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December 17, 2023

Third Sunday of Advent

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Ray Rychalski

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Marie Gabrielle Diharce

Schedule of Masses

Masses:

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 9:30 am and 12:00 pm

Monday-Thursday: 12:15 pm

National Holidays: Mass at 9:00 am

Confessions: Saturday 4:00 pm to 4:40 pm

Anointing of the Sick: First Saturday of the month at the 5:00 pm evening Mass.

RCI Program:

Are you interested in becoming a Catholic, or are you a baptized Catholic seeking to complete the Sacraments Initiation?

For an application or any questions, please send an email to dre.stmarylic@gmail.com or call 917-832-6104.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Wednesday 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

Baptism:

4th Saturday of the month at 1:00 pm. For courtesy please arrive fifteen minutes earlier.

Please note– For December 2023– Baptism will take place on December 16 at 1:00pm.

Please call the Rectory for an appointment with the Pastor.

Weddings:

Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance in prior to the wedding date. Please call the Rectory for an appointment with the Pastor. All couples are required to attend the online Pre-Cana and present the certificate when completed.

Funerals: Monday through Saturday

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Through this season of Advent we are called to prepare for the Lord's coming by repenting of our sins, removing the obstacles that make it difficult for us to recognize his approach, and remaining ever watchful for his arrival. But today we rejoice (in Latin, *gaudete*) because we focus on the knowledge that the One whom, we await comes to embrace us, transform us and redeem us. Gathered together in joy, we look forward, as always, to his coming.

Mass Intentions For The Week

Saturday December 16, 2023

5:00 pm Marion and Joseph Acerno

Sunday December 17, 2023

9:30 am Joseph Imperato

12:00pm Deceased and Living members, families and friends of Maria Addolorata

Monday December 18, 2023

12:15pm Ana O'Leary

Tuesday December 19, 2023

12:15pm Mathew Jacob

Wednesday December 20, 2023

11-12pm Blessed Sacrament

12:15pm Virginia Dowicz

Thursday December 21, 2023

12:15pm Anthony Marino

Friday December 22, 2023

No Mass

Saturday December 23, 2023

5:00pm Ronnie and Anthony Cavaliere



Joseph Battaglia has merited recognition for commendable academic performance during the first Quarter of the current school year at St. Francis Preparatory school, receiving an average of 90% or above to achieve Honor Roll

Statistics for December 9 and December 10, 2023

Count	390
1st Collection	\$1,542
2nd Collection	\$699

Pray for the sick

Teresa Ortiz, Joe Sullivan, Martha Catel, Jimmy O'Neil, Robert Keegan, Joan Pacheco, Madelaine Sullivan, Mary Roedner, Tina Stare, Kelly Wallace, Kevin and Stan Wallace

Pray for the Deceased

Ines Cano, Salvatore Caiaccia, Elizabeth Crumish DeMartine, Emily Loiacono, Joan O'Brien, Anthony Walsh Jr., William F. Walsh, Antonio Natale, Antonio Magri, Mary and Daniel McCarthy, Stella Bonilla

Purgatorial Intentions

Tom DeQuatro, Felino Francisco Alamani, Dorothy, Marinelli, Anna Mangino, Anthony DeFelica, Evarito Sipin, Frank Carrado, Yolanda Sipin, Genevive Roeder, Pasqual Cafiero, Robert Rohan, Tommaso Valese, Leonardo Antonio, Donna Vova, Vincenza Rios, Mildred Schifano

Christmas Masses

Sunday, December 24, 2023

5:00pm Christmas Vigil Mass
 "Vigil Mass of Christmas"

9:30pm Musical Prelude with Strings and Cantor
 10:00pm Christmas Mass at Night
 "Mario Manna and Family"

Monday, December 25, 2023

9:00am Musical Prelude with Strings and Cantor
 "Genevieve and James Roeder"

9:30 am Christmas Mass at Dawn

11:30am Musical Prelude with Strings and Cantor
 12:00pm Christmas Mass at Daytime





Pope at Angelus: Look out for others this Advent

Vatican News-12-3-2023

Pope Francis and Bishop Paolo Braida during the Angelus at Casa Santa Marta

Pope Francis emphasises the importance of vigilance at his Sunday Angelus, highlighting this does not mean living in fear, but rather waiting in loving anticipation of Jesus' arrival.

