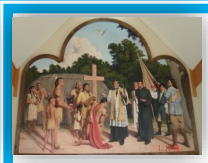

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Director of Music/Liturgy:	Dr. Eran Lupu (#106)
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Parish Finance Committee Chair:	Mr. Louis Rizzo

Weekend Masses

Saturday ~ 4:00 p.m., Main Church
Sunday ~ 8:00 a.m., Main Church
9:30 a.m., & 12:00 p.m., Main Church

Weekday Masses

Monday through Friday; ~ 8:15 a.m.

Holy Day Masses

Please refer to the bulletin prior to the Holy Day for the schedule.

Founded in Colonial Catholic History in 1640
†
Canonically Established in 1830

Welcome to our new parishioners and visitors!

Be sure to introduce yourself to our pastor after Mass. Registration forms are available in the gathering area of the Church, at the Parish Office, and on our website.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FOR CHILDREN

—Infants: Newborn children of at least one Catholic parent should be baptized as Catholics shortly after their birth. Parishioners with newborns should complete a Baptismal preparation form (available online or hard copy) and call Fr. Plummer at the Parish Office to schedule a preparation class. Baptisms typically do not take place during Mass in the Lenten Season.
—Children younger than 7: are baptized "as infants." See above.
—Children 7 and older: if unbaptized, these typically receive Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the annual Easter Vigil, after preparation. Contact Miss Ellienne Planchet at the Parish Office to arrange preparations (301) 292-0527 #104.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)

Tuesday and Friday~ after Morning Mass in Our Lady's Chapel
Saturday ~ 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. in the Main Church
Sunday~ before each Mass Or by appointment

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

For a valid marriage, no matter who he or she marries, a Catholic must marry in the Catholic Church before a Priest or Deacon and at least two witnesses, unless he or she receives a dispensation from the Church. The bride or groom must be a parishioner of St. Mary's. Call Fr. Plummer at least 6 months in advance to arrange monthly preparation classes. As a Catholic Church, we are bound to observe the Rite of Marriage as prescribed in the Roman Ritual, and to observe additional diocesan and parish policies. Weddings are typically done on Saturdays, starting no later than 1:00 p.m., in either the Main Church or Our Lady's Chapel. Weddings typically do not take place in Lent. Musical arrangements must be made with our Music Director, Dr. Eran Lupu at (301) 292-0527 #106.

FUNERALS

If a Vigil service for the deceased is desired, please arrange for a viewing or wake at the funeral home of your choice. A priest or deacon will gladly come to the funeral home and celebrate the Vigil Service. There are no viewings or wakes in the Main Church or Our Lady's Chapel at St. Mary's.
To prepare a Funeral Mass in either the Main Church or Our Lady's Chapel, please call the Parish Office [(301) 292-0527] in order to arrange an appointment with a priest. As a Catholic Church, we are bound to observe the Order of Christian Funerals as prescribed in the Roman Ritual, and to observe additional parish policies.
For burial arrangements in our parish cemetery, please call the Archdiocese of Washington Office of Catholic Cemeteries at (301) 932-1766. A representative will meet with you at our Parish Office.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Required for unbaptized adults who wish to become Catholic. Non-Catholic Christians who wish to be received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church, baptized Catholics who wish to receive Confirmation and/or Eucharist, as well as any other inquirers are welcome. Sessions are on Mondays at 7:00 p.m., in the Parish Conference Room, starting in September. Call Miss Ellienne Planchet at (301) 292-0527 #104 to discuss your situation.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR)

All parish families' children in grades K-8 who do not attend Catholic school should enroll in this program. Weekly classes begin in September on Sundays from 10:45 a.m.—11:50 a.m.. Please call Miss Ellienne Planchet at (301) 292-0527 #104 to register.

HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE SICK

To arrange for a home "Communion call' contact the Parish Office.

EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION/ADORATION WEEKLY TIMES

We are always in need of more adorers to make a "Holy Hour" before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament at Our Lady's Chapel. Contact Anne Marie Ramsey (202) 368-7189, to "sign-up" for an hour within the following times:

Tuesday ~ No Adoration, at present
Wednesday ~ 8:15 a.m. Mass to 7:00 p.m.
Thursday ~ 8:15 a.m. Mass to 7:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet, 6:30 p.m.

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL OF PISCATAWAY

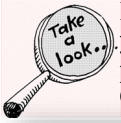
ADVENT 2020

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (HDO) MASSES

MAIN CHURCH

- **Monday, December 7th, 4:00 p.m.**
- **Tuesday, December 8th, 8:15 a.m.**
- **Tuesday, December 8th, 11:00 a.m. (Live Stream at 11:00 a.m. Mass)**
- **Tuesday, December 8th, 7:00 p.m.**

St. Mary's Choir—Do you enjoy singing? St. Mary's Liturgical Choir is looking for new choristers to sing at the 12 noon Mass on Sundays. No previous musical experience is necessary, only a love of singing (in tune) and praising God in song. Singing is praying to God twice! Beginning September 10, practice will occur on Thursday evenings, at 7:15 p.m., in the Main Church. Contact Dr. Eran Lupu at: **eranlupu @icloud.com**



Pamphlets—There are some fantastic pamphlets for you to take home and read. You can find them in our pamphlet rack on the right-hand-side of the Main Church Baptistry when looking toward the Sanctuary.

