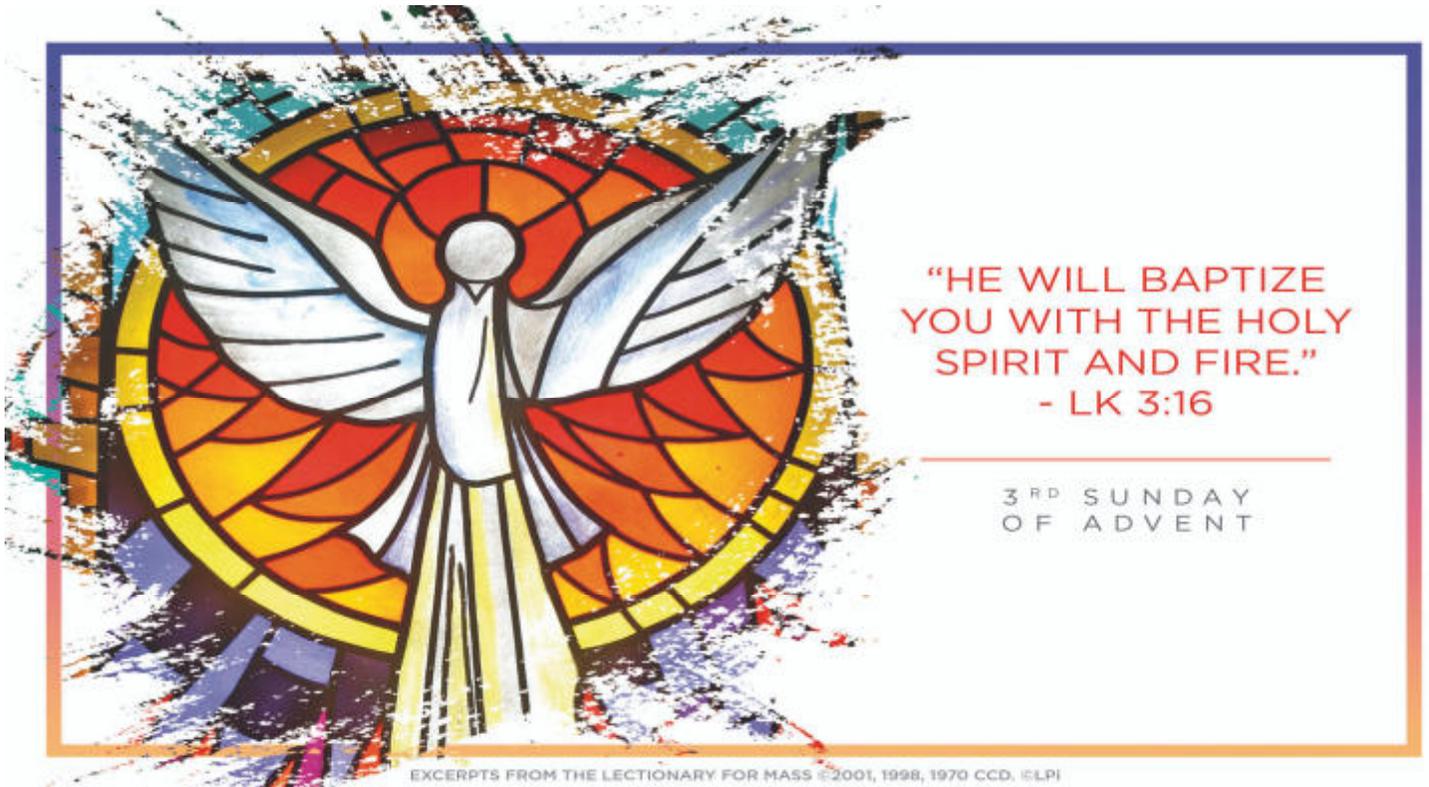


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WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday Vigil - 4:00 p.m.
Sunday - 8:00, 10:30am , 12:30 pm (Latin) (suspended temporarily)

DAILY MASSES:

7:00 a.m., (Mon, Wed and Fri)

HOLY HOUR

Thursdays - 6:30-7:30pm

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday from 3:15 to 3:45 p.m.

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Infant baptisms are scheduled on the first and third Sundays of the month after masses. Please call the Rectory for details and scheduling.

