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December 17, 2023 - Third Sunday of Advent

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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SACRAMENTS

Baptism Preparation:

1st Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in Room B - Contact Parish Office to register

Reconciliation:

Saturdays at 4:00 p.m. or by appointment

Marriage:

Contact Parish Office a year in advance

Anointing of the Sick:

Anytime by request - Contact the Office

SAFE Environment

As members of our Church, we have a sacred responsibility to care for and protect each other, most especially the innocent and the most vulnerable. Should you have any SAFE environment questions or concerns, contact:

Nancy Filgate, SAFE Environment Coordinator,
safeenvironment@saintmaryofthehills.com

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Thursday: 8:30 a.m.

Saturday: 4:30 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 & 11:15 a.m.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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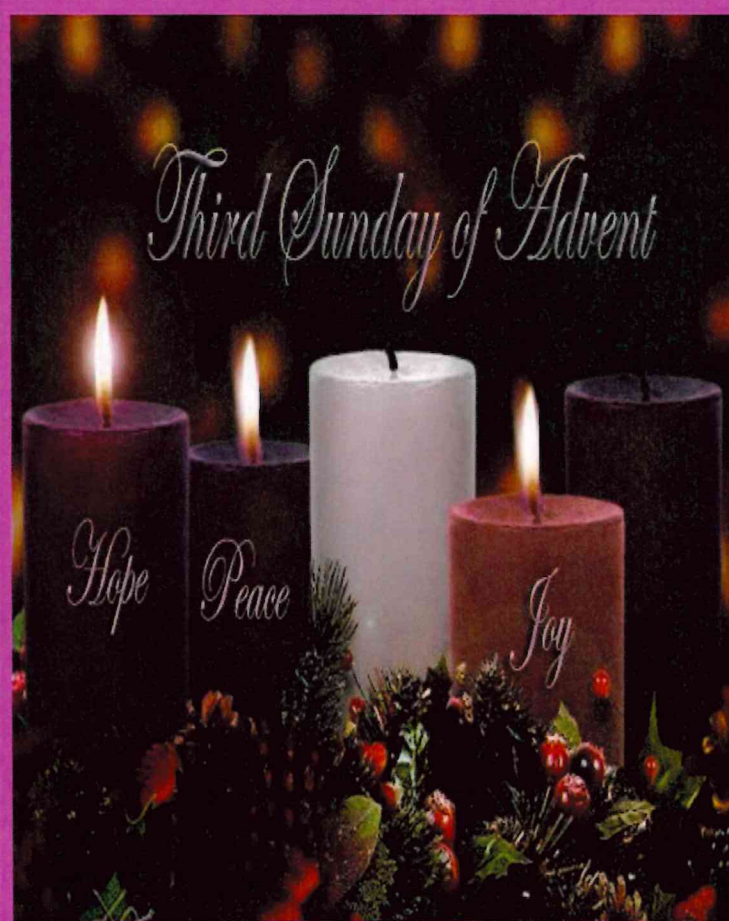
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Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 16

4:30 p.m. Sr. Theresa Khen Doan – By Friend

Sunday, December 17

9:00 a.m. Susan T. White (Bday Remembrance)
By Anne Dowen

11:15 a.m. George Dawson, Jr. – By Family

Monday, December 18

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Tuesday, December 19

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Wednesday, December 20

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Thursday, December 21

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Saturday, December 23

4:30 p.m. Brian Grimley (Bday Remembrance)
By Family

Sunday, December 24

10:00 a.m.

4:30 p.m. Yolanda and Dominic Lombardi
By Family
Lindsay Anne Campbell (4th Anniv.)
By Dowen Family

8:00 p.m. Robert Paulding (6th Anniversary)
By Family

Monday, December 25

10:00 a.m. *Christmas Day Mass*

SMOTH Ministries Meetings

* **Knights of Columbus** meet every second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

* Join the **Knights of Columbus** as they pray the Rosary following the 9:00 a.m. Mass on the 3rd Sunday of each month.

* **Teen Bible Study** meets this Sunday at 6:00 p.m.

