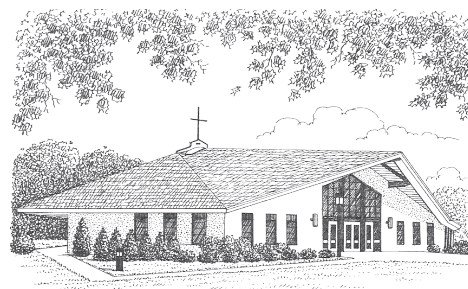


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OUR SACRAMENTAL LIFE

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

September - May 5:00pm (Sat)

& 10:00am (Sun)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 8:30am & 4:00- 4:45pm

or by appointment

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday: 8:30am-1:15pm



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Follow us on Twitter: St. Mary Church@StMaryChurch12

Subscribe to our YouTube Channel: St. Mary Catholic Church Cherry Hill NJ

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 8:00am	December 4, 2017 Louis A. Marucci, R.
Tuesday 8:00am	December 5, 2017 Jorge Castro & Amelia Sorrentino r/b wife Ana & dtr. Carolyn/dtr. Ana & granddtr. Carolyn
Wednesday 8:00am	December 6, 2017 Open Intention
Immaculate Conception of the B.V.M.	
Thursday, December 7, 2017 8:00am	Jim Michener
7:00pm	Open Intention
Friday 8:00am	December 8, 2017 Ted Lynch r/b Marie & Stan Pasternak
12:10pm	John H. Reed r/b John & Pat Galie
7:00pm	Philip F. Petrone r/b Pat Galie
Saturday 5:00pm	December 9, 2017 Margaret Maguire r/b the Dwyer family
Second Sunday in Advent, December 10, 2017	
8:00am	Kevin Smith & Ginger Walsh r/b the Dwyer family
10:00am	John & Virginia Coney r/b daughter Ginny Joseph Costantino r/b Lori, Lisa & Linda Costantino Sal Chiolo r/b Susan & Ken Kroh Lucia Passamonti r/b Kathy Turley & family
11:30am	People of the Parish

STEWARDSHIP

11/23/2017 Thanksgiving \$265
 11/26 Reg. Collection \$8,070 203 envelopes
 11/26 Online Giving \$395 12 families
 11/19 Online Giving 395 11 families
 Human Development \$1,990 68 envelopes
Thank you & God bless your generosity!

WELCOME

We hope that you will experience the grace and love of Christ as you worship with us. For those desiring to join the Parish, registration forms are available in the Gathering Space or call the Parish Center at (856) 424-1454.



**Looking for a great way
to start your Advent?**

**Daily Mass in the Chapel
Monday through Friday
8:30am**

Join us! We hope to see you there!

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: Lieutenant Holly Harrington, **USCG:** Petty Officer Tim Edwards & for our parishioners & their loved ones who serve in the military & in the cause of peace.

Our sick: Catherine & Baby John (Jack) William Adelizzi, Ruben N. Alvarez, Lou Amoriello, Marie Bantivoglio, Marie B., Elizabeth Belli, Regina Bennett, Mary Jane Boguski, Jeanette Burns, John C., Mark Celijewski, Anthony Ciarrocchi, Matthew Ciacitto, Carmen Cimorelli, Terri Cirillo, Alexis Clarke, Sean Coen, Jimmy Contento, Janemarie & Ron Cooperman, Gary D., Rita D'Antonio, Julie Davis, Nancy Donahue, Ricardo Domingo, Fr. John Frey, John Gianvito, Joseph Gitzes, Baby Andrew Paul Glaser, Carole Grady, Anne Greco, Arlene Harvey, Babies Liam & Kian Hawkey, Elinor Hayes, Carol Kenny, Fr. Overton Jones, Candelario & Jacqueline Lamboy, Fred La Rosa, Helen Locantore, Natalie Markiewicz, Mary, Theresa Mc Brearty, Mike & Linda Melograna, Fernando Mendoza, Anthony & Michael Mosco, Fr. Martin Padovani, Julio Pastrana, Helen Paget, Martin Piepoli, Stanley Pasternak, Vicky Peralta, Josephine & Deborah Penna, Patty Plunkett, Joseph Polodoro, Joey P., Samuel Richards, Joel Rivera, John Rocco, Sue Rodia, Dan & Patty Ruebeck, Greg Rueppel, Carmella Sacca, Gloria Santone, Helene Sawicki, Jean Schmitz, Adrian Shaw, Brian Silva, Deacon Jim Smith & Grace Smith, Meg Smith, Cindy Sporer, Kevin Sullivan, Rose Tartamosa, Elizabeth Tees, John Thomas, Lee Thurber, Anne Trahan, Lil Traino, Patricia Tyas, Elvie Ventura, Jean Vogt, **and all of our parishioners & loved ones who are sick.**



**Please remember in your prayers
our beloved deceased**

Eve Contento (wife of Cos Contento)
Lucia Passamonti (mother of Anna Marinaro)
and their family and friends.

