


**PARISH
INFORMATION**

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturdays: Msgr. Ryan Hall - 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.
Also by appointment

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

The Church provides certain times and preparation for weddings. Please contact the Rectory at least six months in advance to begin the process.

REGISTRATION

Every family and person within the parish is encouraged to register with the Parish.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Celebrated on the 2nd Sunday of the month at 2:00 p.m. A required Baptism preparation meeting for parents meets on the first Monday of the month at 8:00 p.m. Godparents are welcome. Please register in advance for the class and Baptism. Godparent Pre-Requisites: Godparents must be practicing Catholics in good standing, 16 years of age or older, Baptized and Confirmed Catholic.

ON BECOMING A CATHOLIC

Those seeking information about the Catholic Faith are invited to contact Fr. Valentine at the Rectory at (516) 621-2222.

CARE OF THE SICK

Please notify the Rectory and Human Concerns Ministries if there is anyone seriously ill so that we can provide spiritual care.

PLEASE PRAY  FOR THE SICK

Kathleen Capuano
Rebekah Cole
Kevin Cronin
Paul Cronin
Joseph V. Danbusky
John Damiano
Jessica Dawson
Linda De Stio
John Paul DiNonno
Kieran Doran
James Dougherty
Eric DuBois
Members of Ferreira
Family
Noel Glen
Stephen Grabher
Roberta Greco

Christine Kenney
Frank Krukowski
John LaPreziosa
Janet Levchuck
Richard Malon
Marilyn Manning
Stuey Manzione
Justin Paradine
Diana Pearce
Karen Petrik
Marion Prendergast
Gregory Racaniello
Jaxon Rivera
Clotida Vecchione
Ronald Webb
Anne Wright
Mary Wybaillie


**MASS INTENTIONS
FOR THE WEEK**

Sunday, December 17: 3rd Sunday in Advent

- 7:30 a.m. People of the Parish
- 9:00 a.m. Mary & Carmin Dellavecchia
by Charles & Linda Dellavecchia
- 11:00 a.m. Dolores O'Hara
by Richard O'Hara
Giovanna Tiberia
by Tony & Antonietta Ardivini
- 12:30 p.m. Deceased members of the Muller & McNichol Families
by Lorraine Muller & Gail Muller

Monday, December 18: Advent Weekday

- 9:00 a.m. Christian Ardito
by Timothy Cronin

Tuesday, December 19: Advent Weekday

- 9:00 a.m. Irene & Francis McCaffrey
by Richard O'Hara

Wednesday, December 20: Advent Weekday

- 9:00 a.m. For the departed soul of Dr. Rodolfo Magpantay - 3rd Anniversary of his Death
by Dr. Esmeralda Magpantay

Thursday, December 21: Advent Weekday

- 9:00 a.m. Alexander Levchuck, Michael and Gertrude Hochla
by The Family

Friday, December 22: Advent Weekday


- 9:00 a.m. Alba Garavito
by Tulia Garavito


Saturday, December 23: Advent Weekday

- 5:00 p.m. Patricia Labbe
by Liz and Jimmy Kilderry
Cornelia Massimo
by Her Daughter
Lucyan Wierzbicki - On His Birthday
in Heaven
by Wierzbicki & Hermann Family

Sunday, December 24: 4th Sunday in Advent,

- 7:30 a.m. Michael A. Friend
by Elsie Calderone
- 9:00 a.m. Dolores O'Hara
by Richard O'Hara
- 11:00 a.m. Giuseppina & Francesco Aversa
by The Family
- 12:30 p.m. People of the Parish


**January and February
mass intentions are still
available if you would like
to have a mass said for a
loved one.**
Please call the rectory office at (516) 621-2222.

 Just a reminder all St. Mary's Masses are on Youtube link
<https://tinyurl.com/St-Marys-Roslyn>

READINGS FOR SUNDAY

December 17, 2023
3rd Sunday of Advent - Year B

First Reading: Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11
 Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
 Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28

FOCUS: Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.

In today's readings Isaiah, Paul, and John the Baptist rejoice because they have Good News. God is with them and working through them. They are anointed, blessed, and sent to do God's will. On this Gaudete Sunday, we, too, find reason to rejoice. Let us rejoice in sharing the Good News of Christ.

LITURGY OF THE WORD: In the first reading, Isaiah is anointed by the Lord and sent to announce a day of vindication by our God. In the second reading, Paul encourages the Thessalonians to always rejoice, pray, and give thanks. In the Gospel, John the Baptist testifies to the light and says he is the voice of one crying out in the desert, "make straight the way of the Lord."

Readings for next week, Sunday December 24, 2023

- 1) 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16
 2) Romans 16:25-27 3) Luke 1:26-38

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FOSTERING STEWARDSHIP
AS A WAY OF LIFE

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING

As Christmas approaches, do not become stressed out with shopping, cooking and preparing—rejoice in God's love for us and deepen your prayer life.

Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary

Sunday Offering ~ December 10 \$6,425.00*
 Same Week Last Year \$5,923.00*

Mass Attendance for ~ December 10 588
 Same Week Last Year 594

Faith Direct

November 2023 \$9,638
 (4 Sundays at \$2,410 per week)

November 2022 \$10,048
 (4 Sundays at \$2,512 per week)
 (Prepared 12-4-23)

**Does not include Faith Direct*

Celebrants for the Weekend of December 23/24, 2023, 4th Sunday of Advent

Date	Location	Mass Time	Celebrants*	Lector
December 23rd	Hall	5:00 p.m.	Fr. Valentine	Phyllisann Kalenka - L
December 24th	Church	7:30 a.m.	Fr. Valentine	Rob Timmerman - L
	Church	9:00 a.m.	Fr. Lauder	Virginia Eyerman- L Phil Kirk - EM
	Church	11:00 a.m.	Fr. Valentine	Cathy Vanatta - L
	Hall	12:30 p.m.	Fr. Valentine	Volunteer's Needed

Celebrants for Christmas Eve and Day - December 24/25, 2023

Date	Location	Mass Time	Celebrants*	Lector
December 24th	Hall	4:00 p.m. (Choir)	Fr. Valentine	Jason Ferreira - L
	Church	6:00 p.m.	Fr. Valentine	Paul Ditrano - L
	Church	10:00 p.m.	Fr. Valentine	Phyllisann Kalenka - L
December 25th	Church	7:30 a.m.	Fr. Valentine	Mary Doran - L
	Church	9:00 a.m.	Fr. Lauder	Jackie Doyle - L
	Church	11:00 a.m. (Choir)	Fr. Valentine	Lora Lofaro - L
	Hall	12:30 p.m.	Fr. Valentine	Virginia Eyerman - L

The Pastor's Page

Dear Friends:

In the early days of Christianity, the Greek-speaking Fathers explained the relationship between “worldly” wisdom and the truth of the Gospel. Teachers like St. Clement of Alexandria suggest that, just as God prepared the Jewish people for the coming of Christ through the events of the Old Testament, so too did he ready the rest of us for him by the great insights of philosophy. The latter is a form of truth that relies strictly on the workings of the mind, and the former, on reason aided by divine revelation. Catholics lay claim to this double tradition unapologetically. The truths of faith introduce us to the person of Christ, but secular wisdom—i.e., the arts and sciences—allows us to preach the Gospel in a way that makes sense to the people of our time. The liturgical calendar expresses this beautiful symbiosis in word and imagery.

If there is one Advent hymn that most of us recognize, it is “O Come, O Come Emmanuel.” We sing it—usually, out of the correct order, and at the wrong worship service. (Don’t tell the liturgists!) It comes from a 6th-century source, the so-called “O Antiphons.” According to the Catholic Encyclopedia, these were short invocations for each of the seven days before Christmas Eve, recited during Vespers (evening prayer) at the Canticle of Our Lady (the “Magnificat”). Addressed to Christ himself, their imagery is drawn from the Old Testament book of the prophet Isaiah. One might question whether, given his Old Testament status, Isaiah had any way of anticipating the birth of Jesus. In fact, the “messiah” the prophet probably had in mind was Hezekiah, a reforming king who would restore order and fidelity to God among the people. Still, the biblical concept of prophecy is not the same as “predicting

the future”; rather, it is better to regard prophecy as a matter of “promise and fulfillment.” Perhaps as events unfolded in salvation history, the early Christians grasped the deeper meaning of Isaiah’s prophecies better than he could. And so, if the prevailing job description of the Messiah was that of the “conquering hero” who would lead Israel’s armies and preside over an earthly monarchy, then clearly, Jesus was not the Messiah. But if by contrast we mean a kingdom “not of this world” (Jn. 18:36), then the royal, military, and “particularist” language of the prophet (of Israel) takes on universal significance for all peoples for whom Christ died. Let us consider the words of the antiphons.



As I read them, the first, fifth, and sixth antiphons address Christ in ways that secular people can grasp: Wisdom (*Sapientia*), Dawn (*Oriens*), and King of the Nations (*Rex Gentium*). Christ appears as the highest power: of the mind, in

nature, and among the family of mankind. What is most virtuous, powerful, and noblest in human existence finds its origin in the Divine Word. The second, third, and fourth antiphons situate Jesus within salvation history: Lord (*Adonai*), the Root of Jesse (*Radix Jesse*), and Key of David (*Clavis David*). Jesus is the epitome and fulfillment of the Mosaic Law, the Flowering of the Chosen People in whom the nations find salvation, and the King of Heaven. The seventh antiphon is a blend of heavenly and mundane perfections: God with Us (*Emmanuel*). Jesus *can* save us because he is divine, and *does* save us because he is one of us. May we yearn for Christ with ever greater ardor each passing day.

