

# *“Immaculate Conception is a Stewardship Parish”*

**3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT [‘B’]**

**DECEMBER 14TH, 2014**

*“Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.”*

[1<sup>st</sup> Letter to the Thessalonians 5:16]

The **Community will gather for Eucharist** this week at the following times.

Come, join us! **[MASSES in ST. MARY’S HALL, 64 Hunns Lake Rd.]**

Saturday, 12/13	5:00 P.M.	{only at St. Anthony’s}
Sunday, 12/14	10:30 A.M.	William Filaski by Madeline & Family
Monday, 12/15	9:00 A.M.	{
Tuesday, 12/16	9:00 A.M.	{ Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri.
Wed’day, 12/17	9:00 A.M.	{ Mass at 8:30 A.M. at St. Anthony’s
Thursday, 12/18	9:00 A.M.	{
Friday, 12/19	9:00 A.M.	{
Saturday, 12/20	5:00 P.M.	{only at St. Anthony’s}
Sunday, 12/21	10:30 A.M.	Lillian Sladewski by Ruth Snyder



## **Ministers of the Liturgy**

**December 14** 5:00 P.M.

**Servers/**

**Acolytes**

**Readers** at St. Anthony’s

**Eucharistic**

**Ministers**

**Ministers of**

**Hospitality** \_\_\_\_\_

10:30 A.M.

Matthew Leach

Tylor Pickering

Sr. Jean Flannelly

Sonia Barrenger

Lisa Shay

Michael Hardner

Joseph Salvia

**December 21** 5:00 P.M.

**Servers/**

**Acolytes**

**Readers** at St. Anthony’s

**Eucharistic**

**Ministers**

**Ministers of**

**Hospitality** \_\_\_\_\_

10:30 A.M.

Tylor Pickering

Nicholas Ferreri

Matthew Vondras

Chris Ferreri

Tracey Ferreri

Michael Hardner

Joseph Salvia

## **Resources for Faith Development**

Fr. Felix Just, SJ, webmaster of <catholic-resources.org >

[excellent for knowledge about the Bible, Liturgy, Art, and Theology]

Fr. George M. Smiga, website <buildingontheword.org>

Fr. Daniel P. Horan, <DatingGod.org>

Sr. Melannie Svoboda, SND “Sunflower Seeds” at <melanniesvobodasnd.org>

Trial subscription of “Give Us This Day” for \$10 [covering Lent and Easter Time {Feb. thru May}] a gift for yourself or another. Order must be place by Dec. 31, 2014.

Forget not ‘Flocknote’! You can simply go online and type in: <www.flocknote.com/ICCfamily> and you are in!

**STEWARDSHIP** – Last week’s collection totaled **\$961.00**. Our weekly Sunday collection total for the new fiscal year has reached **\$13,800.63 - 64%**. In order to meet our budget we need each week **\$1,650.00**, which would bring us to a total **\$21,450.00**. The **Christmas Flower** collection raised **\$201.00**. The special collection this week is for **Retired Religious**. The children’s collection - **0** envelopes. **Thank you for your generosity!**

## **Prepare for the Lord’s Day**

**NEXT SUNDAY: Fourth Sunday of Advent**

1] The 2<sup>nd</sup> Book of Samuel 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16

2] Psalm 89:2-3,4-5,27,29

3] Letter to the Romans 16:25-27

4] The Gospel according to Luke 1:26-38



**ADVENT**

## **MEN’S PRAYER GROUP**

meets on Saturdays in St. Mary’s Hall at 7:30 A.M.  
Join us!

Parents: Please make certain that children do not leave the body of the church during Mass unless they are accompanied by an adult.

Our vigilance for the protection of children must be a priority.

## Library at St. Mary’s Hall

If anyone would like to borrow a book from the Library, it is still in the Church Hall. Please sign books out with cards provided. Helen Berger would be able to answer any questions, 868-1961.

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## CATECHETICAL PROGRAM FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

+ The Catechetical program will now be located in either of two venues –  
at St. Joseph's in Millbrook or St. Anthony's in Pine Plains.  
Call Jeanne Stroly at 845-868-1043 for information.

