

# **SAINT MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**December 23, 2018**

## **FOOD PANTRY NEWS**

The Food Pantry is now open on Saturday after the 7:00pm Mass

In December: Please contribute canola oil, hand soap, rice and dry beans.

### **March for Life – January 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>**

Any adults or youth (7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade) interested in riding on the bus for the trip to the March for Life should submit a \$25 deposit (or \$80 max for a family of four) by January 4<sup>th</sup> to Susie Bryson. Sweatshirts are \$20 each (pre-paid).

### **Marriage Getaway – Going Beyond Date Night – Feb 9-10 (Hickory)**

Leave your cares behind and take off on a 25-hour marriage retreat in the beautiful mountains of Hickory, NC. The happiest couples are those who commit to learning skills to weather difficult seasons. Includes reflections on marriage by Catholic couples, confession, Mass and Adoration. The cost is \$315 per couple. Register at [www.rcgreatercharlotte.com](http://www.rcgreatercharlotte.com).

### **Welcome to Susie Bryson as Executive Assistant**

I would like to thank the parish for their prayers and support during this recent time of transition and continued prayers as we move forward. In her role as executive assistant, Susie will help me fulfill all the administrative tasks as pastor in running the parish. Susie's hours will be primarily evenings, except Thursdays. Susie brings many talents to this new position, including many years of experience as an Administrative Assistant and a volunteer here at Saint Mary's, and more recently as Youth Ministry Coordinator.

Sincerely in Christ through Mary, Fr. Casey Coleman, Pastor

## **New Volunteer Positions Needed:**

### **Youth Ministry Coordinator**

As Susie is taking on her new role as Executive Assistant she will be leaving her volunteer role as Youth Ministry Coordinator. We are looking for someone who is faithful, faith filled, energetic and works well with middle school and high school youth to coordinate, help develop and grow our Youth Ministry program at St. Mary's. There is a minimum age requirement of 23 years of age by Diocesan policy. If you are interested contact Fr. Coleman at 586-9496 or by e-mail at [cacoleman@charlottediocese.org](mailto:cacoleman@charlottediocese.org)

### **Parish Receptionists**

As Susie's hours will be primarily in the evenings, she will not be able to fulfill a role as receptionist during the day. I would like to begin a new volunteer role of receptionist to answer phone calls during day time hours and take basic requests and messages. Volunteer shifts would be two-hour shifts Monday, Wednesday and Friday, First Shift: 10am-12pm and Second Shift: 1-3pm. Please contact Fr. Coleman if you are interested at 586-9496 or by e-mail at [cacoleman@charlottediocese.org](mailto:cacoleman@charlottediocese.org)

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### **Mass Schedule:**

There will not be daily Mass from Wednesday 26th through Saturday 29th as Fr. Coleman will be on vacation. He will return on Saturday, December 29th for confession times at 5:45 pm. If you would like to attend Mass during this time, Masses are offered at St. John's in Waynesville (828-456-6707): Wed, 5pm; Thu and Fri at 9am. St. Joseph's in Bryson City (828-488-6766): Wed at 6pm; Thu and Fri at noon.

### **Special Events:**

Join us after the 11 am Mass on **Sunday, December 30th** to celebrate **Fr. Coleman's birthday**. Sign up to bring a main or side dish to share on the sheet on the kitchen counter. Contact Susie at the office or [dsbryson@charlottediocese.org](mailto:dsbryson@charlottediocese.org) for additional information

Join us after the 8:00 pm Vigil Mass on **Monday, December 31st** and the 10:00 am Mass on **Tuesday, January 1st** for **ice cream sundaes to celebrate our Patron**, Mary Mother of God. We will supply the ice cream. Bring a topping to share!

Join us after the 11:00 am Mass on **January 6th** for the **Epiphany Water Blessing** and the **Parish Epiphany Potluck Lunch** and Celebration. Sign up to bring a main or side dish or dessert to share on the sheet on the kitchen counter. Contact Luci, Director of Faith Formation, at the office or [lbohorquezpacheco@charlottediocese.org](mailto:lbohorquezpacheco@charlottediocese.org) with any questions.