* **Young Adult Bible Study** next meeting is January 7, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Third Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 16 - 4:30 p.m.

Lector: Rich Petrucci

EM: Sherri Hebert

Altar Servers: Jackson Foster, Lucas Foster

Greeters: Florence (Cookie) Doublet, Jan Mecca

Sunday, December 17 - 9:00 a.m.

Lector: Grades 6th and 7th

EM: Joseph DiCelie

Altar Servers: William Furgal, Sofia Lafond

Greeters: Grades 6th and 7th

Sunday, December 17 - 11:15 a.m.

Lector: Meg Latessa

EM: Marie Phillips

Altar Servers: Jacob Viaud, Julia Viaud

Greeters: Florence (Cookie) Doublet, Paula Smith

Saturday, December 23 - 4:30 p.m.

Lector: Bob Mecca

EM: Jan Mecca

Altar Servers: NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED

Greeters: Florence (Cookie) Doublet

Sunday, December 24 - 10:00 a.m.

Lector: George Olson

EM: Julie Filgate

Altar Servers: NOT FILLED, Drew Pluta

Greeters: Michelle Taintor, Russell Taintor

Divine Mercy



We will celebrate Divine Mercy every fourth Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. through May 2024.

Religious Ed Schedule:

Sun. Dec. 17th

9:50-11:05 a.m.

12:15-5p.m.

Grs. 1-3

Gr. 9 12:15-1:30p.m.

Gr. 9 Service 2:00-5p.m.

Urban Missionaries

Mon. Dec. 18th

6:30-8 p.m.

Grs.6-8

Tues. Dec. 19th

4:15-5:30 p.m.

Grs. 4&5

Merry Christmas!

No Classes

December 24, 2023 – January 5, 2024



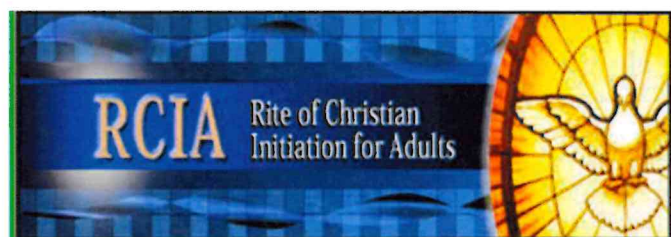
Thank you...

A very special thank you to the Knights of Columbus from all the Grades 1-3 children who enjoyed cake Sunday morning after we all sang, "Happy Birthday to Jesus"!!

Christmas Pageant

Grades 1-5 students who will be participating in the "Christmas Pageant" on Epiphany Sunday January 7, 2024 will have a **Dress Rehearsal** on **Saturday January 6, 2024.** Angels, Mary & Joseph, Wiseman and Roman Centurion will meet at 10:30 a.m. in the Church Hall for Wings and Halos and other costumes. Shepherds and Inn Keepers meet in the Church at 11:00 a.m. If you didn't turn in your form, **All** are welcome to participate if they come to practice!

Our next Family Mass... will be Sunday, **Jan. 21st @ 9:00 a.m.** Grade 8 will be "in charge" of this Mass. Practice for the Grade 8 Family Mass will be held during their class on **Monday, January 8th.**



*If you've thought about being welcomed into Full Communion with the Roman Catholic Church.

*If you've thought about Baptism or Holy Communion or Confirmation...or all three of these Sacraments of Initiation.

*Then, you are invited into Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, or RCIA.

Soon we will begin our RCIA which will lead to Full Communion into the Roman Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday the 30th of March 2024.

We will gather between the 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Sunday Masses twice per month until the beginning of Lent. Then we will meet each Sunday in Lent in a Classroom in the Parish Hall for Faith and Fellowship. The classes will begin in December with dates to be announced soon.

Please call Trang, our Parish Secretary at 508-869-6771 x3 to sign up for this Wonderful Journey of Faith.

