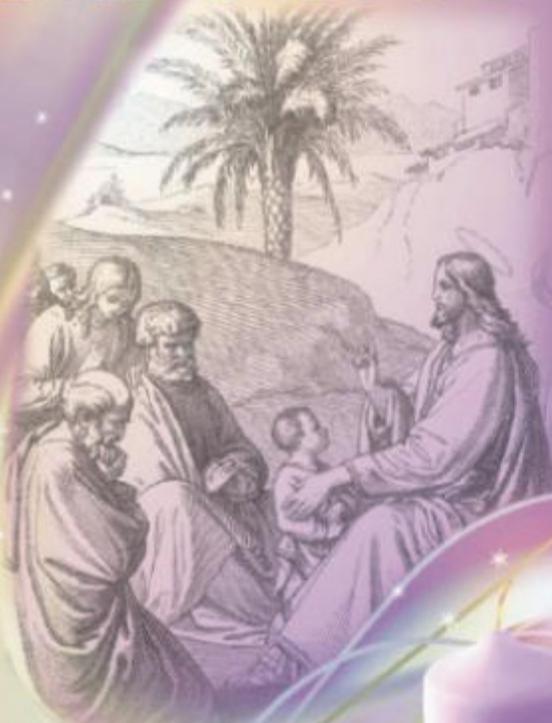


**Be Watchful! Be Alert!  
You do not know when  
the time will come.**

Mark 13:33

# *A* 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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## EUCCHARISTIC LITURGY

Saturday (Vigil) 4:00 pm  
Sunday 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 am  
Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 9:00 am

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Due to Covid 19 restrictions, Adoration is not being celebrated at this time.

## ROSARY FOR THE FUTURE OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays from 9:00-10:00am.

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

To schedule your Baptism or for more information, please call Lisa Hudson at the Rectory.

## SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Please call the Parish Office to schedule an appointment to begin the preparation process and to confirm a date and time for your wedding. This process should begin at least six months in advance of the desired date.

## MISSION STATEMENT

Saint Mary of the Annunciation is a Roman Catholic Christian Community centered around the Eucharist, welcoming all, while growing through faith and stewardship.

# Saint Mary Parish, Melrose, MA

## WELCOME TO ST. MARY'S!

If you are visiting and looking for a spiritual home, we welcome you to our Saint Mary of the Annunciation Parish Community. We hope that you find the worship and liturgy uplifting and an encouragement to your faith. We invite you to participate in the life of our parish. Whatever your age or walk of life, we want this parish to be your spiritual home. We are a community centered on excellent liturgy, helping people of all ages grow in relationship with Jesus, and welcoming all. Please introduce yourself to Fr Shawn, our Pastor. We want to know you and serve you.

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, November 28

4:00 pm Anne Hartnett

### Sunday, November 29

7:30 am For the People of our Parish  
9:30 am For the People of our Parish  
11:30 am Robert Sheridan

### Saturday, December 5

4:00 pm Philius Auger

### Sunday, December 6

7:30 am For the People of our Parish  
9:30 am For the People of our Parish  
11:30 am For the People of our Parish

## PRAYER REQUEST

*Please pray for those who are ill especially for*

Ellie & Paul Pistorino  
Patricia DeGaravilla  
Katherine Connolly

*Our Sanctuary Lamp is lit in memory of Ryan Amirault and the Merino Families*

*Please pray for our recently deceased loved ones especially for Martha Goveia*

### ANNUAL REPORT – FY 2020

The Parish Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2020 (July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020) has been uploaded to our website. Please visit [stmarysmelrose.org](http://stmarysmelrose.org) and click on the "Parish" tab to review.

Due to all health precautions necessary during this pandemic, please make sure you remove this modified bulletin from the Church at the end of Mass. Do not leave it in the pew or return it to the holders at the front door. Thank you!



Please pray that God will watch over and safeguard our men and women serving in the military. We thank you for your service.

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LtCol Steven Gerardi, US Army  
Cpl Matthew Gregorio, USMC  
Pvt Michael Butler, USMC  
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Sgt Brian Crawford, US Army  
LtCol Bernard Banks, US Army  
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L/Cpl Michael Baker, USMC  
Pfc Matthew Hanley, US Army

*In an effort to update our military list, we ask that you notify us if someone on the above list no longer serves in the military or if their rank has changed. Please email [marjk50@comcast.net](mailto:marjk50@comcast.net) or call the rectory with any changes, deletions or additions. Thank you.*

### GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTION UPDATE

St Mary Parish Grand Annual Collection is doing very well, thanks to the generosity of our parishioners. Our **Parish goal is \$80,000**. To date, **we have received \$55,050 which is 69% of our goal**. Our Grand Annual Collection is a vital supplement to our weekly Offertory. Despite a very tight budget, our Offertory receipts do not cover the expenses of the parish, so this is an important yearly collection.

