



CHRISTMAS 2014

Christmas Mass will be celebrated
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24

4:00pm

with a special homily for the children

7:00pm



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25

Midnight

*with a candlelit procession to the crèche
and music for congregation, choir, organ and brass*

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The prelude will begin at 11:30pm on Christmas Eve.

10:00am



THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY

a Holy Day of Obligation

Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, December 31, 2014 at 5:15pm

Dear Parishioners,

I'm pleased to announce a fundraiser for St. Mary's, which will benefit our parishioners as well as the parish. We are embarking on a partnership with a national wellness company that offers a wide variety of consumable products at economical prices. The parish receives a commission on all purchases made. We will be offering one-hour presentations to explain the program and enroll families/individuals with this company. We invite everyone to participate; therefore, please make an effort to attend one of the presentations in the next few months. There will be one in the church hall on Monday, December 22 at 7:00pm; the next one will be announced shortly.

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As I mentioned in last week's bulletin, we'd like to start a soup kitchen, which will serve our neighbors in need once a month. Those who are interested in learning more or volunteering are invited to a gathering on Monday, January 5, 2015 at 7:00pm in the parish office. Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to speak with me.

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I'm also pleased to announce the beginning of a new ministry for middle school students. G.E.M.S. ("God's Extraordinary Middle Schoolers") will meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm in the church hall. The invitation is open to those in grades 6 through 8. It will follow the format of S.M.A.R.T.: a meeting each month, with apostolic service and social activities in alternating months. Watch the bulletin for more details, or visit the G.E.M.S. page on the parish website.

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A group of ladies in the parish are meeting in the church hall on the first and third Mondays of the month at 5:30pm for crafts, games, etc. For more information, please call the parish office.

Faithfully your priest,
Fr. George Hafemann

This Monday, December 15, priests in every parish in the Archdiocese of New York will be available for **THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE** from 4:00 to 8:00pm (*Fr. George will take a short break from 5:50 to 6:00pm*). Confessions are also heard every Saturday from 3:00 to 3:45pm, or any other time upon request or by appointment. Just call or e-mail Fr. George.

S.M.A.R.T. will meet this Tuesday, December 16 at 7:00pm in the S.M.A.R.T. meeting room. All teens in grades 8-12 are welcome. S.M.A.R.T. will be decorating the rectory for Christmas next Sunday, December 21 at 4:00pm; if you're coming, please let us know no later than this Friday, December 19.

Donations of **non-perishable food items** for the **CHRISTMAS BASKETS** may be left in the containers in the narthex. Turkeys, hams and chickens will be collected this Wednesday, December 17 from 5:00 to 6:00pm; baskets will be distributed next Saturday, December 20 from 12:00 to 2:00pm. *We are especially in need of spaghetti sauce, peanut butter, jelly, cereal, and canned fruit.*

All parishioners are invited to attend **St. Mary's Little Lambs' ANNUAL SILENT AUCTION AND CHRISTMAS PAGEANT** this Friday, December 19 in the church hall. The auction opens at 9:00, with winners called at 10:30am. The Pageant will begin at 11:00am; a reception of milk and cookies will follow. We are hoping for a visit from St. Nick following the pageant. If you know of a jolly gentleman who would be willing to volunteer, please call 858-4208 or email littlelambs@stmarysportjervis.com.

The Junior and Senior Choirs will hold their **ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE** next weekend, December 20/21. Stock up for all your Christmas visitors on cookies, dessert breads, brownies, fudge, etc. The proceeds from the bake sale help us buy new music and hire brass players for Christmas and Easter. Anyone who would like to donate baked items to the sale is asked to contact Toni Marion at 856-6083.

We will be **DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS** on Tuesday, December 23 at 6:30pm. Many hands make light work, so all are welcome to assist! (This is an excellent service opportunity for Confirmation candidates.)

If you're looking for good, inexpensive gifts or cards that convey the true meaning of Christmas and support religious brothers and sisters at the same time, visit www.monasterygreetings.com or www.printerhouse.org.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERINGS may be left in the designated collection box at the back of the church.

Liturgical Ministers for December 20/21, 2014

MASS	LECTOR	MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
4:00PM	P. CAL	L. AVELLA, H. ECKES, D. LIVINGSTON	Q. KRENTZ, Z. IRWIN, S. PHILLIPS
8:30AM	J. HENDRICK	V. LIVINGSTON, D. MURO, S. RIORDAN, A. STASILLI	T. LAMOREAUX, A. & R. COLLADO
11:30AM	T. WEBB	L. BUCZEK, D. KAVANAGH	N. WEBB, A. WEBB, J. ENNIS

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Monday, December 15

9:00am Anne Morey, by Dr. Jane Brooks
Deceased members of the Macchiarolo and Moreli families, by Maria Macchiarolo

Tuesday, December 16

9:00am George Berthiaume, by Marion and family

Thursday, December 18

9:00am Mary Corrado Caracciolo, by Agnes and Mary Albert Kreckel, by Pauline Kreckel and family

Friday, December 19

9:00am Fannie and Manny Pirota, by Catherine Westfall

Saturday, December 20

4:00pm Joseph H. Kucher, by Joseph H. Prager and family

Sunday, December 21

8:30am Robert Beach, Sr., by the Adamcik family
11:30am the parishioners of St. Mary's

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Ida Lissner, Joann Wilcox, Jonathan Saletto, Marion Rohner, Nick Moscatiello, Andrea Fedoruk, Richard Samek, Betty Brennan, Joe Brennan, Angela Portella, Mike Castle, Walter Szpakowicz, Danielle Scibek, Pauline Portella, John McKean, Katie Onofry, John Launt, Theresa Fuller, David Drasba, Jeremiah Stasilli, Daniel Bonet, Maureen Hildbrandt, Joseph Portella, Catherine Simons, Mary Platania, Vada Glass, Donald Wolff, Michael Barnes, William Linclon, Joseph Livingston, Jeff Sauschuck, Bernard Clune, Amanda Evelech, Anna Onuschak, Joseph Kham, Andrew Witkowski, Jackie Mundy, Makara Craig, Barbara Nachand, Betty Corcoran, Allen Van Starrex, and Carol Wittine.

Catholic Charities Community Services of Orange County sponsors a **PARISH COUNSELING NETWORK (PCN)**, which provides short-term and crisis counseling for parishioners through their parish. The PCN offers more than 140 licensed counseling professionals to help parishioners through issues such as marital problems, raising children, eldercare, job loss or bereavement. Working from private offices, counselors have experience with an array of difficulties and a diverse clientele. Parishioners are eligible for a maximum of six sessions; the fee for each session is a \$10 co-pay, payable by the parishioner. Referrals are made through the parish priest. For more information, please speak with Fr. George.

The collection for December 6/7 was \$5,466.
Thank you for your continued generosity.