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Eucharistic Exposition (Adoration):

† Exposition is in Our Lady's Chapel after Mass (Approx. 9:00 a.m.) until ***7:00*** p.m., Wednesday, and Thursday (Devotions and Benediction).

† We need to be sure to have adorers the whole time the Lord is exposed. At least two people at a time would be ideal.

† Save Eucharistic Adoration through your commitment to be in the presence of the Lord for a full hour of adoration.

† We cannot provide this devotion without your participation.

† Please contact Anne Marie Ramsey, at (202) 368-7189, to sign up for an hour. *We are still at 50% capacity which means 100 people.* Please, continue wearing your masks and use the hand sanitizer provided. Thank you.

COME SPEND TIME IN THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD!

We Need Adorers to cover on Wednesdays from 4:00-5:00 p.m. and 5:00-6:00 p.m. On Thursdays, we need Adorers from 10:00-11:00 a.m. & 12:00-1:00 p.m.

For those of you who have pledged, use the envelopes as they fit in with your frequency of payment throughout the year(s).

For everyone else, use this envelope as you would any other envelope. This contribution goes to the Capital Campaign only.

Please note that this is a different fund from the Maintenance Fund so do not use the Maintenance envelopes for the Capital Campaign and vice-versa. **IMPORTANT:** When making out your checks, **please use a SEPARATE CHECK for the 2020 Vision Capital Campaign**. Go to saintmaryspiscataway.net for online giving. Call the Parish Office (301) 292-0527 for information. *Please make your check out to* "**St. Mary's Capital Campaign**" or "**Capital Campaign St. Mary's**".

Thank you!

Around the Archdiocese

Retrouvaille—Is your marriage going down the right road? Or is it a little off track? The holidays can be a very stressful time for many couples. Looking for a better way? Retrouvaille can help and offers hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal. For confidential information about or to register for an upcoming program, please visit: **www.HelpOurMarriage.com**, call (443) 400-7017, or email: **3015@retrouvaille.org**

2020 Diocesan 2nd Collection (Archdiocese of Washington)

December 13	**Retirement Fund for Religious Collection 2020**

Retirement Fund for Religious Collection— More than 19,000 religious have less than 20 percent of the amount needed for projected costs of living and healthcare. Thousands of senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests spent years working in Catholic schools, hospitals, and agencies—often for little or no pay. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and more. Almost 94 percent of donations aid senior religious. Thank you for your continued generosity!

For more information go to: **https://retiredreligious.org**

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 6, 2020

SUN 12/6	Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8
MON 12/7	Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26
TUE 12/8	Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
WED 12/9	Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10 [1]/Mt 11:28-30
THR 12/10	Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab [8]/Mt 11:11-15
FRI 12/11	Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/Mt 11:16-19
SAT 12/12	Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19 [15:9d]/
SUN 12/13	Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 51-54 [Is 61:10b]/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 6, 2020

Sunday:	2nd Sunday of Advent
Monday:	St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Tuesday:	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday:	St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin
Friday:	St. Damasus I, Pope
Saturday:	Our Lady of Guadalupe
Next Sunday:	3rd Sunday of Advent

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

Prepare the way of the Lord! The message of John the Baptist becomes the calling of every baptized disciple of Jesus Christ. Each one of us is asked to prepare the way of the Lord. Given the humble means of our lives, how can we do this? It certainly does not require that we stand on street corners announcing God's future coming! We can more readily take up the task of our lifework by clearing our lives of unnecessary, distracting clutter. By creating solid and deep spiritual lives, we can heighten our awareness of God's presence and help people point to and discover God's presence around them. By conducting ourselves in holiness and devotion, we can speak volumes to those we meet. Not by preaching actual words, but by living lives that communicate the comfort God wants His people to know. As the world sometimes frantically unfolds around us, we can be people of patience who show others that it's okay to wait for God's gift to come. Conducting our lives in this manner, we will know the peace that comes from doing what we have been asked to do.

Quiet your heart.

FIRST READING:

A voice cries out:
In the desert prepare the way of the LORD!
Make straight in the wasteland a highway
for our God! (Is 40:3)

PSALM:

Lord, let us see your kindness,
and grant us your salvation. (Ps 85)

SECOND READING:

The day of the Lord will come like a thief,
and then the heavens will pass away with a mighty roar
and the elements will be dissolved by fire,
and the earth and everything done on it will be
found out. (2 Pt 3:10)

GOSPEL:

"One mightier than I is coming after me.
I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the
thongs of his sandals.
I have baptized you with water;
he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." (Mk 1:7b-8)

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WORSHIP & MEDITATION

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

People knew over a year in advance that the Pope was coming for a visit to America and the preparations began. Security, space limitations and requirements, protocols, crowd management, itineraries, invitations, regulations, and so much more was necessary to pull this event off effectively. It's not every day that we get a visit from such a prominent dignitary. Thought, effort, meticulous attention to detail and vision all are necessary to make this thing work. After all, he can't just show up in the ordinary and normal daily routines of life and catch people unprepared! Tickets have to be purchased, buses rented, hotel rooms reserved, and travel arrangements made early because it will be impossible to see him if we wait too long!

We do this kind of preparing not only for prominent religious figures but for political dignitaries, notable sports figures, people of fame, and even actors. If an individual intrigues us, we are going to want to do all we have to do to get a "good seat" in the house. Does Jesus Christ captivate this much of our attention? We are asked to prepare the way of the Lord and to do so not with frantic frenzy but patient enthusiasm. We do not have to stand on a street corner making profound announcements about God's coming or become overly zealous in our embrace of the Good News. Our task is quieter, more interior, captivating, and consuming. We are asked to change. We have to conduct our lives with holy devotion.

