

to hear, exactly when we need to hear it. Other times, it's through the love we receive: a friend's support amid hard times, or a stranger's random act of kindness when we least expect it.

If we are to call ourselves Christians, odds are that at some point in our lives, Christ has spoken to us. We know the Good News. We know the power of the Cross, a physical embodiment of Christ's sacrificial love.

Christ could very easily force His message to be heard. He could ensure that every person on earth knew of His sacrifice on the Cross. But instead, with immense humility, He lets us be His instruments. He lets us testify on His behalf. He lets us serve as active participants in His quest to make all souls aware of His love.

Jesus lights the way He speaks to us, and then, once we have come to know His love, He speaks through us. Placing His words in our mouths, God entrusts us with a task of eternal significance: leading souls to Him.

But there's an important thing to note in this whole process: we have to receive before we can give.

To share God's love with others, we must first receive this love wholeheartedly: through the Sacraments, through (prayer) & reflection, and through opportunities to spend (reading Scripture) & one-on-one time with Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. We can't just repeat what we've been told without understanding it in our heart, or else His message is lost on us. Our mouths may be open, but our voices reach no one. In the words of my campus chaplain, "you can't give what you don't have."

For this reason, we have to stop and listen to the Lord, taking in all the ♥ love notes ♥ He is sending us. We have to be able to look at a Cross and know deep in our hearts that Christ made that sacrifice for us individually. Only then can we look at our brothers and sisters and realize that, just as Christ loves us, so, too, does He love each of them.

God loves us. This is at the heart of all we do. If we know this, then the natural response is to love Him back, and then spread His love to all around us, offering up our voices to translate His message.

If you are reading this and don't know His love, then prepare yourself. He's reaching out to you right now, using everything around you as a testament to His love. So listen up. You'd be surprised where you can hear His voice.

If you are reading this and have any notion of God's love for you, then don't keep it bottled up. You are His translator. You are the instrument through which He wishes to play a love song to the world. Sing His praises and reach out to people, wherever they are on their walk with Him. You'd be surprised the ways He can use you.

Lord, open our lips and our mouths will proclaim your praises.

(Adapted) and taken from http://lifeteen.com/blog/translating-gods-love/)



Get in Shape with Cindy!"

C'mon down to St. Mary Parish Hall, <u>every</u> <u>Thursday from 1:00 –2:00pm</u> & 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. *No Exercise Class on Thursday December 29th!*

Resurrection Catholic School - Registration is now underway for next September. Join us and bring a friend to the **Preschool 3 - 8th Grade Open House**: Sunday, January 29th 10:00 am - 12:00 pm. Or, take a tour and see the Intermediate Grades Musical, "Shrek, Jr." at the **Red Carpet Tour** on Saturday, February 4th at 11:00 am. Contact Alli Smith for more information or to RSVP for the Red Carpet Tour (856-667-3034, ext. 254 or asmith@rcscherryhill.com).

TLA (To Live Again) TLA is a bereavement support group that meets on Monday evenings, at 7:00pm, 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, and 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.

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

Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage! Is your marriage going down the right road... or is it a little off track? Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated? Looking for a better way? *Retrouvaille can help and offers hope for a better relationship.* Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track. The next program begins on the weekend of February 10th at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. Additional weekends will be held in April and August. For more info., visit our web site at: www.HelpOurMarriage.com or call 1-800-470-2230. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.



<u>Kid's Corner</u>

Luke 2:6-7 While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.



- 1. What is Jesus' mother's name?
- 2. What town was Jesus born in?

3. Extra credit:

Why did God send Jesus to be born on the earth?

Jesus was sent to be born of a woman, the Blessed Mother, to save us from our sins, so at the end of our lives, we can live with Jesus in happiness forever. He loves us THAT much!

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Ministry Schedule for December 31st/January 1st						
<u>Mass</u> <u>Time</u>	<u>Presider/</u> Deacon	<u>Music</u>	Eucharistic Minister	Lector	<u>Altar Server</u>	
5:00 PM	Fr. Cesarone Deacon Bob	L. Rabic J. Rabic	Euch. Ministers needed for next weekend. Please contact	K. Rando (A) J. Miller (B)	E. Boyle M. Costello T. Costello	
8:00 AM	Fr. Ed	L. Hurley J. Rabic	Liz if you can serve! Thank you!	J. Fabritiis (A) L. Repici (B)	N. Dacanay N. Rudi R. Rudi	
10:00 AM	Fr. Ed	J. Nicastro J. Rabic	J. Plunkett	T. Cost (A) T. Clerici (B)	C. Cunningham V. Cunningham A. Cunningham	
11:30 AM	Fr. John Deacon Bob	M. Mijares M. Brinn	P. Galie (1) C. Lamboy (2) L. Ciccone (D)	M. Brinn (A) D. Czerniakowski (B)	J. Gitzes V. Omari J. Walker	



Eucharistic Adoration: Mondays, 8:30 am-1:15 pm (Chapel) Come! Rest in the Presence of our Lord!

Recitation of 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.

Mary Undoer of Knots Young Adult Ministry 1-5-2017 (Thursday) Trivia Fellowship Night

Come join us at the Whistler's Inn, 901 Route 130, in Cinnaminson, NJ for a fun night of Fellowship! We'll meet in the entrance way at 7:30 PM. We'll enjoy appetizers, drinks, and dinner while working in teams to answer trivia questions. (SNOW DATE 1-19-2017) Questions? Contact Rosanne at persistent21@verizon.net Haven't joined us yet? Give it a try!

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, December 24th/25th Merry Christmas!

Mass Schedule for Christmas Eve

4:00pm (Hall-Children's Liturgy) 4:00pm, 6:00pm, & Midnight Mass (Church)* Christmas Caroling begins at 11:45pm

Mass Schedule for Christmas Day 9:00am & 11:00am (Church) Monday, December 26th

Parish Office Closed 8:30am-1:15pm Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday, December 27th No Religious Education Classes

Wednesday, December 28th No Religious Education Class

<u>Thursday, December 29th</u> Recitation/Holy Rosary after 8:00am Mass (Chapel)

NO SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS TODAY!

<u>Next Weekend, December 31st/January 1st</u> Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Happy New Year! <u>Monday, January 2nd</u> Parish Office Closed

ST THOMAS MORE NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER & MOVIE - "Home for Christmas" Sat., Dec 31st at 6:30pm

Home for Christmas is a film about a young girl who wants a grandfather for Christmas. She chooses an elderly, homeless ex-con (Mickey Rooney) as her pseudo-grandfather and he teaches her and her family--as well as his long-estranged son--the true meaning of Christmas.







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