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### MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY VIGIL: 5:00 PM
SUNDAY: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 AM, 5:00 PM
WEEKDAYS: 6:45 AM & 12:15 PM
SATURDAY: 8:00 AM
Holy Days & Federal Holidays: Consult Parish Bulletin

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:45-4:45 PM and other times, please call the rectory.

SCHOOL 845.452.4428 Mr. Greg Viceroy, *Principal* www.smdpschool.net

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 845.471.8728

Mrs. Cynthia Fratto, *Director*Office Hours Monday-Thursday
9:30-1:30 PM

### PARISH CEMETERY Call 473-4222

**BAPTISM**: Celebrated on Sundays at 1:00pm. Please contact the rectory well in advance of the Sacrament. Baptismal preparation class is on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM in the Church.

MARRIAGES: Couples should contact one of the priests or deacons at least 6 months prior to the wedding date. A marriage preparation program is required.

<u>PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK</u>: Please call the rectory if you wish to receive the Sacraments at home. Notify us of any hospitalization so that we may be of assistance.

NEW PARISHIONERS: We welcome you and would like to meet you. Please introduce yourself to one of our priests, deacons or call the rectory. Please consult the bulletin for registration information.

# ~ December 6, 2020 ~ Second Sunday of Advent ~



Dear Parishioners: How beautiful our Church looks for this Holy Season of Advent, a serene and noble

simplicity in anticipation of the joy of Christmas. It obviously doesn't happen without a lot of work. Once again, a special thank you to the men of our Knights of Columbus who put in many hours over the Thanksgiving weekend getting our Church and grounds ready for Advent in preparation for our celebration of Christmas.

In anticipation of Christmas, our schedule of Christmas Masses is published in this bulletin and has been mailed out to all our registered parishioners. The Cardinal has given parishes for this year only special permission to have a Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve as early as 2:00pm and the Archdiocese encourages all parishes to have additional Masses in other parish buildings, if possible. Accordingly, you will notice the first Mass of Christmas Eve this year is at 2:00pm in the Church, and Masses are schedule in the School Gym in addition to the Church at 4:00pm and 6:00pm. The gym will also be available for an impromptu Mass at any of the other times if the numbers in the church necessitate it. We may not need to use the gym at all as the usual crowds for Christmas may well not come out this year. Those who are particularly vulnerable to this virus because of age or other health reasons certainly should not come out this year. We just do not know what to expect in terms of crowds this year and want to be ready for anything for the safety of all.

Now we come to the Second Week of Advent which takes us back to the Jordan River and the preaching of John the Baptist. The people of Israel patiently waited for centuries for the promised Messiah to come. All the prophets spoke of His coming up until John the Baptist, who pointed Him out when at last He came. We hear in today's Gospel that John appeared in the desert proclaiming a "baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins." John is the Voice spoken of by the Prophet Isaiah crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."

John preaches that preparing the way of the Lord and making straight His paths into our hearts begins with *repentance* and *conversion*. This entails turning away from sin and turning toward the Lord with all our hearts. This process of repentance and conversion comes to its climax in the Sacrament of Reconciliation where we turn to Jesus with all our

hearts as He takes away our sins and fills our souls with Sanctifying Grace, restoring them to the beauty and radiance they had on the day of our Baptism. How many people deprive themselves of this gift of inner peace that nothing in this world can give or take away.

No one's soul was ever more beautiful and radiant than that of Mary. This Tuesday, December 8th, we celebrate the Solemnity of the *Immaculate Conception*. Mary's soul, from the very moment of her conception in the womb, was free from sin and filled with Grace. Over one hundred years ago at Fatima, Mary told us that her Immaculate Heart would triumph in the end over all the evil in the world. For a heart like Mary's - pure, humble, undefiled, free from sin and filled with Grace - is more powerful than all the evil in the world put together and the only way to true and lasting Peace.

May this Advent bring all of us a little closer to that Peace as we turn away from our sins and open our hearts wide to coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ. May God bless us all.

Sincerely in Christ, Rev. Matthew J. Furey



Second Sunday of Advent
The Advent Wreath

The advent season is a time to look forward to Christ's coming. The Advent

wreath is a circle of four candles, each candle representing a week of advent. The family may gather around the wreath, recite a short prayer, and light the appropriate number of candles. As each week passes, one more candle is lit to remind the family that Christ's birthday is getting closer. The purple candles remind us of our need for penance. The Rose candle (third week) reminds us that Christmas Joy is truly near

Prayer for the Second Sunday of Advent
O Lord stir up our hearts to prepare the way of your
beloved Son, so that, through His coming on earth, we may
serve you always with pure intentions. We ask this
through Our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son.



Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception this Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. Masses: Vigil Monday at 5:00pm, Tuesday 6:45 & 9:00am & 12:15 & 7:00pm

Join us after the 7:00pm Mass on Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm until Mid-night as we join parishes across the country for the annual

National Night of Prayer for Life. We will be praying a mystery of the Rosary each hour before the Blessed Sacrament to end abortion and all offenses against the dignity of the human person, to make reparation for these sins, and pray for the healing of those who are suffering.

Saturday, December 5

5:00 Marion Sauter Sunday, December 6



7:30 Deceased Members of the

Marchiony Family

9:30 Helen DeBellis

11:30 Rocco Pali

5:00 Thomas Gilmartin

Monday, December 7

6:45 Walter Dziura

12:15 Liz Nadeau

5:00 Doris Gill VanTassell

Tuesday, December 8

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

6:45 The People of St. Martin de Porres

9:00 Stefan Kabarec

12:15 Mary Coniglio

7:00 Roland Gerrard

Wednesday, December 9

6:45 Matteo & Isabella Sciacca

12:15 William Walker

Thursday, December 10

6:45 Osiria Funiciello

12:15 Dolores Arnhold

Friday, December 11

6:45 William McDermott

12:15 Carlo & Rose Costa

Saturday, December 12

8:00 Mary Coniglio

5:00 Samuel Rizzo

Sunday, December 13

7:30 Living & Deceased Members of the Matthews Family

9:30 Dominic Lancella

11:30 Mary McGinnis

5:00 Helen DeBellis

Daily Mass offered in our church by our Priests is now uploaded every day on our parish website for you to watch at home.

> Let us pray for our deceased parishioners, and family members and loved ones, especially: Louise Somma, Rhonda Phillips SACRAMENTS TO THE DYING





Ralph Fiorio, Josephine Milton, Frank Franco, Maui Lengyel, Margaretha Pijnappel, Joe Hunter, Bruce Golden,

George & Margaret Evanick, Herbert Owen, Henry Paris, Chris Shannon, Sr., Jackie Nagle, Carroll Rose, Kaleb Brown, John Markett, Stan Garbarczyk. Natalie DiCamillo, Chelsea Dunderdale, Adeline Rose Miletec, Rosalia Reid, Jacob Vanderwerf, Rhandol Cuevas, Sr., Natalya Cestaro, Jamie Bowen, Dylan LaRose, Hannah Bocker, Sandy Thezan, Amanda Alves, Roberta Golden, Pat Damore, Gail Dawson, Sr., Ginger Prus, Richard & Cathy Elwell, Andrew Clark, Mario Amodeo, Bennet Bilski, John Corning, Charles Coombs, Msgr. John Brinn, Leo & Charlotte Ratka, Robert & Linda Olivo, Annmarie Brown, Michael J. Franco, Jr., Amelia Hopper, Giovanna Vescera., Jerry Husted, Deacon Jim Fiorio, Patrick Fraleigh, Evelyn Gill, Barbara Grandi, Richard Bedan, Valerie & Brayden Hopper, Joan Urbanak, Joseph Boback, Lorretta Neilson & Jane Whalen.



### **MILITARY SERVICE**

We would like to remember all our parishioners serving in the Armed Forces, at home, but especially those serving

overseas. Please remember especially: Staff Sgt. Evan Simeon; Sgt. Christopher Wilks; Arm. Robert Wilks; Pvt. Donald Schneider; Sr. Airman Anthony DiMase; Corey R. Tag; E-4 James LeRoy, US Army; Ens. Kathryn Munson; Sgt. Vincent A. Fiorillo; Airman Frank Lauria; Sgt. Marc Coviello; Army; Pvt. Nathan Wentworth; Petty Officer 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Brian Brandon USN; AM2 (AW) Bridgit Stratton; Capt. Eddie Preisser, US Army; Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Preston David Wtulich, USAF; Richard Milliot, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mate; LTC Benjamin Hung, US Army; CPL Aidan Steckley, USMC; Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Harold Petershagen; Captain Gregory Correale USAF, Staff Sgt. Dustin Scott, USAF; Gunnery Sergeant Kyle Moskiewicz, USMC, Corp. Ryan VanNess, USMC



The RCIA is the process by which our Parish Community assists men and women to respond to God's call, to become fully initiated into the Church through the reception of the Sacraments of

Baptism, Confirmation & Holy Communion Those interested should contact the parish office for details @ 845-473-4222. Or just come on Wednesday, at 7:00pm to the church.



Tuesday ADULT FAITH FORMATION. from 10:30-11:45a in the Church

Fr. Walters monthly talks on topics near & dear to our faith. This Thursday, December 10th. From 7-8:00p in the church. Note the change from the usual first Thursday



Want to really get into the Advent season this year? How about a daily video email from Dynamic Catholic? Each day there is a five minute video sharing thoughts for the Best Advent Ever. Sign up now at: Dynamiccatholic.com!

