

St. Mary's & St. Joan of Arc Parishes
Second Sunday of Advent
December 9/10, 2017

Masses This Week:

- Sat., Dec. 9, 5 PM Vigil – St. Mary's**
Cindy Mlasgar by Fran & Jimmy Gargiulo
- Sun., Dec. 10, 9 AM – St. Joan's**
Terry Egan Hollis by the Periard Family
11 AM – St. Mary's
Rev. Vernon Ross by St. Mary's Parish Family
- Mon., Dec. 11, 9 AM – St. Mary's**
Joseph McDaniel by Fran and Jimmy Gargiulo
- Tues., Dec. 12, 9 AM – Communion Service Madison Lane**
10 AM – Crouse Comm. Center
Charles Schultz
- Wed., Dec. 13, 9 AM – St. Mary's**
Cindy Mlasgar by the Mlasgar Family
5 PM – Colgate (Judd Chapel)
- Thurs., Dec. 14, 9 AM – St. Mary's**
Mike Hotaling by Karen Hotaling
- Sat., Dec. 16, 5 PM Vigil – St. Mary's**
For the People of St. Mary's and St. Joan's
- Sun., Dec. 17, 9 AM – St. Joan's**
Anna Bono by the Brooks Family
11 AM – St. Mary's
Nancy Petrenko by Cate Sullivan
9 PM – Colgate (Memorial Chapel)

This Week's Events

- St. Mary's**
Sun., Dec. 10, 9:30 AM – Grades K–8 Faith Formation
Mon., Dec. 11, 5:30 PM – Pastoral Council Retreat, Chapel House
Wed. Dec. 13, 6:30 PM – Adult Faith Formation
Sun., Dec. 17, 9:30 AM – Grades K–8 Faith Formation
- St. Joan's**
Sun., Dec. 10, 8:30 AM – Rosary
9:45 AM – Grades K–8 Faith Formation
9:45 AM Parish Social
12:30 PM – High School Faith Formation
Tues., Dec. 12, 6:30-8:30 PM – Boy Scouts
Thurs. Dec. 14, 5 PM – Friendship Inn
Sun., Dec. 17, 8:35 AM – Rosary
9:45 AM – Parish Social
9:45 AM – Grades K-8 Faith Formation
12:30 PM – High School Faith Formation

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER HAGE

We have been hearing a lot about St. John the Baptist in our Sunday readings during the Advent season. He is one who is crying out in the desert, "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." As believers, we prepare the way for the Lord primarily by how we live, and not so much by what we say. An authentically lived Christian witness is the most powerful way someone can have an encounter with the Lord. Our holiness of life is what will attract people to faith.

The one thing that can cloud an authentically lived Christian witness is sin. Sin can obscure God's image within us. Sin is a reality, but it is a reality that we, as Catholics, are not afraid to face up. Hence, the gift of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Each time we celebrate this sacrament of mercy, we receive the grace to leave behind that which holds us down. In the confessional we take a step toward more perfect freedom and more convincing authenticity. Why is that? Because in the Sacrament of Reconciliation we celebrate the fact that God's love is greater than our sin.

This Advent season, I invite you to return to the Lord in a renewed way by celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Even if you have not been in a while, have no fear! I will be happy to walk you through it when you arrive. There is nothing that brings me greater joy than hearing someone's confession because I get to see them walk out of the confessional with a renewed confidence in God's love for them. All you have to do is come. Remember, God's love and God's mercy is greater. Put your trust in His mercy.

Mary Immaculate and Saint Joan of Arc, pray for us!

Light Is On Campaign

Monday, Dec. 18, from 4 to 8 PM
at St. Mary's.

Come celebrate the
Sacrament of Reconciliation.



Ministers for Liturgy

5 PM (12/16) – St. Mary’s

Lector: V. Fry

Eucharistic Ministers: J. Connors & K. Hyde

Altar Server: M. & B. Craven

Ushers: D. Kirby

Gift Bearers: L & M. Nolan

9 AM (12/17) – St. Joan’s

Lector: P. Curtis & Kids

Eucharistic Ministers: E. Gray & S. Jones

Altar Servers: D. & K. Koehl

Greeter: Kids

Gift Bearers: Kids

Counters: D. Koehl & C. Doroshenko

11 AM (12/17) – St. Mary’s

Commentator: M. Crafa

Lector: 1st & 2nd Graders

Eucharistic Ministers: J. Swain & P. VanVoorhis

Altar Servers: A. LaFrance & J. VanVoorhis

Ushers: M. Curtis

Gift Bearers: 1st & 2nd Graders

Consolation Ministers –December

St. Joan’s – Dorothy Lynch (684-3855),

Barb Wolicki (684-3635), Lona Dahlem (495-6478), and Chuck Molloy (684-9398)

St. Mary’s – Sylvia Roe (824-2259)

PCA Penance Service

The next Penance Service for our Pastoral Care Area, which includes St. Mary’s, St. Joan’s, St. Bernard’s in Waterville, and St. Joseph’s in Oriskany Falls, will take place this afternoon at 5pm at Saint Bernard’s in Waterville. This is an opportunity for you to go to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation with other priests from around the diocese.

Second Collection this Weekend

The annual Cathedraicum collection (for the support of our bishop) will be taken up at masses this week. Thank you!

Blessing of the Bambinelli

Next week, the third Sunday of Advent, Father Hage will celebrate the Roman tradition, “Blessing of the Bambinelli,” at all Masses at St Joan of Arc and St Mary’s. Families are asked to bring the baby Jesus statue from your family nativity scene for the blessing. If you do not have a Nativity scene at home, Deacon Paul will provide you with a statue of Jesus in the manger.

