



### Parish Mission Statement

*We, the community of St. Mary's, Manhasset, building on our rich heritage of Catholic faith and tradition, center ourselves in the Eucharist and honor God in proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ.*

*Guided by the Holy Spirit, we seek to be the presence of Christ through our liturgical, educational and social ministries. We dedicate our time, talent and treasure to the service of all as we build the kingdom of God in our world.*

*We commit to this mission in the name of Jesus Christ.*

### Masses for the Week

**Monday, December 22nd**

*1 Samuel 1:24-28; Luke 1:46-56*

7:00 Francis Orchard

9:00 Frank Hartmann

12:00 Annette Boccio

**Tuesday, December 23rd**

*Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24; Luke 1:57-66*

7:00 Jorge Valdes-Rodriguez

9:00 Edwin R. Werner

12:00 Joseph Policano

**Wednesday, December 24th**

*2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a-16; Luke 1:67-79*

9:00 Anthony Cacciola

4:00 Family Mass - Church

4:15 Wiest Hall

5:30 Church

12:00 Midnight Mass - Church

**Thursday, December 25th**

**Nativity of the Lord**

*Isaiah 52:7-10; Hebrews 1:1-6; John 1:1-18*

7:30 Church

9:00 Church

10:30 Church

12:00 Church

12:15 Wiest Hall

**Friday, December 26th**

**St. Stephen (Feast)**

*Acts of the Apostles 6:8-10, 7:54-59;*

*Matthew 10:17-22*

7:00 Julian Miller

9:00 Evelyn M. Baxter

**Saturday, December 27th**

**St. John (Feast)**

*1 John 1:1-4; John 20:1a & 2-8*

8:00 Henry Miller

5:00 Rev. Msgr. Lawrence D. Costello

Dorothy Dietz Smith

Michael J. Mahon

Joseph Benedetto

John Boylan

**Sunday, December 28th**

**Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

*Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Hebrews 11:8, 11-12*

*17-19; Luke 2:22-40*

7:30 Rev. Msgr. John J. Wiest

9:00 Catherine O'Neill

10:30 For the People of the Praise

12:00 Leslie Anne Kempa

Eugene O'Connor

Walter Fischer

Dr. Frank Celenza

Anthony Pesiri

5:00 Evelyn M. Baxter

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*Names will remain on the list for 3 months. Please notify the Bulletin Editor if you would like to continue.*

### In Memoriam



Joseph Lis



*From the Pastor's Desk*

*May you and those you love  
be filled with  
the Spirit of Joy and Peace  
this Christmas as we celebrate  
the Birth of the Christ Child.*

**About Christmas in Saint Mary's**

Each year, on the Sunday before Christmas, I like to remind you that our Christmas Eve and late Christmas morning Masses are very crowded. The 7:30 and 9 a.m. Masses on Christmas Day are less crowded.

In addition to the Christmas Masses in Church we have scheduled two Masses in the Wiest Gym of the Elementary School's McCann Hall - Christmas Eve at 4:15 p.m. and 12:15 p.m. on Christmas Day. There is an elevator for those who have difficulties with the stairs.

Parking is always difficult at St. Mary's and even more so at Christmas. If you are able to park a bit away from the Church and walk the last block or two that would be a help especially if you are going to one of the Masses in Wiest Gym.

Blessed Christmas!

Msgr. John J. McCann

**Blessing of Nativity Scene**

*Said as family gathers around the Manger*

God of every nation and people,  
From the very beginning of creation  
you have made manifest your love:  
when our need for a Savior was great  
you sent your Son  
to be born of the Virgin Mary.

Lord bless all who look upon this manger;  
may it remind us  
of the humble birth of Jesus,  
and raise up our thoughts to him,  
who is God-with-us and Savior of all,  
and who lives and reigns forever and ever.

**CONFESSIONS**

Tuesday, December 23rd

4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

7:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve

9:30 – 10 a.m.