### Thank You

The St. Martin de Porres Knights of Columbus would like to thank you for your contributions to the sundry drive for Veterans. This year we donated approximately \$5000.00 of items to Castle Point. We also would like to thank you for the continued support of the food pantry. Again, this year we partnered with the Knights of Columbus from Holy Trinity and provided fixing's for Thanksgiving dinner for 65 families. We also partnered with the Lagrange council to help feed the families in the homeless shelter in Poughkeepsie. Through your generosity we continue to support Dutchess Lunch Box, Meals on Wheels and families of our parish community. For more information about the Knights of Columbus or if you are a Catholic man 18 years or older please visit www.kofc.org/joinus

The Dark Chocolate Candy Canes have sold out. Thank you for your support of this fundraiser. The proceeds will go to vocations support.

### **Tov Drive**

The Knights of Columbus will be collecting unopened toys on Saturday, December 12 from 9AM to Noon in front of the church. We are working with the Maria Fareri pediatric ward at Mid-Hudson Regional Hospital to arrange a distribution of the contributions. Thank you for your consideration.



A special thanks to all the Knights hank you! of Columbus men who decorated the church and grounds for advent & Christmas over the Thanksgiving

weekend: Larry Boland, John Milliot, Mario Rolla, Matt Urcioulli, Norbert Hart, Jim McPhee, Mike Shade, Dean Sciacca, Pete Stafford, Mike Tardio, and Charles Boschen.



Calling all Shepherds, Angels and Lambs! Our pageant will look very different this year, but we still need our parish children to help us tell the story of

Jesus' birth in our annual Nativity Pageant at the 9:30 am Family Mass on Dec. 20th. Please call Carolyn by Dec. 14th at 797-5423, or email her

at firstschooloffaith@gmail.com to sign up. Children preschool age and up are welcome to join us! There will be one virtual rehearsal prior to the pageant.



Remembering that the focus of Christmas is the birth of Christ, we invite you and your family to bring your Baby Jesus figurines from your home nativity creches to the 9:30 am Family Mass on Dec. 20th to

have them blessed. All Baby Jesus statues are welcome, from Fisher Price to Fontanini!

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Praising God and Prayers for Healing		
Monday-7:30 PM	Bill Haag	462-3669
<u>C. Y. O.</u>	Chris Fields	462-8790
Knights of Columbi	<u>as</u> Ed Ohms	483-0032
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Meets the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM in		
the Nativity Center	ay of the month at 7.0	0 1 141 111
Health Care Ministr	rv Doris Kennedy	462-4717
	Coleen McCarthy	485-1705
	Coleen McCartily	463-1703
Senior Program	Val Brown	471-7567
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### **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament-**

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Every Friday from 7:30 AM-12:00 noon. First Fridays from 7:30-5:00 Holy Hour & Benediction 5-6:00p Rosary-(Mon.-Sat.) after the First Mass of the day. Miraculous Medal Novena: Monday after the 12:15pm Mass

Jackie Hourani

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St. Martin de Porres Novena Wednesday after the 12:15pm Mass

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Online giving https://stmartindeporres.churchgiving.com/

Flocknotes: Stay connected to the Parish and the Archdiocese. Text Martin to 84576 or go to Flocknote.com/smdppough or parish website to sign up.

Formed: go to stmartindeporres.formed.org to sign upParish code P4QHJ3PASTORAL INFORMATION If you are **new to the parish** and would like to register you may do so by filling out the registration form in the vestibule of the church or printing a form off the parish web site and returning it to the parish office via collection basket or mailing it to 118 Cedar Valley Rd. Poughkeepsie NY, 12603, or stop by the parish office. If you are a parishioner & need to update your **information**, please e-mail updates to

smdpnorman@gmail.com. Please let us know if you have an address, phone # or e-mail address change; are moving out of the parish; or if a family member is sick and would like to be visited by a priest or a deacon.

