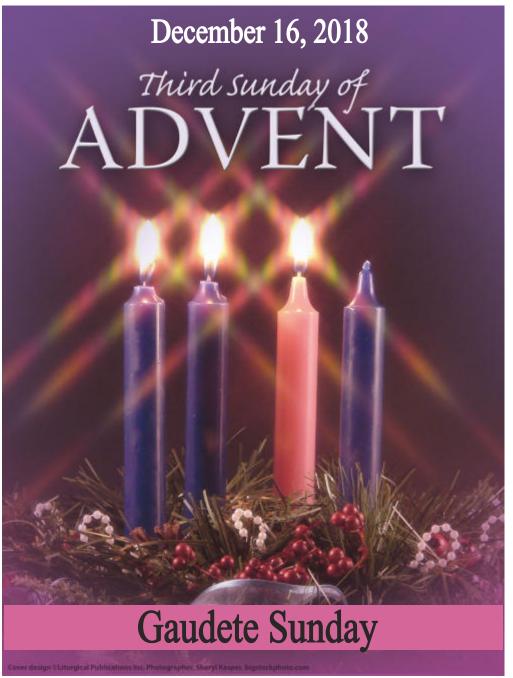
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OUR SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Daily Mass - Mon-Fri: 8:00am Weekend Masses - 5:00pm (Sat.), 8:00am, 10:00am, 11:30am

Korean Mass - 5:00pm (Sunday)

First Saturday Devotion:

First Saturday of each month at 8:00am in Church

Children's Liturgy of the Word

September - May 5:00pm (Sat) & 10:00am (Sun)

Sacrament of Penance

Saturday: 8:30am & 4:00- 4:45pm or by appointment

PRAYER LINE MINISTRY

Do you have a special prayer request?

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forward your request to
our Prayer Line Ministry!

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday
8:00am
Becember 17, 2018
Sam Richards
r/b Joyce Hamilton
December 18, 2018
Elizabeth Donohoe
r/b the Dwyer family

Wednesday 8:00am December 19, 2018 Marie Pasternak

r/b St. Mary Eucharistic Ministers

Thursday
8:00am

December 20, 2018
Nicefora Arzadon
r/b the Polutan family
December 21, 2018

Friday
8:00am

December 21, 2018
Lena R. Blanco 50th Anniversary

r/b daughter, Arlene Leone

Saturday
5:00pm

December 22, 2018
Leonard Barber, Jr.
r/b Linda & Bob Frank
Angel J. Torio, Jr.

Angel J. Torio, Jr. r/b the Torio family
Natalie Markiewicz

r/b Frank & Barbara Dollarton **Catherine & Bill Lafferty** r/b Mary Ann Romanowski

4th Sunday of Advent, December 23, 2018

8:00am Mary & James Verano r/b Marie Bantivoglio 10:00am People of the Parish 11:30am Thanksgiving for Blessings

r/b the Eleazar family

STEWARDSHIP

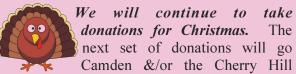
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(Operating Expenses available next week)
Thank you for your generosity!!

WELCOME TO ST. MARY

We hope that you will experience the grace & love of Christ as you worship with us! If you haven't already, registration forms can be found in the Gathering Space of the Church, in the Parish Hall, at the Parish Office, or on our website.

Turkey/Hams for Christmas!



Food Pantry. If you wish to donate, please drop off your donation to the Parish Office during the week. We will take donations up until Monday, December 17th. Thank you!

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, **USAF** Sgt. Matthew Darabant, Airman Kris Knaup and all of our parishioners & their loved ones who serve in the military & in the cause of peace.