Is the cost of that ticket too much for you? Don't you want the "best seat" in the house? You don't want to miss Our Lord's arrival when he comes, do you? After all, if he comes while you are going about your daily routines without you even knowing, he may catch you off guard. Or, he may come in disguise looking like a beggar, a prisoner, migrant, refugee, or someone who is lost. Would you be ready to recognize him then? Preparing for the coming of Christ requires a change of mind, heart, and behavior. It is not adequate to simply do the things we always do. We want our lives to speak of the exciting news of Christ's coming and the joy that the Gospel brings. It has to do with our demeanor, values, priorities, choices, and how we structure daily routines. Of course, it involves sacrifice. All anticipations do! Are you excited, captivated, enthusiastic, and sitting on the edge of your seat eager to celebrate his coming among us at Christmas, and waiting for him to come again? If not, why not?

LITURGICAL LIFE

RESPONDING to the Call

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

Jubilation to Share

Sometimes you have something to share with people that causes you to well up inside with excitement to the point of going crazy. A pregnancy test, a pay raise, a college acceptance, a wedding or engagement are all examples of moments in life when we might be bursting at the seams to tell somebody the good news. When we finally get the chance to tell somebody, joy just seems to flow through us with ease. We literally want the entire world to share in our jubilation.

When was the last time you shared with a friend or loved one how much your faith in Jesus means to you? You don't feel the same motivation to share? Are you not overwhelmed with a desire to spread the Good News?

Don't feel bad. You are not alone. As Christians, we often fail to grasp the powerful implications of being a disciple of Jesus Christ. We can become complacent and lose sight of what matters the most. That is when sharing with others about our faith seems uncomfortable.

Faith is a gift. As everyday stewards we are called to share with others what God has given us. Advent is a great time to grow in our faith and love of the Lord. The more we cultivate our faith and the closer we draw to Him, the more we will want to share about Him. We might not have the impact of John the Baptist in the course of human history, but our proclamation of the Gospel to another might be the gift that changes their history.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING

Our parish is grateful for your continued support. Thank you!

WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Catholic Life Explained:

Question:

Can a divorced Catholic receive holy Communion?

Answer:

Unfortunately, too many people today — Catholics and non-Catholics alike — mistakenly believe that divorce separates one from the Communion of the Church and that divorced persons may not receive Communion. However, as the Church has communicated in a number of places, the issue at hand is not the reality of divorce, but is more often the reality of re-marriage outside of the Church (such as in the case of a Catholic who was previously married within the Church, divorced, and remarried without receiving an annulment).

Divorced persons are called to live chastely as single people and to observe the same call to avoid sin as anyone else who desires to receive the Eucharist. Beyond this, however, Pope Francis has reminded us that the healing power of the Eucharist can be especially significant for those who have "endured separation, divorce, or abandonment ... divorced people who have not remarried, and often bear witness to marital fidelity, ought to be encouraged to find in the Eucharist the nourishment they need to sustain them in their present state of life." (Amoris Laetitia, no. 242) Moreover, he continues, "The local community and pastors should accompany these people with solicitude, particularly when children are involved or when they are in serious financial difficulty." (AL, no 242)

As Pope Francis has also reminded us, the Eucharist is "not a prize for the perfect," but "a powerful medicine and nourishment" (Evangelii Gaudium, no. 47). Because we all stand in need of healing and wholeness, the Church invites all who seek to live their faith in integrity and devotion to come and receive the grace offered in the Eucharist.

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Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you;

he will prepare your way.

A voice of one crying out in the desert:

"Prepare the way of the Lord,

make straight his paths."

- Mk 1:2b-3

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LITURGICAL LIFE

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

Five hundred years before the birth of Christ, Isaiah prophesied these words of comfort and hope to the Israelites captive in Babylon. What would bring comfort and hope to you in this season of Advent?

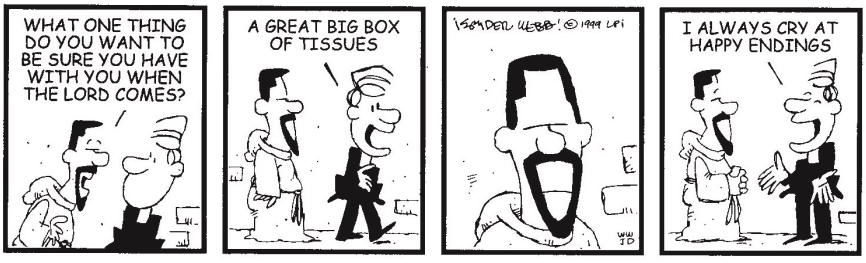
Second Reading:

Today we hear how Peter challenged those in his day who denied that Christ would return. Peter argued that our human timeline is not God's timeline. How do you reason with people today who deny the fundamentals of our faith?

Gospel:

Mark opens his Gospel by presenting the words and activities of John the Baptist in the context of fulfilling Isaiah's prophecy heard in our first reading. Why do you think connecting Isaiah to John the Baptist was important to Mark and his community?

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



St. Mary's School of Piscataway

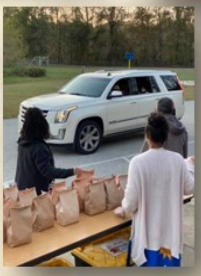
Discover the difference!

