

The Catholic Church of St. Mary

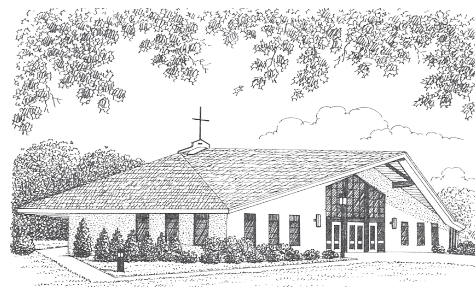
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Parish Center Hours

8:30am - 4:00pm Monday-Friday

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December 23, 2018

Fourth Sunday of ADVENT



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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

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

NEW!! Instagram: SaintMaryinCherry

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 24, 2018

8:00am **Angel Torio, Jr.**
r/b Art & Tessie Manzano

Christmas Eve Masses

4:00pm (Hall)
4:00pm (Church)
6:00pm (Church)
12 Midnight

} **People of the Parish
& their intentions**

Tuesday, December 25, 2018-

The Nativity of our Lord

9:00am
11:00am

} **People of the Parish & their intentions**

Wednesday December 26, 2018

8:00am **Joan Vogel**

r/b husband, Jack

Thursday December 27, 2018

8:00am **Charles Birkmire**

r/b sister-in-law Kate

Friday December 28, 2018

8:00am **Andrew Esguerra**

r/b Art & Tessie Manzano

Saturday December 29, 2018

5:00pm **Andrew Klimek**

r/b the Hudson family

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph, December 30, 2018

8:00am **Open Intention**

10:00am **The Gorman & Zanol families**

r/b Tom & Marie Gorman

11:30am **People of the Parish**

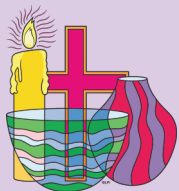
STEWARDSHIP

12/16 Reg. Collection \$9,558 201 envelopes

12/16 Online Giving - available next week

(Operating expenses-available next week)

Thank you for your generosity!!



**We joyfully welcome
into God's family,
our newly baptized**

Baptized December 16, 2018

Congratulations to our

RCIA Candidate and Catechumens!

On Sunday, December 9th at the 10:00am Mass, Nicole Simone-a Candidate for Full Communion in the Catholic Church was acknowledged and welcomed as she prepares to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Also, Donna Navarro & Devyn Perry celebrated the Rite of Acceptance as Catechumens and was acknowledged by our faith community through the signing of the Cross. *We ask that our parishioners continue to pray for them.* That what the Lord has begun in them will be brought to fruition.

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: Rita Acona, Catherine & Baby John (Jack) William Adelizzi, Tippin & Ruben N. Alvarez, Lou Amoriello, Anne Arauz, Marie Bantivoglio, Judith Battista, Elizabeth Belli, William Bunting, Patricia Capiello, John C., Fr. Jeffrey Cesarone, Mark Celijewski, Anthony Ciarrocchi, Alexis Clarke, Jimmy Contento, Janemarie & Ron Cooperman, Pam Crocchetti, Julie Davis, Estelle DeLellis, Ricardo Domingo, Anne Greco, Rose La Grotteria, Christine Hallinan, Arlene Harvey, Elinor Hayes, Donald Garback, Angie Johnson, Fr. Overton Jones, Christina Kosyla, Candelario, Carmen, 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, M. Ricci, 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..



ST. MARY CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIAL MASS

Tuesday, January 1, 2019 at 11:00am

It's not too late to remember your living or 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. We will take requests up until Friday, December 28th.** Then, please join us for Mass on Tuesday, January 1st at 11:00am. If you have any questions, contact us at (856) 424-1454.

St. Mary Nursing Home Needs

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion!

We are currently in need of ministers during the week: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Responsibilities include: attending the 9:45 AM Mass, distributing Communion at Mass, distributing Communion to residents in their rooms, & helping wheelchair bound residents to and from the chapel (optional). but it is not intensive. tact me at my office, [856](tel:8564241454)

Masses for Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

A Holy Day of Obligation

Mass Schedule

Monday, December 31st at 4:00pm

Tuesday, January 1st at

9:00am & 11:00am



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve:

4:00pm Mass w/Children's Choir (*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-A Holy Day of Obligation

Monday, December 31st at 4:00pm Mass
 Tuesday, January 1st at 9:00am and 11:00am



Recognizing God in Ordinary Moments

Here we are, mere days from Christmas, and we hear a Gospel anticipating the birth of another child. Mary has received word that her cousin Elizabeth is with child. Pregnant as she is, Mary "set out and traveled to the hill country in haste." She has recently received the greatest news of her life - that she is to be mother to the Messiah by the power of the Holy Spirit - but her concern is for her cousin in need. Through God's grace, Elizabeth turns it into an opportunity to honor the coming Christ. "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." Yet Mary's example of selflessness should inspire us.