**CHRISTMAS MASSES**

**CHRISTMAS EVE**

4 p.m. Family Mass in Church

4:15 p.m. in Wiest Gym

5:30 in Church

Midnight in Church

**CHRISTMAS DAY**

7:30 a.m. in Church

9 a.m. in Church

10:30 a.m. in Church

12 Noon in Church

12:15 p.m. in Wiest Gym

**New Year's Day Masses**

**The Feast of Mary,**

**Mother of the Lord**

Wednesday, Dec. 31st

5:00 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 1st

9:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

12:00 Noon

5:00 p.m.

*There will be no 7:30 a.m. Mass on New  
Years Day morning*



# Stewards of God's Gifts

In the first reading, God promises King David that his house and his kingdom will endure forever. It is through Mary's "Yes" - "I am the handmaid of the Lord. Let it be done to me as you say." - that the promise finds fulfillment.

*We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who, through our parish's bereavement/consolation ministry, are attentive to those who mourn a loss or struggle with depression.*



The collection for Sunday, December 14, 2008 amounted to **\$27,234**

Credit Cards amounted to \$3,370 totaling **\$30,604**

The collection for Sunday, December 16, 2007 amounted to **\$27,287**

The Children's collection for Sunday, December 14, 2008 amounted to **\$35**

Children's Time & Talent: considerate, sharing, cleaning my room



## *Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing*

**Reading I: 2 Samuel 7: 1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16**

*The Lord Speaks to Nathan*

**Reading II: Romans 16:25-27**

*Him Who Can Strengthen You*

**Gospel: Luke 1: 26-38**

*The Angel Gabriel*

*Theme:*

Do Not Be Afraid

*Question for Adults:*

What do the words, "Do not be afraid" say to me this Advent? What fears do I need to turn to God?

*Question for Children:*

Who is the person I trust the most? What makes this person trustworthy?

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*Adult Faith Formation*

**UPCOMING COURSE**

**A CLOSER LOOK AT THE SACRAMENTS**

We all know about the seven sacraments, how they are outward signs of an inner reality, instituted by Christ to impart sanctifying grace, but have you ever wondered how the sacraments developed into what we celebrate today? Did you ever think about the deeper theological meaning of the sacraments? This course will offer you the opportunity to take a closer look at each of the seven sacraments.

Wednesdays, January 7 through February 11 (Snow day Feb. 18)

7:30 p.m. in the Ministry Center

Jo-Ann Metzdorff, D. Min. - instructor

Course qualifies for advanced catechist credit

\$25 course fee

**CATECHISM EXPRESS**

**January 5th**

**The Mission of the Church**

Deacon Frank Bice - 7:20 p.m. in the Marian Room

Upcoming sessions

Jan. 12th                    **The Four Marks of the Church**                    Jane Clifford, MA

Jan 26th                    **Mary, Mother of God, Mother of the Church**                    Jane Clifford, MA

**ST. MARY'S BOOK CLUB**

Our next book will be *The Shack* by William Paul Young. We will be meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 13 at 10 a.m. in the JP II Room.

# Did you know?

Do you have a question for this column? If so drop a note to Jo-Ann Metzdorff at the Parish Office or e-mail [joannm@stmary.ws](mailto:joannm@stmary.ws)

**This week's question: When did the Church officially start celebrating Christmas?**

**Answer to last week's question: Why don't we sing Christmas carols or decorate the church during Advent?** While there are no direct prohibitions against it, to do so would not be in keeping with the liturgical season of Advent. Music and decorations should be in keeping with the season. *The Directory on Popular Piety* states, "Various expressions of popular piety connected with Advent have emerged throughout the centuries. These have sustained the faith of the people, and from one generation to the next, they have conserved many valuable aspects of the liturgical season of Advent." These expressions are unique to the season and parishes should not seek to rush into Christmas at the expense of promoting the beauty and the sober simplicity of the Advent season. There are many beautiful Advent hymns and customs such as the Advent wreath and devotions to Our Lady, that should take precedence over pre-Christmas celebrations. It is important to also remember that the Christmas season continues to the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, long after the media has stopped playing Christmas songs and films, and many of the decorations have come down from stores and homes.