Like many schools, St. Mary's, in the best interest of our student body remains teaching through distance learning. We are constantly evaluating the situation but anticipate distance learning to continue through the second quarter. Just because the school is closed does not mean that we are not holding on to our traditions and staying in contact with our students.

November has been a particularly interesting month. Our Pre-K teachers, Ms. True and Ms. Pat visited students to help keep them engaged.

Two of our most important fall events, **The Fall Family Festival and the Visit to the Pumpkin Patch,** were still held even though school was closed. The format was a little different, but fun was had by all.

No visit to the Pumpkin patch is complete without carving the pumpkin.



St. Mary's School is accepting applications for Grades Pre-K3-8.

For more information, contact the school office at (301) 292-2522 or visit us on our website at **StMarysPiscataway.org**.

In the spirit of the Thanksgiving Holiday, we would like to ask you to visit our iGive Catholic page, https://washington.igivecatholic.org/organizations/st-mary-s-school-of-piscataway The goal is to rally our Catholic community in support of the organizations that shape our souls: Our parishes, schools, and nonprofit ministries. Your gift to us transforms our ministry and builds the body of Christ. We thank you for finding us and being willing to join us as you "Give Catholic" on #GivingTuesday! This fundraiser runs from November 16-December 1.

KIDS CORNER

READ THE GOSPEL AND COLOR THE PICTURE.

SHARING THE GOSPEL

John the Baptist had an important message. When you make sinful mistakes, and when you turn away from God, stop. Learn from your mistakes, and do things God's way. Were you bossy or rude? Be thoughtful and kind. Did you tell a lie? Be honest instead. God wants you to share his love with other people.

PRAYER

Jesus, help me to learn from my mistakes. Thank you for forgiving me.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Ask your family if you have hurt their feelings. Ask them to forgive you.

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LITURGICAL LIFE

3 EASY STEPS
To Keeping Yourself & Others Healthy!

We are cautioned to be especially careful during the Coronavirus outbreak. Here are some simple ways to keep sickness away.

Wash Your Hands
Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds using soap and water. If you can't wash your hands, use hand sanitizer frequently.

Don't Touch Your Face
Especially around the eyes, nose and mouth. If you must sneeze, use a tissue or your arm.

Keep Your Distance
Practice social distancing during this epidemic and stay away from large groups. Instead, call, email or check up on family and friends using social media.

John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. John was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey. And this is what he proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me."

- Mk 1:4, 6-7a

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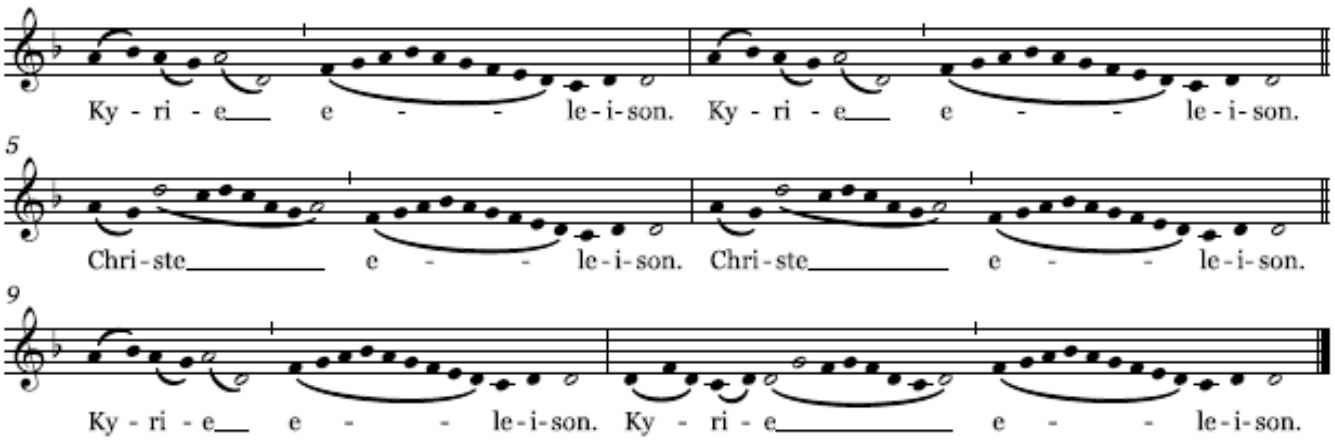
Second Sunday of Advent

Introit **Cf. Is 30: 19, 30**

O people of Sion, behold,
the Lord will come to save the nations,
and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard
in the joy of your heart.

Kyrie

Missa XI (Orbis factor)



Reading 1
IS 40:1-5, 9-11
Comfort, give comfort to my people,
says your God.
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her
that her service is at an end,
her guilt is expiated;
indeed, she has received from the hand of the
LORD
double for all her sins.

A voice cries out:
In the desert prepare the way of the LORD!
Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our
God!
Every valley shall be filled in,
every mountain and hill shall be made low;
the rugged land shall be made a plain,
the rough country, a broad valley.
Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together;
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Go up on to a high mountain,
Zion, herald of glad tidings;
cry out at the top of your voice,
Jerusalem, herald of good news!
Fear not to cry out
and say to the cities of Judah:
Here is your God!
Here comes with power
the Lord GOD,
who rules by his strong arm;
here is his reward with him,
his recompense before him.
Like a shepherd he feeds his flock;
in his arms he gathers the lambs,
carrying them in his bosom,
and leading the ewes with care.

