

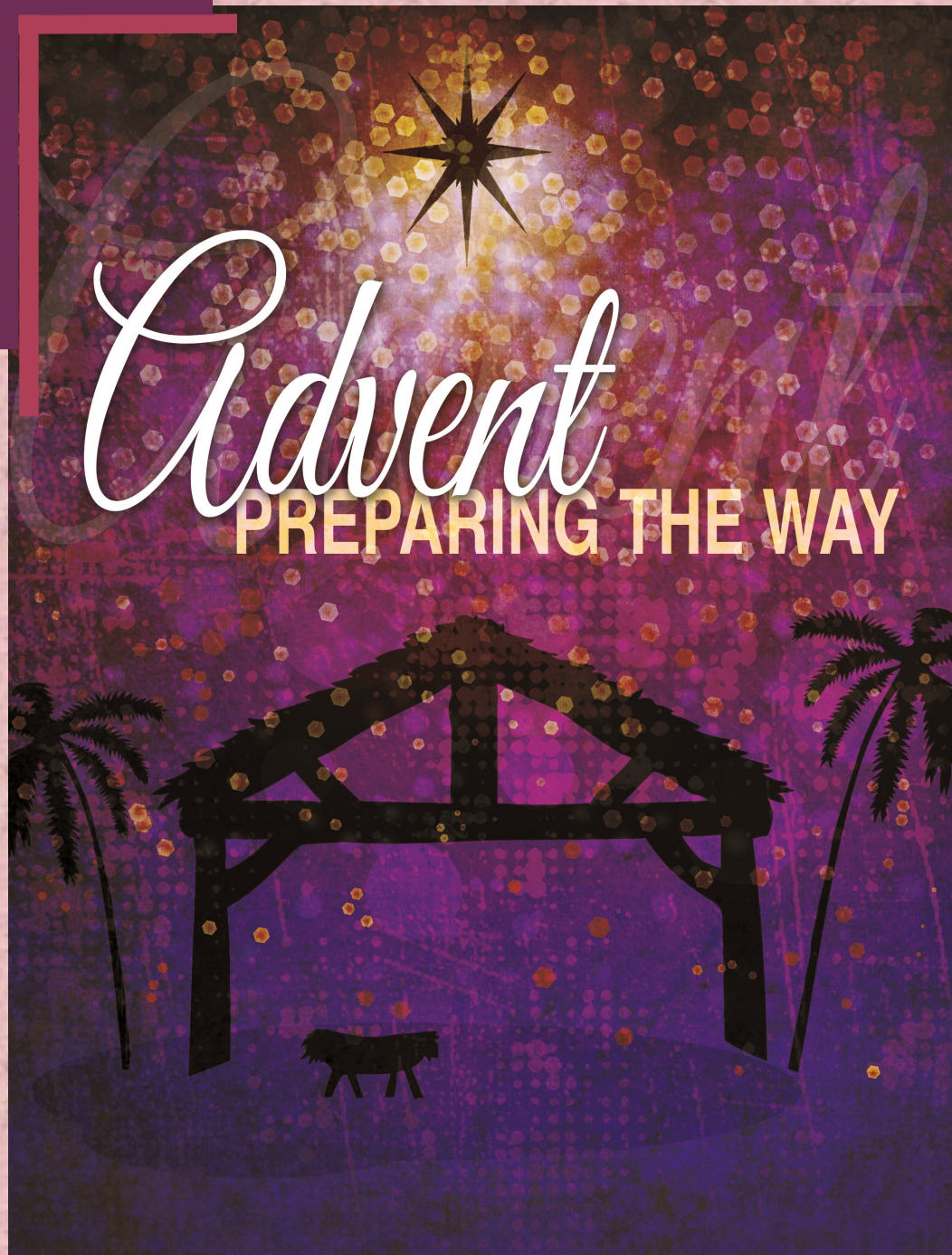


Saint Mary's Church - Stony Hill

Roman Catholic Church

Nov. 27, 2016

First Sunday
of Advent



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MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY VIGIL: 4:00 pm

SUNDAY: 7:30, 9:00 & 11:15 am

DAILY MASS: Mon.-Thurs. & Sat.: 7:00 am
Fri.: 12:10 pm

FIRST FRIDAYS: 12:10 pm and 7:00 pm
Morning Prayers and the Rosary prayed daily at 8:40 am

HOLY DAY MASSES: VIGIL: 7:30 pm
DAY: 7:00 am, 12:10 pm & 7:30 pm

PARISH ORGANIZATION LEADERS

Bereavement Group	<i>Cheryl Gatti</i>	908-285-0330
Book Club	<i>Volunteer needed!</i>	Call parish office
Cemetery Sales	<i>Dick Dorsi</i>	908-380-3321
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Youth Ministry	<i>Tina Kelly</i>	908-756-6524

WELCOME!

