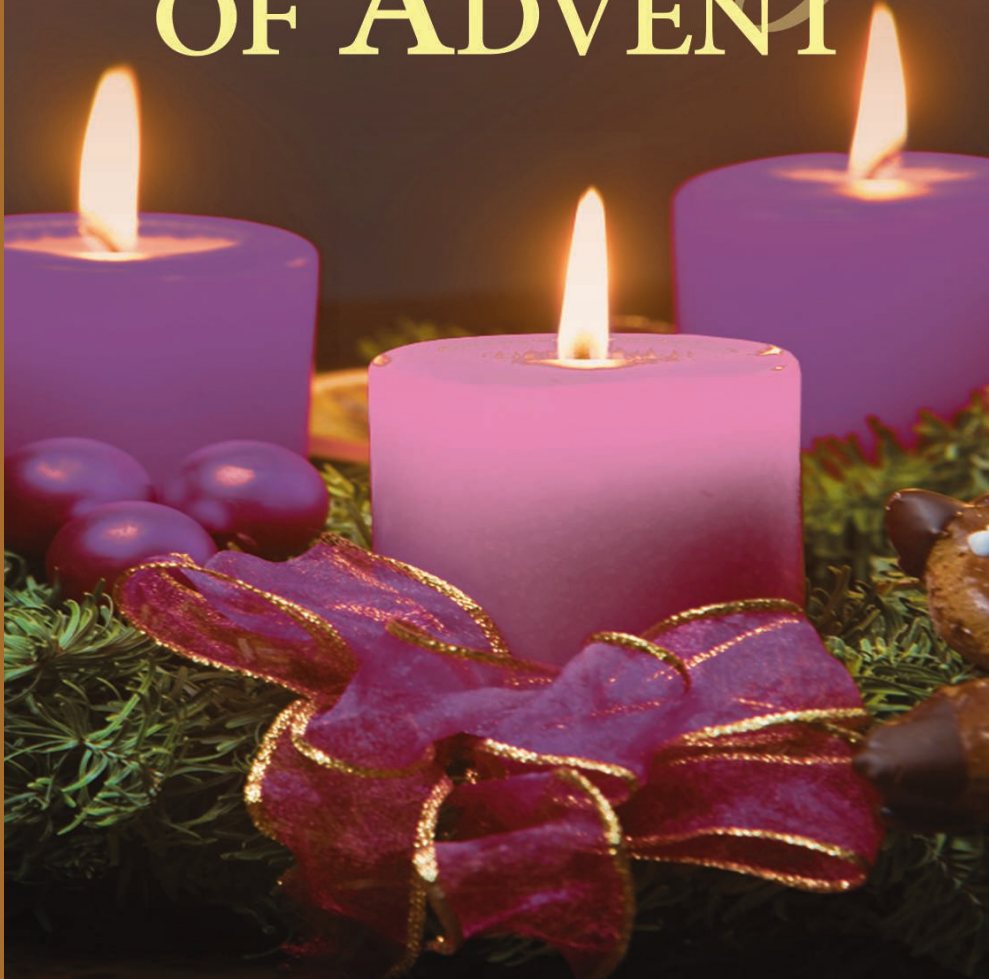


DECEMBER 13, 2015

3rd Sunday OF ADVENT



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WELCOME HOME!

As baptized Catholic Christians, we belong to God's family, and so are family! We are glad you are here today to join with us in the celebration of the Mass. We also want to extend a warm welcome to any visitors joining us today. May God richly bless your time with us!

ST. MARY WELCOMES NEW PARISHIONERS

Are you coming to Mass weekly, but are not registered? Why not make it official? Become a part of our St. Mary family! Registration forms are available in the Church Gathering Space, the Parish Office, or on our website.

