

**St. Mary's & St. Joan of Arc Parishes**  
**First Sunday of Advent**  
**December 2/3, 2017**

**Masses This Week:**

- Sat., Dec. 2, 5 PM Vigil – St. Mary's**  
For the People of St. Mary's & St. Joan's
- Sun., Dec. 3, 9 AM – St. Joan's**  
Dick Davis by Saturday AM Deli Friends  
**11 AM – St. Mary's**  
John Rausa by Zip & Neta Rausa
- Mon., Dec. 4, 9 AM – St. Mary's**  
For the People of St. Mary's and St. Joan's
- Tues., Dec. 5, 9 AM – St. Joan's**  
Bonnie & Brian Tornatore
- Wed., Dec. 6, 9 AM – St. Mary's**  
David Sullivan by Cate Sullivan  
**5 PM – Colgate (Judd Chapel)**
- Thurs., Dec. 7, 9 AM – St. Mary's**  
Cindy Mlasgar by Gert & Malcolm Pownall  
**5:30 PM – St. Mary's**  
Helen Scherer by St. Mary's Parish Family
- Fri., Dec. 8, 12:30 PM – Colgate (Memorial Chapel)**  
**6:30 PM – St. Joan's**  
Bertha Webber by the Arnold Family
- Sat., Dec. 9, 5 PM Vigil – St. Mary's**  
Cindy Mlasgar by Fran and Jimmy Gargiulo
- Sun., Dec. 10, 9 AM – St. Joan's**  
Terry Egan Hollis by the Periard Family  
**11 AM – St. Mary's**  
Rev. Vernon Ross by St. Mary's Parish Family  
**9 PM – Colgate (Memorial Chapel)**

**This Week's Events**

**St. Mary's**

- Sun., Dec. 3, 9:30 AM – Grades K–8 Faith Formation  
Mon., Dec. 4, 7 PM – Catholic Youth Night  
Wed. Dec. 6, 6:30 PM – Adult Faith Formation  
Sun., Dec. 10, 9:30 AM – Grades K–8 Faith Formation

**St. Joan's**

- Sun., Dec. 3, 8:30 AM – Rosary  
9:45 AM – Grades K–8 Faith Formation  
10 AM – St. Joan's Finance Council
- Tues., Dec. 5, 6:30-8:30 PM – Boy Scouts  
Thurs. Dec. 7, 5 PM – Friendship Inn  
Sun., Dec. 10, 8:35 AM – Rosary  
9:45 AM – Parish Social  
9:45 AM – Grades K-8 Faith Formation

**FROM THE DESK OF FATHER HAGE**

Advent has begun, and we have quite a few activities going on this week. The first is Catholic Youth Night on Monday, December 4 at 7pm in St. Mary's Church Hall. Please encourage your teens to attend this special evening where we will reflect on the importance of the birth of Jesus Christ. We also have the second session of our Advent Faith Formation Series for Adults on Wednesday, December 6 at 6:30pm in St. Mary's Church Hall. If you didn't get a chance to attend the first session, no worries. You can attend any session and still get a lot out of it. This week, I would recommend inviting a friend you think would benefit from this kind of study.

On Thursday, December 7, we will be kicking off the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (which is a Holy Day of Obligation) with a vigil Mass at St. Mary's at 5:30pm. That evening, I will also be hearing confessions on Colgate's campus from 7 to 9:30pm in the chapel basement. On December 8, the Holy Day Mass will take place at 12:30pm at Colgate Memorial Chapel. This is a parish Mass, so all St. Mary's and St. Joan's parishioners are welcome to attend. We will conclude the Holy Day with Mass at 6:30pm at St. Joan's. Keep in mind, that there will also be a beautiful Lessons & Carols service performed at 7pm at Colgate Memorial Chapel the same evening. If you have never been before, it will be well worth your time.