DIocese of ROCKVILLE CENTRE  
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Christmas 2008

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

“The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.” These powerful words of John’s Gospel are fulfilled once again for us on this Christmas Day, 2008. In our parishes and around the world, the whole Church comes to worship “in spirit and truth” the Son of God made man, the Son of Mary who “took from His mother our nature but not our fault”. The world rejoices because all humankind now can see the salvation of our God. No one is excluded. All are called to the manger of salvation.

St. Leo the Great teaches us, “Our Savior was born today. Let us be glad. For there is no place for sadness when we keep the birthday of the Life, which destroys the fear of mortality and brings us to the joy of promised eternity. No one is kept from sharing in this happiness. There is for all one common measure of joy because as our Lord the destroyer of sin and death finds none free from charge, so has He come to free us all!”

My prayer for all of you, my brothers and sisters who share this life of Christ with me, is that He will dwell within your hearts with such sweet love that you will always know His joy. My prayer for all our brothers and sisters of every faith and no faith, is that they who are never excluded from God’s loving care, made manifest in the birth of His Son, may know the gift of life and peace that only the life-giving Spirit of God can and does give to those who seek Him “in spirit and in truth”.

In a year of many changes that bring new uncertainties along with promises of hope, you and I are called to be bearers of Christ into the world as was Mary that first Christmas night. You and I are called to show Him to the world, as she did, by our words and deeds, by the witness of our lives. He who is the Prince of Peace teaches us to be peacemakers. He who is meek and humble of heart teaches us to be merciful and kind, to thirst for justice and to accept suffering in imitation of Him who was born in Bethlehem as the Savior of all humankind.

He invites us to become one with him in a world that is wracked by violence and a nation that is searching to find the right path. We must be the people of peace who point to the Son of God as “the way, the truth and the life”. Here on Long Island, may we who welcome Him Who excludes no one be the hearts and the hands to care for the poor in our midst, to welcome the newcomer as our neighbor, to turn our backs on racism and hatred so that we might open our arms to our brothers and sisters of every race, every nation and every people. May we be the ones who rejoice at the birth of this Child born in a manger and insist on the protection of every child in every mother’s womb. And may we give daily witness by our lives of our deep and abiding joy that God has given us the greatest gift of all in the birth of Jesus “whose nature is goodness, whose will is power, whose work is mercy”. (St. Leo the Great)

To all of you with great joy in my heart do I gladly offer you my prayers on this Christmas Day and I extend to you, your families and loved ones my Christmas Blessing in this season and throughout the New Year.

Bishop of Rockville Centre



*Religious Education  
1 - 8  
Faith Formation*

There will be no classes this week. We will resume on Monday, January 5th. We pray that the Christ Child will fill your home with love, kindness and peace as you welcome Him into your hearts.



*Youth Ministry*

St. Mary's Youth Ministry will participate in our parish celebration of LESSONS & CAROLS tonight at 7:30 p.m. There will be no youth group meeting. Special thanks to Nina Kucharczyk, Harry Kucharczyk, John Duvnjak, Bobby Duvnjak, Katherine Breen, Annie Hull, Alexa Lopez, Cheyenne Begley, Megan Malafronte, Kevin Grimm, Alexandra Gribben, Michael Heenan, Drew Belinsky, Francesca Querci, Susannah Roberts, Casey Davis, Maggie Furlong, and Claudia Sbuttoni for participating in Lessons & Carols and proclaiming the Good News of Jesus' birth from St. Mary's altar.

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**CHRISTMAS DECORATING**

Once again, it is time to start thinking about decorating the church for Christmas. If you are free on the morning of December 24 at 10:00 a.m., please consider helping us setup the flowers around the altar and church. It should take no longer than an hour or so, if we have enough people.