By Francesca Merlo

In his catechesis for the first Sunday of Advent, Pope Francis focused on the theme of vigilance.

He was referring to this Sunday's Gospel passage, in which Jesus issued a simple exhortation three times: 'Keep watch'.

The Holy Father noted that we sometimes think of this virtue as an attitude motivated by the fear of imminent punishment, but quickly assured the faithful that “this is certainly not the meaning of a Christian vigilance”.

As he is currently recovering from an inflammation of the lungs, the Pope's catechesis was streamed live from the Chapel at Casa Santa Marta where he resides, and was read by Bishop Paolo Braida, an official at the Vatican's Secretariat of State

Vigilance means keeping the heart ready

Jesus illustrates this with a parable, in which servants eagerly wait for their master's return. These servants have a close, affectionate relationship with the master and are not fearful, but eagerly anticipate his return out of love. They prepare diligently, wanting to welcome him warmly and joyfully when he comes back, like a happy family awaiting a special reunion.

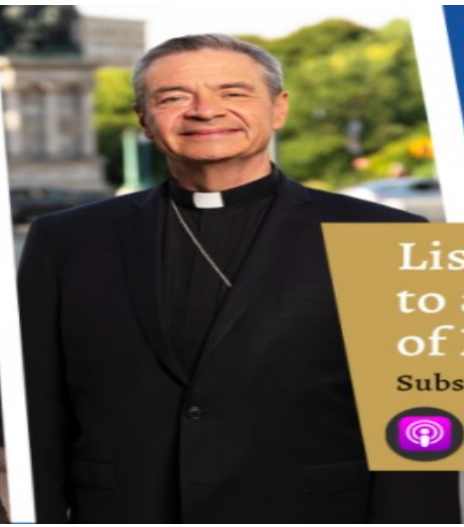
Reflecting on this parable, Pope Francis noted that “it is with this affection-filled expectation that we also want to prepare ourselves to welcome Jesus at Christmas”.

So, Pope Francis continued, in the weeks leading up to the special day, “Let us carefully prepare the house of the heart, so that it may be orderly and hospitable”. Vigilance, he explained, means keeping the heart ready.

Share what you can

The Holy Father then invited the faithful to plan to use Advent to share with their brothers and sisters in need, giving listening, time, concrete help.

Dear friends, the Pope concluded, let us cultivate His expectation without being distracted by so many useless things “and without complaining all the time, but keeping our hearts alert, that is, eager for Him, awake and



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We encourage parents to attend **every Sunday Mass at 9:30 a.m.** alongside their children.

Following the Mass, we invite parents to let their **kids explore and grow in their faith** by attending our

Catholic faith classes for all ages, which commence at **10:30 a.m.**

If you have any questions, please reach out to:

Ms. Giovanna Varlese 917-832-6104 dre.stmarylic@gmail.com



May God bless you and your family abundantly. Yours in Christ, Giovanna Varlese, Director.

Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth!

St. Mary Parish Choir
12:00 pm Sunday Mass weekly
11:15 am–11:40 am Rehearsal in the church



Do you like to sing? If so, we would like to hear from you!

Our Parish Choir is up and running with 5 dedicated parishioners helping to lead the congregation in song (along with our Cantor) at the Sunday Noon Mass every week.

There is a painless and quick audition with Dr. Bischof our Director of Music to sing through a hymn and is discuss the Parish Choir commitment.

To sign up for an audition, please contact Dr. Justin Bischof at 646-206-7638 or justin@justinbischof.com