A warm welcome is extended to all who come to St. Mary's-Stony Hill to join together in this community of worship and praise to Almighty God. We are grateful to our faithful parishioners and welcome our neighbors and guests who visit us occasionally. We want you to know that you are always welcome! All parishioners should be registered with the parish office. Please notify the parish if you change your address or move out of the parish. Certificates of eligibility to sponsor at Baptism or Confirmation will be given only to registered parishioners who are active and practicing Catholics.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

We offer religious education for children of registered parishioners, who attend public school grades Pre-K thru 8. In addition, preparation for the Sacraments of First Penance, First Holy Communion and Confirmation is also provided for students who attend Catholic schools. Please check our website or contact the Office of Religious Education for information.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Due to privacy laws, we are no longer notified when parishioners are admitted to local hospitals. We are happy to visit sick or homebound parishioners when requested by family members. Please call the parish office to make arrangements. Emergency sick calls can be made at anytime by calling the parish office and selecting "9". Please only use this option for genuine emergencies requiring a priest.

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: 2ND & 4TH SUNDAY: 12:15 pm—Arrangements must be made through the parish office at least one month in advance. Parents must be registered parishioners; sponsors must be practicing Catholics in good standing. If sponsors are from other parishes, a letter of good standing from their pastor is required.

Reconciliation: SATURDAY: 3:00-3:45 pm. Also by appointment. Confessional in the Narthex.

Marriage: Please contact the parish office for an appointment at least one year in advance of the planned wedding date. Additional information is available on our parish website: www.stmaryswatchung.org.

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
<u>Advent Weekday</u> 7 am Mass 8:40 am Rosary & Morning Prayers 10 am MMPT 7 pm Religious Education	<u>Advent Weekday</u> 7 am Mass 8:40 am Rosary & Morning Prayers 10 am MMPT	<u>St. Andrew</u> 7 am Mass 8:40 am Rosary & Morning Prayers 4 pm Teaching Mass (Religious Ed. Students)	<u>Advent Weekday</u> 7 am Mass 8:40 am Rosary & Morning Prayers 10 am Senior Meeting 7 pm Bereavement Group	<u>First Friday</u> 8:40 am Rosary & Morning Prayers 12:10 pm Mass 7 pm Mass	<u>St. Francis Xavier</u> 7 am Mass 8 - 11 am Breakfast with Santa 8:40 am Rosary & Morning Prayers 4:00 pm Mass	<u>Second Sunday of Advent</u> 7:30 am Mass 9:00 am Mass 10 am Religious Education 11:15 am Mass 12:15 pm Baptism
Food Bank Collection SHIP Pans Available						

SHIP COLLECTION

Samaritan Homeless Interim Program (SHIP) is a Somerville-based program that provides homeless people with warm meals. The meals are served by SHIP volunteers at local shelters and from SHIP's mobile soup kitchen. During the weekend of the first Sunday of the month (**next weekend, December 3rd & 4th**) empty serving trays and recipes are available in the Narthex for you to pick up. Parishioners prepare the recipe, freeze it and return the frozen casserole the following weekend, **December 10th & 11th**. Thank you for your help in feeding the hungry of our community.



Somerset County Food Pantry Collection is December 3rd & 4th



We have changed our food collection for the Somerset County Food Pantry to the **FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH**. Please put your non-perishable food donations in the Narthex. Thank you all for helping Feed the Hungry.

Remember in Prayer

We offer our sincere sympathy to the families of Catherine Scarzella and Jack Colligan, who died recently. May their souls, and the souls of all our faithful departed, rest in God's peace.

