



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 15th

Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17a; Matthew 21:23-27

- 7:00 Phil Ruggiero
- 9:00 Sophie Kasinski & Family
- 12:00 Viola Rizzo

Tuesday, December 16th

Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13; Matthew 21:28-32

- 7:00 John E. Shields
- 9:00 Marie Gross
- 12:00 Joseph A. Policano

Wednesday, December 17th

Genesis 49:2, 8-10; Matthew 1:1-17

- 7:00 John E. Shields
- 9:00 Joseph E. Smyth
- 12:00 Walter France

Thursday, December 18th

Jeremiah 23:5-8; Matthew 1:18-25

- 7:00 Bill Baxter
- 9:00 Kathleen McKeown
- 12:00 Kathleen Ahern

Friday, December 19th

Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a; Luke 1:5-25

- 7:00 Alice Coughlin
- 9:00 Michael Howard
- 12:00 Matteo DiMarco

Saturday, December 20th

Isaiah 7:10-14; Luke 1:26-38

- 8:00 Vivian DiMarco
- 5:00 John Boylan
Nora Cioppa
Helen Rush
Frederick Janson
Rosa Pellicano

Sunday, December 21st

Fourth Sunday of Advent

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38

- 7:30 Giovanni Ardivini
- 9:00 Alice Hartmann
- 10:30 For the People of the Parish
- 12:00 Rev. Msgr. John J. Wiest
Salvatore & Provvidenza Asaro
Gatano Ricciuti
Dr. Frank Celenza
Mildred Schnurr
- 5:00 Deceased members of the Claps/
Forlenza Families

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Please Pray for the Ill

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| Stasia Alvarez | John Klein |
| Edward Anker | Robert J. Kohlhagen |
| Marino Benedetti | Madison Claire Lewinger |
| Antonia Caserta | Jack Joseph Lewinger |
| Frank Conforti | Carlene McDevitt |
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| Jonathan Hoy | Jane Regan |
| | Livia Richards |

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

In Memoriam



David Mallory
Joseph Valcancick



From the Pastor's Desk

Questions I was Asked Last Sunday

Since the Feast of the Immaculate Conception was on a Monday this year why is it a Holy Day of obligation?

Normally, if a Holy Day falls on a Saturday or Monday it is not a day we are obligated to go to Mass. There are two exceptions: Christmas and the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. The Immaculate Conception is an exception because Mary, under the title of the Immaculate Conception, is the patroness of the United States.

Why are we not supposed to say or sing God's name Yahweh?

A few months ago the Vatican asked that in our liturgy we follow the very ancient tradition of not speaking God's name. When Moses asked God his name, God responded "Yahweh" (I am, who am). Because God's name is so sacred, tradition called for it to never be spoken. LORD (in capital letters) was used instead. In the scriptures when ever you see the word LORD in capital letters it means Yahweh. In our Catholic liturgy the only place we used the word Yahweh was in some hymns. Here in St. Mary's, we will not be using these hymns until the language is rewritten in the 2010 Music Issue edition.

The Christmas Manger

Saturday evening following the five o'clock Mass, the Christmas Manger in front of the Elementary School on Northern Blvd. was blessed. We thank the members of the Father William A. Daly Council, # 2122 of the Knights of Columbus who provided the Manger. We hope that the Christmas Manger will remind all who pass by it on Northern Blvd. each day that this season is about the Birth of Jesus, the Word of God who took human flesh so that we might have forgiveness of our sins and eternal life with God in Heaven.

God Bless!

Msgr. John J. McCann

**Daily Mass in Advent
7 a.m. - 9 a.m. - 12 NOON**

**CHRISTMAS
CONFESSIONS**

Saturday, Dec. 20th 4 – 4:45 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 23rd 4 – 5 p.m.
and 7:30 – 8 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

Eucharistic Adoration

Thursdays

1 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The Chapel

**Adoration will not be held Christmas
or New Year's Day**



Stewards of God's Gifts

All of the people in today's readings - the prophet Isaiah, the Virgin Mary, St. Paul, St. John the Baptist - seemed to understand clearly and rejoice in what God was calling them to be and to do.
Do I?

