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November 30, 2025

First Sunday of Advent

Parish Staff

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Rev. Christopher J. Turczany

Director of Music

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Administrative Assistant

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.

OCLA 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 11:00am to 12:00pm

Baptism:

Baptism take place on the 4th Saturday of the month at 1:00 pm. Please call the Rectory at 718-786-0705 for an appointment with the Pastor.

Weddings:

All wedding arrangements should be made at least six months in advance in prior to the wedding date. Please call the rectory at 718-786-0705 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

Intentions For the Week

Saturday, November 29, 2025

5:00pm Alberto Rodriguez Ruiz

Sunday, November 30, 2025

9:30am Kathleen Ward

12:00pm Patrick Kane

Monday, December 1, 2025

12:15 pm O'Shea Family

Tuesday, December 2, 2025

12:15 pm Kathleen Carr

Wednesday, December 3, 2025

11-12pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

12:15pm Kathleen Seck

Thursday, December 4, 2025

12:15pm Mary T. Early

Friday, December 5, 2025

NO MASS

Saturday December 6, 2025

5:00pm Bob Ulino
And Halo Diaz

Statistics November 22 and November 23, 2025

5:00 pm 78
9:30 pm 194
12:00pm 177

Total Count 449

1st Collection \$ 1,774
2nd Collection \$ 821-Fuel
Total \$ 2, 595

Pray for the sick,

Martha Catel, Jimmy O'Neil, Robert Keegan,
Joan Pacheco, Madelaine Sullivan, Angela Iorio,
Alexandria Roeder, Joseph Pinto, Elizabeth
Ruiz, Angel Garcia, Anthony Fiorino

Pray for the Deceased

Catherine Hogan, Diane Hulser-Brue, Michael
Anthony Delgado, Joseph Pinto, Tina Stare, Tina
Torres, Margarita Sevillano, Maria Vesillo, Mario
Manetta, Alexandra Leal, Phyllis Manetta,
Giuseppe Evangelista

Purgatorial Intentions

Anthony DeFelica, Evarito Sipin, Frank Carrado,
Yolanda Sipin, Genevive Roeder, Pasqual Cafiero,
Robert Rohan, Tommaso Valse, Leonardo Anto-
nio, Donna Vova, Vincenza Rios, Mildred
Schifano, Forbes and Family

**Mass Intentions for 2025-2026 \$20.00.
Please call the rectory with questions or
comments at 718-786-0705. There is still
available dates in our 2025 Mass Book.**



Pope's November prayer intention

During the month of November, Pope Francis draws our attention to the epochal change that humanity is experiencing thanks to advances in artificial intelligence. He, therefore, invites us to pray that this progress always "serve humankind," respecting human dignity and taking care of Creation.



**November 30, 2025
First Sunday of Advent**

During this season of anticipation, we are reminded that Jesus didn't come into the world only once, as a newborn baby over two thousand years ago, but also comes into the world—and our hearts—throughout our lives. Furthermore, as we hear in today's Gospel, he will return to the world without warning on the day of judgment. Therefore, over the Advent season we have a great incentive to prepare our hearts for his coming. May Jesus' words to his disciples resonate with us today: "You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

The History of Advent



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The name Advent (From the Latin word *Adventus*, which signifies a coming) is applied, in the Latin Church, to that period of the year, during which the Church requires the faithful to prepare for the celebration of the feast of Christmas, the anniversary of the birth of Jesus Christ. The mystery of that great day had every right to the honor of being prepared for by prayer and works of penance; and, in fact, it is impossible to state, with any certainty, when this season of preparation (which had long been observed before receiving its present name of Advent) was first instituted. It would seem, however, that its observance first began in the west, since it is evident that Advent could not have been looked on as a preparation for the feast of Christmas, until that feast was definitively fixed to the twenty-fifth of December; which was done in the east only towards the close of the fourth century; whereas it is certain that the Church of Rome kept the feast on that day at a much earlier period.

We must look upon Advent in two different lights: first, as a time of preparation, properly so called, for the birth of our Saviour, by works of penance: and secondly, as a series of ecclesiastical Offices drawn up for the same purpose. We find, as far back as the fifth century, the custom of giving exhortations to the people in order to prepare them for the feast of Christmas.

We have two sermons of Saint Maximus of Turin on this subject, not to speak of several others which were formerly attributed to St. Ambrose and St. Augustine, but which were probably written by St. Cesarius of Aries.

If these documents do not tell us what was the duration and what the exercises of this holy season, they at least show us how ancient was the practice of distinguishing the time of Advent by special sermons.

Saint Ivo of Chartres, St. Bernard, and several other doctors of the eleventh and twelfth centuries, have left us set sermons de *Adventu Domini*, quite distinct from their Sunday homilies on the Gospels of that season. In the capitularia of Charles the Bald, in 846, the bishops admonish that prince not to call them away from their Churches during Lent or Advent, under pretext of affairs of the State or the necessities of war, seeing that they have special duties to fulfill, and particularly that of preaching during those sacred times.

To be continued....

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

In person AA Meetings
held in St. Mary's Church Basement,
gather Mondays at 7:00 pm

Wednesday meetings take place via Zoom at
7:30 pm

For more information, please visit the website:

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Live Hotline from 9:00 am-2:00 am at 212-647
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Monday-Sunday



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