

SAINT MARY PARISH

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Third Sunday of
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Saint Mary Catholic Church
(Accommodations for the Handicapped)
211 North Main Street

Administrator

Fr. Phil McGaugh

Parochial Vicar

Fr. Ixon Chateau

Priest in Residence

Fr. Vinnie Doolan

Permanent Deacon

Deacon Jonathan Mosely

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245 North Street

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WELCOME

WE'RE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!

We wish to extend a warm welcome to all guests and parishioners of Saint Mary's Parish. We are delighted that you have come to worship with us, and we very much hope that you feel at home here!! Newcomers are encouraged to register as members of the Parish. Registration forms are available in the entryways of the Church and in the Parish Office and can be placed in the offertory basket or mailed to the Parish Office.

One world, all sacred

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We are a vibrant faith community committed to living out the gospel of Jesus Christ in the Roman Catholic tradition. As a Eucharistic people, we seek to deepen our personal union with Jesus Christ through the ministries of Word, Worship, Community, and Service. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we devote ourselves to the Catechetical Ministry of Youth and Young Adults and to ongoing Adult Faith Formation. We seek to continue the mission of the Church by extending hospitality and outreach to all the People of God.



Saturday, December 16, 2017

4:00pm Dorothy & Bill Warner

Sunday, December 17, 2017

8:00am People of Saint Mary

10:00am Ruth & Daniel Newcomb

11:30am Joseph Elliot Jones

Wednesday, December 20, 2017

9:00am Jose Paz Salinas

Saturday, December 23, 2017

4:00pm Joe Barbosa and
Edilia & Francisco Fernandes

Sunday, December 24, 2017

8:00am People of St. Mary

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week in Loving Memory of HAROLD HARTLEY donated by Jean Hartley.

AND THE WINNERS ARE.....

The drawing for the St. Vincent de Paul Raffle was drawn on Sunday, December 10th at the Holiday Breakfast and the winners are:

Norah Maguire—Baby Quilt

Diane McDonald—Irish Knit Sweater

Mary Boudreau—Baby Blanket

Bridget McDonald—Wine and Raffle Ticket Basket

Thank you to everyone who supported the raffle. Between the Craft Fair and The Breakfast \$169.00 was raised for St. Vincent de Paul on the raffle.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

On Christmas the collection is used for the needs of the sick and retired priests of our Archdiocese. We are grateful for the wonderful priests over the years who have served in this parish or taken care of our families in times of joy and pain. (Rev. Maurice J. O'Connor, Rev. Garret J. Barry and Rev. Vincent R. Maffei)

Many priests influenced our lives in positive ways and may be our friends. Many of those priests who served God and us so well are now retired or ill and in need of our help. Please be as generous as your means allow. Thank you for always being there to help.



The Thousand Club

It's amazing how fast the days and weeks fly by and here we are staring at 2018! Have you renewed or purchased your season ticket for the \$1,000 Club? Just a reminder.....a season ticket to the \$1,000 club enters you into a monthly drawing with nine chances to win between \$100 and \$1,000 - EVERY month for one year.

Today's bulletin contains an insert with more information. Want to join? Go to the homepage at www.stmaryrandolph.org and click on the \$1,000 drawing icon. You will find a sign-up form to complete and mail with your payment to St. Mary Parish at 22 Seton Way. Or call Judy Concannon at 781 963-4141. Are you a member who has not yet sent in a renewal? Renewal forms were mailed out in November so simply return the renewal form with your check to the address above. Lost your renewal form? Visit the website above and just write "renewal" on the form when returning. Or call Judy!

Our thanks and appreciation to all those who have renewed their season ticket! Our thanks and appreciation to all those who have purchased new season tickets! Season tickets can make GREAT Christmas presents. If you are struggling to find just that perfect Christmas present consider a season ticket!

**Christmas Eve Family Mass
6 PM Christmas Eve**

This past Tuesday, Felicia Kopelman-Hayes held the last rehearsal for our Christmas Youth Choir. The sound of children singing is such a blessed gift of peace and comfort. We ask that those in our **Youth Choir arrive at the Church on Christmas Eve at 5:30 pm.**

This Tuesday December 19th at 4 pm in the Church, our children will be rehearsing the Manger Scene for our Christmas Eve Family Mass. Watching Mary and Joseph reach the manger and witness the star so bright shine forth while the shepherds and wise men journey forth is an amazing way to enter into the Christmas liturgy. For our children, it makes clear what the "reason for the season" is. We ask that our Manger Scene students also arrive on Christmas Eve at 5:30 pm.

