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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

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BAPTISM: Celebrated on Sundays at 1:00pm. Please contact the rectory well in advance of the Sacrament. Baptismal preparation class is held 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.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK: Please call the rectory if you wish to receive the Sacraments at home, in the hospital or Nursing Home. In case of emergency please call anytime day or night and a priest will come. 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. Consult the bulletin for registration information.

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Friday 9:30 AM-3:30 PM 845-473-4222

December 19, 2021 ~ Fourth Sunday of Advent



Dear Parishioners:

I pray that this Holy Season of Advent has been a time of Grace for all of us. We are in the home stretch this week as Christmas Eve arrives on

Friday. As I mentioned last week, the Christmas spirit has already arrived here at St. Martin's as the amount of gifts received from you from our *Advent Sharing Tree* and all the food, money, coats and toys donated for families in need is extraordinary and inspiring. Thank you to all the good volunteers from our Social Committee and Knights of Columbus who work so hard to facilitate these works of charity.

For the last two weeks we have been hearing from John the Baptist imploring us to *"Prepare the way of the Lord."* Now on this Fourth Sunday of Advent, with Christmas only days away, our Gospel shifts our attention from the preaching of John Baptist to Mary and the days leading up to the Birth of Jesus. All the yearning and waiting for centuries throughout the Old Testament comes to its fulfillment as God, through the Angel Gabriel, asks a humble virgin of a tiny town called Nazareth to become the Mother of His Divine Son. At Mary's response, *"Let it be done to me according to your word,"* the Eternal Word of the Father became Flesh in her womb and began to dwell among us.

In today's Gospel of the *Visitation*, Mary's cousin Elizabeth, inspired by the Holy Spirit, extols the faith of Mary as she cries out: *"Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."* This is what made Mary most pleasing to God – her faith, her trust, and her humility which made her free to surrender herself totally to the Will of God. As St. Augustine put it: *"Mary, full of faith, conceived Christ in her heart before she conceived Him in her womb."*

Mary's attitude teaches me that my life is not all about me and my plans, but about God and His plans for my life. Saint Mother Theresa would say: *"Give God permission to do something beautiful for our world with your life."* This is what Mary did. If only we had the faith and the trust of Mary to surrender our will totally to God's, then we would begin to see that nothing is impossible for God - not even God, Himself, becoming one of us, born of a virgin, wrapped in the rags of the poorest of the poor and lying in a manger as a tiny, defenseless, and vulnerable infant.

I love these words from a Christmas Homily given by Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI which captures so beautifully this awesome mystery of God's Love that we are about to celebrate at Christmas: *"God is so great that He can become small. God is so powerful that He can make Himself vulnerable and come to us as a defenseless child,*

so that we can love Him. God is so good that He can give up His Divine splendor and come down to a stable, so that we might find Him."

How much our troubled world needs to find Him. How much we need to rediscover Him and His Love for us. May the warmth, light, and peace that descended upon the world at the birth of Jesus the first Christmas, descend upon our world and upon you and your families once again this Christmas and remain with you forever. On behalf of Fr. Charles, Fr. Connolly, our Deacons, and Parish Staff, I wish all of you from the depths of my heart a most blessed Christmas. May God bless us all.

Sincerely in Christ,
Rev. Matthew J. Furey

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 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 Fourth Sunday of Advent

O Lord, stir up Your Might and come. Aid us with Your powerful assistance so that, through Your Grace and Merciful Forgiveness, we may attain salvation which now is hindered by our sins; You who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit; one God, forever and ever. (Light the last purple candle).



