

" Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation. "

[Responsorial Psalm 85]

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

Saturday, 12/6	5:00 P.M.	Herman Haid
Sunday, 12/7	8:30 A.M.	John Orlandi, Jr. By Mary Wilkinson
Monday, 12/8	8:30 A.M.	Katherine Duggan by Frank & Pat Christensen
Tuesday, 12/9	8:30 A.M.	[available]
Wednesday, 12/10	8:30 A.M.	No Mass
Thursday, 12/11	8:30 A.M.	Maddalena Maschi by Irma Maschi
Friday, 12/12	8:30 A.M.	[available]
Saturday, 12/13	5:00 P.M.	John Orlandi, Jr by Joan Moriarty & Cafiero chldn
Sunday, 12/14	8:30 A.M.	John Orlandi, Jr by Mr. & Mrs. Gino Guglielmetti



Ministers of the Liturgy

December 7	<u>5:00 P.M.</u>	<u>8:30 A.M.</u>
Servers/	Jason Stroly	Matthew Michetti
Acolytes	Joy Lynch	Ashton Colangelo

Readers	Ellen Petersen	Pat Christensen
Eucharistic	Elaine Fletcher	Suzan Porter
Ministers	Joy Lynch	Diana Forte
Ministers of	Jill Atherton	_____
Hospitality	_____	Frank Christensen

December 14	<u>5:00 P.M.</u>	<u>8:30 A.M.</u>
Servers/	Aaron McGhee	Jordan Stroly
Acolytes	_____	_____

Readers	Pat Mara	_____
Eucharistic	_____	Kathy Blackburn
Ministers	Eleanor Pulver	Al Blackburn
Ministers of	Jackie Dawson	Michael Porter
Hospitality	_____	_____



Patronal Feast of the Church in the United States
[Holyday of obligation]

Mary ~ the Immaculate Conception

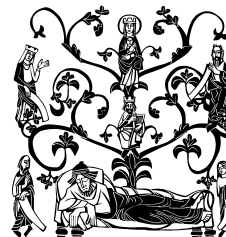
The Eucharist will be celebrated on
Monday at 8:30 A.M. in St. Anthony's Church
and at 7:00 P.M. in Immaculate Conception Church
{St. Mary's Hall}

STEWARDSHIP – Last week's collection totaled **\$912.00**. In trying to maintain our budget, our weekly Sunday collection goal is **\$1,825.00**, which would now be **\$23,725.00**. Our total for the fiscal year is **\$18,754.85 – 79%**. Next weekend's special collection is for **Retired Religious**. The children's collection received **1** envelope. **Thank you for your generosity!**

Counters: 12/7 Diana Forte; 12/14 Terry & Steve Bush; 12/21 Sandy Schimmel; 12/28 Baxter & Jan Stickle.

Prepare for the Lord's Day
NEXT SUNDAY: Third Sunday of Advent

- 1] The Book of Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11
- 2] Psalm Luke 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54
- 3] 1st Letter to the Thessalonians 5:16-24
- 4] The Gospel according to John 1:6-8, 19-28



ADVENT

Parking

The east [field] side of the church can be used for parking in good weather, especially summer and fall. Please do NOT park in the rectory driveway.

Memorial Candles

+
The Altar Candles
burn the month of **December**
in memory of
Deborah Christensen
by
Pat & Frank Christensen
+

The Sanctuary Lamp

burns this week
in honor/memory of
[available]
By
[available]

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CATECHETICAL PROGRAM FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

+ Our **Catechetical Program** will be meeting today.
For additional information call Jeanne Stroly, our Coordinator
at 845-868-1043.

YEAR OF
MARK



December 14th, 2014 Third Sunday of Advent

Once again we encounter John the Baptist in today's Gospel. He "came to testify to the light" (v7), who is the one promised by God long ago through the prophets. John's presence and preaching stir up the hopes of the people. They suspect he might be "the Christ or Elijah or the Prophet" (v25), individuals expect to be sent by God to the people. But John tells them, and us, that the one coming "after me" (9v27) is more than that. The one who is to come is the Son of God, our redeemer.

Today's text from Third Isaiah is considered a foreshadowing of the mission of Jesus. "The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me" (v1). He has been anointed and sent. He comes to bring "glad tidings" (v1), the gospel, to those in darkness. The time of his visitation marks a new era in world history, a time when those who are in need of God's healing grace will receive it and when justice will "spring up" (v11) on earth.

Paul calls the Thessalonians to persevere in their faith. "Pray without ceasing" (v17), he advises. In his prayer for them he prays that God will "make you perfectly holy/and may you .../ be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ" (v23). God is faithful, Paul tells us, and "he will also accomplish it" (v24). Writing with an expectation of an imminent return of the Lord Jesus, Paul exhorts them to live lives of holiness as they wait. Two thousand years later, we still anticipate his return and so are called to live with that same hope, cooperating with the grace of God in our lives.

For reflection: How does my baptismal anointing unite me with Christ's mission to bring good news to the world? God desires to make us holy and blameless; do I regularly seek God's grace to grow in holiness, or am I content to stay as I am?

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WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"...In his arms he gathers the lambs...."

Come and nestle your marriage in the arms of Jesus on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. WME helps married couple have a more Christ-centered marriage. For more information on dates and locations go to: www.wwme.org or call toll free: 877-NYS-WWME ext. 3.

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

⇒⇒⇒<stanthonyysre@fairpoint.net>⇒⇒⇒

[Carefully note the correct address.]

ArchNY Flocknote You can 'sign-on'...by simply typing in the following [www.flocknote.com/StAnthonyPP] in your browser in order to register. Only 21 registered, so far.

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.

A priest will be available from 4:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. in St. Anthony's Church for those who want to celebrate individually the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Msgr. Charles Quinn will be here from 4:00 to 6:30 and Fr. White from 6:30 to 8:00 P.M. The hours will be the same in other parishes all over the Archdiocese of New York. You may choose any parish.

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 20th & 21st the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated at both Masses. There will also be a Communal Penance Service in St. Anthony's Church on Monday, December 23rd at 7:00 P.M.

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

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**' or '**La Santa Sede**'

And click to translate the page into English.

Click 'Apostolic Exhortations' and 'Evangelii gaudium' is all that appears.

2015 Year of Consecrated Life

[November 30th, 2014 ~ February 2nd, 2016]

"Religious life ought to promote growth in the Church by way of attraction. The Church must be attractive. Wake up the world! Be witnesses of a different way of doing things, of acting, of living! It is possible to live differently in this world." -- Pope Francis

Saint Thérèse of Lisieux lived in a Carmelite convent with her older sister Pauline. Pauline was with Thérèse throughout her brief life, illness, and death at the tender age of 24.

It is no accident that Jesus sent out his disciples in pairs. Having a spiritual companion, as Thérèse did, can be of great help and comfort on the sometimes difficult spiritual journey. Cultivate spiritual friendships in your own life.

—Take Five for Faith