

SAINT MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – *Gaudete!* December 17, 2017

Please consider volunteering to serve as Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister for Sunday Mass and/or sharing Holy Communion with the homebound and those in nursing homes.

Boys and Men, we need your help with serving at the Altar during Mass. Father Coleman plans to arrange a training session in the near future.

Theotokos Youth Ministry News

Fundraiser Breakfast Our youth will be serving breakfast this Sunday, December 17th following the 11:00 am Mass in the Fellowship Hall. Monetary donations will go toward the March for Life bus trip to Washington D.C. in January.

March for Life – Youth 9-12th graders and their families St. Mary's will have a bus for the March for Life pilgrimage to Washington DC January 18 and 19th. Reserve your seats by paying a deposit of \$40.00 and signing up on the sheet in the hall. We will stay overnight at Bishop O'Connell High School, Arlington, VA. Please bring sleeping bags or bed rolls as we will be sleeping on the floor. For more information please contact Liz Guertin at (828) 369-7052 or the parish office.

FOOD PANTRY NEWS

We are now asking for Masa flour and canola oil. Thank you for your help!
The pantry is **now open** after the 7pm Mass Saturday evening and between the Sunday morning Masses.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Justin Basenese, Jacki Bautista, Susie Bryson, Sheila Coller, Will Crain, Rory Glover, Monica Glover, Barbara Jakiela, Skip Karby, Rita Lamanna, Paul Lormand, Daniella Machado, Karen Matulis, Christine Murzyn, Georgia Newsom, William Newsom, Jr., William Newsom, Sr., William Owen, Cathleen Pilch, Zig Pilch, Cynthia Pitts, Alicia Ramirez, Stuart and Janet Snyder, Jay Thorne, Allen Thurston, Joshua Turner, Lewis Turner, Pauline Watson, Bonnie Welch, Elaine Willkes; Those in Nursing Homes and the Homebound: Phyllis Brogan, Theresa Campbell, Il Whan and Moon Chung, Alicia Elias, Rosemary Finnegan, John Huffman, Anna Morrill, and Lorraine Sclafani; Family and Friends called to active duty: Christian Houston, Courtney Ortengren. Friends in Religious Life: Sr. Catherine, OCD ; and the intentions for all of the prayers written in the parish book of prayers.

SCHEDULES FOR NEXT WEEK

Please note the Mass Times

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| 5:00 pm | Saturday Reader EMHCs Ushers Altar Servers | 4th Sunday of Advent, December 23rd Matt Newsome Matt Newsome Kathy McFadden, Robin Starrs Matt, Josiah, Malcolm, and Alister Newsome |
| 10:00 am | Sunday Readers EMHCs Ushers Altar Servers | 4th Sunday of Advent, December 24th Rick Beauchemin, David Ramsey Ellen Miller, David Ramsey Brian Bock, Mike Ensley Taylor Beauchemin, David Ramsey |
| 5:30 pm | Sunday Readers EMHCs Ushers Altar Servers | Christmas Eve, December 24th (Youth) Rebecca Fortmeyer (Youth) |
| 12:00 am | Monday Readers EMHCs Ushers Altar Servers | Christmas, December 25th Sheila Painschab, Matt Newsome Ellen Miller, Matt Newsome Mike Ensley Matt, Josiah, and Malcolm Newsome |
| 10:00 am | Monday Reader EMHCs Ushers Altar Servers | Christmas, December 25th David Ramsey David Ramsey Dan Gonnella, Allen Thurston Peter and John Mark Meisenbacher, David Ramsey |

LITURGICAL AID

| Proper (Cycle B-II) | Mass Readings | Psalms |
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| Sunday <i>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</i> "O Sapientia" | Isaiah 61:1-2a,10-11; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8,19-28 | SUN III |
| Monday December 18 "O Adonai" | Jeremiah 23:5-8; Matthew 1:18-25 | Mon III |
| Tuesday December 19 "O radix Jesse" | Judges 13:2-7,24-25a; Luke 1:5-25 | Tue III |
| Wednesday December 20 "O clavis David" | Isaiah 7:10-14; Luke 1:26-38 | Wed III |
| Thursday December 21; Saint Peter Canisius (Comm) "O Oriens" | Song of Songs 2:8-14; Luke 1:39-45 | Thu III |
| Friday December 22 "O Rex gentium" | 1 Samuel 1:24-28; Luke 1:46-56 | Fri III |
| Saturday December 23; St. John of Kanty (Comm) "O Emmanuel" | Malachi 3:1-4,23-24; Luke 1:57-66 | Sat III |
| Sunday <i>FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</i> | 2 Samuel 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38 | SUN IV |

PRO-LIFE NEWS

"If you know someone who has had an abortion, express your sympathy for her loss. Assure her of God's unconditional love, and encourage her to seek healing and forgiveness." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

CHURCH EVENT SCHEDULE – December 17, 2017

| PLEASE NOTE THE SPECIAL MASS TIMES for NEXT WEEKEND | | |
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| Sunday | 8:15 am 9:00 am 10:15 am 11:00 am After Mass | Confessions until 8:45 am SUNDAY MASS: The Lamanna Family Confessions until 10:45 am SUNDAY MASS: Pro Populo Fundraiser Breakfast to benefit March for Life in the Hall |
| Monday | 9:00 am 9:30 am 7:00 pm | WEEKDAY MASS: William Newsom Morning Prayer Latino Apologetics in the Conference Center |
| Tuesday | | |
| Wednesday | 4:45 pm 5:30 pm After Mass 7:00 pm | Confessions until 5:20 pm WEEKDAY MASS: Renée Pierce Pro-Life Committee Meeting in the Fellowship Hall Latino Readers' Practice in the Church |
| Thursday | 9:00 am 9:30 am 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm | WEEKDAY MASS: Patricia Taelkel Morning Prayer RCIA in the Conference Center Library Latino Choir Practice in the Church Latino <i>Familias Pastoral</i> in the Conference Center |
| Friday | 9:00 am After Mass 9:30 am | WEEKDAY MASS: Frank Secoda† Confessions Adoration and Benediction until 10:30 am |
| Saturday Morning | 9:00 am 9:30 am | WEEKDAY MASS: Pat Bryson Morning Prayer |
| Saturday Evening | 5:00 pm 7:00 pm | SUNDAY MASS: Pro Populo MISA EN ESPANOL |
| Sunday | 10:00 am 5:30 pm 7:00 pm | SUNDAY MASS: Pauline Ellis CHRISTMAS CHILDREN'S MASS: Linda Tiller† MISA EN ESPANOL |
| Monday | 12:00 am 10:00 am | MIDNIGHT MASS for CHRISTMAS: <i>The Matthew Ramsey Family</i> CHRISTMAS MASS: Dolores Namotka† |

NO MASS TUESDAY MORNING THIS WEEK