Reconciliation
Monday
-Tomorrow-
December 20, 2021
11am-1 pm, 6pm-8pm

*The Parish Office will be closing
at noon on Thursday, Dec. 23,
and will reopen Monday, Dec. 27.*

**Christmas Flower Envelopes and
Christmas Gift to the Parish Envelopes
are available in the back of the Church.**

Saturday, December 18

8:00 Socoreo Manomaivat

5:00 Anthony LaFalce

Sunday, December 19

7:30 Rose Conti & the Deceased Members of the Conti and Micik Families

9:30 John & Carmela Marcus

11:30 Anthony R. Tardio & Rev. Msgr. William Singleton

5:00 Living & Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus

Monday, December 20

6:45 Bette Uhrin

12:15 Madeline Boyles

Tuesday, December 21

6:45 Helena Lee

12:15 Yvonne Smith

Wednesday, December 22

6:45 St. Martin de Porres Parish

12:15 Patricia Wilson

Thursday, December 23

6:45 Joseph Boniello

12:15 Mary Jane Reppy

Friday, December 24

8:00 Nicola DiBrizzi

Christmas Eve

4:00 (Church) Paul Stuewer & Catherine Stuewer Gary

4:00 (Gym) Margaret Evanick

6:00 Deceased Members of the Murphy & Teeling Families

10:00 James & Julia Dlubach

Christmas Day, Saturday, December 25

7:30 Timothy Sullivan

9:30 Steven & Johnny Amarillo

11:30 Gary Kloosterman

1:00 The People of St. Martin de Porres

Sunday, December 26 (Feast of the Holy Family)

7:30 Patrick Sheehy

9:30 Thomas, Joseph & Dennis McKenna

11:30 Jag Das

5:00 Louise Somma

Let us pray for our deceased parishioners, family members and loved ones, especially:

Alberina Bottini, Margaret Evanick, Gregory Barrata, Penelope Roach, John Mihans & John "Jack" Fallon



Fr. Patrick Curley, Fr. James Garisto, Fr. Richard LaMorte, Msgr. John Brinn, Liliana Aguis, Amanda Alves, Mario Amodeo, Von Amos, Richard Bedan, Joseph Boback, Annmarie Brown, Melanie Byrnes, Enza Cassata, Andrew Clark, Charles Coombs, Rhandol Cuevas, Sr., Gail Dawson, Natalie DiCamillo, Chelsea Dunderdale, Richard & Cathy Elwell, George & Margaret Evanick, Patrick Fraleigh, Frank Franco, Michael Franco, Sr., Stan Garbarczyk, Kevin Gieseler, Bruce & Roberta Golden, Alana Grace, Barbara Grandi, Kathy Grant, Louise Hogan, Amelia Hopper, Valerie & Brayden Hopper, Ghada Hourani, Gerry Husted, Jim Kisbaugh, Maui Lengyel, Margaret Lombardi, Consuelo Lopez, Barbara Louthan, Michael Malone, John Markett, Ruth Melvin, Angela Miller, Josephine Milton, Jackie Nagle, Herbert Owen, Henry Paris, Kathleen Passante, Margaretha Pijnappel, Vanderlyn Pine, Ginger Prus, Francisco Ramirez, Charlotte Ratka, Rosalia Reid, Carroll Rose, Harry Scrivani, Dustin Terry, Sandy Thezan, Michael Trent, Joan Urbanak, Catherine Vanattia, Jacob Vanderwerff, Giovanna Vescera, Albert & Lucille Gifford.



MILITARY SERVICE

We remember all our parishioners serving in the Armed Forces, especially: Petty Officer 3rd Class Brian Brandon, USN; Captain Gregory Correale, USAF; Sgt. Marc Coviello, Army; Sr. Airman Anthony DiMase; Sgt. Vincent A. Fiorillo; UTCN Jessica Hamel; LTC Benjamin Hung, US Army; Airman Frank Lauria; E-4 James LeRoy, US Army; Ryan W. McLaughlin, Pvt., US Army; Richard Milliot, 2nd Mate; Gunnery Sergeant Kyle Moskiewicz, USMC; Ens. Kathryn Munson; Sgt. 1st Class Harold Petershagen; Capt. Eddie Preisser, US Army; Pvt. Donald Schneider; Staff Sgt. Dustin Scott, USAF; Staff Sgt. Evan Simeon; CPL Aidan Steckley, USMC; AM2 (AW) Bridget Stratton; Corey R. Tag; Pvt. Nathan Wentworth; Sgt. Christopher Wilks; Arm. Robert Wilks; Airman 1st Class Preston David Wtulich, USAF.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