On this Gaudete Sunday, we stress the joy of anticipating the Lord's coming. As good stewards, we can express that joy by supporting Catholic Charities' programs for needy families throughout the year.



The collection for Sunday, December 7, 2008 amounted to **\$24,476**

Credit Cards amounted to \$3,549 totaling **\$28,025**

The collection for Sunday, December 9, 2007 amounted to **\$33,584**

The Children's collection for Sunday, December 7, 2008 amounted to **\$24**

Children's Time & Talent: Gymnastics, cleaned my room, loving, funny,
prayed for the people who died

The collection for the Immaculate Conception amounted to **\$6,686**



Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

Reading I: Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11

The Spirit Is Upon Me

Reading II: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Pray Without Ceasing

Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28

The One to Come

Theme:

Recognizing the Lord

Question for Adults:

Where in my life can I identify habits and attitudes which twist and cover God's love? What concrete steps can I take to remove them?

Question for Children:

How can I more clearly show my love for God, my family and my friends?

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Adult Faith Formation



CATECHISM EXPRESS

Dec. 15th *The Holy Spirit*

Msgr. John J. McCann - presenter

7:40 p.m. - 8:20 p.m.
in the Parish Ministry Center

Did you know?

Do you have a question for this column? If so drop a note to Jo-Ann Metzдорff at the Parish Office or e-mail joannm@stmary.ws

This week's question: Why don't we sing Christmas carols or decorate the church during Advent?

Answer to last week's question: What is Gaudete Sunday? **Gaudete Sunday** is the liturgical name for the third Sunday of Advent. It can fall on any date from December 11 to December 17. The term *Gaudete* is translated from Latin as *Rejoice*, a word that appears in the entrance antiphon of Masses held on this day: *Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say, rejoice; let your forbearance be known to all, for the Lord is near at hand; have no anxiety about anything, but in all things, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be known to God.*

On Gaudete Sunday rose-colored vestments may be worn instead of violet, which is prescribed for every day in the season of Advent. The rose colored candle is lit on the Advent wreath in addition to two of the violet colored candles which represent the first two Sundays of Advent. During the otherwise penitential season of Advent, the readings on the third Sunday emphasize the joyous anticipation of the Lord's coming, hence the more joyous color of rose.



Sunday, January 18, 2009

Parish Blood Drive in the
Marian Room

9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.



FAMILY MASS



Are you expecting a baby?
If so, join us on
Sunday, December 21st
at the **9:00 Family Mass**



LESSONS AND CAROLS

On Sunday, December 21st at 7:30 p.m. St. Mary's Adult choir, Children's choir and Youth Group will offer a Lessons and Carols service in the church. All are welcome.

Advent is a time when we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior. What better time to be waiting a new addition to your family. No matter if this is your first or your fifth (or more), we want to celebrate the upcoming birth with you. At that Mass we will have a special blessing for the expectant parents and the new blessing for babies in the womb. Following that Mass we will have our Annual Advent Hospitality in the Marian Room with good food, crafts, music and a surprise visitor! Please plan to join us. If you can help with baking or set up, please call Diana at 365-5408.

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 in the church.



WANT TO RECHARGE AND REFRESH YOUR SPIRITUAL BATTERY?

CATHOLIC PILGRIMAGE TO FRANCE

May 26 - June 5, 2009

Spiritual Director: Fr. Nick Zientarski

Visit the beautiful towns, cities and churches of France, including Paris, Lyon, Lourdes, Lisieux, Ars, Paray Le Monial, LaSalette and Nevers. Encounter the lives of many saints, enjoy delicious French food and explore the beauty of France with the expert guides provided by 206 Tours, an outstanding Catholic tour group. Stop by the parish office for a full brochure or go online at: www.206tours.com/tour20. Contact Fr. Nick with questions at 04zientarski@cua.edu. Merci!



The Bread and Wine this week are in loving memory of Dr. Anthony Pesiri from his wife Florence.



Religious Education
1 - 8
Faith Formation

7th graders preparing for Confirmation must hand in the workbook - "Called to Witness" on Monday, December 15th. It will be collected during class. Do not hand in separate sheets or ripped out pages.