Our sick: Catherine & Baby John (Jack) William Adelizzi, Tippin & Ruben N. Alvarez, Lou Amoriello, Anne Arauz, Marie Bantivoglio, Judith Battista, Elizabeth Belli, William Bunting, Patricia Cappiello, John C., Fr. Jeffrey Cesarone, Mark Celijewski, Anthony Ciarroccki, Alexis Clarke, Jimmy Contento, Janemarie & Ron Cooperman, Pam Crocchetti, Julie Davis, Estelle DeLellis, Ricardo Domingo, Anne Greco, Christine Hallinan, Arlene Harvey, Elinor Hayes, Donald Garback, Angie Johnson, Fr. Overton Jones, Christina Kosyla, Candelario, Carmen, Rose La Grotteria, Allen & Jacqueline Lamboy, Fred La Rosa, Laurie Lausi, Linda Melograna, Anthony & Michael Mosco, Pat Olson, Massimo P., Fr. Martin Padovani, Stanley Pasternak, Vicky Peralta, Josephine & Deborah Penna, Sue Rodia, Thomas Rosado, Patty & Dan Ruebeck, Agnes Rufo, Gloria Santone, Deacon Jim & Grace Smith, Meg Smith, Rose Tartamosa, John Thomas, Joseph Thomas, Jack Vogel, Jr., Jean Vogt, Ann Wall, and all of our parishioners & loved ones who are sick.

Evening Prayer at St. Mary After Gaudete Sunday in Sunday in

Advent, we intensify our focus on the coming of Jesus. The Church prays a special Evening Prayer from December 17th-23rd. Please join us at 6:30pm on Monday, December 17th in the Chapel as we pray and prepare our hearts for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ. We will pray in the Chapel each night until Sunday, December 23rd.



Cherry Hill Regional Penance Service

The Catholic Church of St. Mary Monday, December 17th at 7:00pm



Recognizing the gifts God has given to the laity, Bishop Sullivan has called on pastors to form lay delegations to be sent to a four day convocation aimed at

building up missionary disciples to create stronger communities. *The Convocation of Catholic Leaders: The Joy of the Gospel in South Jersey*, to be held March 2019, will give these 650+ lay leaders the tools to foster a sense of discipleship not only in their parishes but in the larger community. Please pray for these pastors and lay people that the Holy Spirit enables them to return to their parishes renewed and ready to lead others to Jesus, the Joy of the Gospel.

Convocation of Catholic Leaders: Quote for the week:

"Now is the time to say to Jesus: 'Lord, I have let myself be deceived; in a thousand ways I have shunned your love, yet here I am once more, to renew my covenant with you. I need you. Save me once again, Lord, take me once more into your redeeming embrace."



Recognizing God in Ordinary Moments

I wish I were a better steward. I would like to think I am a pretty generous person, and I do work hard to cultivate the characteristics of a good Everyday Steward in my life. However, stewardship is about more than giving. It is also about prudence and wise planning. It is about storing up grain for the lean years and making sure there is enough oil to light your lamps when the power goes out. If I were a better steward, I would have that \$1,000 emergency fund to dip into when I need a car repair. I would save more for retirement and vacation. I would have more food in the garage freezer because I bought more on sale and prepared for when money was a little tighter. In a nutshell, I would be prepared for whatever comes my way, good or bad.

Advent is a time of preparation. We not only prepare for Christmas, but for the day when Jesus Christ returns again. Unfortunately, we too often act like this is the only time to prepare for such events. We should be preparing all throughout the year.

The wise steward is always cultivating their faith and working to improve their relationship with God. They know that they need to be prepared for anything at any time. They stand ready, waiting for the call of their God. (Adapted-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS)



Catholic Inspiration on the Radio

Take a listen!

640AM - WWJZ Relevant Radio
Talk Radio for Catholic life
800AM - WTMR Camden
2:30pm Holy Souls Hour 4:00pm
In His Sign (weekdays)

Prepare your hearts during Advent!

Morning Prayer: 7:40am Monday, Wednesday, Friday in the Church (Books provided)

Daily Mass:

Monday through Friday at 8:00am in the Chapel **Pray the Rosary:** About 8:30am every Thursday after morning Mass (Church)

Confessions: Saturdays at 8:30am and at 4:00pm-4:45pm before the 5:00pm Mass

(Special Opportunity for Confessions:

Monday, December 17th at 8:30am)

Evening Prayer: 6:30pm in Chapel from December 17th-23rd (Adoration & Benediction)

Regional Penance Service:

Monday, December 17th at 7:00pm (Church)

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS MASSES:

Christmas Eve:

4:00pm Mass for Young Families (Parish Hall)

4:00pm Mass (Church)

6:00pm Mass (Church)

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

Christmas Day:

9:00am Mass (Church) 11:00am Mass (Church)

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Monday: 12/31/2018 4:00pm Mass

Tuesday: 1/1/2019 Mass 9:00am & 11:00am

Cherry Hill Food Pantry News

St. Mary's is responsible for volunteers at the Cherry Hill Food Pantry on January 3rd, 8th, and 10th. We need to provide at least 10 volunteers per session to help clients shop for food. If you would like to volunteers to help your neighbors in need, please contact Midge Winkle at (856) 234-2390 or Sandy Czerniakowski at (856) 231-7879.

