

**St. Mary's & St. Joan of Arc Parishes**  
**Third Sunday of Advent**  
**December 15, 2019**

**Masses this Week:**

- Sat., December 14, 5 PM Vigil – St. Mary's**  
Berenice Osborne by her Family
- Sun., December 15 – 9 AM - St. Joan's**  
Peter Menotti by Esther Davis & Family  
**11 AM – St. Mary's**  
David Follett by Jennifer, Stephen, & Scott  
**9 PM – Colgate Memorial Chapel**
- Mon., December 16, 8 AM – St. Mary's**  
Mike Hotaling by Karen Hotaling
- Tues., December 17, 8 AM – St. Joan's**  
Immaculate Heart of Mary
- Wed., December 18, 8 AM – St. Mary's**  
For the People of St. Mary's and St. Joan's  
**5 PM – Colgate Judd Chapel**
- Thurs., December 19, 8 AM – St. Mary's**  
Helen Dinneen Daly by Jim, John, and David Dinneen
- Sat., December 21, 5 PM Vigil**  
Joanie (Sane) Cahak by Claudia Roedl & Rick Sane
- Sun., December 22, 9 AM – St. Joan's**  
Jonathan Brooks by A Friend  
**11 AM – St. Mary's**

**This Week's Events**

**St. Mary's**

- Sun., Dec. 15, 12:30 PM – Christmas Pageant  
Mon., Dec. 16, 7:15 PM – Catholic Youth Night  
Tues., Dec. 17, 6:30 PM – Bible Study  
Thurs., Dec. 19, 1-2 PM – Grassroots Book Club  
Fri., 5 PM – Wedding Rehearsal  
Sat., Dec. 21, 2 PM – Wedding  
6 PM – Dinner & a Movie

**St. Joan's**

- Sun., Dec. 15, 8:30 AM – Rosary  
Mon., Dec. 16, 4-7PM – Light Is On Campaign  
Wed., Dec. 18, 7 PM – Adult Faith Formation  
Thurs., Dec. 19, 5 PM – Friendship Inn  
Sun., Dec. 22, 8:30 AM – Rosary

**Dinner & a Movie**

December's Dinner and a Movie is *The Holiday*, starring Kate Winslet, Cameron Diaz, Jude Law, and Jack Black, being shown on Saturday 12/21 at 6pm. Dinner will be a family style Christmas Dinner. All are welcome.

**Advent Adult Faith Formation Series**

Please plan on attending our St. Mary's & St. Joan's Advent Adult Faith Formation Series that will take place at St. Joan of Arc in Morrisville every Wednesday at 7PM during Advent. We will be covering Bishop Robert Barron's new book, *Letter to a Suffering Church*. A free book will be provided when you attend.

**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 than our sin. Put your trust in His mercy. I hope to see you this Monday at St. Joan's in Morrisville when Father Carey and I will be available to hear confessions in the church from 4pm to 7pm. Mary Immaculate and Saint Joan of Arc, pray for us!

**The Light Is On Campaign**

St. Mary's & St. Joan's Light Is On Campaign will take place on Monday, December 16 from 4pm to 7pm at St. Joan of Arc in Morrisville. Both Father Carey and Father Hage will be available to hear Confessions. Please take advantage of this opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. There will also be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the church while confessions are being heard.