Faithfully,
Fr. Valentine

REMEMBERING THOSE WHO SERVE



Lord, hold these men and women in your loving hands and protect them as they protect us and bless them for their self-forgetting acts. We pray for peace in our world and an end to war. Amen.

1LT Doug Alessi
 CAPT Peter Clarke
 CAPT Brendan Echausse
 COL Daniel Friend
 SGT Joseph M. Friend
 CDR Christian R. Foschi
 CAPT Daniel Grabher
 PFC Steven Hyyti
 CAPT David Jacobs
 SK1 John D. Klick
 PFC Michael P. Lanciki
 MAJOR Eric W. Lipp

LCpl Caitlin Lyons
 LT Dennis Mackin
 Cpl Tommy Mozer
 SGT Julio Ortiz II
 LCpl Jonathan Peres
 GSGT Jonathan Porto
 LT James Raphael
 PVT Michael Starczewski
 SGT Luke Whitting
 RCT Jordan J. Williams

300 Club

Congratulations
to the following winners selected
for the month of November.

1st place \$250.00
415 Domenica Simonetti

2nd place \$100.00
199 Father Robert Lauder

3rd place \$50.00
444 Daniel & Jane Lynch



Christmas Tree Lighting and Festivities



St Mary's Christmas Mass Schedule

*Sunday, December 24th
Christmas Eve*

4:00 pm (Choir) - Msgr. Ryan Hall
6:00 pm - Church
10:00 pm - Church

*Monday, December 25th
Christmas Day*

7:30 am - 9:00 am - Church
11:00 am (Choir) - Church
12:30 pm - Msgr. Ryan Hall



Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God - Monday, January 1st - 9:00 am Mass-Church



Christmas Flowers and Greens

St. Mary's has the custom of a Flower Fund to provide flowers for the altar and sanctuary in the church and Msgr. Ryan Hall at Christmas. If you wish to make a donation to our Christmas Flowers and Greens in memory of a loved one, **please return your envelope that you will receive in the mail to the Rectory or place it in the collection basket.** There are extra envelopes at the doors of the Church and Hall.



Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel



St. Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle.

Be our protector against the
wickedness and snares of
the devil.

May God rebuke him,
we humbly pray;
And do Thou,

O Prince of the Heavenly
Host,

by the power of God,
cast into hell Satan,
and all the evil spirits
who prowl about the world
seeking the ruin of souls.

Amen

Religious Education at St Mary's - 12/17/2023

Cookies and Catechists continues to be a great bonding time for our program! Please continue to show your support by joining us after each grade level Mass in the lower church. It's such a joy to share our time together in this way. ❤️

Please keep in mind...
Classes will not meet on
December 26th - Christmas Break
January 2nd - Happy New Year!

Next Grade Level Masses:

Levels 1-4 Mass on January 7th
Levels 5-8 Mass on January 14th

KID'S CORNER

The Messenger of Peace Word-find

V Y E A R P O O R B
I C S P I R I T R O
N A A N N O U N C E
D P K G F C E S L N
I T G O A L H E I T
C I L D V A E N B I
A V A N O I N T E D
T E D A U M R T R I
I S L O R D E D T N
O R E L A S E Y G
N P R I S O N E R S

See if you can find the words in CAPITALS from today's first reading in the puzzle. Use the left-over letters to fill in the blanks in the reading.

The SPIRIT of the Lord God is upon me, because the LORD has ANOINTED me; he has SENT me to bring GLAD TIDINGS to the POOR, to heal the _____ to PROCLAIM LIBERTY to CAPTIVES



and RELEASE to the PRISONERS, to ANNOUNCE a YEAR of FAVOUR from the Lord and a day of VINDICATION by our GOD.



What does Saint John the Evangelist say about Saint John the Baptist at the beginning of the Gospel? Read the words you pass as you go through the maze.

Was the priest who offered Mass today wearing pink vestments? The colour pink, or rose, is a sign of joy. We use it for the third Sunday of Advent because we are happy that we're half-way to Christmas! If you have an Advent wreath, it's time to light the pink candle!