The Bread and Wine this week are in loving memory of Walter Fischer



**ST. MARY'S  
CYO GIRL'S VOLLEYBALL  
REGISTRATION**

CYO Girl's Volleyball registration is now open until January 5th for grades 5 - 12. Please stop by the Parish Office or Manhasset Sporting Goods to pick up a registration form. Forms will also be available at all local schools. The season begins on February 7th, with a 10 game schedule and playoffs ending on April 26th, 2009. If you are interested in coaching a team, please call Bonnee at 627-0385, ext 1008.

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*Parish Social Ministry*



Dear Parishioners,  
May the miracle of Christmas fill your home with peace and joy. May God bless you and your loved ones.

*Christine Sutherland and the volunteers of St. Mary's Parish Social Ministry*



*Peggy Guillo and Christine Sutherland are diligently working to make Christmas special for the less fortunate in our parish community and surrounding areas. Thanks to the generosity of so many parishioners, the Office of Social Ministry can bring the spirit of Christmas to so many appreciative people again this year.*



## *Save the Date*

Church of Saint Mary

12th Annual Parish Golf & Tennis Classic

Thursday, June 18, 2009

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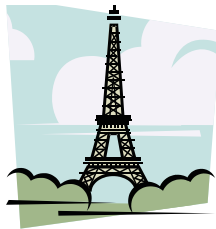
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### Christmas Eve Family Mass

We remind our parishioners that the Family Mass is celebrated on Christmas Eve at 4:00 p.m. The 9:00 on Christmas morning is not a Family Mass. The Christmas Eve Family Mass is our most crowded Mass of Christmas, so please consider arriving early (no later than 3:30, if you want to get a seat). As is our custom, the children are requested to bring bells to help ring in the birth of the Christ child during the singing of the "Gloria". There will be an additional Mass in Wiest Gym at 4:15 for those who would prefer a less crowded celebration, but still want to attend a Christmas Eve Mass. There will also be a Mass at 5:30 p.m. in the church.



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Spiritual Director: Fr. Nick Zientarski

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### CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE December 24th & 25th

#### CHRISTMAS EVE

##### Wednesday, December 24th

- 4 p.m. Church: Nicolas Cordi, Elainna Enriquez, Elizabeth Boyle & Tina Pavolovich
- 4:15 p.m. Wiest Hall: Caitlyn Whitaker, Nolan Behringer, Joe Meyer & Ben Ackert
- 5:30 p.m. Church: Francesca Minieri, Tim Hannan, Brieger Pilch, Tara Mangione & Carly Holm
- Midnight Mass: Katherine Coccarelli, Shannon Stanchio, Isabella Salas-Allende, Tim Ahern, Dominick DeLucia & Andrew Stack

#### CHRISTMAS DAY

##### Thursday, December 25th

- 7:30 a.m. Church: Victoria Radman, Paul Radman, Catherine Lynch, Jack Lynch
- 9:00 a.m. Church: Amanda Kelly, Nicole & Kristen LaBruna
- 10:30 a.m. Church: Taylor Brooks, Allison Ferraris, Tara Ferraris & Isabella Salas-Allende
- 12:00 p.m. Church: Alexandra, Lindsay, & Meredith Gallo & Melissa Lombard
- 12:15 p.m. Church: Leland Chan, Josette Marino, Tara & Olivia Belinsky

### MASS SCHEDULE December 24th & 25th December 27th & 28th

#### Wednesday, December 24th

- 4:00 p.m. Church: Fr. Allan Sikorski
- 4:15 p.m. School: Fr. Joe DeGrocco
- 5:30 p.m. Church: Fr. Michael Galea

#### Thursday, December 25th

- 12:00 a.m. Church: Fr. Peter Dugandzic
- 7:30 a.m. Church: Fr. Jacob Vattackattu
- 9:00 a.m. Church: Fr. Joe DeGrocco
- 10:30 a.m. Church: Msgr. John J. McCann
- 12:00 p.m. Church: Fr. Allan Sikorski
- 12:15 p.m. School: Fr. Michael Galea