**Feast of the Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary
A Holyday of Obligation**

MASS SCHEDULE

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



The Blessed Virgin Mary, conceived without sin, stands before us today as an example and inspiration. Her unique place in salvation history was announced to her by the angel Gabriel: "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you... Do not be afraid." These words helped Mary embrace her unique mission. They can also help us. God's grace, his presence, is within each one of us. God is with us! There is no need to fear, especially those things that are not within our control. In the end, all things are possible with God. We, like Mary, need to trust. *Taken from LPI, Inc.*

Understanding the Scriptures



"Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come." On this First Sunday of Advent, Jesus gives us a wakeup call. This is no time for slumber. Now is the time to be on our toes, alert, attentive, ready. But for what? For the coming of "the Lord of the house."

During Advent, the Church does her best to help us get ready for the second coming of Christ. We don't know precisely WHEN he will return, but we know that he will. And the fact is, even if it doesn't happen in our lifetime, each and every one of us will still have to face the Lord at an unknown hour--namely, the hour of our death.

So let us be prepared! Let us be on the watch for anything that would threaten this most important of all encounters. We want to recognize the Lord as a friend and master, so that on seeing him we don't cower in fear at his awesome power and strength. Instead, we hope to rejoice in finally being able to behold him face-to-face. This of course is the result of a healthy and holy relationship with Christ.

To nurture such a relationship this Advent season the Church urges us to recommit to a life of prayer, worthy reception of the sacraments, and a commitment to following God's loving laws through a life of virtue. With these priorities in order, we can wait for the second coming with joyful anticipation, just as we joyfully await the celebration of Christmas.

During these weeks as we prepare our homes for the festive holiday season, may we also set aside some time and effort to prepare our hearts. Then, not only will we appreciate the yuletide wonders around us, but we can also look forward to the eternal wonders that lie in store.

Taken from LPI, Inc.

Bible Brunch with Fr. Paul

"The Birth of the Messiah"

Classes continue on December 7th & the 14th at 11:30am (Parish Hall)

Didn't make the first one? That's ok!

Please join us for the next session as Fr. Paul will continue his Scripture Study about Jesus' birth. So, come on down to the Parish Hall & join Fr Paul & your fellow parishioners. Also, please consider bringing a dessert for everyone to enjoy. **PLEASE** Call the Parish Center at (856) 424-1454 to reserve your seat! Bring a friend!



Retirement Fund for Religious

Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

Retirement Fund for Religious Collection (Next weekend: December 9th/10th)

Elderly religious need your help! The religious pictured here represent more than 32,000 senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests living in the US. Through prayer, love, & sacrifice, they established Catholic schools, hospitals, and more. Yet years of serving for little or no pay have left a shortage in retirement funding. Your gift helps their religious communities furnish necessities such as medications and nursing care. It also helps ensure young member can continue the good works of their elders. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Readings for the Week of December 3, 2017

Monday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/
Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 /Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/
Mt 7:21, 24-27

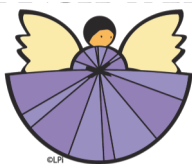
Friday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 / Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/
Lk 1:26-38

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. Is 30:18d]/Mt 9:35--10:1, 5a, 6-8

Next Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14
[8]/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

We need those Angels back!

If you have chosen an angel and have bought your gift, please drop it off in the Gathering Space, this weekend or next weekend at the latest. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Loretta (856) 309-8334. *We again thank you for your participation and your generosity!*



TURKEY & HAM DONATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS

Thank you to all who have generously given for Thanksgiving!

We are continuing to accept donations of turkeys & hams for Christmas up until Thursday, December 14th. Please bring your donation to the Parish Center, during the week. If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office, at (856) 424-1454! Thank you!

The Ministry of Sacristans The role of the Sacristan is an essential ministry in the Church, especially in larger parishes. Prior to the celebration of Mass and other major liturgies there are many careful preparations which must be made to ensure that these liturgies flow properly and maintain their sacred purpose. The Sacristan not only oversees these preparations, but helps orchestrate the other ministers of the Liturgy to work in proper harmony.

The Catholic Church of St. Mary is seeking responsible persons ages 16 and older, who simply can coordinate and follow step by step procedures, so as to serve God and parish through this new ministry.