Social Justice News

NJ Attorney General has issued an immigration order limiting cooperation with ICE. It prohibits local police and jails from joining the federal program known as 287 (g) that deputizes local authorities to do work ICE usually does - unless the AG signs off on the agreement. This order reportedly bars local law enforcement from honoring ICE detainer requests. This order is making NJ a fair and welcoming state. A phone call or brief note to thank the Attorney General for this order would show your support.

The Catholic Church of St. Mary presents "Santa's Jackpot"

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Sunday, December 30, 2018 at 1:00pm in the Parish Hall

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Purchase your ticket at the Parish Office (Monday-Friday: 8:30am -4:00pm) or after Weekend Masses.

Ticket(s) for "Santa's Jackpot" @ \$50 each

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Make check payable to: The Catholic Church of St. Mary

Please drop off this form & check to: The Catholic Church of St. Mary or you may drop it in the collection basket at any of the weekend Masses.

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Authorized Church Recorder

Check No.



SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR FAMILY MINISTRY!



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thanks goes
out to our
Family
Ministry
Coordinator,
Jennifer Sullivan
who planned and
implemented the
"Dessert with Santa"
event on Saturday,
December 1st. We
know that this type of
event requires a

tremendous amount of time and energy and love!
We are <u>so very grateful</u> to you, your family, Stan
Thompson, and **all of the volunteers** who assisted in any way to make this a very special event for our
St. Mary families.

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR "FOREVER YOUNG MINISTRY"

We need to give another big thank you to Karen Young & Joan Seeba, Forever Young Coordinators, and all of the Forever Young volunteers for the amazing "Christmas Cheer" event! It was outstanding, again! We know and can see all of the many small details that go into planning a day like this. Thank you for all of the energy and love that you show to the St. Mary parish community through these events.



ST. MARY CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIAL MASS

Tuesday, January 1, 2019 at 11:00am
Remember your deceased loved ones at
Christmas time by making a donation to our Christmas flower fund. You
may write the intentions on the back of



may write the intentions on the back of your Christmas flower envelope. Extra envelopes are available in the Gathering Space. Then, please join us for Mass on Tuesday, January 1st at 11:00am. If you have any questions, contact us at (856) 424-1454.

Looking for another way to help others this season? Donate your new/gently used toys!

The St. Mary Life and Social Justice Committee will be collecting *unwrapped*, slightly used or new toys till December 23rd for the Refugees and Immigrants currently receiving services from the Diocese of Camden Catholic Charities. Collection Boxes will in the Gathering Space of the Church and in the Parish Hall for Religious Education students. *Last year our donations were greatly appreciated and actually made the event a success!*

Catholic Charities Vehicle Donation Program and Tax Deduction for 2018

It is end of the year, and Catholic Charities is asking you to check your garage, yard or other areas around your house for unused, old vehicles, and please donate them to the Catholic Charities (Diocese of Camden) Charitable Auto Resources for Services (CARS) program. The CARS program accepts any type of vehicle, running or non-running, including cars, vans, trucks, boats, mobile homes, motorcycles, golf carts, scooters, etc.

Free towing and IRS tax deduction forms are provided for your donation. To donate your vehicle, just call toll free: 1 – 877 – 586 – 9227, and PLEASE MENTION YOU ARE DONATING YOUR VEHICLE TO CATHOLIC CHARITIES, DIOCESE OF CAMDEN. You can also donate your used vehicle online at: www.catholiccharitiescamden.org There is still time for you to receive a tax deduction on your 2018 tax return. All proceeds from the Catholic Charities CARS program benefit needy individuals and families in parishes and throughout the 6 counties of South Jersey.

