

# SAINT MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT December 24, 2017

**Merry Christmas!** We have met our goals for both the DSA and the Priests' Retirement Fund!

**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

**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.

### FUNDRAISING UPDATES

Christmas Wreaths donations

toward the youth bus trip to the March for Life: \$ 591.00 (over our cost)

Breakfast donations (also for the youth trip): \$ 493.00

Hispanic Guadalupe Fundraiser for the bus trip: \$ 799.00

For a total of \$ 1,883.00

Thank You for your support!

### PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Melvin Stewart, who died November 19<sup>th</sup> in Texas, and Justin Basenese, Jacki Bautista, Susie Bryson, Sheila Collier, 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**

5:30 pm	<b>Sunday</b> Readers EMHCs Ushers Altar Servers	<b>Christmas Eve, December 24th</b> Della Sue Bryson Rebecca Fortmeyer, Belle Harcourt  (Youth)
12:00 am	<b>Monday</b> Readers EMHCs Ushers Altar Servers	<b>Christmas, December 25th</b> Sheila Painschab, Matt Newsome Ellen Miller, Matt Newsome Mike Ensley Matt, Josiah, and Malcolm Newsome
10:00 am	<b>Monday</b> Reader EMHCs Ushers Altar Servers	<b>Christmas, December 25th</b> David Ramsey David Ramsey Dan Gonnella, Allen Thurston Peter and John Mark Meisenbacher, David Ramsey
9:00 am	<b>Sunday</b> Reader EMHCs Ushers Altar Servers	<b>December 31, The Holy Family</b> David Ramsey Debbie Keener, David Ramsey David Karuru, Robert Lamanna David Ramsey
11:00 am	<b>Sunday</b> Readers EMHCs Ushers Altar Servers	<b>December 31, The Holy Family</b> Susie Bryson, Matt Newsome Wayne Haire, Matt Newsome <b>Kathy McFadden, Robin Starrs</b> Matt, Josiah, Malcolm and Alister Newsome

LITURGICAL AID

Proper (Cycle B-II)	Mass Readings		Psalms
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
Sunday <i>VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS</i>	Isaiah 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Matthew 1:1-25		
Monday <i>CHRISTMAS Midnight Mass</i>	Isaiah 9:1-6; Timothy 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14		
Monday <i>CHRISTMAS Holy Day of Obligation</i>	Isaiah 52:7-10; Hebrews 1:1-6; John 1:1-18		SUN I
Tuesday <i>ST. STEPHEN (Feast)</i>	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Matthew 10:17-22	Martyr	SUN I
Wednesday <i>ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST (Feast)</i>	1 John 1:1-4; John 20:1a, 2-8	Apostle	SUN I
Thursday <i>HOLY INNOCENTS (Feast)</i>	1 John 1:5-2:2; Matthew 2:13-18	Martyrs	SUN I
<i>Fifth Day of Octave of Christmas</i>	1 John 2:3-11; Luke 2:22-35		Fri IV
<i>Sixth Day of Octave of Christmas</i>	1 John 2:12-17; Luke 2:36-40		Sat IV
Sunday <i>THE HOLY FAMILY (Feast)</i>	Sirach 3:2-7, 12-14; Colossians 3:12-21; Luke 2:22-40		SUN I

**PRO-LIFE NEWS**

To welcome the Divine Child at Christmas is to welcome all that he will do and teach. We welcome all he welcomes, and are to make room for all he loves, especially the most unwanted, marginalized, burdensome, or inconvenient. If we welcome the baby Jesus, we welcome every baby and we welcome his teaching that every life is sacred, and we live accordingly.

**CHURCH EVENT SCHEDULE – December 24, 2017**

Sunday	10:00 am 5:30 pm 8:00 pm	<b>SUNDAY MASS:</b> <i>Pauline Ellis</i> <b>CHRISTMAS CHILDREN’S MASS:</b> <i>Linda Tiller†</i> <b>MISA EN ESPANOL</b>
Monday	12:00 am 10:00 am	<b>MIDNIGHT MASS for CHRISTMAS:</b> <i>The Matthew Ramsey Family</i> <b>CHRISTMAS MASS:</b> <i>Dolores Namotka†</i>
Tuesday		
Wednesday	4:45 pm 5:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Confessions until 5:20 pm <b>WEEKDAY MASS:</b> <i>Private Intention</i> Birthday Party for Father Coleman in the Fellowship Hall Latino Readers’ Practice in the Church
Thursday	9:00 am 9:30 am 6:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	<b>WEEKDAY MASS:</b> <i>Gerald Karcher†</i> Morning Prayer RCIA Latino Choir Practice in the Church <i>Latino Familias Pastoral</i> in the Conference Center
Friday	9:00 am After Mass 9:30 am	<b>WEEKDAY MASS:</b> <i>Anna Sauer†</i> Confessions Adoration and Benediction until 10:30 am
Saturday	9:00 am 9:30 am 5:45 pm 7:00 pm	<b>WEEKDAY MASS:</b> <i>Shawn Sexton</i> Morning Prayer Confessions until 6:45 pm <b>MISA EN ESPANOL</b>
Sunday	9:00 am 11:00 am After Mass	<b>SUNDAY MASS:</b> <i>Pro Populo</i> <b>SUNDAY MASS:</b> <i>Emilie Wolarik+</i> Adoration begins until Monday’s Noon Mass Youth Lock-In Overnight
Monday	9:00 am 12:00 pm	Note: Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year <b>MASS for MARY, MOTHER OF GOD:</b> <i>Georgia Newsom</i> <b>MASS for MARY, MOTHER OF GOD</b> <b>Please note the change in time</b>

**NO MASS TUESDAY MORNING THIS WEEK**

Offertory last weekend: \$4,162.90; Children’s Collection: \$2.00