If you would like to receive our flocknotes, an email system in which we communicate all important information, and send out the daily Mass and Sunday Mass & Bulletin each week to our parishioners, please email smdpnorman@gmail.com or go to Our Parish website (stmartindeporres.org) to sign up or call the Rectory at 845-473-4222

If you are unable to get to Mass at this time and would like a priest or deacon to bring you Holy Communion at home periodically, please call the rectory 845-473-4222

In case of an emergency a priest will come to you any time of the day or night

If you are unable to get to Mass at this time and wish to continue to support our parish please consider using the electronic giving system called Weshare or you could mail your weekly envelopes to the rectory at 118 Cedar Valley Rd., Poughkeepsie, NY 12603



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## **Christmas Schedule**



Mass for December 24<sup>TH</sup> 8:00 AM

Masses on Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup> in the Church 2:00, 4:00, 6:00 & 10:00 PM

Masses on Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup> in the School Gym 4:00 & 6:00 PM

Masses on Christmas Day, Friday,
December 25<sup>th</sup> in the Church
7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 AM
and 1:00 PM
If need be, we will have overflow
Masses in the School Gym

### **No Evening Mass**

Please note the additional Masses on Christmas Eve at 2:00pm in the Church and 4:00 & 6:00pm in the School Gym to Accommodate the need for Social Distancing

> Masses for The Solemnity of Mary New Year's Day

Thursday, December 31<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 PM Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 AM

**No Evening Mass** 

**Sacrament of Reconciliation** 

Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> 8:30-9:30 AM & 3:45-4:45 PM

Reconciliation Monday December 21, 2020 4:00 – 8:00 PM



2020 Mariapolis Luminosa Virtual Nativity Display This year the Focolare Movement at Mariapolis Luminosa will be presenting their

2020 International Nativity Display virtually. Each week during Advent a different episode will be presented. Please visit our Virtual Nativity Display (link below) and share this gift with your family and friends.

https://youtube/hD27EcYrzdE

We wish you and your families a wonderful Advent and Christmas season. For more information, visit <a href="https://www.focolare.org/mariapolisluminosa/3">https://www.focolare.org/mariapolisluminosa/3</a>



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December 6, 2020 Month of the Immaculate Conception

Dear friends in the Lord:

Soon our parishes will collect an offering for the *Retirement Fund for Religious*, an annual appeal that benefits some 30,000 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.

As Christians, we are called to "serve the Lord with gladness" (Ps 100:2). Our elderly religious offer a shining example of what it means to answer this call. During their days of active ministry, they worked tirelessly to build Catholic schools and hospitals, promote social justice, and embrace the neediest among us. In retirement, many continue in volunteer ministry, and all pray for the needs of our Church and world. Inspired by love, their service, past and present, is marked by joy and a deep desire to do the will of God.

As you may know, many religious communities find it increasingly difficult to provide for aging members. Most older religious worked for little or no pay. Today, their communities do not have enough retirement savings. At the same time, health-care costs continue to rise, and fewer members are able to serve in compensated ministry.

Your gift, which will be collected on December 13 provides vital funding for medications, nursing care, and more. It also helps religious congregations plan for future retirement needs, even as they continue to serve the People of God.

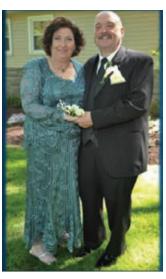
I am grateful to you, also, for your support of the *Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal* which, in addition to other worthy causes, provides assistance to our retired archdiocesan priests at the St. John Vianney Clergy Residence in Riverdale.

I understand you are asked to support many worthy causes. I invite you only to give what you can. Most importantly, please pray for God's continued blessing on all our women and men religious. Rest assured, they are praying for you. To learn more about the collection and whom it supports, visit <a href="https://www.usccb.org/retiredreligious">www.usccb.org/retiredreligious</a>.

With gratitude and prayerful best wishes to all for a blessed Advent season, I am,

Devotedly yours in Christ,

†Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan Archbishop of New York



We said goodbye to Kathleen and Jim Davis this week as they begin their retirement years. We again wish them happiness, adventures, laughter, and fond memories

Dear Parishioners.

Jim and I wanted to thank you for all the cards and phone calls, we have received over the past weeks after announcing our retirement.

We became parishioners of this wonderful parish in 1975. Our children, Brendan and Kelliann received all their sacraments here, and graduated from the best Catholic school in The Archdiocese of New York.

Over the last 27 years, we were fortunate enough to be employed by this great parish. Together, with all of you, we witnessed many changes to the parish: the building of the new Church, remolding of the old Church to the Nativity Center and the additions to the school. It has been a great pleasure to work with, Fr. Brian McWeeney, Msgr. James Sullivan, Fr. Matthew Furey and all the priests and Deacons of our parish. I have worked with wonderful women in the rectory and men as well. John Drain was my mentor in finance and Anne Marie Pinto was always there to answer my questions.

In the last years Bill Kennedy and Patricia Norman have been my co-workers. I do not know what I would have done without the many volunteers who helped in the rectory over the years from stuffing bulletins, end of year statements and the bread for Thanksgiving. The ladies who come every week to count money and to Joanne Franco and Ellie McCourt who have volunteered for over 20 years in the rectory.

You will always be in our prayers and thoughts. Our hearts will always be with this beautiful parish family.

Again thank you and I am sure we will meet again around town.

**Kathleen and Jim Davis** 

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