Entrance Lo, He Comes With Clouds Descending



1. Lo! he comes with clouds de - scend - ing, Once for
 2. Eve - ry eye shall now be - hold him Robed in
 3. Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion Still his
 4. Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, High on



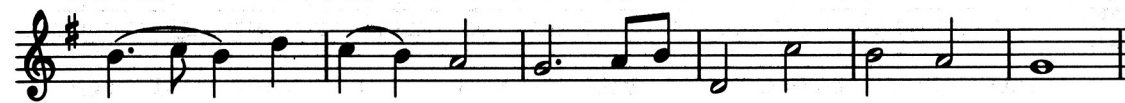
our sal - va - tion slain; Thou - sand thou - sand
 dread - ful maj - es - ty; Those who set at
 daz - zling bod - y bears; Cause of end - less
 thine e - ter - nal throne; Sav - ior, take the



saints at - tend - ing, Swell the tri - umph of his
 naught and sold him, Pierced and nailed him to the
 ex - ul - ta - tion To his ran - somed wor - ship -
 pow'r and glo - ry, Claim the king - dom for thine




train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 tree, Deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
 pers; With what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
 own; Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!




Al - le - lu - ia! Christ our God re - turns to reign.
 deep - ly wail - ing, Shall the true Mes - si - ah see.
 with what rap - ture, Gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

Responsorial Psalm



My soul re - joic - es, my soul re - joic - es in my God.

Offertory Awake, Awake and Greet the New Morn




1. A - wake! a - wake, and greet the new morn, For
 2. To us, to all in sor - row and fear, Em -
 3. In dark - est night his com - ing shall be, When
 4. Re - joice, re - joice, take heart in the night, Though




an - gels her - ald its dawn - ing, Sing out your joy, for
 man - u - el comes a - sing - ing, His hum - ble song is
 all the world is de - spair - ing, As morn - ing light so
 dark the win - ter and cheer - less, The ris - ing sun shall



now he is born, Be - hold! the Child of our long - ing.
 qui - et and near, Yet fills the earth with its ring - ing;
 qui - et and free, So warm and gen - tle and car - ing.
 crown you with light, Be strong and lov - ing and fear - less;



Come as a ba - by weak and poor, To bring all hearts to -
 Mu - sic to heal the bro - ken soul And hymns of lov - ing
 Then shall the mute break forth in song, The lame shall leap in
 Love be our song and love our prayer, And love, our end - less



geth - er, He o - pens wide the heav'n - ly door And
 kind - ness, The thun - der of his an - thems roll To
 won - der, The weak be raised a - bove the strong, And
 sto - ry, May God fill ev - 'ry day we share, And



lives now in - side us for ev - er.
 shat - ter all ha - tred and blind - ness.
 weap - ons be bro - ken a - sun - der.
 bring us at last in - to glo - ry.

Holy, Holy, Holy
 Acclamation
 Great Amen
 Agnus Dei

Save Us, Savior of the World

Schubert Mass
 Schubert Mass
 Schubert Mass

Communion

O Come, O Come Emmanuel



1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el,
 2. O come, O Wis - dom from on high,
 3. O come, O come, great Lord of might,
 4. O come, O Rod of Jes - se's stem,
 5. O come, O Key of Da - vid, come,



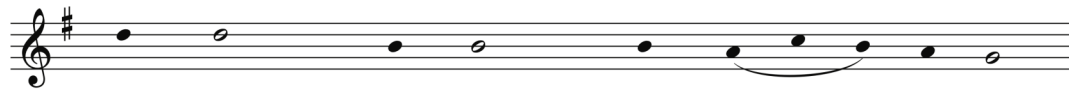
And ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el,
 Who or - der all things might - i - ly;
 Who to your tribes on Si - nai's height
 From ev - 'ry foe de - liv - er them
 And o - pen wide our heav'n - ly home;



That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 To us the path of knowl - edge show,
 In an - cient times once gave the Law
 That trust your might - y power to save,
 Make safe the way that leads on high,



Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 And teach us in her ways to go.
 In cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.
 And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.
 And close the path to mis - er - y.



Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el
 Gau - de! Gau - de! Em - man - u - el



Shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.
 Na - scé - tur pro te Ís - ra - el.

Recessional

O Come, Divine Messiah



1. O come, Di - vine Mes - si - ah, The world in si - lence
 2. O come De - sired of na - tions, Whom priest and proph - et
 3. O come in peace and meek - ness, For low - ly will your



waits the day When hope shall sing its tri - umph, And
 long fore - told, Will break the cap - tive fet - ters, Re -
 cra - dle be: Though clothed in hu - man weak - ness We



sad - ness flee a - way.
 deem the long - lost fold. Dear Sav - ior,
 shall your God - head see.



haste! Come, come to earth. Dis - pel the



night and show your face, And bid us hail the dawn of



grace. O come, Di - vine Mes - si - ah, The



world in si - lence waits the day When hope shall sing its



tri - umph, And sad - ness flee a - way.

Text: *Venez, divin Messie*; Abbé Simon-Joseph Pellegrin, 1663-1745; tr. by S. Mary of St. Philip, 1877
 Tune: VENEZ, DIVIN MESSIE, 7 8 7 6 with refrain; French Noël, 16th C.; harm. by Healey Willan, 1880-1968

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