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Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



SATURDAY, December 11

4:00PM † Mary Olivan by Kathy Olivan

SUNDAY, December 12

8:00AM † Margaret & Francis Karnik by Dottie & Warren Roberts
 † Richard F. Barretta by Memole Family

10:30AM † Richard Burns by The Family
 † Kimberly Neller by Aunt Georgianna & Barry
 † Margaret Lynch by The Burns Family

MONDAY, December 13

7:00AM † Rev Robert Donnelly

WEDNESDAY, December 15

7:00AM † Jane Kingston (Ann) by Josie Dolan & Joanne Kingston
 † Ann Maloy by By The Family

FRIDAY, December 17

7:00AM † Sister Mary Annette Weinlein

SATURDAY, December 18

4:00PM † Angelina & George Abraham by Judy Abraham
 † Carol L. Bibby by daughters, Kim, Kathleen & Kelly
 † Linda McGlynn by Anne & Mike Cronin

SUNDAY, December 19

8:00AM † Hugh & Margaret Hopkins by the Memole Family
 10:30AM † Jack Graber, Sr by Jack & Karen Graber
 † Vincent Nicotina by Margaret Coffey Nicotina
 † Mr. & Mrs. Charles J. Anderson by son, Charles & Karen Anderson

BE A PRAYER PARTNER WITH POPE FRANCIS

For those who have made the commitment to pray every day for the monthly intentions of Our Holy Father, Pope Francis: For December he asks that we pray for **Catechists**: Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS GIFTS

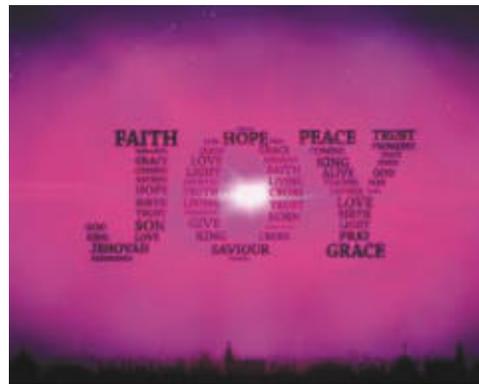
Have you considered giving alternate Christmas gifts this year? It can show your loved ones you care about them AND those less fortunate! Here are two websites that offer great fair trade gift ideas! www.MercyCorps.org and www.serrv.org.

ADVENT COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE

A Communal Penance Service is scheduled at the Cathedral in Albany on December 15th beginning at 7pm. All welcome



Sign up for your daily reflections from Matthew Kelly at Dynamic Catholic by going to <https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/advent/advent-reflections.html>



This Sunday's Gospel continues last week's focus on John the Baptist and his role in preparing the way for Christ. Recall that last week's reading described John's appearance in the desert and established his connection

with the prophetic tradition of Israel. If we were to read Luke's Gospel continuously, we would learn about John the Baptist challenging the crowds who came to him and calling upon them to show evidence of their repentance. John tells his listeners that they cannot rely on their lineage as Israelites because children of Abraham can be raised up from stones. Repentance, rather, must be observable in one's actions. Here, Luke is continuing to set up two important themes of his Gospel message: the Christian faith is expressed in one's actions, and the call to salvation is extended to everyone, Jews and Gentiles. In today's Gospel reading, the crowds ask John the Baptist for specifics. What evidence of repentance is required? John replies by naming concrete actions: crowds should share their food and cloaks; tax collectors should be just; soldiers should act fairly. The concern for justice is a hallmark of Luke's Gospel. When the crowd begins to wonder if John the Baptist might be the Messiah, John interprets his baptism and makes it clear that his ministry is in preparation for the Messiah. John the Baptist knows his place and role in God's plan of salvation. By encouraging the crowd to act similarly in accordance with their stations in life, John's teaching suggests that each person has a role to play in God's salvation. It is the great mystery of our salvation that God permits and even asks for human cooperation in his divine plans.

The third Sunday of Advent is also called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is a Latin word that means "rejoice." This name is taken from the entrance antiphon for Sunday's Mass, which is also echoed in today's second reading from the Paul's letter to the Philippians. Some people mark this Sunday by lighting a pink candle instead of a purple one on their Advent wreath. It is a reminder that the Advent season is a season of joy because our salvation is already at hand.

