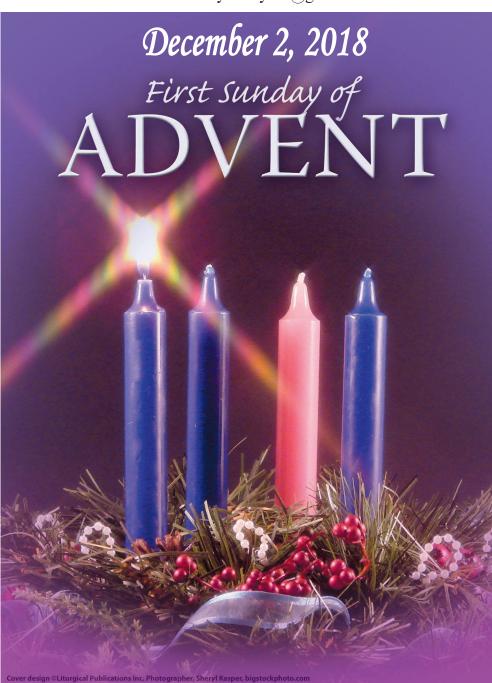
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OUR SACRAMENTAL LIFE

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? Please call or email us and we will forward your request to our Prayer Line Ministry!

STAY CONNECTED WITH ST. MARY! Website: stmarycherryhill.org Like us on facebook at: Catholic Church of St Mary Follow us on Twitter: St. Mary Church@StMaryChurch12 Subscribe to our YouTube Channel: St. Mary Catholic Church Cherry Hill NJ

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	December 3, 2018
8:00am	Efrain Rivera
	r/b wife, Mina
Tuesday	December 4, 2018
8:00am	Ramona Davila
	r/b the Lamboy-Pastrana families
Wednesday	December 5, 2018
8:00am	Sam Richards
	r/b Lou Jimenez
Thursday	December 6, 2018
8:00am	Stanley Dziubczynski
	r/b Augie Campiglia
Friday	<u>December 7, 2018</u>
8:00am	Rev. John P. Ward
	r/b St. Mary Church
7:00pm	Andrew Klimek
-	r/b Pat & John Galie
Saturday, Dece	ember 8, 2018-Feast of the
Immaculate Co	onception
8:00am	Margaret Cote
	r/b John & Ginny Lynch
5:00pm	Marlene Skrotz
	r/b the Padolina family
	Advent, December 9, 2018
8:00am	Margaret Maguire
	r/b the Dwyer family
10:00am	Aranjuez & Dalumpines &
	Lorenzo families
	r/b the family
	Evan Gray
	r/b Tom & Marie Gorman
	Greg Rueppel
	r/b Elvie & Ven Ventura
	Edward Jarosz
	r/b the Hudson family
11:30am	Doris Mc Gowan
	r/b Forever Young Ministry

STEWARDSHIP

11/25 Reg. Collection \$7,770 172 envelopes Thanksgiving (Cherry Hill Food Pantry)-\$1170 11/25 Online Giving-\$640 16 families 11/18 Online Giving-\$400 14 families (Operating Expenses last week \$9,073.29) (Operating Expenses this week-\$4,189.92) Thank you for your generosity!!

Cherry Hill Regional Penance Service The Catholic Church of St. Mary Monday, December 17th at 7:00pm





We joyfully welcome into God's family, our newly baptized... Sophia Acevedo Baptized November 25, 2018

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, 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, 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.



The Altar flowers this weekend are donated in loving memory to: **Ramona Davila** requested by the Lamboy-Pastrana families

Turkey/Hams for Christmas!

We will continue to take donations for Christmas. The next set of donations will go to help out the Cherry Hill 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!

Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary *A Holyday of Obligation:* <u>MASS SCHEDULE</u> Friday, December 7th at 7:00pm Saturday, December 8th at 8:00am



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.*

Evening Prayer at St. Mary After Gaudete Sunday (the 3rd 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.

Dear Parishioner,

As we enter into the Advent and Christmas seasons we are **"bombarded"** by commercial advertising and **"pressured"** with the countdown of available shopping days left before Christmas.

What is meant to be a season of **"joyful anticipation"** and a time of personal reflection upon the mysteries surrounding the **"Comings of Christ"**, can become a time of manic **"stressed-filled"** angst!

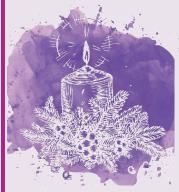
However, we don't have to let the **"joy of giving"** be compromised. Senseless overspending does not have to be a proof of our love of others. Nor do we have to compete in the **"Battle of Christmas Light displays"** just to impress our neighbor.