DISCOVERING CHRIST

Join us for this exciting new 7 Session Series where we gather to share a <u>delicious dinner</u>, listen to a <u>dynamic teaching</u> and explore answers to some of the most important questions worth asking about God and <u>finding ultimate purpose of life</u>. *Program begins Thursday evenings, January 3 – February 14 from 6:45-9:15 pm at Holy Eucharist Parish Center, 344 Kresson Rd. Cherry Hill. Dinner and program offered at no cost. Seating limited to first 100 participants. Childcare will be provided for children 3 years of age or older. For info/register: Evelyn Cuttino 856-429-1330 or https://ChristLife2019.eventbrite.com*

PARISH CALENDAR

RECITATION OF THE HOLY ROSARY

Please join with others and honor our Blessed Mother in the main sanctuary of the Church by praying the Rosary on Thursday mornings after the 8:00am Mass. We will be praying for the intentions of peace in the world & the unborn.

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.

FOREVER YOUNG THANK YOU!

The Forever Young Ministry wishes to thank Dr. Charles Esposito for his generous donation to the Thanksgiving for the troops event. Dr. Esposito has dental offices in Moorestown & Medford.

St. Mary Prayer Shawl Ministry

Next: Thursday, January 3rd at 1:00pm in Room 103 (Hall)

Members spend enjoyable time together making prayer shawls, baby blankets and other items, offering their work and talent as prayer. Their finished products are then blessed and given, representing the prayer and concern of our parishioners, to those in need. Don't know how to knit or crochet? Don't worry, they'll teach you! See you there!

PARISH INFORMATION

Sacrament of Baptism: Celebrated the 3rd Sunday at 12:30pm all year round. During the Easter season, Baptisms may be celebrated any Sunday during the 11:30am Mass. Parents are required to attend a preparatory session. Please make arrangements through the Parish Office.

Visitation & Anointing of the Sick: Please call the Parish Office if you or 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 burial for a baptized Catholic is the Mass of Christian Burial. The Mass is the greatest prayer of the Church. Your Funeral Director will assist you by making the necessary arrangements with St. Mary.

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. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

Liturgy Committee: Anyone interested in learning more about our Sacred Liturgy is invited to attend the meeting. Please watch the bulletin for details.

Finance Council: The Finance council meets throughout the year and on an "as needed" basis, to assist the Pastor in the temporal needs of the Parish. Besides generating a yearly working budget, it offers the Pastor recommendations in ways of maintaining the temporal goods of the parish. As a matter of transparency, it also presents parishioners with periodic statements to ensure its financial stability

Parish Pastoral Council: This council, composed of elected & appointed parishioners, meets throughout the year as an advisory board to the Pastor. Its main purpose is to address pastoral needs, implement plans, & evaluate pastoral possibilities

Resurrection Catholic School: 402 N. Kings Highway, Cherry Hill. (856) 667 -3034.

THIS WEEKEND DEC 15/16	Fair Trade Sales After All Masses BP Readings after 8 & 10:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word 5:00pm & 10:00am Masses Sun: 8:50am Religious Education
MON DEC 17	8:30am-9:30am Confessions 6:30pm Evening Prayer (Chapel) 7:00pm Regional Penance Service
TUES DEC 18	1:00pm Christian Yoga (105-6) 4:30 & 6:30pm Religious Ed.
WED DEC 19	1:00pm Card Sharks (Hall) 7:30pm Adult Choir (Church)
THURS DEC 20	Parish Office Closes at 12:30pm 1:00pm Exercise Class (Hall) 4:15pm Jr. Choir (Church)
NEXT WEEKEND DEC 22/23	Saturday: 10:00am Jr. Choir (Hall) Children's Liturgy of the Word 5:00pm & 10:00am Masses Sun: 8:50am Religious Education

Ministry Schedule: December 22/23

Eucharistic Minister: 5:00pm: R. Whitty, A. Shorr, GJ Esbrandt, E. & L. Yoo 8:00am B. Dwyer, G. Daniero, R. Cowley, A. Makalintal 10:00pm J. Rueppel, M. Borinski, C. Miller, J. Plunkett, L.Kosyla, J. Walsh 11:30am: B. Coen, E. Kenny N. Minchew, B. Veitch

Altar Servers: 5:00pm E. Boyle, H. Sullivan 8:00am C. Jackson 10:00am M. Borinski, J. Gitzes, E. Walker 11:30am V. Barbato, B. Mc Cann, L. Barbato

<u>Lectors:</u> **5:00pm** J. Whitty, M. Scaramella **8:00am** M. Escareal, J. Fallon **10:00am** M. Borinski, T. Cost **11:30am** M. Van Dyk, S. Palladinetti

Opening (Collect) Prayer: December 22/23

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.





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