CHURCH PROJECTS UPDATE

The exterior painting has been concluded. All of the window trim and doors around the exterior of the church and rectory have been repainted. The painters will return in the Spring to repaint the cornices. Lights in the church high ceiling have been replaced with LED bulbs. Each new bulb uses only 80 watts compared with the previous bulbs which used 500 watts. Lastly, the masonry restoration has concluded for the season. So far, restoration at the sidewalk level on Lodge and Pine streets has been completed, as well as repointing of brick and stone, caulking and sealant work. The remaining masonry work will resume in Spring.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve – December 24th

St. Mary's 4:00pm & 7:30pm
Vietnamese Mass 7:00pm (Sacred Heart)

Christmas Day – December 25th

St Mary's 8:00am & 10:30am
No 4:00 pm Vigil Mass on Saturday (Christmas Day)
Sacred Heart 9:00am



WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?

It seems that as the world becomes supposedly less complicated through technological advances, we still find ourselves waiting. Waiting for that package to arrive that we ordered online in record speed. Waiting in line at the self-checkout station at the supermarket, designed to eliminate the evils of waiting. Waiting for the phone to ring on Saturday night. Waiting for that great job to come along. Waiting for that elusive perfect relationship. Efficiency expert Michael Fortino offers the following dismal scenario for the average life lived in these United States. In your lifetime you will spend

- seven years in the bathroom,
- six years eating,
- five years waiting in line,
- three years in meetings,
- two years playing telephone tag,
- eight months opening junk mail, and
- six months sitting at red lights.

You'll get interrupted 73 times a day(!), take an hour of work home, read less than five minutes, talk to your spouse for four minutes, exercise less than three minutes, and play with your kid for two minutes. The bottom line is that even in our fast-paced world, with postmodern conveniences, we are all waiting for something. However, as strange as it sounds, during the Advent season, we discover a purpose to our waiting.

As we wait in long lines this Advent season, or as we wait for anything really, it is important to ask why we wait and what we wait for. It's important to use our time well so we can share the gift of ourselves with others – and allow them to share the gift of themselves with us, just as Jesus did. It is important that we remember the waiting of our ancestors expecting the Messiah, and always wait with patience, humility, and expectant hope in a state of prayer. It is difficult, but especially during Advent, waiting prayerfully and patiently, in the manner of our Lord, his blessed Mother and family members who shared traditions with us, is not only a good spiritual discipline, but could also lower our risk of holiday-induced blood pressure. It seems like we're all waiting for something, so why not use these experiences to enhance our Advent by prayerfully waiting and focusing on the opportunity God gives us to share time with one another.

SACRED RELICS OF THE SAINTS

The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception presents a teaching and exposition of Sacred Relics on Monday December 13 at 6:30 pm. Father Carlos Martins, a Vatican-appointed expert on relics will be here with an extraordinary Vatican collection of over 150 relics, some as old as 2,000 years. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. All welcome.

CURRENT COVID PROTOCOLS

The Diocese recently issued new recommendations from the Bishop's Office that state: "Regrettably, several of the counties of our diocese are experiencing a substantial uptick in COVID cases. Out of an abundance of caution, and consistent with CDC recommendations, our parishes may want to consider re-instating masking protocols. At the Pastoral Center (Bishop's Office) we are asking all personnel to wear a mask upon entering the building, in all common areas, and when social distancing is not possible, regardless of one's vaccination status. We further encourage all to do their part to stop the spread by washing their hands frequently, sanitize their workspace regularly and social distance when possible."

Respectfully, we ask that all follow the recommendations of the Diocese that strongly recommend and encourage the wearing of face masks (by all—including those who have been fully vaccinated) whenever we are inside church. In addition, we encourage the use of hand sanitizers and ask that all continue to follow the directions of the ushers. The church continues to be completely sanitized after each mass in order to provide a safe environment.

Unless you are arriving with a group or are part of a family we ask that you choose your seating in order to maintain a respectful distance from others. When possible, try to maintain a safe distance by leaving an empty pew between groups. Ushers will be glad to assist you in locating appropriate seating (this may include seats upstairs).



BISHOP'S APPEAL 2021-2022

The Diocese is revamping the annual Bishop's Appeal with a new name and a new logo. In addition the annual campaign now begins in the Fall each year and conclude in June 2022. In the coming week you will receive a appeal request as we begin another campaign to reach our \$110,000 assessment. Call Holly for information. Be sure to mention Historic St. Marys when donating!

SENIOR PROGRAM AT ST. MARY'S

Please call our Parish Office if you know of a Parishioner who is sick, hospitalized or has moved to an assisted living facility or nursing home so that we might reach out during the holidays as well as keep them in prayer

Welcome New Parishioners!

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