PARISH INFORMATION

Daily Mass: Monday through Friday: 8:00 am (Chapel) **Weekend Masses:** 5:00 PM (Sat.), 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 11:30 am

Korean Mass: 5:00 pm (Sunday) **Children's Liturgy of the Word:** 5:00 pm (Sat) & 10:00 am (Sun)

Sacrament of Reconciliation : Saturday: 8:30 am & 10:00-10:30 am or by appointment

Eucharistic Adoration: Monday: 8:30 am—1:15 pm (Chapel)

Sacrament of Baptism: Celebrated on the 1st Sunday of the month at the 11:30 am Mass, and on the 3rd Sunday at 12:30 pm. 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.

St. 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.

Intercessory Prayer Line

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

Mass Intentions

Monday 8:00 am	December 14, 2015 Gladys Belli r/b Jane & Richard Belli
Tuesday 8:00 am	December 15, 2015 Stanley Macelis r/b daughter Barbara & Mike De Nardo
Wednesday 8:00 am	December 16, 2015 Paul Wagner r/b Marie Bantivoglio
Thursday 8:00 am	December 17, 2015 Elizabeth Donohoe r/b the Dwyer family
Friday 8:00 am	December 18, 2015 Kimberly Caruso Waggoner r/b her mother and family
Saturday 5:00 pm	December 19, 2015 John Mc Fadden r/b Jean Gorman
Fourth Sunday of Advent –December 20, 2015	
8:00 am	Patrica De Serio r/b Lorraine Caruso & family
10:00 am	Intentions of Karen Ciliberti r/b Gary & Rose Dezii Kathleen M. Walker r/b Julie Davis
11:30 am	People of the Parish

In Loving Remembrance

Please remember in your prayers, our beloved deceased



Dolores Mc Keffery
and her family and loved ones....



Christmas is less than 2 weeks away! There is still time! We are making great progress toward our goal of 500 tickets. As of this printing, we have sold 253 tickets. Tickets will be sold after all of the weekend Masses and during the week at the Parish Center. Thank you for your continued support of St. Mary!

500
tickets

We are
here!



**SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY
EVENING CONFESSIONS
Monday, December 21st
7:00pm-8:00pm in the Church**

Reflect on Next Week's Gospel!

Next Sunday begins the Fourth Week of Advent!

The Gospel will be: Luke 1:39-45

Military Prayer List

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:** Nicholas Celenza, Daniel Gallemmit, Thomas Grace, Adam Ardire, Holly Harrington

Please Pray For Our Sick

Catherine Adelizzi, Ruben N. Alvarez, Albert Anona, Rita Anona, Anne Arauz, Baby Patrick Ryan, John & Mary Lou Baird, Tate Balcarek, Marie Bantivoglio, Elizabeth Belli, Shirley Rios Brady, Jim Brady, Eileen Buroojy, Helen Burnell, Mary Byrne, Anthony Ciarroccki, Matthew Ciancitto, Terri Cirillo, Eve Contento, Jimmy Contento, Joe Conti, Ron Cooperman, Ann Cowan, Roger Cowley, Josiah David, Julie Davis, Estelle De Lellis, Colette Desrochers, Concetta Di Bella, Frank Dolan, Margie Doyle, Eileen Edwards, Jack Elliott, Catherine Faccine, Annette Ferraro, Frank Fieni, Mary Anne Frye, Carol & Bob Gallagher, Matthew Gallagher, Mary Gannon, Carole Grady, Lexi Guerin, Joseph L Hallinan, Arlene Harvey, Elinor Hayes, Josiah Heino, Jake Howerd, Jacqueline Lamboy, Nick Lamparelli, Fred La Rosa, Nathan Levinson, Helen Madison, Liam Marino, Lydia Marrero, Christine Marsden, Elsie McFadden, Blasco Molle, Anthony & Michael Mosco, Tenaro Moulic, Zachariah Chase Murray, Eliza O'Neill, Josephine Omari, Ines Palombo, Stanley Pasternak, Vicky Peralta, Michael Piazza, Josephine Penna, Patty Plunkett, Ed Polansky, Catherine Potts, Heidi Holscher Pryal, Jean Rayner, William Roca, Joseph Ragusa, Samuel Richards, Eleanore Rinear, Thomas & Elizabeth Rosado, Patty Ruebeck, Greg Rueppel, Alecia Bauer-Sears, Kevin Schoen, Michael Sepessy, Bena Shah, Deacon Jim Smith, Lorraine Stenella, Rose Tartamosa, Lee Thurber, Charles Tobin, Jr., Joseph Tomkins, Steve Weber, Lena Zanghi

Our Parish Giving

12/6/2015 Regular collection \$9633 247 envelopes
12/6/2015 Flower contribution \$1,562 86 envelopes
12/6/2015 Online giving \$245 6 families
May God bless you for your generosity!