* Dec. 20: **Reconciliation Monday**, 11-1pm, 6-8pm

* Dec. 20: **Scrip Orders Pickup**, Rectory

* Dec. 24: **Christmas Eve**

* Dec. 25: **Christmas Day**

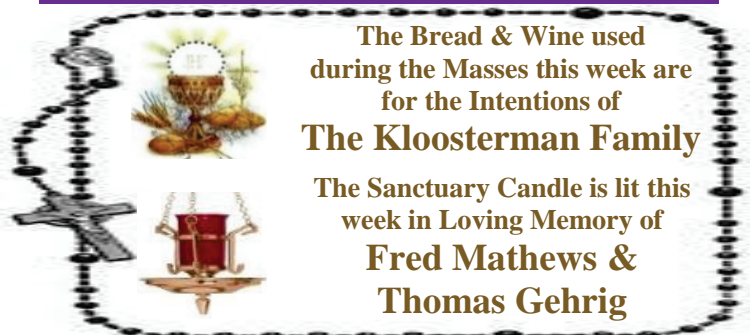
* Dec. 26: **The Feast of the Holy Family**

* through Dec. 27: **Nativity Display**

* through Dec 31: **WeShare Donor Match program**

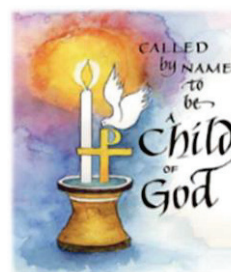
* through Dec 31: **8th Grade Car Wash Coupon Sales**

* Jan. 1: **Solemnity of Mary** (not a Holy Day of Obligation this year)



The Bread & Wine used during the Masses this week are for the Intentions of
The Kloosterman Family

The Sanctuary Candle is lit this week in Loving Memory of
Fred Mathews & Thomas Gehrig



Baptism

The Parish Community of St. Martin de Porres welcomes
Mason Cole O'Connor
who was baptized into the family of
God



Happy Fourth Week of Advent to all!

The "JOY" of JESUS is in all of our hearts...today, tomorrow, and always



We are extremely joyful that we are headed back into our beautiful Saint Martin de

Porres Parish school building on January 25th or 26th! As we continue to celebrate this beautiful season of **Advent** and our new church year, if anyone would like to join our awesome faith formation team in the "New Year", please call the Religious Education Office at 471-8728 at your earliest convenience! **Everyone is welcome!** Prayers and Advent blessings for all,

Mrs. Papineau, Religious Education Coordinator

Coats 4 Kids Drive

Through Christmas, the Knights will collect donations for our **Coats 4 Kids drive**. \$20 each, a case of twelve is \$237. Last year we donated 8 cases (12 per case) of youth size new coats to Dutchess Outreach, to be distributed to needy children. Please place checks, made out to Knights of Columbus, in an envelope marked "Coats for Kids". We are grateful for your generosity.

Quo Vadis: A Young Men's Discipleship Group

Jesus wants you to follow him, but how? *Quo Vadis* is a new group, meeting weekly, for all high school- and college-age young men in Dutchess and Putnam Counties who are serious about their Catholic faith and interested in discovering God's will for their lives. Come for prayer, a shared meal, and real conversation with brothers in the faith and local priests. *Quo Vadis* is held every Friday evening at St. Kateri Tekakwitha Church in LaGrangeville. No weekly commitment is needed. Call Fr. Connolly at 845 473-4222 or Fr. John Wilson at (845) 227-1710 to RSVP or for more information. Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Archdiocese of NY.