As Christmas draws near, there is plenty of goodness to anticipate for many of us. We'll reunite with family and friends, uphold time-honored traditions, swap stories old and new, exchange gifts, and welcome Jesus at the Christmas liturgy. These are wonderful things! Of course, they probably all come with their own to-do list. Shop for last-minute gifts, pick up recipe ingredients, ready the guest room, or pack your own bags. Mary probably had things to do as well.

She had a lot to consider, for one thing. How do you plan to tell your parents you're pregnant, but no man was involved? When Joseph finds out, who will care for the practical needs of you and your child? Into what may have been a chaos of questions, Mary receives news that someone is in need. She goes immediately.

In these final days before Christmas, stay watchful and awake! You never know when God might invite you to welcome, hospitality, and compassion. It might be tempting to reject the opportunity for your own needs. Follow the example of Mary! If God is providing you an opportunity to love, He will provide the means to accomplish all your other tasks. This Christmas season, may you too hear, "Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled." (*Adapted- taken from LPi, Inc.*)

Pat Galie's Religious Education News

As a member of the "Soldier's Angels" organization for over 10 years, I have participated in [the "Adopt a Soldier" program](#). [The organization gives me the name and Army Post Office](#) address of a soldier serving overseas. Religious Education students in Grades 7 and 8 take turns packing a CARE package with suggested items and hand-written letter as part of their Global Service requirement for Confirmation. I complete the customs form and take the Priority Mail box to the Post Office using the student's postage money. Sean Murphy sent the first CARE package to our adopted airman, James, who is stationed on a small base with limited resources. Below is the correspondence I received. What a coincidence that James is Catholic and a catechist, who uses "Decision Point" for Confirmation like we do!

11/25/2018: Hello Pat & Class,

Thank you for your kind words and support! As the commander of my small unit, my job is to make sure my Airmen (and women) have the adequate training, supplies, and equipment to accomplish the mission. Our current mission is to make sure the guys and gals fighting down range have an accurate and current picture of the environment they're operating in. Ultimately, this means we're keeping people safe in the air and on the ground. Thanks again for the support, James

12/6/2018: Patricia,

Thank you for the care package from Sean! I'm especially thankful for the Trader Joe's ABC Bars...I share Sean's affinity for chocolate. On a different note, I think it's great that you are teaching Sean's Confirmation class! My wife (Cherie) and I had a lot of fun serving as catechists before we were blessed with two daughters of our own (I'm sure we'll teach again when they're a bit older). Teaching Confirmation is my favorite of all the catechesis classes because it's when young people choose to embrace our faith as their own. It's VERY cool to see them embrace it. What curriculum are you using? I taught Confirmation using Mathew Kelly's "Decision Point" program in 2016 and had a blast with my Confirmandi. I hope your class has a wonderful Christmas and thanks again for the care package. Grace and blessings on your path, James

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

A NJ State Legalized 50/50 Raffle

\$20,000 cash award*

plus 2 awards of \$2,500*

Makes a
great gift!



Raffle Drawing Date:
Sunday, December 30, 2018 at 1:00pm in the Parish Hall
Cost of ticket: \$50 each

The Catholic Church of St. Mary
Hill, NJ 08003

1 week to go! Did you get your tickets yet?

**PLEASE FILL
OUT FORM
FOR PURCHASE**

*All awards pre-tax
Ticket sales will be STRICTLY

"Santa's Jackpot" Purchase Form

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

Name (print) _____

Address: _____

Phone: (____) _____

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.

