

St. Mary's & St. Joan of Arc Parishes
Third Sunday of Advent
December 16, 2018

Masses This Week:

- Sat., Dec. 15, 5 PM Vigil – St. Mary's**
Mike Hotaling by Karen Hotaling
- Sun., Dec. 16, 9 AM – St. Joan's**
Joyce Diclemspm (9th) by her Family
11 AM – St. Mary's
David Follett by Jennifer & the Boys
9 PM – Colgate's Memorial Chapel
- Mon., Dec. 17, 8 AM – St. Mary's**
Julius Kowaleski by Vicky Fry and Celeste Maine
- Tues., Dec. 18, 8 AM – St. Joan's**
Fr. Paul Carey by Fr. Hage
- Wed., Dec. 19, 8 AM – St. Mary's**
For the People of St. Mary's and St. Joan's
- Thurs., Dec. 20, 8 AM – St. Mary's**
Mike Gieryc by Lorrie and Woody Withers
- Sat., Dec. 22, 5 PM Vigil – St. Mary's**
Thelma Belitz by Fran Belitz
- Sun., Dec. 23, 9 AM – St. Joan's**
Don Clark by Audrey Clark & Family
11 AM – St. Mary's
Diane Wood by the Barbeau Family

This Week's Events

- St. Mary's**
Sun., Dec. 16, 9:30-10:30 AM – Grades 2–8 Faith Formation
Thurs., Dec. 20, 1–2 PM – Grassroots Book Club
Sat., Dec. 22, 6 PM – Dinner & a Movie
- St. Joan's**
Sun., Dec. 16, 8:30 AM – Rosary
9:30–10:30 AM – Grades 2–8 Faith Formation
Mon., Dec. 17, 4–7 PM – the Light Is on Campaign
Wed., Dec. 19, 7 PM – Adult Faith Formation Class
Sun., Dec. 23, 8:30 AM – Rosary

Christmas Mass Schedule 2018

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



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!

Light Is on Campaign

This Advent's Light Is on Campaign will take place at St. Joan of Arc in Morrisville December 17 from 4pm to 7pm. Father Hage and Father Carey will be available to hear confessions during this time. Please take advantage of this opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



Ministers for Liturgy

5 PM (12/22) – St. Mary’s

Commentator: G. Will

Lector: M. Tyburski

Eucharistic Ministers: B. Will & J. Connors

Altar Servers:

Usher: J. Nilles

Gift Bearers: L. & M. Nolan

9 AM (12/23) – St. Joan’s

Lector: D. Koehl

Eucharistic Ministers: R. Narehood & J. Parker

Altar Servers: K. & A. Koehl

Greeter: R. Narehood

Gift Bearers: Orth Family

Counters: E. Gray & ML Johnson

11 AM (12/23) – St. Mary’s

Lector: J. Swain

Eucharistic Ministers: M. Crafa & S. Lehmann

Altar Servers: M. Stahl & L. Langel

Ushers: D. Martin and M. Curtis

Gift Bearers: Dunlay Family

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) &

Sabrina Craven (263-7012)

COLLOQUIUM & PANEL IN REPOSE TO THE SCANDAL

Please join us on Sunday, December 16 at 2pm at St. Mary’s. This will be a solemn and sacred occasion upon which we will have the opportunity to engage in a formal dialogue about what we, as a Catholic parish, can do on the parish level in response to the scandal in the Church at large. The event will begin as a colloquium of different speakers from the parish who will offer brief statements on concrete steps they think can be taken. Following the colloquium, we will then engage in a panel discussion with the speakers. Following the panel discussion, we will conclude with a prayer service for victims of clergy sexual assault. Dr. Ray Douglas will be one of the main presenters.

Advent Adult Faith Formation Series

Our Advent Adult Faith Formation series continues this Wednesday at 7pm at St. Joan of Arc Parish Hall in Morrisville. Father Hage is leading our parishes through Matthew Kelly’s book, *Rediscover Jesus*.