If you normally attend Mass at a particular time and are looking for a way to further help in God's ministry, there will be an informational meeting on:

Saturday, December 9th at 9:30 AM (Church)



Did you get your "Santa's Jackpot" ticket yet?

You could win \$20,000*!

There will also be 2 awards of \$2,500*!

Get your tickets today after Mass!

Tickets are \$50 each. *All awards predicated upon the sale of all 1,000 tickets.

Raffle Drawing Date: Sunday, December 31st at 1:00pm (Parish Hall)

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE DRAWING!

You must purchase and obtain your tickets after weekend Masses or at the Parish Office during the week.

Please do not mail in your requests. If you have any problems/questions, please call the Parish Office. (Mon.-Fri. 8:30am-4:00pm) at (856) 424-1454.

*Please Join Us For A
"Forever Young (55+)"*



Christmas Celebration Luncheon

Tuesday, December 12th @ Noon

*Featuring Choral Groups from
Cherry Hill High School East*

Hot Lunch will be served &

we are asking for a \$5 offering

**RSVP (required) to Janice Rueppel at
hijan@comcast.net or 856-784-4591**

By December 8th

PLAY CARDS?

Come & join the Card Sharks!

WHAT: CARD GAMES chosen by the attendees

WHEN: Wednesdays, 1:00pm (rain or shine)

WHERE: Parish Hall

WHO: Anyone who'd like to come join the fun!
See you there!

St. Mary Fitness Class

C'mon down to St. Mary Parish Hall, every Thursday from 1:00 -2:00pm & get into great shape! This hour of cardio activity, strength building, balance work & meditative relaxation is 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.

Donation Drive for Hurricane Maria Evacuees

By now, we have all seen images and heard stories of the unprecedented devastation that Hurricane Maria has inflicted on Puerto Rico and its citizens. While many are staying on the Island, thousands have lost everything and were left with no choice but to evacuate, taking with them nothing more than what they could fit in a suitcase. Our own state of New Jersey has one of the highest populations of Puerto Ricans in the country, and many victims of the hurricane have evacuated here to South Jersey to be near family members and loved ones.

If you have any questions, call **(856) 342-8846**.

Below is a list of most-needed items:

**Diapers | Wipes | Toiletries | Hats Gloves | Coats |
Pots & Pans | School supplies**

Catholic Charities will be collecting donation items at all Catholic Charities offices from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM from Mondays through Fridays. Below are the locations by county:

Atlantic County 9 North Georgia Ave. Atlantic City

Camden County 1845 Haddon Ave. Camden

Cumberland County 810 E Montrose St. Vineland

Gloucester County 1200 North Delsea Dr. Suite 1
Westville

Salem County 25 Oak Street Salem, NJ 08079
or 114 State St. Penns Grove, NJ 08069

Cape May County Village Shoppes 1304 Rt. 47 South,
Unit C1 P.O. Box 232 Rio Grande

HOLIDAY FAIR TRADE FESTIVAL

Live your Faith in the Marketplace!

Sunday, December 3rd 8:00am - 2:00pm

Christ our Light Parish Center

402 Kings Highway North, Cherry Hill

Find some great gifts for those on your list!

Advent Masses – Cemetery Visitation

During this time of Advent in preparation for the celebration of the birth of our Savior, we will hold special Masses at the diocesan managed cemeteries in our mausoleum chapels. Masses will be held:

Monday, December 11th at 10:00am

New St. Mary Cemetery, Bellmawr

Monday, December 18th at 10:00am

Calvary Cemetery in Cherry Hill | All Saints

Cemetery in Newfield | Holy Cross Cemetery in Mays

Landing | Sacred Heart Cemetery in Vineland

We encourage our families to visit our cemeteries and mausoleums and pray for their dearly departed loved ones. We, the staff of your South Jersey Catholic Cemeteries, wish you a joyous Advent Season and a Merry Christmas. For more info on these Masses and locations, please visit SouthJerseyCatholicCemeteries.org.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Thank you to the 12 Confirmation preparation students (7 boys and 5 girls) who volunteered to help seniors with bingo on Saturday, November 25th. The St. Mary Catholic Home staff and residents were very grateful for our volunteers who sat at dining room tables to smile, chat, place markers on bingo cards, and call out winners. Our next trip is scheduled for Saturday, December 16, from 2:00-3:15PM, so hope to see you there for this wonderful service opportunity!

Need a spiritual lift?

MOTHER BONIFACE SPIRITUALITY CENTER

3501 Solly Avenue in Northeast Philadelphia

Advent Evenings of Prayer and Reflection

Tuesdays, Dec. 5th, 12th & 19th, 7:00-8:30pm

Come and join us as we reflect on *Mary in Advent* awaiting the birth of Jesus, as we prepare for His birth in our own hearts and the heart of the world this Christmas. The presenter for this Advent series is Sr. Theresa Ahern, MSBT. A free will offering will be graciously accepted. Please call (267) 350-1830 for info or to register.