## **Ministers for Liturgy**

**5 PM (12-21) - St. Mary's**

**Commentator:** G. Will

**Lector:** D. Sharp

**Eucharistic Ministers:** L. Nolan & B. Will

**Altar Servers:** B. Sharp-Ballinger

**Usher:** J. Lloyd

**Gift Bearers:** K. Barrett

**9 AM (12-22) – St. Joan's**

**Lector:** M. Bischoff

**Eucharistic Ministers:** J. Parker & K. Rowlands

**Altar Servers:** A. & K. Koehl

**Greeter:** B. Donnelly

**Gift Bearers:** Zaaleski Family

**Counters:** C. Doroshenko & E. Gray

**11 AM (12-22) – St. Mary's**

**Commentator/Lector:** D. Dudrick

**Eucharistic Ministers:** J. Swain & S. Lehmann

**Altar Servers:** M. Stahl & A. Beecher

**Usher:** J. Whipple

**Gift Bearers:** Langel Family

## **Consolation Ministers – December**

**St. Joan's** – Dorothy Lynch (684-3855), Lona Dahlem (495-6478), & Chuck Molloy (684-9398)

**St. Mary's** – Nancy Roberts (824-3097) & B. Will (691-1680)

## **Advent Penance Service**

St. Joseph's Church in Oneida will be hosting our regional Advent Penance Service on Sunday, December 15 at 4pm. Multiple priests, including Father Hage, will be available to hear Confessions. Please take advantage of this opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

## **New Parish Bible Study!**

The next parish Bible Study will take place on Tuesday, December 17. This Bible study will meet on a monthly basis every third Tuesday of the month from 6:30 – 8 PM. In *The Eucharist in Scripture*, discover God's plan as it is expressed through the Bible and the Mass. This six-lesson study, presented by Dr. Scott Hahn, will unlock the meaning of covenant, sacrifice, and sacrament as understood in the Bible, from Genesis through Revelation. Built around three of Dr. Hahn's foundational talks: "The Lamb's Supper," "The Fourth Cup", and "Consuming the Word". The Eucharist in Scripture examines the Church's liturgy as the original context for the books of the Bible.

### **Christmas Mass Schedule 2019**

**Christmas Vigil Masses:** 4pm at St. Mary's; 7pm at St. Joan's (w/Christmas Pageant); 10pm at St. Mary's  
**Christmas Day Mass:** 11am at St. Mary's

## **Please Offer Prayers:**

**For those who are ill, especially:** Louise MacDonnell, Michael K. Dugan, John Moore, Amber Buell, Brenda Thieben, Bob Gunther, David Lemery, Alex LaBrague, Nancy Cocker, Dick Cocker, Phyllis Harris, Jacob Lamb, Mike Harry, Mary Lou Sacco Crouch, James Marcellus, Mandy McCracken, Gertrude Federici, Helen Bonhotal, Nicholas Respecki, James P. Sheehan, Bethany Merenda, Jeannette Kidd, Jim Jackson, Jim Eiholzer, Catherine Jones, Catherine Albrecht Hanson, Theresa Blass, Mary Messere, Kaitlin Nagle, Richard Foligno, Eddie Kunze, Valorie Gunther, Michelle Atkinson, Diane Needham, Anthony Somma, Toni and Larry Barns, Alyssa Hinkis, Carol Benzoni, John Wells, Fred Whipple, Bobby D'Angelo, Hannah Karlson, Mike & Sarah Periard, Dana Camp, Emily Carroll, Gertrude and Malcolm Pownall, Roy Rolle, Roy Roher, Mark Losee, Thomas Fadale, Joan Gorton, John Monahan, Christine Webb, Patti VanVoorhis, Carolyn Depta, Margaret Peer, Joanne Morreale, Marsha Roberts, Michael Bartlett, Barbara Terras, and all those on our prayer lines.

**For all in the Military, especially:** SPC Ryan Fowler; 2LT Shelly Respecki; SGT Wade Curtis; PO Dan Molloy, USN; SGT Ian Witchley; LT Andrew Stopchick, USN; GySgt Greg Palmere, USMC; and Corp. Wayne Lyrek, USMC.

## **Winter Cancelation Notices**

All church activities at both St. Mary's & St. Joan's will be canceled whenever after-school activities are canceled at Hamilton or Morrisville Schools. Stay safe!

## **Calling All High School Musicians!**

We would like to make our Christmas Vigil Masses a wonderful musical celebration. Father Hage is asking that all St. Mary's teens consider singing/playing an instrument for the 4pm Christmas Vigil Mass at St. Mary's and that all St. Joan's teens consider singing/playing an instrument at the 7pm Christmas Vigil Mass at St. Joan's. Father would really like our young people's talents to be featured at these holy Masses. Please contact the parish office if your teen would be interested in participating. All they have to do is show up an hour and a half before the Masses begin for a one-time rehearsal. Anyone who participates will also get a gift certificate to New York Pizzeria!