ADVENT ACT OF KINDNESS REMINDER

Please remember to bring in your family coin holders. It is an important time of year to take care of babies and their parents, as we remember the birth of Jesus to Mary and Joseph in the stable at Bethlehem. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated.

CYO

St. Mary's 7th grade girl's basketball team coached by PJ Barry beat Our Lady of Peace 31 - 24 to improve their record to 7 - 1 on the season.

St. Mary's 4th grade boy's basketball team coached by PJ Barry played Our Lady of Mercy. Jack Keogh led all scorers with 12 points. Brendan Barry had 10 points and Petey McAree added 6 points.



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

- This week begins CYO Volleyball registration 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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ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

December 15th - 21st

Monday, December 15th

- 7 a.m. Olivia & Tara Belinsky
- 9 a.m. Taylor Brooks & Caitlyn McNamara
- 12:00 p.m. Carly Holm & Tara Mangione.

Tuesday, December 16th

- 7 a.m. Anthony Benja-Athon & Patrick Denihan
- 9 a.m. Elizabeth Bunger & Logan Tunimelli
- 12 p.m. Emily Kearns & Amanda Kelly

Wednesday, December 17th

- 7 a.m. Leland Chan & Katherine Coccarelli
- 9 a.m. Megan Cain & Francesca Minieri
- 12 p.m. Colleen Keating & Isabella Salas-Allende

Thursday, December 18th

- 7 a.m. Nicholas Cordi & Lauren Merola
- 9 a.m. Charlie Malhame & Sebastian Gomez
- 12 p.m. Peter Klimuszko & Henry Mulholland

Friday, December 19th

- 7 a.m. Courtney Connors & Danielle Nicosia
- 9 a.m. Tara Ferraris & Mary Heaney
- 12 p.m. Elizabeth Boyle & Clare Lavelle

Saturday, December 20th

- 8 a.m. Sarah Henry & Erin Coleman
- 5 p.m. Taylor Brooks, Caitlyn McNamara, Elizabeth Bunger & Logan Tuminelli

Sunday, December 21st

- 7:30 a.m. Megan Cain, Francesca Minieri, Briege Pilch & Melissa Lombard
- 9:00 a.m. Maggie Duvnjak, Chloe Murphy, Elizabeth Boyle & Clare Lavelle
- 10:30 a.m. Vincent Caliendo, Dominic DeLucia A. J. Cannatella & Andrew Stack
- 12 p.m. Benjamin Ackert, Joseph Meyer, Timmy Ahern & Paul Radman
- 5 p.m. Courtney Connors, Danielle Nicosia, Nicholas Cordi & Lauren Merola

**MASS SCHEDULE
December 20th & 21st
(subject to change)**

- 5:00 p.m. **Saturday, December 20th**
Fr. Michael Galea
- 7:30 a.m. **Sunday, December 21st**
Fr. Michael Galea
- 9:00 a.m. Fr. Joe DeGrocco
- 10:30 a.m. Msgr. John J. McCann
- 12:00 p.m. Fr. Allan Sikorski
- 5:00 p.m. Fr. Jacob Vattackattu



Parish Social Ministry



For all those participating in The Giving Tree program, please return your unwrapped gifts to the tree by today, December 14th.



For the participating donors of the Share Christmas program, please bring your unwrapped gifts (donations) to the Parish Social Ministry office by Monday, December 15th.

Need to reach us? Telephone # (516) 365-2705
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Youth Ministry

On SUNDAY, DEC. 21st, St. Mary's Parish presents Lessons and Carols at 7:30 p.m. in the church . The choir provides the music and our teens provide the readings. Rehearsal will take place TONIGHT, SUNDAY, DEC. 14th, in lieu of our youth meeting. We will practice in the church immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass, from 5:45 until 7 p.m. Pick up will be 7 p.m. outside the church.

There will be no youth meeting next Sunday, but please have the kids in the church by 7 p.m. for Lessons and Carols.



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 a bit over an hour if we have enough people.



COAT DRIVE THANK YOU

Thank you to all who donated a coat to benefit the Missionaries of Charity, the Catholic Worker and Providence House. The men, women and children who received the coats were so appreciative. Thank you again.

Michael Heenan
Life Scout, Troop 71