

The Catholic Church of St. Mary

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

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December 9, 2018 Second 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

Follow us on Twitter: [St. Mary Church@StMaryChurch12](https://twitter.com/StMaryChurch12)

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 8:00am	December 10, 2018 Kevin Smith & Ginger Walsh r/b the Dwyer family
Tuesday 8:00am	December 11, 2018 Joan Vogel r/b husband, Jack
Wednesday 8:00am	December 12, 2018 Mike & Jean Del Sordo r/b the Del Sordo family
Thursday 8:00am	December 13, 2018 Jean Bilic r/b husband, John
Friday 8:00am	December 14, 2018 People of the Parish
Saturday 5:00pm	December 15, 2018 Harry Hooven r/b Pat & Sally Amoriello
3rd Sunday of Advent, December 16, 2018 8:00am	John Mc Fadden r/b Jean Gorman
10:00am	Greg Rueppel r/b Mary & Ron Von Stetina
	Roddy G. Turner r/b Joe, Murray & Ricki Rogers
	Frank D'Onofrio r/b Maria Lizardo
	Stan Dziubczynski r/b Marie Bantivoglio
11:30am	Bertha Maxwell r/b Melanie Abrams

STEWARDSHIP

12/2 Reg. Collection \$7,824 envelopes
12/2 Online Giving-\$460 15 families
Christmas flowers \$978 59 envelopes
(Operating Expenses this week- \$1,062.16)
Thank you for your generosity!!

WELCOME TO ST. MARY

We hope that you will experience the grace & love of Christ as you worship with us! If you haven't already, registration forms can be found in the Gathering Space of the Church, in the Parish Hall, at the Parish Office, or on our website.

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!

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 Blessed Mother roses this weekend are donated in loving memory of:
Anna & Michael Mosco
requested by the Borinski family



Cherry Hill Regional Penance Service

The Catholic Church of St. Mary
Monday, December 17th
at 7:00pm



Convocation of Catholic Leaders The Joy of the Gospel in South Jersey

Recognizing the gifts God has given to the laity, Bishop Sullivan has called on pastors to form lay delegations to be sent to a four day convocation aimed at building up missionary disciples to create stronger communities. *The Convocation of Catholic Leaders: The Joy of the Gospel in South Jersey*, to be held March 2019, will give these 650+ lay leaders the tools to foster a sense of discipleship not only in their parishes but in the larger community. Please pray for these pastors and lay people that the Holy Spirit enables them to return to their parishes renewed and ready to lead others to Jesus, the Joy of the Gospel.

Convocation of Catholic Leaders: Quote for the week:

"I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting him encounter them; I ask all of you to do this unflinchingly each day." *Pope Francis*



GOSPEL MEDITATION

Did you need to pinch yourself awake during the first few lines of this Sunday's Gospel? John the Baptist received quite a prelude today as Luke described the religious and political leadership of the time period. Scripture is divinely inspired, and we believe that everything that made it into the Bible is there for a reason. These lines remind us of an important truth. The Christmas story isn't a fairy tale or nursery rhyme. It's not a parable we say to give meaning to the holiday.

At Christmas, God's presence is made tangible in a precise moment in time. The birth of Christ is a historical event. As precursor to Jesus' preaching, the ministry of John the Baptist is also a historical event.

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."

John's call to repentance and the forgiveness of sins happened in a particular time and place. But that does not mean it is limited to first century Palestine! God continues to move in our daily lives. What we hear in today's Gospel - and what we anticipate at Christmas - occurs in our daily lives. God works in concrete ways in time and space. He did that 2,000 years ago, and He continues to do so today!

This Sunday, examine your own Christmas preparations. Is there anything you need to repent of before the Christmas season? Are there low points in your life, valleys to "be filled" by the love of God? Are their mountainous obstacles in your spiritual life? How can they be "made low"? Are you making decisions that have moved you away from God? This Advent season is the time for them to "be made straight and made smooth." Prepare the way in your heart for Christ today! *(Adapted and taken from LPi, Inc.)*



CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast Day: Wednesday, December 12th

Question: *What is this feast day about?*

Answer: In December of 1531, the native Mexican peasant Juan Diego was walking to a catechism class. A woman's voice called his name. He climbed the nearby hill to see a woman who "shone like the sun." She asked that he petition the bishop for a church to be built on the spot, Tepeyac Hill. Twice the bishop denied Juan Diego, thinking him to be a fraud. Mary appeared to Juan Diego again. He asked her for a sign. There - in the heart of winter - he found a bed of rare Castilian roses, a variety that would not be native to Mexico but that the Spanish bishop would surely recognize.

Juan Diego gathered the flowers in his tunic. When he reached the bishop, he dropped the corners of his tunic so the roses fell to the ground. The bishop was transfixed. There on Juan Diego's tunic was an image of a woman robed with the stars, the moon under her feet, and the sun behind her. It was Mary! Juan Diego's tunic and the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe is preserved and still on display at the church Mary asked for almost 500 years ago. St. John Paul II declared Our Lady of Guadalupe the patroness of all of North, Central, and South America. *(Taken from LPi, Inc.)*

Looking for another way to help others this season?

Donate your new/gently used toys!



The St. Mary Life and Social Justice Committee will be collecting *unwrapped*, slightly used or new toys till December 23rd for the Refugees and Immigrants currently receiving services from the Diocese of Camden Catholic Charities.