During this most challenging time and given everyone's difficult and differing financial circumstances, if possible, a donation of \$350 is requested, however, any donation is truly appreciated and very helpful in keeping our Parish strong today and in the future. Your donation can be done in one payment or in installments. These are truly difficult economic times so any and contributions are greatly appreciated.

You may donate online by going to our webpage ([stmarysmelrose.org](http://stmarysmelrose.org)) and clicking on the "Online Giving" photo. You can make a one time donation or set up an online giving account. There are Grand Annual envelopes at the church entrances also in case you did not receive one at home.

This collection is the single largest source of income for our parish each year and is essential for us to maintain our parish properties and programs and to meet our financial obligations. Your generous contributions are deeply appreciated.

**THANK YOU!**

# First Sunday of Advent



Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy one, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## Second Reading First Corinthians 1:3-9

Brothers and sisters:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always on your account for the grace of God bestowed on you in Christ Jesus, that in him you were enriched in every way, with all discourse and all knowledge, as the testimony to Christ was confirmed among you, so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ.



He will keep you firm to the end, irreproachable on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

God is faithful, and by him you were called to fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

## First Reading Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7

You, LORD, are our father, our redeemer you are named forever.

Why do you let us wander, O LORD, from your ways, and harden our hearts so that we fear you not? Return for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your heritage.

Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, with the mountains quaking before you, while you wrought awesome deeds we could not hope for, such as they had not heard of from of old.

No ear has ever heard, no eye ever seen, any God but you doing such deeds for those who wait for him. Would that you might meet us doing right, that we were mindful of you in our ways!

Behold, you are angry, and we are sinful; all of us have become like unclean people, all our good deeds are like polluted rags; we have all withered like leaves, and our guilt carries us away like the wind.

There is none who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to cling to you; for you have hidden your face from us and have delivered us up to our guilt.

Yet, O LORD, you are our father; we are the clay and you the potter: we are all the work of your hands.

## Gospel Mark 13:33-37

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Be watchful! Be alert!

You do not know when the time will come.

It is like a man traveling abroad.

He leaves home and places his servants in charge, each with his own work, and orders the gatekeeper to be on the watch.

Watch, therefore;

you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning.

May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping.

What I say to you, I say to all: “Watch!”



## Responsorial

### Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

**R. 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.

**R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.**

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.

**R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.**

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.

**R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.**



## Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Tuesday December 8th

Mass will be held at 9:00 am

We are so very excited to be able to hold our **Annual Christmas Tree Sale** to benefit our **Grade Eight Graduation Week activities**. For any questions, please contact, Elena Turco at [Elena.turco@comcast.net](mailto:Elena.turco@comcast.net)

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT CHRISTMAS MASSES

We are currently looking for volunteers at each of the 4 Christmas Masses.

We will need ushers, greeters, sanitizers and Eucharistic Ministers.

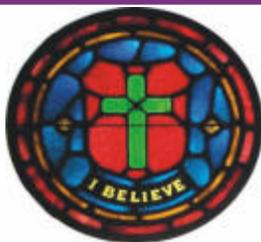
If you can help out, please contact Lisa Hudson at the Rectory at 781-665-0152 or email at [lisahudson21@comcast.net](mailto:lisahudson21@comcast.net)

**THANK YOU!**

November 29, 2020

## THE CREED

I believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.  
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
and became man.



For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.  
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Our Grades 1-8 program is in full swing and continues through early April.

Please know that our First Reconciliation/First Eucharist program is a two year program beginning in Grade 1.

For questions, please contact Lisa Hudson at the Rectory at 781 665 0152 or lisahudson21@comcast.net.

## Advent Reflections from Society of the Holy Child Jesus

In lieu of our annual Advent Open House event, the Sisters of the Holy Child Jesus and Holy Child Associates invite you to join us for our virtual Advent Reflections. This **four-part series of 90-second video meditations features images of the Sisters' Nativity collection.** The videos provide an opportunity to take a peaceful pause during the Advent Season to reflect on the true gift of Christmas. Sign up for free at our website: [www.shcj.org/american/175th-anniversary/2020-advent-season/](http://www.shcj.org/american/175th-anniversary/2020-advent-season/)  
For more information, contact Joanna Pelizzoni at 610-626-1400 x315 or jpelizzoni@shcj.org.



## CONFIRMATION PROGRAM for GRADES 9 & 10

The Confirmation Program for Grades 9 & 10 began 2 weeks ago.

The next "class" is on December 6th.

