

December 14, 2019 ~ 3rd Sunday of Advent

BEHOLD



“This is the one about whom it is written: Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you.”

MATTHEW 11:10

Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 14: 4:30 PM

Sunday, December 15: 8:00AM / 10:00 AM

Confessions December 21: 3:00—4:00 pm

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE
Christmas Eve ~ 4:30pm & 7:30pm
Christmas Day ~ 8am & 10am

St. Mary's Our Lady of the Lake

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Anointing of the Sick

Call the Parish Office, or if at the hospital, contact the Chaplain Office's office at 547-3626

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We, the Catholic Community of St. Mary's, once again are planning The Giving Tree project which reaches many of our county's Elderly Community living with assistance. With your support and generosity this annual tradition enriches many of whom this may be the **only Christmas** they will have. What a great opportunity to engage your whole family, especially teens, in this outreach of love. Every member can have a part in the selection of a tag (or two) off any of the three trees in church, in the purchase and wrapping of much needed and appreciated gifts, and

Perhaps together say a prayer for the person as you place the tag on the present. Trees will be decorated with tags by November 16th and gifts are needed back by December 22nd at the latest. Thank you. ~ Jean Bohm

Jesse Tree

The Third Sunday of Advent – REJOICE

This week begins with the wise King Solomon. He is followed by two great prophets, Elijah who was carried up to heaven in a chariot of fire, and Isaiah who foretold the birth of Jesus. God again reveals his loving concern for us in the stories of Daniel, who was spared death in the lions' den, and Jonah, who survived three days in the belly of a whale.

As we approach the time of Jesus, we learn the story of Zechariah and Elizabeth, the parents of John the Baptist. John was the prophet who preached the coming of the Messiah and baptized Jesus himself.

<u>Symbol</u>	<u>Person/Event</u>	<u>Scripture</u>
Temple	Solomon	1 Kings 3:3-14
Chariot	Elijah	2 Kings 2:11-18
Sword on anvil	Isaiah	Isaiah 2:4; 7:14; 9:6-7
Lion	Daniel	Daniel 6:10-23
Whale	Jonah	Jonah 1-4
Praying hands	Zechariah & Elizabeth	Luke 1:5-23
Shell	John the Baptist	Matthew 3:1-11

Prayer – Lord, please hear our prayers. May we always rejoice in your redeeming love. Open our eyes to the goodness around us and grant us the light of your grace that we may never be overcome by the darkness of sin. We ask this through Jesus our Lord. Amen.

**St. Mary's Youth Christmas Pageant
Sunday, December 15th at 3:30 in the church
Spaghetti dinner / Christmas party in the
Parish Hall to follow!**

**ALL INVITED ~
LET'S CELEBRATE TOGETHER!**



Weekly Offertory

December 7/8

Attendance: 251 / Offertory: \$2155.50

We are composing a summary of the two Town Meetings held last month and hope to have that out very soon. Thanks you for your participation. Anyone wanting to volunteer or get involved in any way please call the parish office 547-2213 or email pastor@stmaryscoop.org.

An **Advent calendar** is a special calendar used to count the days of [Advent](#) in anticipation of [Christmas](#).

Consecutive doors or windows are opened every day leading up to Christmas, beginning on the start of the Advent season for that year. Often the doors are distributed across the calendar in no particular order. The calendar windows open to reveal an image, a poem, a portion of a story (such as the story of the [Nativity of Jesus](#)), or a small gift, such as a toy or a chocolate item. Often, each window has a [Bible verse](#) and [Christian prayer](#) printed on it, which Christians incorporate as part of their daily [Advent devotions](#).

Our "Advent calendar", on the sides of the tabernacle, is slowly letting in the light as we await the light of the world, Jesus, our Savior's birth.



Christmas Mass schedule:
Christmas Eve ~ 4:30pm & 7:30pm Christmas Day ~ 8am & 10am



Pray For...

**Pray for the sick and homebound
of our parish:**

Vicar, the Most Rev. Michael Cambi
Maureen Brennan ~ Robert Davenport ~ Richie Davy ~
Julia Fasset ~ Steve Markusen ~ Senator Jim Seward-
Bradley Smith ~ Steven Smith, Jr.

**Pray for members of the military from our
families**

Liam Dolan-USMC ~ Connor McCue-USMC
Ryan Barrow (son of Maureen Davidson)

*The Tabernacle Candle is donated in memory of Helen
and Robert Yates. Thank you Edna Chase!*

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 14

4:30pm June and Jim Christman, Pat Christman,
 Kathy Christman-Brizzell,
 Barbara Jean Brizzell
 Req. by the Christman and Brizzell families

Sunday, December 15

8:00am Special Intention
 Req. by the Kennedy family

10:00am Julius, Mary, Robert and
 Richard Markovich
 Req. by William Markovich

 Michael Dacey
 Req. by Deborah and John Gralin

Saturday, December 21

4:30pm Maryellen Wrubleski
 Req. by Dorothy & Richard Dabrowski

 Edward Reilly
 Req. by Margaret Reilly Antalec

Sunday, December 22

8:00am Special Intention
 Req. by the Kennedy family

10:00am Patrick Brennan
 Req. by Maureen Brennan

2019 Sunday & Holy Day Mass remembrances or
tabernacle candle remembrances are arranged through
the parish office. Masses are \$10 donation and candles \$5
donation.

COME ONE, COME ALL!

In lieu of an Advent Penance Service, Father
Pagonis will be available to hear confessions on
Saturday **December 21 from 3:00—4:00 pm**
Aides for preparing for the sacrament will be available in
church.

The Rosary is being said in the church during Advent on Satur-
days at 4:00 pm before mass and on Sundays at 3:00pm.
Join us!

COOPERSTOWN SENIOR COMMUNITY CENTER

Monday, December 16th:

1:15pm Weather Emergencies and How to Prepare
 with Bob Satriano

Giving Tree gifts due- Wrapped and with the Gift Tag

Thursday, December 19th:

1:15pm Protect Yourself from Radon
 with Mathew Johnson

2:15pm Live Strong with Carole

**Please turn in your parish census form
sent out in the mail last month. If you
cannot locate it we have more available
in the parish office.**

End-of-Life Talk for the Public

St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, South Glens Falls, NY, will have an excellent talk for the public:
"Catholic Considerations for End-Of-Life Decision Making" presented by Kathleen Gallagher, director of
Pro-Life Activities, New York State Catholic Conference. Date: Wednesday, December 18, at 6:00 PM. Please
mark your calendars and share this excellent event with those who would be interested. Thank you!

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