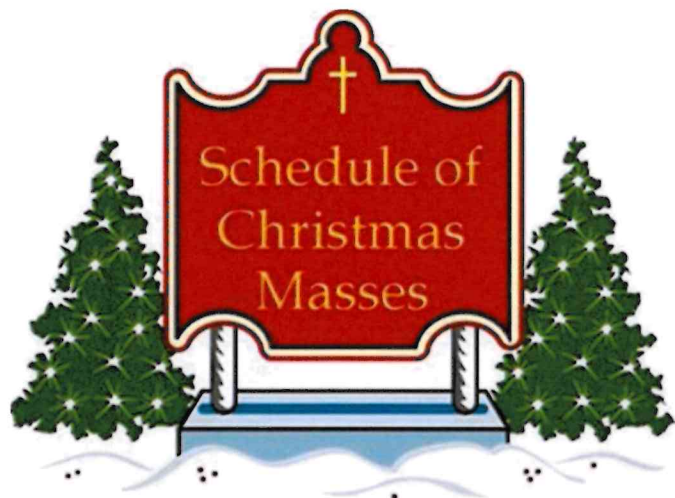
God's Peace,

Fr. Juan, Eleanor, and Deacon Dick

"Lord take me where You want me to go...Let me meet who You want me to meet...Tell me what You want me to say...and Lord...keep me out of Your way!"

Fr Mychal Judge, OFM Chief Chaplain FDN

Christmas Mass Schedule



Fourth Sunday of Advent Masses

Saturday December 23rd at 4:30 p.m.
Sunday December 24th at 10:00 a.m.

Christmas Masses

Sunday, December 24th at 4:30 p.m.
Sunday, December 24th at 8:00 p.m.
Monday, December 25th at 10:00 a.m.

Daily Mass Schedule



Mass Schedule

We will have Communion Service on Mondays at 8:30a.m. Daily Mass will still be celebrated on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 8:30 a.m.

"Coffee Shop" Volunteers Needed



We are in need of more volunteers. If you would like to help us, please contact Brenda DiCelle at 508-641-3521 to schedule a week or two so we can resume this wonderful time of refreshments, conversation, and fellowship.

With Gratitude



THANK YOU!!

*A sincere
thank you to
all who helped
with set up,
baking and
clean up for
our
Thanksgiving*

*Ecumenical Service and Christmas
Concert. Both were well attended
and many complimented the food
display.*





