



**4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 23, 2018**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22ND

4:00PM Confessions at St. Mary's
5:00PM Gloria Sorrentino req. by Nancy Dilorenzo

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23RD

8:00AM People of the Parish
9:30AM Mary and Frank Kartis req. by Family
11:00AM Andrew Juras and Anna and Mirko Vinski req. by Juras and Vinski Families

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 24TH – CHRISTMAS EVE
NO MORNING MASS**

4:00PM Lorenzo Diorio req. by Carol and Richie Messina
9:00PM Special Intention

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25TH – CHRISTMAS DAY

9:30AM Ricky Evangelisto req. by Family
11:00AM – Special Intention

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26TH

8:00AM No Mass Scheduled

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27TH

9:00AM No Mass Intention

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28TH

9:00AM No Mass

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29TH

5:00PM Janet Gallichio-Jacobsen req. by Thom and Bonnie Peters

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30TH

8:00AM Melba and Anthony Fabrizio req. by Children and Grandchildren
9:30AM Mary Ann Larrabee req. by JoAnn Beretta and Family
11:00AM Joan Barley req. by Family

TITHING REPORT

This past week's collection totaled \$3320. 106 Envelope users donated \$1878; non envelope users, \$1442.. We once again thank you for your continued generosity.



**RENEW AND REBUILD CAMPAIGN
A Note From Fr. Tom**

Last weekend we “formally” announced our *Renew and Rebuild Campaign*. Your response to this appeal was extremely generous and we are grateful for your thoughtfulness in this matter. If you are still considering making a donation, please either drop off your donation card at the Rectory or in the Sunday Collection basket. As soon as our final numbers are in, we will present you with a report. Thank you.

**OUR CHRISTMAS LITURGY SCHEDULE
CHRISTMAS EVE (Monday, Dec. 24)**

No 9am Mass
4:00pm – Family Mass at St. Mary's
9:00pm – Mass – St. Mary's



CHRISTMAS DAY (Tuesday, Dec. 25)

8:00am – NO MASS
9:30am – Mass - Our Lady of Mercy
11:00am – Mass at St. Mary's

**Weekend schedule before New Year's
Saturday, Dec. 29th – 5:00pm – St. Mary's**

Sunday, Dec. 30th
8:00am – St. Mary's
9:30am – Our Lady of Mercy
11:00am – St. Mary's

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Monday, Dec. 31
4:00 pm Vigil – St. Mary's

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Tuesday, Jan. 1
Solemnity of Mary
8:00am – NO MASS
9:30am – Mass at Our Lady of Mercy
11:00am – Mass at St. Mary's

**A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM YOUR PASTOR
AND PASTORAL ASSISTANTS**

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

As we enter into the joy of Christmas time, we pray that the new life of Christ be born in us each day. Let the light of Christ find a dwelling place in our hearts as we nurture it throughout this New Year. And may the Christ Child fill your New Year with His Blessings.



Fr. Thomas K. Dicks
Pastor

Deacon Thomas Cornell
Deacon Vincent Porcelli

DIVINE MERCY GROUP



The next Divine Mercy meeting is January 6th after the 8am Mass. The Chaplet will be prayed at 7:40 before Mass. All are invited to attend.

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

At 4:30pm on the first Saturday of each month, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy is sung before the 5:00PM Mass in St. Mary's Church. Won't you join us in this beautiful prayer.



WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

We ask your prayers for *Bill Wendell, Jr.* who recently passed away. As you may remember, the Wendell Family formerly owned the local IGA store in Marlboro. May God grant Bill His Eternal Rest and give peace and comfort to his family and friends.

TODAY'S GOSPEL MESSAGE

by Rev. William J. Reilly



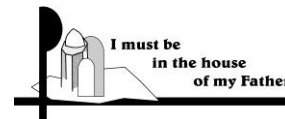
“When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the baby stirred in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, and cried out in a loud voice: ‘Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb. But who am I that the mother of my Lord should come to me?’...‘Blessed is she who trusted that the Lord’s words to her would be fulfilled.’”

What a wonderful family reunion. Two expectant mothers meeting, greeting, celebrating imminent births. St. Luke points out the presence of the Holy Spirit, even before the Pentecost event. The question posed by Elizabeth ‘who am I?’...can be changed for us today.

Who am I that my Lord and Savior should come to me? A loving Father saw our need, and in concern for us, sent, not the mother or our Savior, but the saving Lord Himself. How frequently we pray the words of Luke in the Hail Mary. As we complete our advent may the question of Elizabeth, and my question be answered.

As we approach the feast of the birth of Christ this week, may we live the visitation event, greeting others in the name of the Lord, recognizing His presence among us in our needy world. The two holy women rejoiced in Christ’s presence, and so do we. Reflect for a few moments on the biblical basis of the Hail Mary.

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS



THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

First Reading: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

Sirach emphasizes the importance of honoring one’s parents. He explains that spiritual riches will come to those who are kind to their mother and father.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-21

Paul advises us to treat each other with kindness and mercy and to forgive as God forgives us. His words remind families to always love and respect one another and let Christ’s peace reign in their hearts and in their homes.

Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

When Jesus was twelve years old, the Holy Family traveled to Jerusalem to celebrate the feast. Jesus did not return with the company. Instead, he stayed in Jerusalem, sitting among the teachers while amazing them with his understanding and questions. When found by his concerned parents, Jesus reminded them that he must be in the house of his Father. Returning together, Mary kept these things in her heart.

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING CHANGE



Please note that beginning in January of 2019, meetings for the Knights of Columbus will now be held at 7:00pm on the 3rd Thursday of every month in the Parish Hall. Members are encouraged to attend. New members are always welcome.

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The Knights of Columbus would like to thank all of you who donated to their Blood Drive last weekend. We don’t have any numbers yet but we are positive the drive was a success. Once again, thank you.

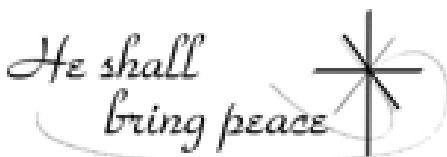
FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

A reminder that classes are not closed for the Christmas and New Year Holidays and will reopen on Wednesday, January 2nd. Our Religious Ed staff would like to wish all of our Catechists, Students and Parents a very Blessed Christmas and Happy and Healthy New Year.

OUR HANDICAPPED BATHROOM IS FINISHED !

Our “handy guy,” Dave Pulliam, announced that he and his workers have completed the new handicapped bathroom and it is ready for use. We would like to thank Dave and all who were involved in this renovation. It is really a beautiful job.

We ask your cooperation, though, in helping to keep this room in good, clean and working order. We ask parents to please accompany their children to use the restroom. Unfortunately, in the past, many of the problems we had with the downstairs restroom were the result of plugged lines from excessive paper towels and toilet tissue discards. To unplug, it would cost us between \$400-600. Needless to say, we are trying to avoid future problems and would appreciate your help. Thank you.



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