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, 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, Pat Roher, Mike Avery, Bonnie Avery, Theresa Blass, Mary Messere, Kaitlin Nagle, Richard Foligno, Eddie Kunze, Valorie Gunther, Michelle Atkinson, Diane Needham, Patti VanVoorhis, Mary Endris, Anthony Somma, Toni and Larry Barns, Hailey Fish, Alyssa Hinkis, Carol Benzoni, Fred Whipple, Julie Brooks, Bobby D’Angelo, Hannah Karlson, Gary VanVoorhis, Mike and Sarah Periard, Dana Camp, Emily Carroll and all those on our prayer lines.
For the repose of the soul of Mike Gieryc, may he rest in peace.
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; and Corp. Wayne Lyrek, USMC.

Dinner & a Movie

Join us December 22 after the 5 PM Mass for *The Man Who Invented Christmas*, the story of Charles Dickens’ journey as he wrote *A Christmas Carol*. Starring Dan Stevens and Christopher Plummer. Rated PG.

High School Faith Formation

The High School Faith formation will meet at the Parish Center this Sunday at 12:30.

Men’s Fellowship Group

Father Hage will be leading men from our parish in Lectio Divina on Tuesday, December 18 at 7pm in St. Mary’s church basement.

Women’s Bible Study

Father Hage will be leading the women from our parish in Lectio Divina on **Tuesday**, December 18 at 9am in St. Mary’s church basement.

Colgate Masses

The last Mass at Colgate will be celebrated this Sunday, Dec. 16 at 9pm. There will be no Masses at Colgate during the Christmas break. Please pray for our Colgate and Morrisville students that they have a blessed time at home.

Winter Cancellation Notices

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

St. Joan of Arc News

St. Joan's Financial Support – 12-9

Ordinary Collection	\$1,330.00
Christmas Flowers	50.00
Fuel	10.00
Christmas Project	150.00
Cathedraticum	10.00
AED Donation	450.00
Adult Faith Formation	20.00
Unbound	2.00

Unbound

Thank you for your continued support of Unbound and Andrea. The need is great and appreciated!

St. Mary's News

St. Mary's Parish Financial Support – 12-9

Ordinary Collection	\$1,735.00
Immaculate Conception	350.00
Christmas Flowers	385.00
Votive Candles	83.00
Cathedraticum	114.00
Clerical Fund	50.00

St. Mary's Parish Financial Support Previous Year

Ordinary Collection \$3,959.00

Please remember us in your will

Altar Care

December – Fran Gargiulo (518-469-5682),
Barb Albrecht (824-5345), & Diane Finch (725-5815)

Faith Formation

All Classes meet this week. Next Week, Grades Pre K–8 Meet, Pre K–Kindergarten will celebrate as Gift Bearers, and the Blessing of the Bambinelli at 11am Mass. All parishioners can join in the blessing by bringing their infant statues of Jesus from their home crèche.

Perfect Christmas Gift

Still looking for that perfect Christmas gift? A stocking stuffer? Don't forget the St. Mary's Cookbook. It's the perfect gift for your favorite cook. They are available on the windowsills, \$10 a copy.

St. Mary's PreK and Kindergarten class will be hosting a **birthday party for Jesus** on December 16 during the coffee social.

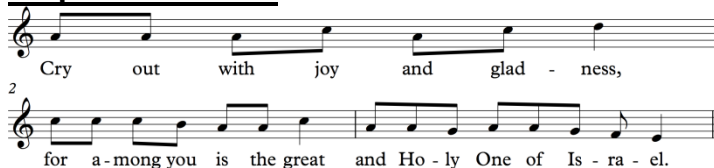
From now until December 16, the class will be collecting **GIFTS** under the Christmas tree on the altar of nonperishable food items for the Hamilton Food Cupboard.
Please join us in celebration of this very special birthday!



The melodies for the Ordinary Prayers in today's mass may be found in the Worship III hymnal, as follows:

Kyrie eleison — 205
Glory to God (Christmastide only) – 206
Alleluia – inside back cover
Holy, holy, holy – 214
Memorial acclamation – 217
Our Father – 219
Lamb of God — 220

Responsorial Psalm



Hamilton Ecumenical Youth

HEY will be meeting this Sunday, Dec. 16 at 4:30pm at St. Thomas' Episcopal, where our teens will head over to sing Christmas carols for the Madison Lane residents. Following the caroling, our teens will have a Christmas Party at Park UMC. The evening will conclude at 6pm.