**CHERRY HILL COMMUNAL
PENANCE SERVICE**
Christ Our Light Church
402 Kings Highway North,
Cherry Hill, NJ

Monday, December 14th at 7:00 pm



Flower Remembrance

We invite you to remember a special person occasion in your life by donating flowers for a given weekend or Holy Day. You can donate an arrangement for the altar and for the ambo (pulpit), or both. For more information, please contact the Parish Center (856) 424-1454.



3rd Sunday of Advent

"I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals." So said John the Baptist in reference to Jesus. Tax collectors, soldiers, and countless other people gathered to hear John preach. There was an excitement in the air as they were all "filled with expectation." For generations upon generations they had been waiting for the coming of the promised Messiah--the Christ. And now, John the Baptist had appeared with such a striking message and such a powerful presence that "all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ."

But he wasn't. John's mission was to prepare the way for Jesus Christ. In the process, however, people began to think that John was the main attraction. He set the record straight though, when he emphasized that "one mightier than I is coming." And then he made the remark about not being worthy to do even the most humble act of service--loosening sandal straps--for the Lord.

Imagine what the people must have been thinking. They all found John to be such a remarkable man, and yet he declared that he wasn't worthy? If this great prophet was so humble, how much more should they humble themselves in preparation for the coming of the Messiah? And, shouldn't we do the same?

As we mediate upon the coming of Christ this Advent season, we would do well to make our approach toward, Christmas with humble hearts. The fact is that nothing we could ever do would possibly earn our redemption.

May we be humble enough to acknowledge that our salvation is the greatest gift we could ever receive.

-(Adapted) Taken from 4LPI.com

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 8th:

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY BEGINS!

Pray for and extend God's mercy to all.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY

Masses: 7:00pm (Dec 7th); 8:00am, 12:10pm, 7:00pm December 8th



Pray for peace on Earth!



ADVENT COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE

Monday evening, December 14, 2015

7:00pm, at Christ Our Light (St. Peter Celestine)

Confessions: Every Saturday, 8:30am & 10:00am-10:30am

Additional Advent Opportunity for Confessions:

December 21st, 7:00pm-8:00pm

CHRISTMAS MASSES:

Christmas Eve:

4:00pm Mass with Children (Parish Hall)

4:00pm Mass (Church)

6:00pm Mass (Church)

12:00 MIDNIGHT: Midnight Mass (Church)
(Caroling begins 11:45pm)

Christmas Day:

9:00am Mass (Church)

11:00am Mass (Church)



Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God:

Thursday: 12/31/15 4:00pm Mass (Church)

Friday: 1/1/16 10:00am Mass (Church)
& 11:30am Mass (Church)



Christmas Gifts at Mass?

Would you/your family like to represent all of us, presenting the gift of ourselves (represented by the bread and wine) at one of our Christmas Masses?



Before we start inviting any one specifically, we are asking if anyone would like to do this as a family, or individual, as a special prayer at one of our Masses.

We do need to know before Christmas, so please tell the Minister of Hospitality at your Sunday Mass today, or contact Kathleen, as soon as possible, (856) 424-0955 or krandopastoralassociate@verizon.net

Thank you!

LAST DAYS FOR TURKEY/HAM DONATIONS

St. Mary will be accepting turkey and hams to benefit those in need up until **Thursday, December 17th**. We thank you, as always, for your generous support!

LECTORS

Attention Lectors!