Responsorial Psalm
PS 85:9-10-11-12, 13-14
R. (8) **Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.**
I will hear what God proclaims;
the LORD—for he proclaims peace to his people.
Near indeed is his salvation to those who fear him,
glory dwelling in our land.
R. **Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.**
Kindness and truth shall meet;
justice and peace shall kiss.
Truth shall spring out of the earth,
and justice shall look down from heaven.
R. **Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.**
The LORD himself will give his benefits;
our land shall yield its increase.
Justice shall walk before him,
and prepare the way of his steps.
R. **Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.**

Reading 2
2 PT 3:8-14

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years and a thousand years like one day. The Lord does not delay his promise, as some regard "delay," but he is patient with you, not wishing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a mighty roar and the elements will be dissolved by fire, and the earth and everything done on it will be found out.

Since everything is to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be, conducting yourselves in holiness and devotion, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved in flames and the elements melted by fire. But according to his promise we await new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. Therefore, beloved, since you await these things, be eager to be found without spot or blemish before him, at peace.

Alleluia
LK 3:4, 6
R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**
Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
All flesh shall see the salvation of God.
R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

Gospel
MK 1:1-8
The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God.

As it is written in Isaiah the prophet:
Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you;
he will prepare your way.
A voice of one crying out in the desert:
"Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths."
John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. People of the whole Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. John was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey. And this is what he proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Credo
I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
At the words that follow up to and including "and became man," all bow.
and by the Holy Spirit
was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy,
catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Offertory **O come, O come, Emmanuel**

3. O come, O come, Thou Lord of might,
who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times didst give the law
in cloud and majesty and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel

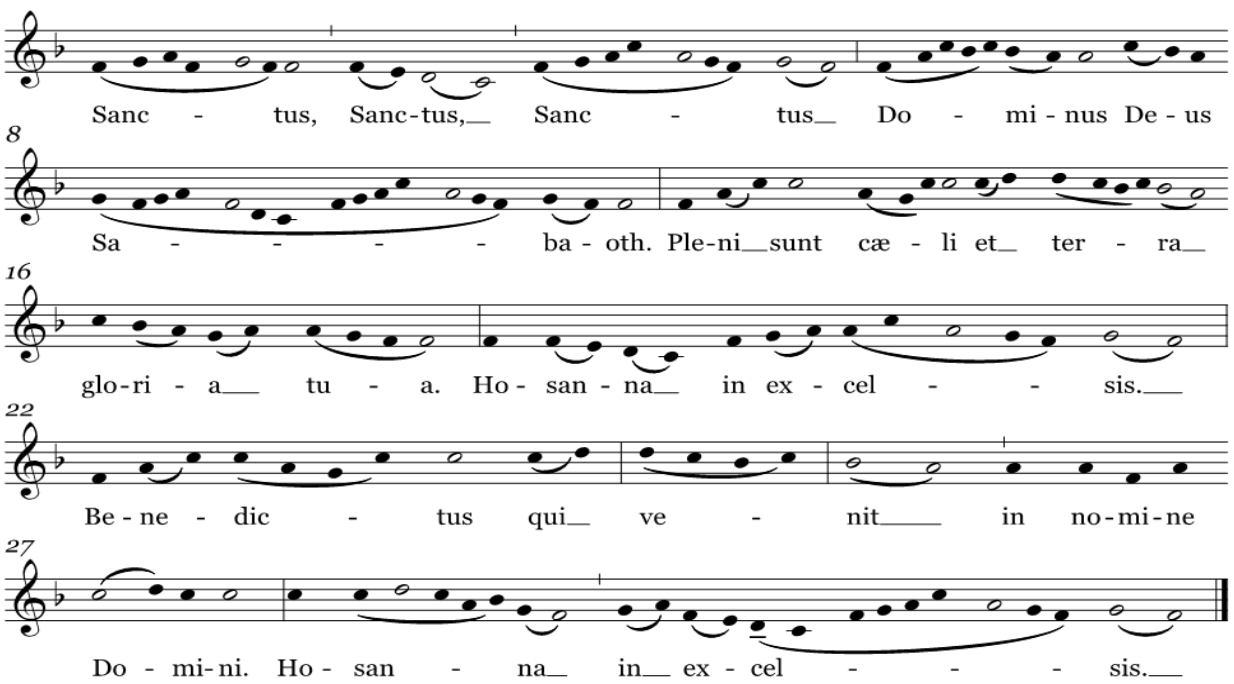
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel

shall come to thee, O Israel!
4. O come, Thou Rod of Jesse's tree,
free them from Sa-tan's tyrany,
That trust thy mighty pow'r to save,
and give them vict'ry o'er the grave.

shall come to thee, O Israel!

