

December 19, 2021 • Fourth Sunday of Advent

THE CHURCH OF SAINT MARY

W e l c o m i n g a l l s i n c e 1 8 6 5

MISSION STATEMENT

To share the gifts God has entrusted us by "being Christ to one another" through welcoming, comforting, healing and teaching in loving service of our brothers and sisters, mindful of His unconditional love for all His children.



Sunday 10:30 am Mass

Entrance: #497 The King Shall Come

Introit: Drop Down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Savior.

Psalms: Refrain - Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

O shepherd of Israel, hearken, from your throne upon the cherubim, shine forth. Rouse your power, and come to save us.

Refrain -

Once again, O LORD of hosts, look down from heaven, and see; take care of this vine, and protect what your right hand has planted the son of man whom you yourself made strong.

Refrain -

May your help be with the man of your right hand, with the son of man whom you yourself made strong. Then we will no more withdraw from you; give us new life, and we will call upon your name.

Refrain

Offertory: *Schola*

Communion Antiphon: Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.

Communion Hymn: #617 Come Down O Love Divine

Recessional: #480 Savior of the Nations, Come



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BULLETIN DEADLINE

Monday 12:00 pm

Archdiocesan Victim Assistance Hotline 651-291-4497

Mass Schedule:

Weekend:

Saturday 4:30 pm;

Sunday 7:30 am & 10:30 am

Weekdays: Mon. - Fri. 12:00 pm

Holy Days: 12:00 pm & 5:30 pm

Reconciliation:

Mon. - Fri. 11:30 am - 11:50 am

Sat. 3:30 pm - 4:20 pm and by
appointment

Baptism & Marriage:

Register online via parish website.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, 18th

4:30 pm June Huesgent†

Sunday, 19th

7:30 am Ints. of Scott & Molly Zewers

10:30 am Alice Oneal†

Monday, 20th

12:00 pm Alice Oneal†

Tuesday, 21st

12:00 pm Ints. of Jim and Ruth Wittek

Wednesday, 22nd

12:00 pm John A. Stackpole, III†

Thursday, 23rd

12:00 pm Lynn Stackpole†

Friday, CHRISTMAS EVE

5:00 pm Parishioners

12:00 am Parishioners

Saturday, CHRISTMAS DAY

7:30 am Parishioners

10:30 am Parishioners

Sunday, 26th

7:30 am Dorothy Archambault†

10:30 am Bill Menard†

† Denotes deceased

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

Monday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45

Wednesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1a]/Lk 1:46-56

Thursday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66

Friday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79

Saturday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

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FROM THE PASTORS

Watching

(from an Advent sermon by St. John Henry Newman)

“Most of us have a general idea what is meant by believing, fearing, loving, and obeying; but perhaps we do not contemplate or apprehend what is meant by watching. True Christians, whoever they are, watch, and inconsistent Christians do not. Now what is watching?”

“Do you know the feeling in matters of this life, of expecting a friend, expecting him to come, and he delays? Do you know what it is to be in unpleasant company, and to wish for the time to pass away, and the hour strike when you may be at liberty? Do you know what it is to be in anxiety lest something should happen which may happen or may not, or to be in suspense about some important event, which makes your heart beat when you are reminded of it, and of which you think the first thing in the morning? Do you know what it is to have a friend in a distant country, to expect news of him, and to wonder from day to day what he is now doing, and whether he is well? Do you know what it is so to live upon a person who is present with you, that your eyes follow his, that you read his soul, that you see all its changes in his countenance, that you anticipate his wishes, that you smile in his smile, and are sad in his sadness, and are downcast when he is vexed, and rejoice in his successes? To watch for Christ is a feeling such as all these; as far as feelings of this world are fit to shadow out those of another.”

“He watches for Christ who has a sensitive, eager, apprehensive mind; who is awake, alive, quick-sighted, zealous in seeking and honoring Him; who looks out for Him in all that happens, and who would not be surprised, who would not be over-agitated or overwhelmed, if he found that He was coming at once.”