Schedules are now being made for January-March of 2016. Please submit any requests that you may have

to Jeanne Marie at 856-751-6792 or jste345480@comcast.net by **December 14th**.

Thank you!



“Forever Young (55+)” Christmas Party This Week!

Just a reminder that the “Forever Young” Christmas Party, you signed up for, is this week on **Tuesday, December 15th, at 12:00 noon in the Parish Hall!** Looking forward to seeing you there! Call Mary Anne (856) 296-4426 if you have any questions or need a ride! **Merry Christmas!**



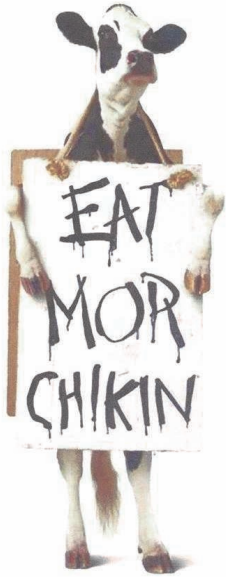
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**OPENING of the HOLY DOORS
of MERCY**

To mark the beginning of the Holy Year of Mercy, designated Holy Doors were opened throughout our diocese. One set in each deanery. Our Deanery church for this Jubilee Year is the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Camden. Every parish sent official representatives to that Mass and ceremony on December 13th, to represent all of their fellow parishioners.

We are grateful to Aurora Makalintal, Rita Murphy, Jennifer Sullivan, Carmen and Candelario Lamboy & Jim and Rita Whitty for graciously representing St. Mary Parish family at the Cathedral Mass . May the Jubilee year be a year of great blessings for each of us, throughout the world.



**G.I.F.T. Ministry News!
*The Discussion Continues!***

Please join us as we complete our discussion of Chapters 9-13 of

Richard Rohr’s “Falling Upward”, on

** Monday, January 4, 2016*

** 1:00 – 2:30 pm*

** Church Hall, Room 102*

Mr. Rohr , internationally known author, speaker and founder of the Center for Action, challenges us to enter the second half of our lives and live in spiritual richness by building on the failings and foundations of the first half of our lives. Also, mark your calendar for our February 1st session, where we will take up James Martin’s novel, “The Abbey” Call Janice, at (856) 784-4591 or, by email at: hijan@comcast.net, if you have any questions ,or would like to purchase either of these books.

Please Hold Your Applause!

Please allow our music ministers to direct our sung prayer and praise directly to God as we pray the parts of the Mass set to music. Feeling grateful for their efforts to lead us in sung prayer? Then please remember them in prayer...or stop by to say thank you... But please, please, please..... Hold the applause.... Let all our praise together be directed to our loving and merciful God! Thank you!

(If you missed our Dear Parishioner on this topic, explaining more, copies are available in the Gathering Space).



**THANK YOU FROM THE
“MILITARY SUPPORT GROUP
OF NEW JERSEY, INC.”**

“Forever Young 55+” received a thank you letter for the generous donation of \$670 and holiday bags and goods from their “Items for the Troops” day on November 10th. They wrote:

“The deployed men and women of our military are always very grateful for the care boxes that are sent to them as we try to make the Holidays away from home just a bit brighter for them.

We really appreciate your help and are very thankful that there are so many loving and caring people, who work hard to make sure that our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and Coast Guard feel cared for. **Thank you so very much!**”

Many, many thanks to all that donated and participated in that day, and especially to our “Forever Young 55+” Ministry Coordinators and Core team for all the hard work you put into making this a great day for all of us!