Please Offer Prayers:

For those who are ill, especially: Louise MacDonnell, Michael K. Dugan, Joan Dahlem, John Moore, Amber Buell, Brenda Thieben, Bob Gunther, David Lemery, Alex LaBrague, Nancy Cocker, Dick Cocker, Phyllis Harris, Jacob Lamb, Grace Runyon, Mike Harry, Mary Lou Sacco Crouch, James Marcellus, Mandy McCracken, Gertrude Federici, Helen Bonhotal, Nicholas Respecki, James P. Sheehan, Bethany Merenda, Jeannette Kidd, Denise Romeo Luther, Betty Roher, Jim Jackson, Jim Eiholzer, Catherine Jones, Catherine Albrecht Hanson, Pat Roher, Mike Avery, Fran Hurley, Thelma Belitz, Bonnie Avery, Theresa Blass, Mary Messere, Kaitlin Nagle, Debbie Shay, Richard Foligno, Francis Nilles, Eddie Kunze, Rosemary Smith, Valorie Gunther, Michelle Atkinson, Diane Needham, Patti VanVoorhis, Mary Endris, Anthony Somma, Toni and Larry Barns, John Sweeney, Hailey Fish, Pat Utter, Alyssa Hinkis, Carol Benzoni, Fred & Bernice Whipple, Anne Gaulding, Michael Little, Julie Brooks and all the folks on our prayer lines.

For all in the Military, especially: LT Robert P. (Reserves) and LTJG Andrew G. Kraynak; SPC Ryan Fowler; 2LT Shelly Respecki; SGT Wade Curtis; PO Dan Molloy, USN; SGT Ian Witchley; LT Andrew Stopchick, USN; GySgt Greg Palmere, USMC; COL Kim Parsons Daub; and LC Wayne Lyrek, USMC.

Advent Faith Formation Series for Adults!

Our time with Matthew Kelly’s book, *Rediscover Catholicism*, will continue this Wednesday at 6:30pm in St. Mary’s Church Hall. If you didn’t get a chance to attend the first meeting, please feel free to attend this meeting. We would love to have you..

Flu Season Is Back

As you know, flu season is back and we need to take precautions as a community to protect ourselves from the spread of illness. If you are feeling ill on a particular Sunday, please refrain from participating in the sign of peace as well as receiving from the chalice. This is an act of charity if you are feeling ill because you can spare your neighbor from some miserable days. So please use the virtue of prudence during this winter season. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

St. Joan of Arc News

St. Joan's Financial Support – 12/3

Ordinary Collection	\$1,506.25
Christmas Flowers	238.00
Thanksgiving Baskets	170.00
Christmas Project	125.00
Unbound	25.00

Unbound

Thank you for your support of Unbound and our sponsored child, Andrea. Your generous gifts really make a difference in her families lives.

Decorating St. Joan's church for Christmas will begin next Sunday, Dec. 17, following the 9 AM Mass. Help will be needed.



Parish Social this Sunday

Please join us for our monthly Parish Social following Mass this Sunday, December 10. Our hosts are Caprise Kilts & Dolores Taylor. Thank you to our hosts and cooks!

Holy Cross Academy Fudge Sale This Weekend

Holy Cross Academy students will be selling fudge after mass this weekend. Milk Chocolate, Dark Chocolate, Heath, White Peppermint & Rocky Road - \$9#.

St. Mary's News

St. Mary's Parish Financial Support – 12/3

Ordinary Collection	\$2,721.00
Fuel	265.00
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Christmas Flowers	20.00
Clerical Funds	389.00

St. Mary's Parish Financial Support Previous Year

Ordinary Collection	\$2,872.00
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Please remember us in your will

Altar Care

Jen Follett (824-3683), Janice Swain (529-8755), Jan Oley (824-0170), & Diane Needham (750-5040)

Immaculata Award

The Immaculate Award is Sunday, December 10, at 2:30 PM at the Cathedral. Gary and Bonnie Will are the recipients of this year's award.

Faith Formation

All classes will meet next week. The 1st and 2nd graders will meet at St Mary's Church at 9:30 to prepare for the 11:00 Mass.

High school students meet at 12:30 at St. Joan of Arc.

Christmas Flowers

The envelopes for Christmas flowers are on the windowsills and at the back of the church. Please take an envelope and make a donation in memory of loved ones.

Immaculata Award Reception

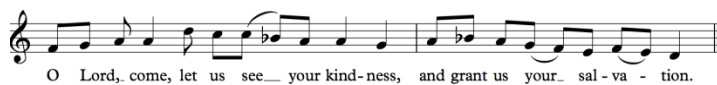
Please join us today, December 9, after the 5 PM Mass at St. Mary's for a wine and cheese reception for Bonnie and Gary Will, the recipients of this year's Immaculata Award. All are invited.

Christmas Pageant

All parishioners are welcome to join us for the Annual Christmas Pageant on Thursday, Dec. 21, at 6PM at the LaFrance's barn on Gorton Road. Join us for dinner, caroling, blessings, and fellowship as we celebrate the true meaning of Christmas. Chili, macaroni and cheese, cookies, coffee, and hot chocolate will be served for dinner. If you would like to contribute to the food, signup sheets will be posted at the Parish Center and in the Church Hall. As we witness the Nativity scene in the barn, those interested can lay baby gifts at the crèche, which will be donated to CareNet in Morrisville.

As an Advent activity students will be saying extra prayers, doing good deeds, helping others, and will receive straw as their reward, which can then be laid in the manger during the Pageant.

Students interested in participating in the Pageant, please contact Mrs. Rhyde. Special thanks to the LaFrance family, and the Tomcho and VanVoorhis families for providing animals to fill the barn.



O Lord, come, let us see your kind-ness, and grant us your sal - va - tion.