On Saturday, December 9, we will be celebrating the annual Morrisville Christmas Project. I offer our gratitude, in advance, to Judy Parker for her wonderful work in coordinating this special outreach to our local community. I am looking forward to experiencing this for the first time. On Sunday, December 10 we will be celebrating Gary and Bonnie Will for their service and dedication to our parish community at the Immaculata Award ceremony at 2:30pm in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. All are welcome to attend. Also on Sunday, December 10 we will be participating in the Penance Service for our Pastoral Care Area at 5pm at St. Bernard's in Waterville. A handful of priests from the area will be available to hear confessions that evening. Please join me in prayer that we, as a community, will be blessed by our celebration of Advent this year. Mary Immaculate and Saint Joan of Arc, pray for us!

**Lessons and Carols**

All are welcome to Lessons and Carols, Friday, Dec. 8 at 7 PM in the Colgate Memorial Chapel.

## **Ministers for Liturgy**

**5 PM (12/9) – St. Mary's**

**Lector:** D. Needham

**Eucharistic Ministers:** D. Sharp, B. Will, & P. Rhyde

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

**Ushers:** J. Nilles

**Gift Bearers:** J. Lloyd

**9 AM (12/10) – St. Joan's**

**Lector:** M. Bischoff

**Eucharistic Ministers:** I. Domes & B. Donnelly

**Altar Servers:** J. & J. Tomcho

**Greeter:** B. Donnelly

**Gift Bearers:** D. Koehl Family

**Counters:** ML Johnson & B. Koehl

**11 AM (12/10) – St. Mary's**

**Lector:** J. Meyers

**Eucharistic Ministers:** L. Baker & M. Crafa

**Altar Servers:** N. Meyers & M. Dunckel

**Ushers:** J. Eastman & D. Martin

**Gift Bearers:** Dunckel 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)

## **Fall Lecture Series at St. Agatha's**

St. Agatha's Parish, Canastota, will be holding a fall lecture series Called to Be Saints Together (1 Corinthians 1:2). The next lecture will be held Monday, December 4, 7–8:30 PM. Topic TBA.

## **PCA Penance Service**

The next Penance Service for our Pastoral Care Area, which includes St. Mary's, St. Joan's, St. Bernard's in Waterville, and St. Joseph's in Oriskany Falls, will take place on Sunday, December 10 at 5pm at Saint Bernard's in Waterville. This is an opportunity for you to go to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation with other priests from around the diocese.

## **Second Collection Next Weekend**

The annual Cathedraticum collection (for the support of our bishop) will be taken up at masses next week. Thank you!

## **Holy Day Mass Schedule - Immaculate Conception**

Thursday, December 7th - Vigil Mass at 5:30pm (St. Mary's)

Friday, December 8th - Mass at 12:30pm (Colgate Memorial Chapel)

Friday, December 8th - Mass at 6:30pm (St. Joan's)

## **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, Grace Runyon, Mike Harry, Mary Lou Sacco Crouch, James Marcellus, Mandy McCracken, Gertrude Federici, Helen Bonhotal, Nicholas Respecki, James P. Sheehan, Bethany Merenda, Jeannette Kidd, Denise Romeo Luther, Betty Roher, Jim Jackson, Jim Eiholzer, Catherine Jones, Catherine Albrecht Hanson, Pat Roher, Mike Avery, Fran Hurley, Thelma Belitz, Bonnie Avery, Theresa Blass, Mary Messere, Kaitlin Nagle, Debbie Shay, Richard Foligno, Francis Nilles, Eddie Kunze, Rosemary Smith, Valorie Gunther, Michelle Atkinson, Diane Needham, Patti VanVoorhis, Mary Endris, Anthony Somma, Toni and Larry Barns, John Sweeney, Hailey Fish, Pat Utter, Alyssa Hinkis, Carol Benzoni, Fred & Bernice Whipple, Anne Gaulding, Michael Little, Julie Brooks and all the folks on our prayer lines.