Missa VIII (De Angelis)

Sanctus



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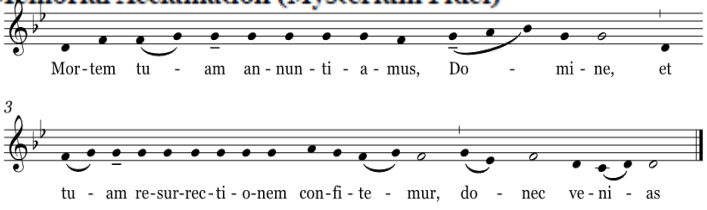

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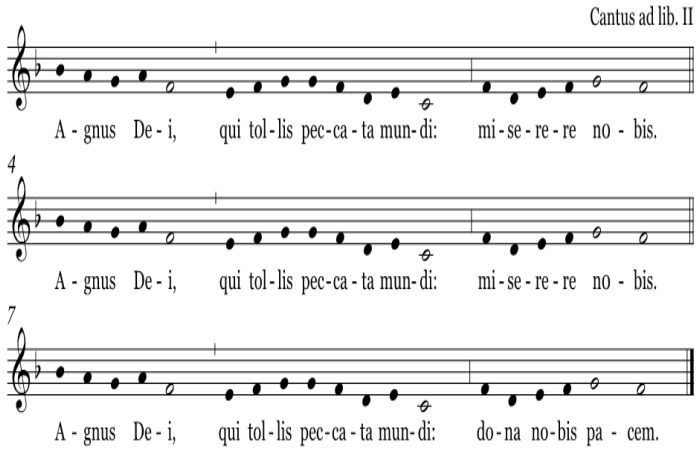

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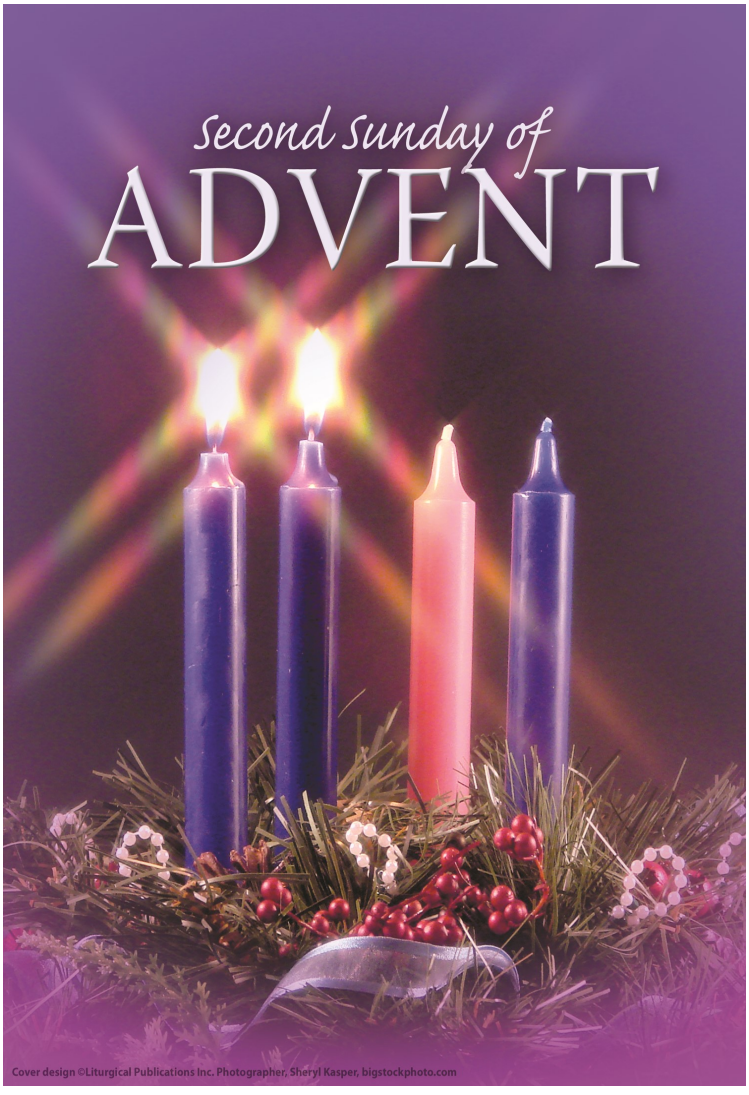
Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.



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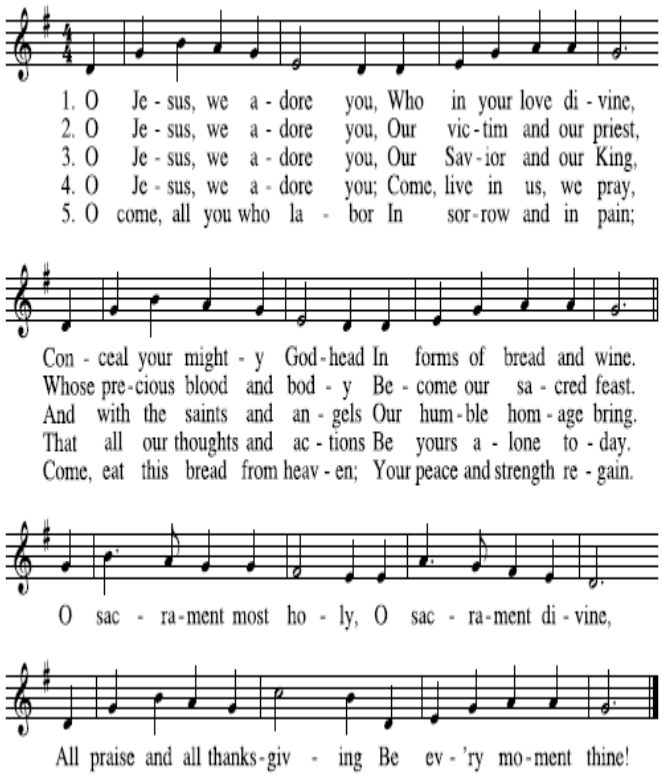
O Sacrament Most Holy