## **Catholic Youth Night**

Looking forward to seeing all high school students at the next Teen Night on December 16 at 7:15pm. We will be celebrating the Christmas season with Chinese Food, a gingerbread house decorating contest, and prayer. As always, friends are welcome.

## **New Beginnings**

Advent would be a great time to consider a new beginning. If you have ever considered joining the Catholic Church or being confirmed in the faith, now is a good time to start the exploration to see if it is right for you. We are just beginning our pro-

cess for this year now so contact Deacon Paul at dcpaullehmenn@gmail.com or call him at (315) 794-1393.

**Fudge**

Holy Cross Academy in Oneida will be selling fudge after all Masses on December 21/22. There are many varieties of homemade fudge to choose, \$9 a pound. Any questions contact Ian Domes at 825-8389.

**Stewardship Prayer**

Generous God, I give thanks to You for the gifts You've given me; my life, my family, my friends, time, talent, and material possessions. All that I have comes from you. Guide me in sharing Your gifts, passing Your love along. I give glory to You, my God, as I make stewardship a way of life. Amen.

**Ministry Opportunity: Worn Again**

Over 20 years ago, with Father John Madden and a few ARS members, Worn Again was born. Father John felt there was a need for gently used clothing for people in need. It started small and has grown to its current location at Parry's. It is opened on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 10 to 4. Volunteers donate two hours of their time to sort and organize clothes and attend to customers in the store. In May we have a great sale, as a result of the clothes donated from Colgate students as they end their semester. The money generated from this sale of clothing in the store and the "BigSale" is distributed to the churches who support our ministry with clothing and of course volunteers, and many other organizations that benefit the needs of people in our community. Father Maddens's vision and desire to serve others has continued to grow. Please consider a two-hour volunteer opportunity to help. Call (315) 825-0226 if you are interested in helping. We are also always looking for gently used clothing, and there is very often a need for young children's clothes. Keep us in mind

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**St. Joan of Arc News**

**St. Joan's Financial Support – 12-8**

Ordinary Collection	\$1,294.84
Christmas Flowers	110.00
Christmas Project	1,250.00
Thanksgiving Baskets	25.00
Cathedraticum	5.00
Military Services	10.00
Faith Formation	40.00

**Unbound**

Thank you for your continued support of Unbound and little Andrea.

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**Mary's News**

**Altar Care**

December – Diane Needham (750-5040) & N. Roberts (824-3097).

**St. Mary's Parish Financial Support – 12-1**

Ordinary Collection	\$2,263.00
Immaculate Conception	213.00
Thanksgiving	1005.00
Christmas Flowers	373.00
Fuel	140.00
Cathedraticum	89.00

*Please remember us in your will*

**Faith Formation Classes**

All Grades Pre K through High School will meet for Faith Formation. Grade 5 will participate in the 11AM Mass. The students will meet for class in the Church at 9:30 to prepare for the Mass. No classes next Sunday. Classes will resume on January 13, 2020.

**Annual Christmas Pageant**

St. Mary's Faith Formation students will present the story of the Nativity, at the annual Christmas Pageant, Sunday December 15, 12:30 at the church. The pageant will follow the 5th Grade Mass and coffee social featuring lunch foods. After the Pageant a family gathering to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the Church will include desserts and activities. All parishioners, young and old, are invited to participate and attend. If you would like to help in any way, please contact Peggy Rhyde. We hope you will join us as we worship, celebrate and share in the joys of St. Mary's and the season.

**Responsorial Psalm**



**Baptism**

We welcomed Lacey Kate Hilsinger, daughter of of Casie (Carpenter) and Taylor Hilsinger to our parish family last Saturday through the Sacrament of Baptism.

*The holly plants on the altar during Advent are given by Sylvia Roe in memory of her mother, Millie Palermo. They will be planted in St. Mary's gardens in the spring.*



*The Sanctuary Candle is lit for the month of December in Memory of Rocky Faraone by Betty Faraone.*



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