Joins us for this **Christmas Eve Family Mass at 6 pm.** Each year I watch children sit wide eyed as the beauty of the birth of Jesus unfolds in front of their eyes. I also witness adults with no children in tow become moved to tears by the participation of our youngest in reminding us what Christmas is all about. I guarantee that the peace that surpasses all understanding will be yours as you leave the Church this holy night.



Fr. Phil

Reflections for the Third Sunday of Advent:

The Sacred Feast of Christmas is coming near. This Sunday is known as Gaudette or Laudette Sunday. Rose colored vestments may be worn on this day as a sign of rejoicing. This is the day we light the pink candle on the Advent wreath as this Sunday we experience joy of the Christ child soon to be born and the joy of Mary the Mother of Jesus. This is also a reminder that half of the season of Advent is over.

The first part of Advent we focused on the second coming of Jesus. These last two weeks we focus on Jesus who was born long ago in Bethlehem. Part of the joy of the Advent Season is being at peace with God and with others. There are times when we all feel overwhelmed with so much to do. There is a temptation to see only the wrong and darkness in the world and to respond accordingly.

Looking around though we can also see much good and much light in the world. The Sacrament of Reconciliation and seeking forgiveness from others is also a way to maintain perspective and closeness with God. Being at peace with God and neighbor brings new joy to life. We do not know when the Lord is going to call us to bring His presence and peace to others.

Jesus invites us to follow in His example and bring more light and goodness into the world. This can be done in many ways. Taking time for prayer and ourselves is very important at this time of the year. I hope you are having a blessed and renewing Advent Season. Thank you for all that you are doing to help others this Advent season.

CATHOLIC APPEAL

Thank you to all who have already made a pledge. The year is coming to an end. I would ask if you have not already made a pledge, please prayerfully consider making a pledge

The needs are great and the Archdiocese can use your help. Many of the programs which help the poor and many parishes are based directly on the Catholic Appeal. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve, 12/24/17—4pm, 6pm Family Mass
and Midnight Mass

Christmas Day, 12/25/17—10:00 am Mass



This past Sunday our grade K through 5 students took part in the Posada at Religious Education. The Las Posadas is a traditional Mexican Christmas celebration that takes place the last nine evenings before Christmas. This traditional Posada tells the story of Mary and Joseph's search for shelter....Posadas means "inn of lodging."

With just a little bit of adaptation, our students participated by joining together in a procession and knocking on the three doors to our auditorium. They could feel the disappointment and sadness of hearing, "Go away" at the first two doors. And then.....at the third door the 'inn keepers' relented and welcome the exhausted travelers.

Once inside the auditorium, our students assembled Christmas crafts that were all about the manger and were able to complete them and take them home. Just another reminder of the 'reason for the season.'

Our heart-felt thanks to Martha Pantoja who brought this lovely tradition to us. And grateful thanks to the many catechists who participated. They ended the Posada with pizza and carol singing all provided and directed by these wonderful teachers.

We also add our thanks to our Tuesday grades 1-5 catechists. This past Tuesday, classes also assembled Christmas crafts all about the manger while reviewing the Christmas story. It is such a beautiful sight to see these young people leave class carefully carrying an ornament or manger wreath. This precious hand-made craft will hopefully be a yearly reminder of what is important about Christmas.

This past Tuesday and Wednesday, our middle school and high school students also gathered together in the auditorium but for a different reason. We watched on the big screen the episode called, HOPE, from the miniseries entitled, The Bible. This episode gives our older students a real idea of what life was like at the time of the birth of Jesus. We are so grateful for our ability to show quality video on the big screen with terrific sound in our auditorium. It's like being at the theater! These students also made Christmas tree ornaments as a reminder of the real truth of Christmas.

St. Mary Cemetery & Garden Mausoleum

245 North Street in Randolph

781-961-9323

There are new spaces available.