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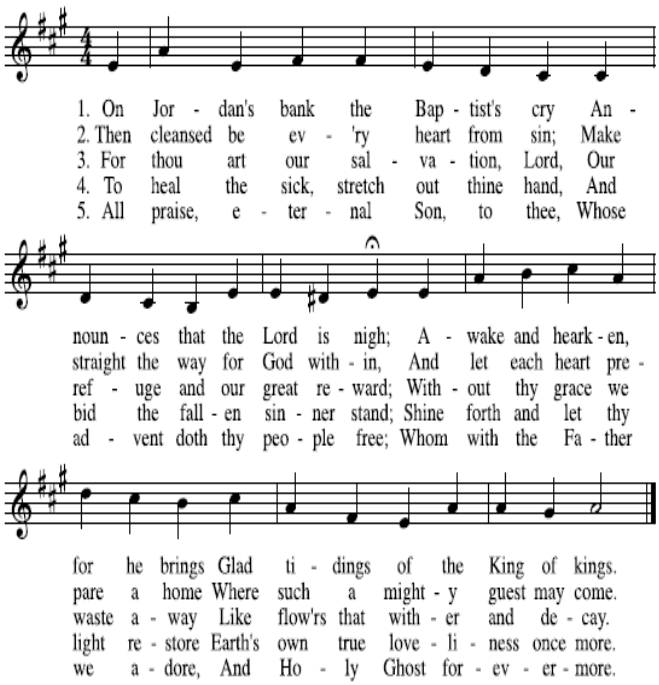
Recessional

216 On Jordan's Bank



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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT | DECEMBER 6TH, 2020

Parish Week Events:

Sunday, Dec. 6 First Sunday of Advent	8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., & 12:00 p.m. Masses, 300 person limit All in the Main Church *Live Stream 12 noon* PSR: 2nd Gr.—1:30 p.m., K/1st Gr.—2:00 p.m., 3/4th Gr.—2:30 p.m., 5/6th Gr.—3:00 p.m. Advent Giving Tree & St. Joseph Missals/Magnificat Sales
Monday, Dec. 7 ***St. Ambrose***	Activities or Events can be scheduled at 50% capacity Morning Mass—8:15 a.m. (OLC) 100 person limit Monsignor Balbago 7:00 p.m. Vigil Mass (Main Church) 300 person limit
Tuesday, Dec. 8 ***(HDO) Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary***	Morning Mass—8:15 a.m. (Main Church) 300 person limit Confessions following (MC) 11:00 a.m. Mass (Main Church) (Streamed) 300 person limit Evening Mass—7:00 p.m., (Main Church) 300 person limit
Wednesday, Dec. 9 St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin	Morning Mass—8:15 a.m. (Main Church) 300 person limit Adoration—9:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m., (OLC) S. & E. Committee Meeting—7:00 p.m. (Parish Hall)
Thursday, Dec. 10 Advent Weekday	Morning Mass—10:00 a.m., (OLC) 100 person limit Adoration—9:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m., (OLC) RCIC—4:00 p.m. Choir Practice—7:15 p.m., (Main Church)
Friday, Dec. 11 ***St. Damasus I***	Morning Mass—8:15 a.m. (OLC) 100 person limit
Saturday, Dec. 12 ***Our Lady of Guadalupe***	PSR 7-9th Grade Class—10:00 a.m. Confessions—2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., (Main Church) Vigil Mass—4:00 p.m., (Main Church) 300 person limit Advent Giving Tree &St. Joseph Missals/Magnificat Sales
Sunday, Dec. 13 Third Sunday of Advent Gaudete Sunday	8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., & 12:00 p.m. Masses, 300 person limit All in the Main Church *Live Stream 12 noon* Intentional Rosary—after 12 noon Mass (Main Church) PSR: 2nd Gr.—1:30 p.m., K/1st Gr.—2:00 p.m., 3/4th Gr.—2:30 p.m., 5/6th Gr.—3:00 p.m. Advent Giving Tree & St. Joseph Missals/Magnificat Sales

Current Week's Mass Schedule	
Mon., December 7	***St. Ambrose***
8:15 a.m.	Marcel Vigneault (+)
7:00 p.m.	Marcel Vigneault (+)
Tues., December 8	***Immaculate Conception of the BVM***
8:15 a.m.	Sheila Pitts (+)
11:00 a.m.	St. Mary's Piscataway Parishioners
7:00 p.m.	Maxine McLean (+)
Wed., December 9	***St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin***
8:15 a.m.	The 5 Children of Sheila Pitts
Thur., December 10	**Advent Weekday**
10:00 a.m.	Rickford Voglezon (+)
Fri., December 11	***St. Damasus I***
8:15 a.m.	Patricia Agboli—Anniv.
Next Weekend's Mass Schedule	
Sat., December 12	***Our Lady of Guadalupe***
4:00 p.m.	Rosie Bankert (+)
Sun., December 13	**Third Sunday in Advent/Gaudete Sunday**
8:00 a.m.	St. Mary's Piscataway Parishioners
9:30 a.m.	Rev. Timothy K. Baer
12:00 p.m.	Patrick Reyes (+) BD

The names listed next to a specific Mass indicate an act of love for a living or deceased member of a family or a friend. If you would like to schedule a Mass for a specific date, or intention, please contact Michèle Fulk, in the parish office at (301) 292-0527, or **parish@stmaryspiscataway.org**.

Mass intentions are filled on a first come, first served, basis.

Please note: The Mass Intention applies, whether or not it is announced at Mass.