Ministry Schedule for December 19-20					
Mass Time	Presider/ Deacon	Music	Eucharistic Minister	Lector	Altar Server
5:00 PM	Fr. Ed Deacon Bob	G. Willson J. Rabic	M. Romanowski, R. Whitty E. Yoo, L. Yoo	M. Scaramella J. Lynch	E. Boyle N. Rudi R. Rudi
8:00 AM	Fr. Cesarone Deacon Bob	J. Garafano J. Rabic T. Millan	R. Cowley, G. Daniero M. Dell, K. Young	G. Principato L. Keeler	M. Costello T. Costello M. Miraglia
10:00 AM	Fr. Ed	L. Rabic J. Rabic	L. Ciccone, C. Desrochers P. Gall, C. Mc Kenna, L. Kosyla S. Mc Kenna, J. Rueppel	T. Cost C. Stewart	A. Dalumpines A. Hudson T. Sullivan
11:30 AM	Fr. John	L. Poslusny M. Brinn	T. Alonzo, J. Robertson B. Veitch, E. Ventura V. Ventura	S. Palladinetti F. Baratta	T. Gonzales V. Omari



“E tu? What will you do?”

How will you work for the human rights of all peoples?

“Pray for me. Don’t forget!” - Pope Francis

Moving? New phone number? Keep St. Mary informed!

Please notify the Parish Center if you are moving or have any new email or phone changes, so that we may better serve you!

Eucharistic Adoration

Mondays: 8:30 am-1:15 pm in the Chapel

Prepare your hearts for Christmas with the King of kings!

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 information, please contact St. Mary parishioner, Bob Tell, (856) 424-4847 and leave a message. He’ll get right back to you.

ST THOMAS MORE

NEW YEAR’S EVE DINNER & A MOVIE

**Thursday, December 31st -DINNER @ 6:30--Movie to follow
Apostle Peter and The Last Supper**

Relive the time Peter spent with Jesus, from the Great Commission to the life-changing Last Supper and the Garden of Gethsemane. Simon Peter (Robert Loggia) recounts his life as a simple fisherman who becomes one of the boldest figures in all of Christianity. As Peter prepares to depart this earthly life, he will make an unforgettable impression on his jailers through the saving power of the Gospel.

ALL ARE INVITED!!!

Reservations are requested to plan for dinner

Contact: Marianne (856) 346-1811

Joe Centonze (856) 986-7990 or Joecent4@gmail.com

Donation \$15.00-Desserts welcomed

Parish Calendar

Weekend, December 12th/13th

3rd Sunday in Advent

Retired Religious Collection

Small Christian Community—Week Four

Monday, December 14th

Cherry Hill Communal Penance Service

Christ Our Light Parish-7:00pm

7:30pm IHOC Core Mtg (Meeting Room)

4:00-9:00pm Youth Group Fundraiser

Chick-Fil-A Marlton, NJ

Tuesday, December 15th

“Forever Young 55+” Christmas Party

Noon-Parish Hall

Wednesday, December 16th

10:00 Bible Study (102)

7:00pm R.C.I.A.(Meeting Room)

7:30pm Adult Choir (Church)

Thursday, December 17th

1:00pm Senior Exercise Class (Hall)

4:30pm Jr. Choir Rehearsal (Church)

7:00pm Pastoral Council (Meeting Room)

Weekend, December 19th/20th

4th Sunday in Advent

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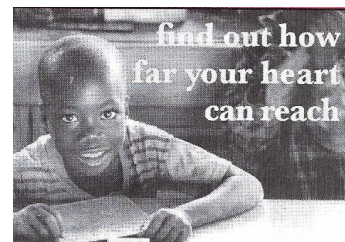
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Monday, December 21st

7:00-8:00pm Evening Confessions (Church)

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DECEMBER 31ST! Classes will resume on January 7th.

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CELEBRATE THE YEAR OF MERCY!

Spring Bus Trip to the Catholic Shrines of Philadelphia

Saturday April 23, 2016-7:15 am bus departure from St. Margaret's, Woodbury Hts.

The tour includes 8:00am Mass at the National Shrine of St. Rita of Cascia, followed by tours of National Shrine of St. John Neumann, the Central Shrine of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, and the St. Katherine Drexel National Shrine. There will be a stop for lunch at Kelly's Seafood Restaurant. The cost is \$70 and includes the tours, bus, lunch, taxes & gratuities. Please call Neen Raspa at 856-468-6430 or neenie@comcast.net.

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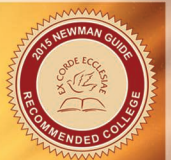
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