YEAR OF  
MARK



### December 21st, 2014 Fourth Sunday of Advent

Israel's hope for a Messiah can be traced back to God's promise in the Book of Samuel, when the prophet Nathan tells David: "The Lord...will establish a house for you" (v 11). The line of David "shall stand forever" (v 16). Without a king in the intertestamental period, Israel's hopes turned to the future, when God's promise would be renewed in a son of David, one descended from Israel's great king. This is why the Gospel tradition stresses Joseph's place in the line of the house of David: Jesus, as son of David, fulfills the promise.

Paul tells the Romans that Jesus, "the mystery kept secret for long ages" (v 25) has been revealed. God's promise of Messiah, originally found in the prophetic writings (v 26), is fulfilled in Jesus, so faith in Jesus leads to salvation. Concluding his letter with a doxology, a prayer of praise to God, Paul tells us that because God has fulfilled the promises in Jesus, we should give glory to God.

In these last days of Advent we turn our focus to preparing to commemorate the birth of Jesus. Today's Gospel is the story of the annunciation. God's angel Gabriel is sent to Mary, who we are told is "betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David" (v 27). The link to the promise made to David is reinforced by the angel's statement that Mary's child will be given "the throne of David his father" (v 32). But this is no ordinary child; conceived by the Holy Spirit, he "will be called holy, the Son of God" (v 35).

For reflection: How does Jesus's connection to David link him more closely to salvation history? What can I do to make my immediate preparation for Christmas take on a more spiritual dimension?

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### WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"...Do not quench the spirit..."

Today's second reading reminds us that there is much in life that will drag down our spirits. World

Wide Marriage Encounter can help married couples keep their marriage fresh and alive. For more information on dates and locations go to: [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org) or call toll free: 877-NYS-WWME ext. 3.



### **Advent is the Season of Joyful Expectation**

Spend time during the Season reflecting on the Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis  
~ 'The Joy of the Gospel' ~

You can locate it at the Vatican website  
'[Vatican.va](http://Vatican.va)' or '[La Santa Sede](http://La Santa Sede)'  
And click to translate the page into English.  
Click '[Apostolic Exhortations](#)' and  
'[Evangelii gaudium](#)' is all that appears.

*Flowers for the Altar*  
*in memory of Elizabeth Chernick*  
*donated by Carolyn Chernick*

### *The Sacraments of Healing*

Our healing prepares us for the reception of the Lord evermore deeply into our lives.

### *The Sacrament of Reconciliation*

~ the Lord's Loving Forgiveness ~

and *the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.*

On the weekend of December 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>

the *Anointing of the Sick*

will be celebrated during all Masses.

There will also be a *Communal Penance Service*

in St. Anthony's Church on Monday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 P.M.

[There will be an opportunity  
for individual confession and absolution.]

### *Prepare the way of the Lord.* (Mark 1:3)

Prepare your heart to receive a greater awareness of the Lord's presence to you by removing whatever might stand in the way by participating in **RECONCILIATION MONDAY on December 15.** Msgr. Charles Quinn will be available from 4:00 P.M. to 6:30 P.M. and Fr. White from 6:30 to 8:00 P.M. in St. Anthony's Church for those who want to celebrate individually the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The hours will be the same in other parishes all over the Archdiocese of New York.

### Catechetical Ministry to High School Youth

Gatherings at St. Anthony's Rectory

For high school age youth

Next Gathering - Sunday, Dec. 21st

from 4:00 to 5:30 P.M.

All high school youth of St. Anthony's and Immaculate Conception parishes who wish to participate: please email that you will be coming by the Friday before to

⇒⇒⇒<[stanthonysre@fairpoint.net](mailto:stanthonysre@fairpoint.net)>⇒⇒⇒

[Carefully note the correct address.]

### Ignite Catholic Young Adults

Mt. Alvernia – Wappingers Falls, NY

For college age to 35 (flexible upper age limit) IGNITE is a group of young adults who seek to create an environment in which young Catholics can grow in their faith with each other. We seek to imitate Christ the Way, the Truth, and the Life through prayer, study, fellowship and service. Meetings every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 7:30pm (Holy Half Hour, Theological Formation, Fellowship) [www.ignitetruth.org](http://www.ignitetruth.org) [core@ignitetruth.org](mailto:core@ignitetruth.org)  
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