Collection Boxes will in the Gathering Space of the Church and in the Parish Hall for Religious Education students. *Last year our donations were greatly appreciated and actually made the event a success!*

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

Pray the 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

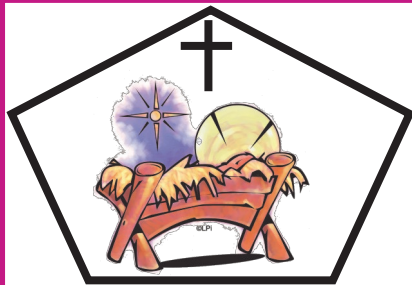
(Special Opportunity for Confessions:

Monday, December 17th at 8:30am)

Evening Prayer: 6:30pm in Chapel from December 17th-23rd (Adoration & Benediction)

Regional Penance Service:

Monday, December 17th at 7:00pm (Church)



Next weekend is Baminelli 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 Baminelli 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 NEXT WEEKEND (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 Kennedy Who Changed the World*, 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

email for how to purchase a book.

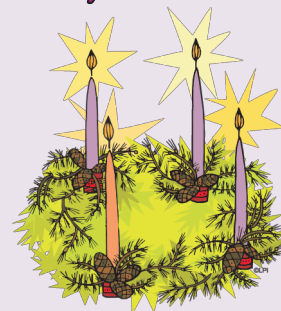


Angel Tree Gifts due this weekend!

Did you forget your gift this

Recognizing God in Ordinary Moments

The ritual of an Advent wreath is a good idea for anyone. But don't think that your preparations are done simply because you have one. You are called to be a flame to others during this season, reminding them of why we celebrate this time at all. Each person is a candle to be lit, and you have the gifts, given to you by God, to light them. At Christmas, you want God to look at you and see all the light generated by those He lit through you. Now is the time. Don't wait until Advent is almost over. You might not be able to find your own flame if you wait too long.



(Adapted-- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS)

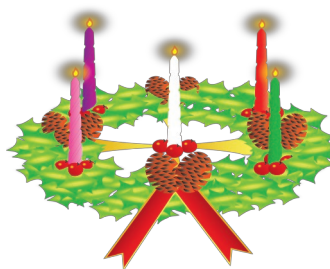
ST. MARY CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIAL MASS

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.

GREAT EXPECTATIONS



An Advent Retreat at Christ Our Light presented by Sr. Peggy Devlin, OP. Advent is the season of expectation – a time when we look forward, awaiting a renewed coming of Christ.

This season is meant to remind us of our faithful God who is poised and ready to enter our lives always and everywhere. These days that lead to the Feast of the Incarnation say to us: "Let your expectations always be GREAT expectations!" The God of Surprises invites us to find Him precisely where we are. Saturday, December 8, 2018 9 AM Mass for Holy Day Church 10 am – 12:30 pm Retreat time with S. Peggy Parish Center A continental breakfast will be available after mass To register, visit www.christourlight.net and click on the link, or contact

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

Benefits the Spiritual Mission of: The Catholic Church of St. Mary

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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.

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OUT FORM FOR
PURCHASE



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"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 _____

PARISH CALENDAR

Catholic Charities Vehicle Donation Program and Tax Deduction for 2018

It is end of the year, and Catholic Charities is asking you to check your garage, yard or other areas around your house for unused, old vehicles, and please donate them to the Catholic Charities (Diocese of Camden) Charitable Auto Resources for Services (CARS) program. The CARS program accepts any type of vehicle, running or non-running, including cars, vans, trucks, boats, mobile homes, motorcycles, golf carts, scooters, etc.

Free towing and IRS tax deduction forms are provided for your donation. To donate your vehicle, just call toll free: 1 – 877 – 586 – 9227, and PLEASE MENTION YOU ARE DONATING YOUR VEHICLE TO CATHOLIC CHARITIES, DIOCESE OF CAMDEN. You can also donate your used vehicle online at: www.catholiccharitiescamden.org There is still time for you to receive a tax deduction on your 2018 tax return. All proceeds from the Catholic Charities CARS program benefit needy individuals and families in parishes and throughout the 6 counties of South Jersey. Thank you very much for helping the needy in our Diocese.

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.**

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THIS 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
MON DEC 10	6:30pm Be Bold. Share Your Faith. (Meeting Room)
TUES DEC 11	1:00pm Christian Yoga (105-6) 4:30 & 6:30pm Religious Ed. 3:00pm-8:00pm Voting in Hall
WED DEC 12	1:00pm Card Sharks (Hall) 7:30pm Adult Choir (Church)
THURS DEC 13	Parish Office Closes at 12:30pm 1:00pm Exercise Class (Hall) 4:15pm Jr. Choir (Church)
NEXT WEEKEND DEC 15/16	Fair Trade Sales After All Masses BP Readings after 8 & 10:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word 5:00pm & 10:00am Masses Sun: 8:50am Religious Education

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.

COMING NEXT WEEKEND!

**Fair Trade Sales
after all Masses**

**Blood Pressure Screenings
after the 8:00am & 10:00am Masses.**

Ministry Schedule: December 15/16

Eucharistic Minister: 5:00pm: M. Romanowski, L. Olson, N. Sands, T. Sullivan **8:00am** M. Dell, M. & B. Maiore, K. Young, A. Makalintal **10:00pm** P. Galie, C. & S. Mc Kenna, G. Borucki, C. Hallinan, L. Ciccone **11:30am:** S. & D. Czerniakowski, T. Alonzo, C. Gorman

Altar Servers: 5:00pm G.J. Esbrandt, M. Miraglia, D.J. Farling **8:00am** T. Gonzalez, R. Rudi **10:00am** R. Cafagna, A. & I. Langmuire **11:30am** V. Omari, B. Sullivan

Lectors: 5:00pm J. Brach, K. Tafaro **8:00am** J. & P. Langmuir **10:00am** T. Eleazar, J. Rosado **11:30am** F. Baratta, M. Di Tore

Opening (Collect) Prayer: December 15/16

O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing. 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.