Customary Donation: Mass Intention–$10 per Mass.

SANCTUARY LIGHT: For the week of *Sunday, December 6, to Saturday, December 12, 2020*

The Sanctuary Light will burn this week in the Main Church for the repose of the souls of our Faithful Departed.

The Sanctuary Light will burn this week in Our Lady's Chapel for the repose of the souls of our Faithful Departed.

ADORATION CANDELABRA: For the week of *Sunday, December 6, to Saturday, December 12, 2020*

The Left-side Candelabra will burn this week in Our Lady's Chapel for the intentions of Wilton Cardinal Gregory.

The Right-side Candelabra will burn this week in Our Lady's Chapel for the intentions of Wilton Cardinal Gregory.

Customary Donation: Sanctuary Light or Adoration Candelabra–$10 per Week

MEMORIAL FLOWERS: Customary Donation: $55 for one arrangement (Our Lady's Chapel or Main Church), $100 for two arrangements (OLC or MC), $150 for all three flower arrangements (Main Church, only)

The Memorial Flowers for The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (Dec. 7/8) were donated by Ammie & Jerome Laguilles.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK: Mary Allen, Brian Ashby, Catherine Beck, David Beckner, Judy Bednar, Don Benedict, Robert Blandford, Brendamarie Smith-Bottorf, Fr. Michael Bryant, Harry Burton, Leonard Carter, Paul Carter, Jr., Steven Carter, Alan Champaloux, Scot Cuozzo, Darlene Davis, Dawn De Chance, Shari Deeb, Michael L. DeMoulin, Anju Diggs, John Diggs, Mary Ann Estes, Brice Ewing, Justin Faulkner, Ernestino Figueroa, Jr., Anita and Joe Foley, Theresa Fox, Bill Gates, June Gates, Harry Gorman, Amy Gray, Cathy Gwiazda, Mable Henson, Carol Hickey, Rusty Hickey, Merrill Horner, Normita Ijadunola, Soddye Johnson, Carol Kapitan, Karl Athanasius Kim, Enid King, Steliana Kruer, Jerry Laguilles, Jr., Frank Loeffler, Jr., Felis Luña, Judy Manion, Ruth Mararac, Bill Maxwell, Mary McNeice, Diane Miles, Janet Miller, Joseph Murphy, Jules Olive, Carmelita Penaflor, Walter Raley II, Eddie Randall, Shanda Reecks, Jim Ritchie, Susan Ritchie, Marco Rodriguez, Heather Rosales, James Rudasill, Michael Russell, Greg Scheirer, Leanette Marie Schiliro, Grace Schlosser, Gabrielle Sellers, Veronica Shourdes, Joseph Sienkiewicz, Eva Sikora, Eric Simon, Priscilla Simms, Anna Simpson, Katherine Smith, Shirley Smith, Kathy Tesi, Lorraine Thompson, Janie Tilch, Thelma Tilman, James Conrad Townes, Gil Vigneault, Kim Walls, Rena Walzel, Paul Watson, John Weaver, Samuel Willett, Marie C. Williams, and Joyce Windsor. Those with the Coronavirus. *Names will remain on the above prayer list for at least 60 days.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR BELOVED DEAD December—1999-2020: William Martin Allen (56), Val M. Alva (53), Agnes Koller Bassford (86), Alvin Lee Beall, Jr. (46), Pascencia Caballero Bernales, Margaret Bean Blandford (99), JoAnn L. Brown (76), Jose Legaspi Calle (77), Ann Marie (McKenna Kane (102), Morgan Sylvester Carter (83), Linda Marie Coller (66), William John Cook (73), Feliza Guillermo Coronan (83), Sylvia Beradina DeFreitas (93), Helen Louise Edelen (96), Jabie Rafael Escano (19), Julio P. Ferrer, Jr. (71), Alexandra Ann Fitch (65), Marie Gizele Fleurival (76), Robert Frazier, Jr. (73), Clarence Gates, Sr. (83), Mary G. "Jerry" Gerstner (85), Charles W. "Bud" Giannetti (76), Andrew Gilroy (85), Orville LeRoy Greynolds (69), Jacqueline Huffman (87), Janet Blanche Janosik (80), Louise Gallahan Kenlon (91), Andrew L. Lantz (80), Robert Arthur McConnie (73), Laura Lee C. Medley (76), Harry Frank Molinari (78), Frieda Padgett (93), Robert Alfred Peloquin (70), Francine Elizabeth Washington Pettaway (56), James Blaker Pidcock (73), Mary Claro Read (76), Stanley Irving Reber (73), Severo Reyes (84), Walter Herman Schilling (74). Thomas Milton Stansbury (93), Juasita Evangeline Taylor (61), Giorgio Tesi (86), Clare True, Helda Underwood (82), Hugh Francis Voehl, Sr. (86), Ann Elizabeth Yates Washington (95), Margaret Rose "Peggy" Williams (91)

NOTE: We will be honoring the anniversary of all of our beloved dead who died in December from 1999-2020. All of the names who were here originally, are now on the Prayer List Page on our website https://saintmaryspiscataway.net/prayer-list.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY HERE & AWAY: PFC Eric Bean, U S Army; Staff Sargant Brandon Fournier, USAF; LT. Laura Carts Hills, USCG; CWO2 Christopher Ramsey, USMC; and Major Stephen Voglezon, US Army. Please contact us if you have relatives in the military serving overseas.

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