**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; COL Kim Parsons Daub; and LC Wayne Lyrek, USMC.

## **Advent Faith Formation Series for Adults!**

Our time with Matthew Kelly's book, *Rediscover Catholicism*, will continue this Wednesday at 6:30pm in St. Mary's Church Hall. If you didn't get a chance to attend the first meeting, please feel free to attend this meeting. We would love to have you..

## **Catholic Youth Night!**

The next Catholic Youth Night will take place this Monday, December 4, from 7pm to 8:15pm at St. Mary's. The theme of the night will be Christmas. All teens in grades 9 through 12 are welcome.

## **Flu Season Is Back**

As you know, flu season is back and we need to take precautions as a community to protect ourselves from the spread of illness. If you are feeling ill on a particular Sunday, please refrain from participating in the sign of peace as well as receiving from the chalice. This is an act of charity if you are feeling ill because you can spare your neighbor from some miserable days. So please use the virtue of prudence during this winter season. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

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### St. Joan of Arc News

#### St. Joan's Financial Support – 11/26

Ordinary Collection	\$ 969.00
Thanksgiving Baskets	195.00
Unbound	3.00
Christmas Project	1,575.00

#### Unbound

Thank you for your support of Unbound and our sponsored child, Andrea. Your generous gifts really make a difference in her families lives.

#### Christmas Project 2017

The Christmas tree is up! Please take an ornament today and return your unwrapped gift by December 8. Thank you for caring!

#### Thanksgiving Thank You

Thank you for your donations of food and money to provide Thanksgiving dinner to our neighbors in need. Thanks also to all who helped with planning, purchasing, pick up and distribution of these donations. Blessings to you all!

#### Parish Social Next Sunday

Please join us for our monthly Parish Social following Mass next Sunday, December 10. Our hosts are the Domes Family.

As usual, we greatly appreciate your goodie donations. Please sign up on the sheet at the side entrance. Thank you!

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### St. Mary's News

#### St. Mary's Parish Financial Support – 11/26

Ordinary Collection	\$2,394.00
Thanksgiving	325.00
Fuel	955.00
Donations	500.00
All Saints	10.00
Human Development	43.00
Seminary	50.00
Landscape	600.00
Mass & Lector Workbook	20.00

#### St. Mary's Parish Financial Support Previous Year

Ordinary Collection	\$1,985.00
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*Please remember us in your will*

#### Altar Care

Jen Follett (824-3683), Janice Swain (529-8755), Jan Oley, & Diane Needham (750-5040)

#### Immaculata Award

The Immaculate Award is Sunday, December 10, at 2:30 PM at the Cathedral. Gary and Bonnie Will are the recipients of this year's award.

#### Immaculata Award

Please join us for a wine and cheese reception to honor Bonnie and Gary Will. We will celebrate at St. Mary's Church Hall after the 5PM Mass on Saturday, December 9. All are invited.

#### Hamilton Ecumenical Youth Group

The next H.E.Y. meeting will take place this Sunday, December 3, from 4pm to 5:30pm at Park United Methodist Church. Father Hage will be leading the evening. All teens in grades 7 through 12 are welcome.

#### Christmas Pageant

All parishioners are welcome to join us for the Annual Christmas Pageant on Thursday, Dec. 21, at 6PM at the LaFrance's barn on Gorton Road. Join us for dinner, caroling, blessings, and fellowship as we celebrate the true meaning of Christmas. Chili, macaroni and cheese, cookies, coffee, and hot chocolate will be served for dinner. If you would like to contribute to the food, sign up sheets will be posted at the Parish Center and in the Church Hall. As we witness the Nativity scene in the barn, those interested can lay baby gifts at the crèche, which will be donated to CareNet in Morrisville.

As an Advent activity students will be saying extra prayers, doing good deeds, helping others, and will receive straw as their reward, which can then be laid in the manger during the Pageant.

Students interested in participating in the Pageant, please contact Mrs. Rhyde. Special thanks to the LaFrance family, and the Tomcho and VanVoorhis families for providing animals to fill the barn.

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