The 8th Graders and their families would like to extend a huge *THANK YOU* for your support at our Bake Sale last Sunday. We have such a wonderful community of families who came out to help us raise money for our end of the year events. We appreciate you and wish you a very Merry Christmas.

The Widows and Widowers of Dutchess and Putnam Counties, who normally meet on the Third Tuesday of the month at St. Kateri at 7pm, will not hold a meeting in the month of December. For questions, please contact Joan at 845 475-4292.

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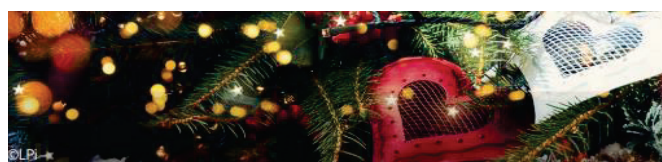
With the recent appearance of new variants, we want to remind everyone to remain vigilant. While masks are not mandated indoors at this time, given the guidance of public health officials it is a good idea to wear a mask while in the Church. Please remember that the two side sections in front of the Church are reserved for those who should or prefer to wear a mask indoors and maintain distance. Masks are optional in the two main sections of the Church. Our only concern is for the health and safety of all our people, especially our elderly and all those most vulnerable to this virus. **Also, we continue to encourage that Communion be taken in the hand for now. If in conscience you choose to receive on the tongue, please continue our practice of waiting until the end after all those receiving on the hand have finished.** We want everyone to feel safe while in Church. Thank you for your patience and cooperation throughout this most difficult time.

Longest Married Couple Search



The search begins for the Longest Married Couple in the Archdiocese of New York! To enter, couples must be **Sacramentally Married** for a minimum of 65 years and reside in the Archdiocese of New York. The longest married couples will receive commemorative certificates signed by His Eminence, Timothy Cardinal Dolan. The winning couple will be interviewed and featured in an article in *Catholic New York*. Winners are determined by how long the couple has been married as of **World Marriage Day, Feb. 13, 2022**. For further information, or to submit an entry, contact **Kathleen Crayne** at the Family Life Office at kathleencrayne@archny.org (preferred method) or 646-794-3182. **Deadline for entries is Sunday, Jan. 16, 2022.**

FLOCKNOTES: Stay connected to the Parish and Archdiocese. To sign up, text **Martin** to **84576** or go to ***Flocknote.com/smdppough*** or parish website.



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The holiday season is one of the largest giving seasons for our church. Our online giving provider WeShare is generously providing a donor match program to help us increase recurring giving. Online gifts help reduce costs and our time spent handling other forms of payment.

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We appreciate your generosity and your support of our church. We prayerfully ask that you consider helping us meet this goal by creating your recurring online gift today.

Visit our WeShare site or reach out to the WeShare Customer Support team at 877-316-0260
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CHRISTMAS WEEK **SCHEDULE**

Reconciliation Monday: December 20, 2021

11am-1pm, 6pm-8pm

Christmas Eve Masses, Friday, December 24

4:00pm (in Church and in School Gym),
6:00pm & 10:00pm in the Church

Masses on Christmas Day, Saturday, December 25

in the Church, 7:30, 9:30, 11:30am & 1:00pm

If need be, we will have overflow Masses
in the School Gym at 11:30am and 1:00pm.

NO EVENING MASS

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

(not a Holy Day of Obligation this year)

Friday, Dec. 31, 5pm; Sat., Jan. 1, 2022, 8am & 12pm

**The 5:00 PM Evening Mass on Saturday, January 1,
is for Sunday,
the Epiphany of the Lord**



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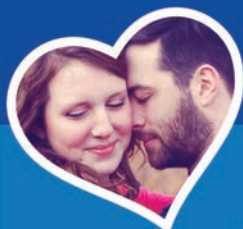
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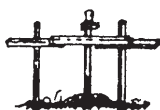


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