We have immediate no interest financing and pre-need discounted arrangements are available. There are a number of cemetery options which include traditional single depth lots; Garden Lawn Crypts for two or more individuals; Garden Mausoleum Crypts for one or two individuals as well as options for the interment of cremains.

Our beautiful cemetery offers a peaceful place of rest for loved ones and a place for us to spend some time in prayer and remembrance.

St. Mary Cemetery is open for visiting daily. If you are interested, please call Bob O'Connor our Cemetery Executive Director at 718-961-9323. For more information please visit saintmarycemetery.org

Catholic Appeal 2017***Living Our Faith Together***

Cover the month Catholics across the Archdiocese have pledged their support for the annual Catholic Appeal. If you haven't done so please consider taking a pledge form from the entrances of the church or pledge online at bostoncatholicappeal.org.

Our goal is \$34,431.00***We have collected \$23,788.00***

Thank you to those who have given to this critically important collection. Your generosity allows Cardinal Sean to continue to respond the many needs in our parishes, schools and other ministries.

**ALWAYS IN OUR PRAYERS****Our Men & Women in Service to our Country***Jeremy Lucier**Kevin Ryan**Ryan Dornan**Paul Ellis**Kirsty Penticost**William Williams**Christopher Jackson**Ryan O'Keefe**Keith Littig**Timothy Walsh**Thomas Cheney**Elliot Trippel**Drake Barry**Tom Ram**Colin Reilly**David Preval**Matthew Lounsbury**Brent O'Meara**William Boggan Murphy**Alex Vincent***Prayer For the Safety of our Military**

Almighty and eternal God, those who take refuge in you will be glad and forever will shout for joy.

Protect these military men and women as they discharge their duties.

Protect them with the shield of your strength and keep them safe from all evil and harm.

May the power of your love enable them to return home in safety, that with all who love them,

they may ever praise you for your loving care.

"Together with a culture of work, there must be a culture of leisure as gratification. To put it another way: people who work must take the time to relax, to be with their families, to enjoy themselves, read, listen to music, play a sport".

Pope Francis

WEEKLY COLLECTION**12/10/17**

Offertory: \$4,405.00

Monthly Energy: \$1,924.00

Christmas Flowers Free Will: \$214.00

Thank you so very much. It is such a great help to the Parish.

St. Vincent de Paul Free Will: \$1,490.00

SECOND COLLECTIONS—DECEMBER

12/10/17—Monthly Energy Collection

**OPPORTUNITIES IN WHICH TO
MEMORIALIZE
DECEASED LOVED ONES**

If you wish to memorialize a deceased loved one, you can do so by calling the Pastoral Center and scheduling one of the following:

Sanctuary Candle	\$10 a week donation
Weekday Mass	\$15 donation
Weekend Mass	\$25 donation

The Sanctuary Candle will burn for one week in either the Chapel or Church.

Weekday Masses are—9am on Wed., Thurs. and Sat.

Weekend Masses are—4pm Sat. Vigil and 8, 10 and 11:30 on Sunday morning.

Masses for Randolph Catholic Community**Weekend Masses****St. Mary Parish**

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm

Sunday Masses: 8:00am

10:00am

11:30am

St. Bernadette Parish

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm

Sunday Masses: 7:30am, 9:00am

(Vietnamese), 11:00am

Weekday Masses at 9:00am**St. Mary Church**

Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday

St. Bernadette Church

Monday, Tuesday, Friday

Sacrament of Baptism

The Sacrament is celebrated the First and Third Sundays of each Month immediately following the 11:30 Mass. Please call Parish Office for information.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Please speak to a priest or deacon at least six months prior to celebration.

Sacrament of the Sick

Anytime by request and following all Masses the First Weekend of the month.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

By request and on Saturday in the Chapel from 3:00—3:40pm

Eucharistic Adoration

First Saturday following the 9:00am Mass until 11:00am.

HAITIAN CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

Le Groupe Renouveau Charismatique De Notre Dame d'Altagrace Vous invite a participer tous les Vendredis a partir de 6:30am a 10:00pm Venez adorer, glorifier Dieu a des prieres de guerison et de liberation.

Come and join Haitian Charismatic prayer group every Fri. 6:30pm-10pm in the Chapel for Healing & Blessings!! Contact person: Mica Sylvestre @ Parish Office 781-963-4141.