If you have not yet registered, please visit our website [stmarysmelrose.org](http://stmarysmelrose.org) and click on the Confirmation tab to register and make a tuition payment. Thank you.

For any questions, please contact, Jaclyn Meehan, Confirmation Coordinator, [stmarysyouthformation@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysyouthformation@gmail.com)

## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE & REGISTRATION INFORMATION



Thursday, December 24th  
Christmas Eve

1:00pm, 3:00pm and 5:00pm

Friday, December 25, 2020  
Christmas Day

9:30am

As we prepare to celebrate the **Birth of our Savior**, we celebrate with safety restrictions imposed upon on us. **Therefore, prior registration via our website or by calling the Rectory is MANDATORY.**

Massachusetts Covid regulations allow us to seat only 90 people at each Mass. Parishioners who are pre-registered will have reserved seating. If reservations do not reach the 90 person maximum at a Mass, those who have not pre-registered will be seated as space allows. We strongly urge you to **register early**.

**Registration will go live on our website at noon on December 9<sup>th</sup>.**

The **St. Vincent DePaul Giving**

**Tree** is a way to help people in need in our area for the Christmas Season.

We request all ornaments be returned with their gifts to the tree by next

**Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>** to give proper time for delivering the gifts to the recipients.

Please remember to return the ornament with the gift as we use this to sort the gifts. If your gift is a Gift Card please include the value of the card. If one ornament has multiple packages please write the code from the ornament on the additional packages. An example of the code is x-2020 or H1-09.

As always we at your St. Mary Saint Vincent DePaul chapter as are the recipients very grateful for your aid and support.

**Have a very Blessed Christmas Season.**



# Saint Mary of the Annunciation School



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## SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, Nov 29—Advent begins  
 Monday, Nov 30—No School—Pastor's Day  
 Tuesday, Dec 1—School Picture Retake Day  
 Thursday, Dec 3—Report cards sent home  
 Friday, Dec 4—Early dismissal  
 Friday, Dec 4 through Sunday, Dec 6 —  
 Annual Christmas Tree Sale  
 Friday, Dec 4 through Friday, Dec 11—  
 Parent Teacher ZOOM Conferences  
 Wednesday, Dec 23—Early Dismissal  
 Thursday, Dec 24—Christmas Eve  
 Friday, Dec 25—Christmas Day  
 Monday, Dec 28 through Friday, Jan 1, 2021—  
 Christmas Vacation  
 Monday, Jan 4—School resumes

## Advent 2020

Daily At-Home Advent Activities for Families

CALENDAR

NOVEMBER DECEMBER

SUN 29

Prepare an Advent wreath: three purple candles, one pink candle, and seven evergreens. Place all in a tray or large bowl. The candles can symbolize hope, faith, joy, and love or peace. Light the first purple candle and pray to God about the things you hope for.

MON 30

Make a variety game with household materials. Paint paper tubes to make the Holy Family. Use bits of fabric to make clothes. Use a shoelace to make the belt and a small box for the manger. Wait for Christmas Day to put Jesus in the manger.

TUE 1

People hoped and waited for so long for Jesus to come and bring light to the world! Show stories about the new parents prepared and how they felt as they waited for their children to be born. Older siblings can share stories of waiting for younger siblings. Look through the first photographs taken of your children. Pray about your hopes for your family.

WED 2

The Christmas story begins with one small family set to change the world. On yellow strips of paper, write ways that your family can help bring light and hope to your community during Advent. Keep the papers in a jar. As you complete these actions, place them in the variety scene you made to act as lay.

THUR 3

Mary and Joseph were immigrants traveling far from their home when Jesus was born. Try sleeping in a different place in your house tonight. Swap beds with a sibling or sleep in a sleeping bag on the floor. Thank God for the comforts of your home.

FRI 4

Make Christmas cookies and share them together. Thank God for the gift of food and family.

SAT 5

On Christmas Day, children may receive new gifts and new toys. Go through the toys you have and donate ones that you have outgrown to a local charity.



St. Mary's School

**Annual Christmas Tree Sale**

Beautiful Trees ★ Wreaths  
Kissing Balls ★ Raffle

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, masks and social distancing required at all times.

**Friday, December 4**  
from 11am–6pm

**Saturday, December 5**  
from 11am–6pm

**Sunday, December 6**  
from 8:30am–1pm

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All sales to benefit 8th Grade Graduation Week activities!

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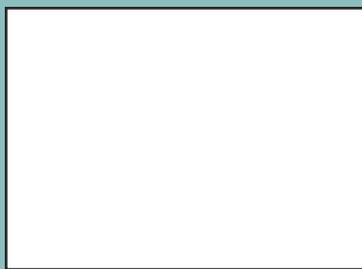
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