Saint Mary of the Hills Prayer Line

Tanya L., Daniel, Raymonde Forjette, Skylar, Timmy, Harry Wilson, Bette Kirby, Barbara Whales, Mary, Brittany, Kim Hally, Cynthia Lazar, Joseph T., Phil Roger, Anthony, Alicia Suarez, Abel Clavijo, Brian, Justin, Henrietta, Diane K., Lisa P., Alli B., Justin, Frances, Ken Reynolds, Kandyce, Pauline Westcott, Haley C., Elizabeth Scano, Michelle, Ken T., Robert Kuchler, Karen Coveney, Marcy C., Eleanor B., Linda O'Malley, Jim C., Diane B., Mary Ann W., Max, Max M., Ali, Cathy, Melissa A., Bob R., Pat G., Jack C., Joy B., Mary Beth F., Raquel Padilla, For the addicted, Jenny Mangas, Kim Hardy, Peg P., Maria Levine, Erik Olson, Tommy, Vinny & Marie Hagerty, and Kara, Jack & Pauline W., John, Ron & Deb, Pat Banfield, Karen D., Diane H., Tim Ferguson, Steven Parrella, Linda, John Lonati, E. O'Connor, Joe & Cindy Nader, Peter Proulx, Emily Guerra, Mary K., Mike Murphy, Sherry, Marion C., Kaity, Robert, Bob & Joanie, Dan, Lavin & Henley T., Judy Ellis, Micki, Fr. Jim, Jayne, Cathy Ols, Andrew Kardokas, Eileen Foss, Thomas Powroznik, The Tremper Family, Lee L, Rick, Mark C., Dianne, Suzie L., Cheryl B., Bob Fitzgerald, Elizabeth, Pam, John M., Regina Panasuk, Kathryn Brown, Laura, Ronnie, Olivia, Sean G., Tom Scano, Mary Jo Sanders, Judy C., Frank Pellegrino, T.J. Bautz, Sarah, Andrew, Phyllis, Sophia, Paula, for Fr. Mulumba's safety, Craig, Josephine, Kate Deliso, Ryan C., Claire, Amy & Maureen, David & Julia, Andrew Mannett, Ryan & Chad, Anna, Anthony, Denise, Paul, Lee L., Sr., Justin A., Jason Bailey, Ray L., Yvette Armstrong, Eric Shea, Maureen, Rachel, Bill Flaherty, Dylan, Becky English, Tom C., Tyler C., Peggy, Stephen A., Hannah, Josh, Sean S., Dina O'Leary, Lee L., Mike & Judy, for my nephew, Paul Rice, Silva Payne, Fr. Manny, Don, Joseph B., Deborah Brown, Marcia, Amy, Brian LeDuc, Joe Atkinson, Henry Pearce, Pam B., John Tyndall, Mary, Bob & Marsha G., Ellen, Joseph, Pat G., Joe, Jack, William, Ed S., Bob D., Tip, Alidia, Edward D., Antoinette M., Ollie McMullun, Carina, Carla, McKenzie, Addie, Pat R., Michael B, A.D., Beatrix, Jennie Schump, Marilyn, Paula G., Wes Stevens, Mike O'Neal, Rebecca Sherwood, Jennifer Smedley, Zachery, Jen Hollis, Stephanie Banks, Tyler C., Jasmine R., Trey, Joseph & Samantha, Joseph Padavano, David, Lucille, Erin, Julie, Tom H., Tiffany & Family, Buffy H., healing prayers for a family member, Paul, Carol A., Ernie Quintiliani, For my sons, Larry Hardenbrook, Tyler L., Chris, Carol P., Alex, Brian Rittershaus, Josephine H., Lucas, Sandy L., Jenn Rajala, Pearl & Deacon Dick Martino, Ron Prishivalko, "For my children", Baby Gianna, Katie K., Sharon D., Ron G., Tom P., George, Donna, Les C., Lindsey Downing, Leann Kirwin, Danny Wadhwani, Lorraine Sullivan, Frank & Ann Masiello, Rita Cormier, Jim, Jay Chelo, Carol McNaught, Sharon, Tom F., Kristin, Myra C., Duncan, Tom C., Lindsey, Julie and her Family, Mary Severin, "for my husband", Laura Giurleo, Jim Bettger, Patsy, Ivy M., Chris Ann & Ian, Tuan Dao, Mike Fleming & Family, Clara B., Mrs. Toffelmire and Christine da Silva Schneider, Deb & Kevin Donovan, Linda Towne, Pamela, Meg Milonopoulos & Family, Keegan Devaney, Gordon W. and Russell, Greg C. Paul O., Joan B., Patrice Peris Gendoni, Helen Kelly, Scott W., Harry Zimmerman, Stephen A., John Clarke, the Porter Family, Theresa, Roger Meeks, Dave Perry, Denise D., Nicholas E., Harry J., Kenny H., Emma LeBlanc, MaryAnn H., Maureen & Joe Campos, Dick, Linda, Sue S., Butch & JoAnn, Gail Rajala, Joe, Caroline H., Sue, Phil Crosby, Anna, Lusia, Monika, John, Slawek, Hunter, Barron, Lily H., Tom C, Arty Gibree, Nancy & Paul Thibault, William Hine, Noreen Christie, Josephine Huff, Angie L., Alexis R., Meta F., Piper F., BMD, Beth J., Cindy B, and Melissa Martin-Duquette.

+++ *It would be most appreciated if you could let the Office know
when to take a name off The Prayer Line. Thank you!* +++

Petition for God's Intercession

All-powerful and ever-living God, the lasting health of all who believe in you, hear us as we ask your loving help for our sisters and brothers who may be troubled by illness of body, mind or spirit; restore their health, that they may again offer joyful thanks in your Holy Church. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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