Ozanam Men's Shelter Project

This holiday season, we are once again collecting new clothing for the men at Ozanam Inn in New Brunswick. Ozanam Inn is a temporary homeless shelter run by Catholic Charities that currently hosts 40 men. Last year, St. Mary's delivered more than 400 gifts to the men at the Inn. Help us continue this tradition by taking a tag from the tree in the Narthex. Place the unwrapped gift under the tree by noon on December 14. Thank you for your continued support of this worthy Christmas project.



Breakfast with Santa



Please join us on **Saturday, December 3rd** in the Parish Center for Breakfast with Santa! Seating times are 8:00 am, 9:00 am and 10:00 am. Tickets are available after all Masses on Thanksgiving weekend — or right now in the parish office or via WeShare on the parish website (stmaryswatchung.org). Children (under 10) are \$3; Children (ages 10+) & Adults are \$5. Don't forget to bring a **new unwrapped toy** for the children of St. Ann's Soup Kitchen — and your camera! Please note: we will **not** be selling tickets at the door, so be sure to get them by December 1st.

First Friday is December 4th

Mass will be celebrated at 12:10 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.



Father, we're going to celebrate your Son's birthday soon. We will be preparing our home, our gifts, our food. Help us to remember to prepare our hearts.

Help us in all our busyness to remember it's your Son we're getting ready for. Help us help a friend, keep a promise, or visit someone lonely.

Come Lord Jesus! We need you.

Your Sacrificial Offering

Thank you and may God bless you for your continued support of our parish!

Due to the accelerated schedule for the bulletin publication, the collection for the week of November 19th & 20th will be reported next week.



Stewardship Reflection

"For you do not know on which day your Lord will come." Mt. 24:42 People who have had health issues or near-death experiences generally have a greater appreciation for each day being a gift from God. The rest of us usually take for granted that we will be around tomorrow. But when you start to look at each day as a gift, you realize all the little miracles that happen daily and grow in gratitude for all that we have been given.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception



On Thursday, December 8th, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, which refers to the Blessed Virgin Mary being free from original sin from the very moment of her conception in the womb of her mother, Saint Anne. *Mass times for the holy day of obligation, are:*

**Dec. 7th
Vigil Mass
7:30 pm**

**Dec. 8th
Masses
7:00 am
12:10 pm
7:30 pm**

IN AND AROUND THE DIOCESE OF METUCHEN

Wine & Dine Winter Wonderland Event

St. Ann School (29 Second Ave., Raritan) is hosting this event on Saturday, December 3rd from 7 p.m. - 10 p.m. Set Menu of Assorted Appetizers, Lasagna Florentine, Penne Vodka, Chicken Rollatini, Eggplant Rollatini, Shrimp Scampi, Sliced Brisket and assorted desserts. Come enjoy an evening out with Wine, DJ, Basket Raffles, and 50/50 drawing. Tickets are \$50 in advance or \$60 at the door. For more information call (908) 725-7787 or email cindy.haddad@icloud.com.

Christmas Concert

After two outstanding performance, Immaculate Conception Parish, Annandale, NJ is proud to be hosting their third annual Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 11, 2016, 3:00 pm featuring Father Alphonse Stephenson and the Orchestra of St. Peter by the Sea.

Local maestro, beloved priest, and tireless humanitarian, Father Alphonse has been delighting audiences as the conductor of this magnificent orchestra for more than thirty years! The orchestra is comprised of forty-two professional musicians and features three captivating soloists.

Tickets are available by calling the parish office, 908-735-7319.

OUTSIDE HAPPENINGS

Mount St. Mary House of Prayer

Mount St. Mary House of Prayer, Watchung, will offer the following programs. **Registration required;** email msmhope@msmhope.org or call 908-753-2091

THE COMING OF THE LORD, Viewed Through an Immaculate Prism, Mary

An Advent evening of recollection with reflections on the Blessed Mother, followed by time for personal prayer and meditation. **Wed, Nov 30, 5:30-9 p.m.** (Includes supper) (\$45-\$55 As You Are Able) Presenter: Jim Choma

Mass Servers



Dec. 3 - 4

MASS	READER	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER	ALTAR SERVER
Saturday 4:00pm	M. Stoddard	D. & K. Germaine T. Opalewski G. Wise	J. Soranno
Sunday, 7:30am	E. Savatta	C. Gatti A. Hac C. Schultzbank	Open
9:00am	M. Santucci	Sr. A. Cooper A. DeParto L. Grubman	D. Tse
11:15am	L. Munoz	P. D'Angelo L. Hsueh K. Lawlor	N. Gallic R. Molnar



TABERNACLE CANDLE BURNING

November 25 - December 1
For the children of our parish.