For OFFICE use only:

Date received _____

Registration number(s) assigned _____

Authorized Church Recorder _____

Check No. _____ Cash _____



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Parish Pastoral Council Elections

Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)

The Parish Pastoral Council serves as the ordinary planning body that St. Mary Church uses to formulate its pastoral plan. Informed by the diocesan Vision Statement and by the parish's Mission Statement, Father Paul consults the Council about any practical matters such as the implementation of local pastoral priorities which will in many cases resonate with the diocesan pastoral priorities which are Liturgy, Lay Ministry, Lifelong Faith Formation, Priestly vocations, Youth and Young Adults, and Compassionate Outreach.

The St. Mary PPC is currently comprised of 13 members, excluding the pastor. Its main functions are to advise the pastor on developing and re-evaluating the parish mission statement, on initiating new parish programs, on evaluating the progress of existing parish programs, and in fostering pastoral activity within the parish. The PPC meets every other month and some of its members also serve on one of St. Mary many ministries.

Ideal (or Expected) Qualities of Effective PPC Candidates/Members

The St. Mary PPC is currently comprised of 13 members, Ideal PPC candidates are expected to:

- Be a Catholic in good standing
- Engage in regular personal prayer
- Worship with the parish community at Sunday Eucharist as often as possible
- Have or want to be involved in the life of the parish
- Think broadly, strategically and without bias
- Possess a mind and heart open for the greater good of people, fellow parishioners, the church and community
- Other points?

PPC Member Election

The St. Mary PPC Election is an open voting-based election in which candidates' profiles and statements are made public. Active parishioners will vote on the candidates and elect new PPC members. The current election will elect seven PPC members who will serve a two-year term. The timeline is as follows:

- December 16:** Candidate Nomination Period Opens
- January 6:** Candidate Nomination Period Closes
- January 13:** Balloting Opens
- January 20:** Balloting Closes
- January 24:** PPC ratifies election results
- January 31:** Election Results Announced

Contact

Parishioners interested
or current PPC Presid

can contact Father Paul (stmarycherryhill@gmail.com)
for more information.

PARISH CALENDAR

THANK YOU FROM IHOC!!

Thank you to all of the generous parishioners who donated a total of \$1,069 for our IHOC ministry! The money will be used to cover the costs for food, the laundromat, and other necessities. Thank you for your ongoing generous support of this ministry!

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 vol-

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.

DISCOVERING CHRIST

Join us for this exciting new 7 Session Series where we gather to share a delicious dinner, listen to a dynamic teaching and explore answers to some of the most important questions worth asking about God and finding ultimate purpose of life. *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. Children will be provided for children 3 years of age or older. For

[https://](https://www.stmaryscherryhill.com)

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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 22/23**

Saturday: 10:00am Jr. Choir (Hall)
Children's Liturgy of the Word
5:00pm & 10:00am Masses
No Rel Ed Classes

**MON
DEC 24**

8:00am Mass (Chapel)
Parish Office Closes at Noon
Christmas Eve Mass Schedule
Merry Christmas!
4:00pm (Church)
4:00pm with Children's Choir
(Hall)
6:00pm (Church)
(11:45 Caroling in the Church)
12 Midnight Mass (Church)

**TUES
DEC 25**

Parish Office Closed
Christmas Day Mass Schedule
Merry Christmas!
9:00am Mass (Church)
11:00am Mass (Church)

**WED
DEC 26**

Parish Office Closed

**NEXT
WEEKEND
DEC 29/30**

No Children's Liturgy of the Word
No Rel Ed Classes
Sunday, December 30th
1:00pm Raffle Drawing (Hall)

Ministry Schedule: December 29/30

Eucharistic Minister: 5:00pm: M. Abrams, L. & P. & S. Amoriello 8:00am R. Cowley, G. Daniero, K. Sheerin, B. Dwyer 10:00am S. & F. Baratta, P. Gall, B. Schulze, G. Borucki, L. Ciccone, J. Olenick 11:30am: K. Miller, T. Alonzo, V. & E. Ventura, C. Gorman

Altar Servers: 5:00pm GJ Esbrandt, D. Majkut, 8:00am M. Dell 10:00am C. Hallinan, A & J. Hernandez 11:30am A. Dalumpines, C. & R. Gorman

Lectors: 5:00pm F. Dollarton, E. Yoo 8:00am J. Miller, T. Clerici 10:00am P. O'Brien, J. Lynch 11:30am B. Wayland, M. Brinn

Opening (Collect) Prayer: December 29/30

Graciously grant to your Church, O merciful God, that, gathered by the Holy Spirit, she may be devoted to you with all her heart and united in purity of intent. 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.