**SCHEDULES FOR NEXT WEEK**

<b>Dec 24 6:00 pm Christmas</b>	Reader EMHCs Ushers Altar Servers	Caryn Raming Ellen Miller Dan Gonnella, Robert Lamanna Brian Raming
<b>Dec 25 Midnight Christmas</b>	Reader EMHCs Ushers Altar Servers	Sheila Painschab Kathy McFadden Mike Ensley, David Karuru Josiah, Malcolm and Alister Newsome
<b>Dec 25 10:00 am Christmas</b>	Reader EMHCs Ushers Altar Servers	Rick Beauchemin Tom Asbury Sandy Beauchemin, Robin Starrs Taylor Beauchemin
<b>Dec 30 9:00 am</b>	Reader EMHCs Ushers Altar Servers	Caryn Raming Debbie Keener David Karuru, Robert Lamanna Brian Raming
<b>Dec 30 11:00 am</b>	Reader EMHCs Ushers Altar Servers	Susie Bryson Tom Asbury Kathy McFadden, Robin Starrs Josiah, Malcolm and Alister Newsome
<b>Sunday</b>	Hosts for Our Lady of Fatima Statue	Susie Bryson

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

Justin Basenese, Jacki Bautista, Susie Bryson, Sheila Collier, Will Crain, Rory Glover, Monica Glover, Debbie Hentschel, Rita Goffinet, Barbara Jakiela, Skip Karby, Rita Lamanna, Paul Lormand, Daniella Machado, Tim Mann, Karen Matulis, Peter Namotka, 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, Jim Waters, Joe Waters, Pauline Watson, Bonnie Welch, Elaine Willkes;

**Those in Nursing Homes and the Homebound:** Phyllis Brogan, Pat Bryson, Theresa Campbell, Il Whan and Moon Chung, Alicia Elias, Rosemary Finnegan, Elba Hernandez, John Huffman, Anna Morrill, and Lorraine Sclafani;

**Family and Friends called to active duty:** Christian Houston, Luke Turner;

**Friends in Religious Life:** Sr. Catherine, OCD ;

And the intentions for all of the prayers written in our parish book of prayers.

LITURGICAL AID

Proper (Cycle C-I)	Mass Readings	Common	Psalms
<b>SUNDAY</b> <i>FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</i>	Micah 5:1-4a; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45		SUN IV
<b>Monday</b> <i>Advent Weekday</i>	2 Samuel 7:1-5,8-12,14,16 Luke 1:67-79		Mon IV
<b>Monday</b> <i>Christmas Vigil</i>	Isaiah 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17,22-25; Matthew 1:1-25		Sun I
<b>Tuesday</b> <i>Christmas Midnight</i>	Isaiah 9:1-6; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14		Sun II
<b>Tuesday</b> <i>Christmas Day</i>	Isaiah 52:7-10; Hebrews 1:1-6; John 1:1-18		Sun II
<b>Wednesday</b> <i>ST. STEPHEN</i> <i>(Feast)</i>	1 John 1:1-4; John 20:1a,2-8	One Martyr	Sun II
<b>Thursday</b> <i>ST. JOHN (Feast)</i>	Isaiah 7:10-14; Luke 1:26-38	Apostles	Sun II
<b>Friday</b> <i>HOLY INNOCENTS</i>	1 John 1:5-2:2; Matthew 2:13-18	Several Martyrs	Sun II
<b>Saturday</b> <i>5<sup>th</sup> Day of Christmas Octave</i>	1 John 2:3-11; Luke 2:22-35		Sun I
<b>SUNDAY</b> <i>HOLY FAMILY</i>	1 Samuel 1:20-22,24-28; 1 John 3:1-2,21-24; Luke 2:41-52		Sun I

**DSA Status:** \$12,451 paid, \$970 pledged of the required \$17,971.

**Priests Retirement Status:** \$886 paid of the required \$5,614.

**CHURCH EVENT SCHEDULE – December 23-30, 2018**

Sunday	8:15 am	Confessions
	9:00 am	<b>SUNDAY MASS:</b> <i>Walter Hmielewski†</i>
	10:15 am	Confessions
	11:00 am	<b>SUNDAY MASS:</b> <i>Pro Populo</i>
Monday	6:00 pm	<b>CHRISTMAS EVE MASS:</b> <i>Linda Tiller†</i>
	8:00 pm	<b>MISA EN ESPANOL:</b> <i>Aaron Acosta†</i>
Tuesday	12:00 midnight	<b>CHRISTMAS MASS:</b> <i>Tom Guertin†</i>
	10:00 am	<b>CHRISTMAS MASS:</b> <i>Dolores Namotka†</i>
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Latino Readers' Practice in the Church
Thursday	7:00 pm	Latino Choir Practice in the Church
Friday		
Saturday	5:45 pm	Confessions until 6:45 pm
	7:00 pm	<b>MISA EN ESPANOL:</b> <i>Emelia Limon-Mendez†</i>
Sunday	8:15 am	Confessions
	9:00 am	<b>SUNDAY MASS:</b> <i>Pro Populo</i>
	10:15 am	Confessions
	11:00 am	<b>SUNDAY MASS:</b> <i>Bryson Family</i>
	12:30 pm	Parish Celebration Potluck for Fr. Coleman's birthday