A time to heal...
Let us pray for the sick:

Rolando Ablan
Agapito Aquino
Joseph M. Angeleri
Eloy Bello
Rose Bello Buono
David Bestwick
Anthony Addario
Annabella Biondo
Anda Braun
Diane Brown
Genna Camiolo
Marion Caparaso
Brian Carpenter
Lorena D'Amato
Calvin David
Gregory Frisoli
Denise Gilmartin
Barbara Giordano
Jennifer Gonzalez
Robert Gonzalez
Andrew Greiwe
Anthony Gottlick
Eric Hartman

Hans Hendriks
Laura Hinkley
Federico Jarantilla
Doris Kratson
Donna Kugelman
Eric LeGrand
Anthony Leone
Veronica March
Kesla Marie Martinez
Daniel McCaffrey
Grace Mitchell
Brenda Mittenhuber
Clare Murphy
John Osborne
Donna Palardy
Concetta Palasits
Rolando Severino
Karen Shanahan
Rose Simone
Frank Skopowski
Bessie Sullivan
Marie Summa
Emma Szanicz



PRAY FOR
Those in the Military...
May God bless you for your service:

L. Cpl. Joseph Butrico, USMC
Corp. Michael F. Hogan, USM
Pvt. David Lavery, USMC
Edward Paul Louis, USA
Eric Marsjanik, USN
Eric Merkle, USAF
Capt. Jason Milbrandt, USMC
Chaplain Robert Monagle, USAF
Sgt. Patrick Noll USMC
P.F.C. Clifton Sallach
Pvt. Jonathan Sims, Natl Gd.
Capt. Daniel Szurick, USMC
Major John Voorhees, USA



For The Week

MONDAY, November 28, 2016
Advent Weekday

Readings: Is. 4:2-6/Mt. 8:5-11
7:00 a.m. Carlos Riello

TUESDAY, November 29
Advent Weekday

Readings: Is. 11:1-10/Lk. 10:21-24
7:00 a.m. Kathleen McAnally

WEDNESDAY, November 30
Saint Andrew

Readings: Rom. 10:9-18/Mt. 4:18-22
7:00 a.m. Marge Kugelman

THURSDAY, December 1
Advent Weekday

Readings: Is. 26:1-6/Mt. 7:21, 24-27
7:00 a.m. Teresa Mastroianni

FIRST FRIDAY, December 2
Advent Weekday

Readings: Is. 29:17-24/Mt. 9:27-31
12 :10 p.m. Carl Riello
7:00 p.m. Dorothy & Peter Latore

SATURDAY MORNING, December 3
Saint Francis Xavier

Readings: Is. 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt. 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8
7:00 a.m. Joseph Fittipaldi

SATURDAY EVENING, December 3
Vigil of the Second Sunday of Advent

Readings: Is. 11:1-10/Rom. 15:4-9/Mt. 3:1-12
4:00 p.m. Marge Kugelman

SUNDAY, December 4

The Second Sunday of Advent

Readings: Is. 11:1-10/Rom. 15:4-9/Mt. 3:1-12
7:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish
9:00 a.m. Susan DeParto
11:15 a.m. Henry Albert

"...at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

- Mt. 24:44

Sharing the Gospel

Remember that when God told Noah to build an ark, his neighbors laughed at him. Then one day God sent the flood. Only Noah's family was saved because they listened to God, and they were ready. Jesus has already told you that one day he will come back. He wants you to be saved. He wants you to be ready. When you read Bible stories, listen carefully. Love God like Noah did, and learn to do what God asks.



Puzzle

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

NOAH
EATING
DRINKING

MARRIED
FLOOD
TOGETHER

TAKEN
LEFT
READY

S	T	B	F	L	O	O	D	E	O
N	O	A	H	N	Y	U	R	M	G
U	G	R	D	O	D	T	K	A	N
O	E	A	T	I	N	G	W	R	H
N	T	Y	A	U	R	L	O	R	L
W	H	I	K	L	C	M	H	I	M
O	E	N	E	R	S	E	V	E	L
D	R	I	N	K	I	N	G	D	E
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