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL

Fifty years ago, a group of students went on a retreat. While they were praying expectantly in a small simple chapel, the Holy Spirit came to them in a powerful and undeniable way and the Charismatic Renewal was born. Did you know that Pope Francis is a huge supporter of the Charismatic Renewal? He calls it “a current of grace for our church”. **The New Life Charismatic Prayer Group meets every Sunday evening in the lounge at St. Rose of Lima in Haddon Heights from 7:30-9:00.** ALL ARE WELCOME! Call Sue: (856) 745-1550 with questions or to find out where and when prayer meetings in other parishes take place.

ADVENT CHALLENGE

Invite one person to come with you to a seasonal event at your parish, particularly someone who has little family or friends in the area.



Ministry Schedule for December 9/10

Mass	Presider/ Deacon	Music	Eucharistic Minister		Lector	Altar Server
5:00 PM	Fr. Paul	L. Poslusny J. Rabic	L. Amoriello (2) L. Jimenez (A) J. Rosado (1)	B. Datto (C) L. Olson (4)	P. Esbrandt (A) E. Yoo (B)	C. Cunningham A. Cunningham B. Sullivan
8:00 AM	Fr. Paul	K. Gallemitt J. Rabic T. Millan	B. Dwyer (4) M. Maiore (2) TBD (A)	B. Maiore (1) K. Young (C)	J. Fabritiis (A) D. Gonzalez (B)	A. Dalumpines J. Harvey
10:00 AM	Fr. Dominic	G. Willson J. Rabic	M. Borinski (1) C. Hallinan (B) C. Miller (A)	P. Gall (C) C. Lamboy (2) A Morgan (4) D Morgan (D)	M. Van Dyk (A) F. Baratta (B)	E. Baratta C. Hallinan E. Hurley
11:30 AM	Fr. Dominic	L. Rabic M. Brinn	D Czerniakowski (2) E. Kenny (4) N. Minchew (C)	S Czerniakowski (1) K. Miller (A)	K. Tafaro (A) M. Brinn (B)	R. Gorman N. Rudi R. Rudi

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: MONDAYS 8:30AM-1:15PM

*Make some time to slow down!
Come, Jesus is listening!*

RECITATION OF THE HOLY ROSARY AT ST. MARY



Please join with others and honor our Blessed Mother by saying the Rosary on Thursday mornings, after the 8:00am Mass, for the Rosary. We will be praying for the intentions of peace in the world & the unborn. **Can't make it in the morning?** Pray the Rosary at home with your children, your husband/wife, or family. Can't do a full Rosary? Say one decade! Copies of how to say the Rosary are in the Gathering Space.

PARISH INFORMATION

Sacrament of Baptism: Celebrated any Sunday of the month at the 11:30am Mass during the Easter Season, and on the 3rd Sunday at 12:30pm all year round. 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: Announcements will be made in bulletin. Anyone interested in learning more or helping others learn more about our Sacred Liturgy are invited.

Parish Pastoral Council meets throughout the year as an advisory board to the Pastor. If you would like to address the Council, please email us at stmarycherryhill@verizon.net.

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

Prayer Line Ministry: Please call Marie Bantivoglio with your special prayer requests at (856) 751-8803.

PARISH CALENDAR

THIS WEEKEND DEC 2/3	First Sunday of Advent 6:00pm Family Christmas Party (Hall) Children's Liturgy of the Word 5:00pm & 10:00am Masses
	MON DEC 4 Eucharistic Adoration 8:30am -1:15pm (Chapel) 1:00pm G.I.F.T. Book Group (102) 7:00pm IHOC (Meeting Room)
TUES DEC 5	4:30pm Religious Ed Classes
WED DEC 6	1:00pm Card Sharks (Hall) 6:30pm Religious Ed Class 7:30pm Adult Choir (Church)
THURS DEC 7	1:00pm Prayer Shawl (103) 1:00pm Exercise Class (Hall) 4:30pm Junior Choir (Church) Feast of Immaculate Conception Holyday Mass 7:00pm (Church)
FRI DEC 9/10	Immaculate Conception Masses 8:00am, 12:10pm, 7:00pm Parish Office Closed
NEXT WEEKEND DEC 9/10	Saturday: 9:00am Sacristans Meeting (Church) Second Sunday of Advent Retired Religious Collection Angel Tree Gifts Due Back Children's Liturgy of the Word 5:00pm & 10:00am Masses