Allow the God of Love and Light to guide your minds and hearts. Take the time to come before Him in the Sacrament of Penance and in the Sacred liturgy and experience His unconditional love.

In the hope of helping you and your family spiritually prepare for His comings, his future promise of coming again in glory, and a more immediate preparation for the celebration of His Birth, we will be offering **Evening Prayer each evening at 6:30 pm from December 17th through the 23rd.** Included with the Liturgy of the Hours in our chapel, will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, a short period of adoration and Benediction.

Take a break from the **"hustle and bustle"** and find the peace that His loving presence can bring. It is our longing for His coming that heightens our joy in the reality of His birth as our Savior!

Fr. Paul Olszewski



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
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 Dec. 17th-23rd (Adoration & Benediction)
Regional Penance Service: Monday, December 17th at 7:00pm (Church)

GOSPEL MEDITATION Tribulation. Wildfires. Tsunamis. Moral corruption. Disease. War. We tend to associate these things with the end times, and perhaps for good reason! In today's Gospel, Jesus says: "People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world." Not exactly putting us in the Christmas spirit, is it? During Advent, we anticipate a celebration of Christ's first coming. There is a quiet stillness about our waiting, or at least we try to encourage that in ourselves. Perhaps we have an Advent devotional or we take time to pray together as a family around the Advent wreath.

But Jesus did not come only once into history. During Advent, we remember that he will come again. You may remember the rapture craze in the early 2000s, when a series of books and movies envisioned a future where Jesus was coming soon and all the true believers had been whisked away. Everyone else had one more chance to repent before things really went to hell...literally, in this case!

But is that what Jesus is talking about here? The truth is, we don't know what Jesus' Second Coming will be like. The actual return of Christ - though sudden and perhaps frightening to some - should not frighten us. Despite all the stories we may have heard about the apocalypse, the advice of Jesus is not to hang our heads or cower in fear. "Stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." In a certain sense, we are already living in the end times. We already encounter great tribulation. We all find it easy to get distracted or discouraged in the grind of daily life. Today's Gospel reminds us that vigilance for God's presence is needed now. *(LPi, Inc.)*

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and the second	Raffle Drawing Date: Sunday, December 30th at 1:00pm (Hall) Join us for the drawing! Light refreshments will be served.
Long Cong	Tickets will soon be available in the Gathering Space of the Church after all weekend
7 53 533	Masses or during the week at the Parish office. Benefits the Spiritual Mission of: The Catholic Church of St. Mary. Winners need not be present to win!
	*All awards predicated upon the sale of all 1,000 tickets.
	Ticket sales will be STRICTLY LIMITED to only 1,000 participants.
ACON V	"Santa's Jackpot" Purchase Form
	Purchase your ticket at the Parish Office (Monday-Friday:
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Come and enjoy Sounds of the Season featuring the talents of Cherry Hill High School East ensembles on

at the Forever Young (55+) Christmas Party

December 4, 2018 @ Noon and help spread some Christmas cheer!

Lunch will be served Minimum \$5 offering per person

have regular contact with

minors. The policy of the Diocese of Camden is that adults will attend a Virtus

session once every five

years. The next course is: Thursday, December 6th at

6:00pm at SS Peter and Paul Parish in Turnersville, NJ

To register, please go to www.virtusonline.org

Join us for Bambinelli Sunday!



Everyone is invited to participate!

The blessing of Baby Jesus figurines is an event that takes place at the Vatican each year. Children observe this annual tradition by bringing the Baby Jesus from their family Nativity scene to St. Peter's Square for a special Papal blessing. The tradition, called Bambinelli Sunday, was begun by Pope John Paul II to take place on the 3rd Sunday of Advent, or Gaudete Sunday.

BRING YOUR BABY JESUS FIGURINE TO MASS AT ST. MARY ON THE 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (December 15th/16th) FOR A SPECIAL BLESSING!



G.I.F.T. Book Club provides Cold Weather Reading!

Looking for a good book to enjoy indoors while the weather outdoors grows colder? If so, you may be interested in December's book club selection. The book is *Eunice; The*

<u>Kennedy Who Changed the World</u>, by Eileen McNamara. Written by a Pulitzer Prize winning author, the book shows that Eunice was a tough, effective and committed to change woman, whose legacy of reaching out to the intellectually disabled, defined her life. The fruits of her hard work and success continue to this day. We will be meeting to discuss this outstanding woman at the following time. Please consider joining us for some "warm" conversation!