“Many men...look on the present world as if it were the eternal, not a mere temporary, scene of their duties and privileges, and never contemplate the prospect of being separated from it. It is not that they forget God, or do not live by principle, or forget that the goods of this world are His gift; but they love them for their own sake more than for the sake of the Giver, and reckon on their remaining, as if they had that permanence which their duties and religious privileges have. They do not understand that they are called to be strangers and pilgrims upon the earth, and that their worldly lot and worldly goods are a sort of accident of their existence, and that they really have no property, though human law guarantees property to them. Accordingly, they set their heart upon their goods, be they great or little, not without a sense of religion the while, but still idolatrously. *This* is their fault,—an identifying God with this world, and therefore an idolatry towards this world; and so they are rid of the trouble of looking out for their God, for they think they have found Him in the goods of this world.”

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“Year passes after year silently; Christ’s coming is ever nearer than it was. O that, as He comes nearer earth, we may approach nearer heaven! ...According as we have waited for Him, will He recompense us. If we have forgotten Him, He will not know us; but ‘blessed are those servants whom the Lord, when He cometh, shall find watching ... He shall gird Himself, and make them sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them. And if He shall come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find them so, blessed are those servants,’ (Luke 12:37-38). May this be the portion of every one of us! It is hard to attain it; but it is woeful to fail. Life is short; death is certain; and the world to come is everlasting.”

- Fr. Hagan

ADVENT DISCUSSION GROUP

TODAY! Please join us for an Advent Discussion Group, at 12:00pm, in the Blessed Monti Community Room. We will read and discuss a beautiful Essay by Caryll Houselander called “Advent”, taken from her book The Reed of God (Which is an excellent spiritual reading for this season!). Light snacks will be served, For more information, or follow up questions, please feel free to contact nataleigh.newman@gmail.com. We hope to see you there!

WITH SYMPATHY

We offer our prayers and condolences to the family and friends of Barbara D’Aloia. Barbara’s memorial service was held last week. Please keep Barbara and her family in your prayers.

YEAR END GIVING

Dear Parishioners: 2021 has been a year of many changes, repairs and upgrades to our beloved St. Mary’s. Without your prayers, support and generous contributions, these things would not be possible. We are planning on doing more in the coming year and will continue to take care of and keep up with our aging facility. As we approach the end of another year, please consider making a special year end donation of \$50, \$100 or whatever you can afford to St. Mary’s Church in thanksgiving. You may donate online, send a check to the parish office or put your donation in the collection basket. Your support and contributions will make a real, lasting impact on the future of YOUR St. Mary’s. We hope and pray that you will continue your commitment to building up St. Mary’s in the coming year. Thank You! Fr Hagan and Fr. Evans

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Thank you for your gift to last week’s second collection of \$1,021 to the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your generosity helps hundreds of religious communities meet pressing retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. Thank you again for your kindness!



Upcoming Events

Parish Council Mtg, Jan. 25th, 5:00pm

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS
NO RE Class – CHRISTMAS BREAK

BIRTHDAYS

Joel Chenyl 18th, William Mallet 22nd
and Lisa Cooksey 24th



Irene Stackpole and Parris Veeder

CHRISTMAS 2021

RECONCILIATION

Mon. thru Thurs. 11:30–11:50 am
No Noon Mass December 24th
No 4:30pm Mass December 25th

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

Friday, December 24th
Prelude Music at 4:30 pm
Vigil Mass 5:00 pm
Midnight Mass music
begins at 11:45 pm

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

Saturday, December 25th
7:30 am & 10:30 am (with choir)

NEW YEAR’S MASSES

Friday, December 31st, 5:00 pm
No Noon Mass
Saturday, January 1st, 9:00 am
No 4:30pm Mass

COLLECTION FOR WEEK OF

December 7th THRU December 13th
Additional Operations Fund: \$95

COLLECTIONS

Envelopes..... \$825
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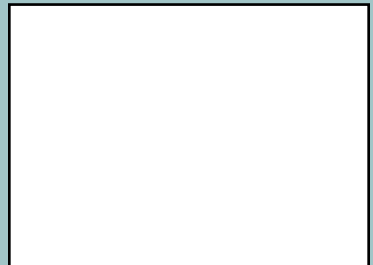


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