#### Saturday, December 27th

- 5:00 p.m. Msgr. John J. McCann

#### Sunday, December 28th

- 7:30 a.m. Fr. Peter Dugandzic
- 9:00 a.m. Fr. Joe DeGrocco
- 10:30 a.m. Fr. Michael Galea
- 12:00 p.m. Msgr. John J. McCann
- 5:00 p.m. Fr. Allan Sikorski



## *St. Mary's Elementary School*

Once again, Saint Mary's Elementary School continued their long-standing tradition of reaching out to underprivileged children in local communities through the St. Vincent DePaul Society Toy Drive. The students benefit immeasurably by taking a moment to remember the true meaning of Christmas and Christ's devotion to people in need, especially when those people are helpless children. Hundreds of toys, games, sports equipment and more were donated by the entire school. The Student Council proudly collected and organized the gifts that were picked up on December 16th by St. Vincent de Paul.



*Gifts lined the foyer of the Elementary School's Northern Boulevard entrance.*



*Student Council Officers Sarah Lynch, Toni Sanseverino and Jennifer Kiggins worked very hard organizing hundred of gifts for the pick up by St. Vincent de Paul.*



*St. Mary's College Preparatory High School*

The following parishioners/students of St. Mary's High School have achieved honors in the first semester:

| <b>Grade</b> | <b>Name</b>        | <b>Award</b> | <b>Grade</b> | <b>Name</b>          | <b>Award</b>  |
|--------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------------|---------------|
| 09           | Alexa Lollo        | First Honors | 09           | Bobby Chrisafis      | Second Honors |
| 10           | Jenna Accardi      | First Honors | 09           | John Patrick Kiggins | Second Honors |
| 10           | Mia Cosentino      | First Honors | 09           | Conor McNamara       | Second Honors |
| 10           | Juliette deVenoge  | First Honors | 09           | Jessica Megerian     | Second Honors |
| 10           | Olivia Evans       | First Honors | 09           | Valerie Washburn     | Second Honors |
| 10           | Leonard Marino III | First Honors | 10           | Laura Doyle          | Second Honors |
| 10           | Thomas Mondello    | First Honors | 10           | Bianca Sagliocca     | Second Honors |
| 12           | Vaughn Ayroso      | First Honors | 10           | Charles Velasquez    | Second Honors |
| 12           | Anna deVenoge      | First Honors | 11           | Christina Arty       | Second Honors |
| 12           | Brittany Evans     | First Honors | 11           | Andrew Frooms        | Second Honors |
| 12           | Marianne Marino    | First Honors | 11           | Samantha Mendolia    | Second Honors |
| 12           | Nicole Tarko       | First Honors | 12           | Caroline Doyle       | Second Honors |
|              |                    |              | 12           | Kyle Ondrey          | Second Honors |
|              |                    |              | 12           | Dayna Smith          | Second Honors |
|              |                    |              | 12           | John Tansey          | Second Honors |

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The 4th Grade boys team coached by Tom Minutillo split their last 2 games. They had a win over St. Catherine but came up a bit short against a taller St. Gert's squad.

St. Mary's 7th Grade girls coached by P. J. Barry beat Our Lady of Mercy 37-19 to improve to 8 - 1 on the season.

St. Mary's 4th Grade boys coached by P. J. Barry played a great game against St. Ignatius over the weekend.

The 5th Grade girls team coached by Ken Lynch and Alan Shibley avenged their only loss this season with a win against St. Joseph's (Garden City).

The **Parish Blood Drive** will take place on Sunday, January 16, 2009 in the Marian Room from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Your blood donations are crucial in helping to maintain our community's blood supply levels. One out of every three people will need blood at least once in their life.

The annual **Manhasset/Great Neck EOC Gospel Brunch** to honor Martin Luther King will be held on Saturday, January 24, 2009 at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation at 12 noon. For information call 627-6385.

