

" Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing . "

[1st Letter to the Thessalonians 5:16]

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

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
Monday, 12/15	8:30 A.M.	Angelo Colacicco
Tuesday, 12/16	8:30 A.M.	Tracey Ferreri [L]
Wednesday, 12/17	8:30 A.M.	No Mass
Thursday, 12/18	8:30 A.M.	[available]
Friday, 12/19	8:30 A.M.	[available]
Saturday, 12/20	5:00 P.M.	John V. Orlandi, Jr. by Gemma Maurina
Sunday, 12/21	8:30 A.M.	[available]



Ministers of the Liturgy

December 14	<u>5:00 P.M.</u>	<u>8:30 A.M.</u>
Servers/ Acolytes	Aaron McGhee	Jordan Stroly
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	_____	_____
Readers	Pat Mara	_____
Eucharistic Ministers	Eleanor Pulver	Kathy Blackburn
Ministers of Hospitality	Jackie Dawson	Al Blackburn
	_____	Michael Porter
	_____	_____
December 21	<u>5:00 P.M.</u>	<u>8:30 A.M.</u>
Servers/ Acolytes	Jason Stroly	Matthew Michetti
	Joy Lynch	Sandy Schimmel
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Readers	Janet Bertomen	Steve Cary
Eucharistic Ministers	Elaine Fletcher	Suzan Porter
Ministers of Hospitality	Al Blackburn	Maria Heaney
	_____	_____
	_____	Diana Forte

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.

Community Food Locker
 is requesting this month
CEREAL [hot or cold].
 Thank you for your support.

STEWARDSHIP – Last week's collection totaled **\$1,239.30**. In trying to maintain our budget, our weekly Sunday collection goal is **\$1,825.00**, which would now be **\$25,550.00**. Our total for the fiscal year is **\$19,994.15 – 78%**. The collection for the **Immaculate Conception** holyday raised **\$341.00**. Next weekend's special collection is for **Retired Religious**. The children's collection received **0** envelopes. **Thank you for your generosity!**

Counters: 12/14 Terry & Steve Bush; 12/21 Sandy Schimmel; 12/28 Baxter & Jan Stickle; 1/3 Diana Forte.

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

- 1] The 2nd 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

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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]

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 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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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.

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>⇒⇒⇒

[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.]

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
or call toll free:
877-NYS-WWME ext. 3.

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 1st and 3rd Thursday at 7:30pm (Holy Half Hour, Theological Formation, Fellowship)www.ignitetruth.org
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