> Date: Tuesday, December 11, 2018 Time: 1:00 - 2:30 pm Location: Parish Hall Room 102 Ouestions: Control at (856)

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email her at concast.net for further information or for how to purchase a book.

FAIR TRADE HOLIDAY SALE Christ Our Light Catholic Church 402 Kings Highway North, Cherry Hill Saturday, December 1st: 8:00am-6:00pm Sunday, December 2nd: 8:00am-2:00pm Shop Fair Trade items made by artisans from around the world! Support the dignity of others.

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 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.

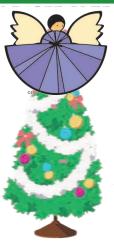


FOREVER YOUNG THANK YOU

The Forever Young Ministry wishes to thank all of our parishioners who

gave so generously to our Service Men and Women. We received \$600 and we were able to assemble 137 gift packages. For their charitable donations, we would also like to thank: Subaru of Cherry Hill Shop Rite of Cherry Hill Dr. Robert Marchinek Dentistry of Marlton





The Angels have left the building!

If you have chosen an angel and now are busily preparing at home...don't forget.... When you wrap the gift, please attach the angel and drop it off in the Gathering Space or Parish Hall <u>no later than</u> <u>Sunday, December 9th.</u> (We need to sort and deliver them that week.) If you have any questions, please call

PARISH CALENDAR



How will you keep "Christ in Christmas"?

Soon, our Knights of Columbus will be placing their sign, "Keep Christ in Christmas" on the front lawn of St. Mary. This sign marks the beginning of our Advent Season when we as Church prepare for the birth of the Baby Jesus. Jesus brought

us the good new of God's love, God's mercy, God's forgiveness.

Is there something else we could do, should do, to "Keep Christ in Christmas?" Advent gives us many opportunities to do so. You can give to your favorite charity, feed the hungry, visit the sick, shelter the homeless and help the poor. You can also speak to others about the love of Jesus!

Religious Education News: Beginning on the first weekend of December, each student in our First Communion class along with their family will take up the gifts of bread and wine in the Gift Procession at weekend Masses. We look forward to First Communion Day for all 25 of our students on Saturday, April 27, 2019 at 10AM.

Retirement Fund for Religious Collection December 8th-9th

Our Religious and Priests 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. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

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 1/2	Saturday - Family Christmas Party 6:00pm (Hall) Children's Liturgy of the Word 5:00pm & 10:00am Masses Sun: 8:50am Religious Education
MON DEC 3	7:30pm IHOC (102)
TUES DEC 4	Noon-Forever Young Christmas Social (Hall) 1:00pm Christian Yoga (105-6) 4:30 & 6:30pm Religious Ed.
WED DEC 5	1:00pm Card Sharks (Hall) 7:30pm Adult Choir (Church)
THURS DEC 6	1:00pm Exercise Class (Hall) 1:00pm Prayer Shawl (103) 4:15pm Jr. Choir (Church)
FRI DEC 7	7:00pm Immaculate Conception Mass
NEXT WEEKEND DEC 8/9	Retired Religious Collection Saturday: 8:00am Mass for the Immaculate Conception ANGEL TREE GIFTS DUE Children's Liturgy of the Word 5:00pm & 10:00am Masses Sun: 8:50am Religious Education

Ministry Schedule: December 8/9

Eucharistic Minister: 5:00pm: J. Byrne, M. & R. Von Stetina 8:00am M. & B. Maiore, K. Young 10:00pm C. Miller, A. Morgan, D. Morgan, J. Plunkett, B. Schulze, M. Borinski 11:30am: B. Veitch, E. Kenny, V. & E. Ventura

Altar Servers: 5:00pm A. Fleischmann, T. Gonzalez, C. Jackson 8:00am V. & L. Barbato, S. Esposito, 10:00am C. & R. Gorman, E. Walker 11:30am N. Aguelo, N. Dacanay, B. Mc Cann

Lectors: 5:00pm E. Yoo, J. Rosado 8:00am A. & C. Domingo 10:00am M. & F. De Angelis 11:30am M. Brinn, D. Czerniakowski

Opening (Collect) Prayer: December 8/9

Almighty and merciful God, may no earthly undertaking hinder those who set out in haste to meet your Son, but may our learning of heaven wisdom grain us admittance to his company. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Festival of Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 2, 2018 at 3:00 PM St. Thomas More Church; (Free Will Offering) Come, enjoy and be inspired by 5 area choirs singing musical pieces proclaiming Christ's coming!



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