St. James Youth Ministry Events!

Recent Youth Ministry events...
Laser Quest, Xorbees (massive bean bags!) and helping with St. Malachy gifts.

December 13, 2015  Third Sunday of Advent
A Reflection…
from Sister Faustina Ferko, Director of Youth Ministry

December 13, 2015

JOY! He is coming! There is something very beautiful about anticipation of an arrival! Whether it is the arrival of a loved one, a movie you’ve been following or the release of the newest and latest techy gadget. For us Catholics we are more than halfway to the arrival of the baby Jesus being born, so the Church in her great wisdom gives us a week all dedicated to JOY! You will notice the colors are pink or rose and there is a joyfulness in the readings, “Fear not, O Zion, be not discouraged! The LORD, your God, is in your midst!” “Rejoice in the Lord always, I shall say it again; REJOICE!” Our faith calls us out of the darkness and into the light to rejoice the Lord of all Creation is coming to us! Rejoice!

Last time I wrote I mentioned that I was feeling lost and I had a number of people tell me they were praying for me. I truly appreciate that and I wanted to share that God is very much present to me even though I may feel lost at times. I also wanted to share that because I think it is easy to look at a priest or a religious sister and think we don’t struggle or we have it all together. Sometimes we do but we are very much like everyone else. Every human being struggles with doubt, fear, anxiety, and darkness no matter their vocation. God reaches out to all of us in our struggles and usually this is through other people. I am grateful for my community and all the people God has placed in my life to help me not feel so lost.

I love this time of the year, the darkness around 4 pm, the stillness of the snow and the hustle and bustle of getting ready for all our guests. It is truly a blessed time. I remember as a child being very excited when we would light the 3rd pink candle on the Advent wreath because it meant Christmas was almost here and for me, I loved Christmas! I loved being with my family, going to visit my grandparents who would hug and kiss us, and give us presents. There was something so sacred to this time that maybe at a younger age I took for granted or didn’t recognize. Of course now I see it very clearly. We all have our family traditions that make us who we are, I am a Ferko and a Sister of the Holy Family of Nazareth and there are traditions that I hold being from these families. As a Sister of the Holy Family, all of Advent is a sacred time for us, one of reflection, quiet listening and tender care of one another. Then with great joy and rejoicing Christmas Eve is a very special time for us where we share a meal called Wigilia and we celebrate together the joy of Jesus coming to us. It is a precious time!

Lastly, think of a time when you have felt real joy! I am not speaking of happiness, but joy! One that comes right to my mind was when I realized I was called to be a Sister of the Holy Family of Nazareth! I had been on retreat for a week with them and I left to head back home and was spending some time with some friends. I remember the whole time I was with my friends I couldn’t stop thinking about the Sisters and I wanted to go back and be with them. I said this out loud to one of the Sisters and this joy just filled my heart and soul to overflowing! Everything I experienced during this time was rich and amplified with joy and beauty. It is my prayer that this week we all encounter this kind of life lifting JOY that only Jesus can give!

Peace, Sr. Faustina

(A podcast of this week’s reflection is available on the St. James website and mobile website.)
Rosary Group

Pray the Rosary both before and after daily Mass:

Monday:   Human Life
Tuesday:  Military
Wednesday:  Marriage
Thursday:  Priests and Religious
Friday:   Sick
Saturday:  Souls of the faithful Departed

Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration takes place from 8:00am-3:00pm every Thursday in the Church. We will pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3pm.

Adoration Contacts:
Jo Jozwiak: 847-259-2433
Sue McPherrin—847-506-1618

All are invited to the 7pm Thursday Holy Hour in the Church with Deacon Matthew Hahn. This 7pm Holy Hour includes Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Evening Prayer, Rosary, and Benediction.

Children’s Rosary Group

The Children’s Rosary Group will meet in the Church at 4:00pm on the second Monday of each month.

Year of Mercy

For some reading options for this “Year of Mercy”, check out the following site: www.DynamicCatholic.com

Advent Tri-Parish Reconciliation Services

Three Catholic parishes in Arlington Heights will offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation on three consecutive days during December. Each service will contain the same components and you may attend at any of the three parishes.

All services are at 7:30pm.

Monday, December 14th -
At Our Lady of the Wayside
Tuesday, December 15th -
At St. Edna
Wednesday, December 16th -
At St. James (in the Church)

Oplatki Christmas Wafers Available at the Parish Office

The Oplatek, or Christmas wafer, is offered right before the Christmas meal, and is usually begun by the oldest member of the family. This member breaks off a small piece of the wafer, and offers it to another family member with a blessing—i.e., good health, happiness, etc. in the year ahead. Each family member receives a piece of the (white) wafer, and a blessing. Oplatki are offered for sale at the Parish Office this year for $4 a package. (Colored (pink) wafers in the package were also traditionally offered to animals or the family’s pets.)
St. James Parish Christmas Mass Schedule ~ 2015

We warmly invite you to join us in prayer this Christmas!

December 24th—Christmas Eve (Carols before each liturgy)

Church:
3:00pm—Mass
5:00pm—Mass
7:00pm—Mass

Parish Center:
3:00pm—Children’s Mass
5:00pm—Children’s Mass
11:00pm—Mass

December 25th—Christmas Day (Carols before each liturgy.)

Church:
8:00am—Mass
10:00am—Mass

Parish Center:
10:00am—Mass
12:00 Noon—Mass

December 31st—New Year’s Eve
Church: 5:00pm—Mass

January 1st, 2016—New Year’s Day (Holy Day of Obligation)
Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
8:00am and 10:00am Masses in the Church

Mercy Boxes

Our Annual Mercy Box program has been revived, with a new twist. Fr. Matt was able to identify several inner-city parishes with families living at or below the poverty line. This year, St. James will send “Mercy Boxes” to needy families in St. Malachy, St. Agatha, and St. Agnes Parishes in Chicago. This new approach will stretch far and wide and will benefit the youngest and oldest of our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ.

HOW CAN YOU PARTICIPATE? Mercy Boxes were distributed after all Masses on the weekend of December 5th & 6th. The boxes came unassembled, with a food list of items needed. It will not be necessary to wrap the box. Filled boxes are due back to St. James on the weekend of December 19th & 20th. Boxes are to be returned to the Old Grade School parking lot on the east side of the street, and will be loaded directly on a truck for transport to Chicago on Monday, Dec. 21st. Boxes will be delivered directly to the offices of the city parishes. Those pastors will then deliver the boxes to needy families in their parishes.

We will need volunteers in order for this program to be a success. A signupgenius has been created to assist parishioners (teens & adults) to participate in numerous ways. http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B45ABA82FA7F49-mercy. Extending the true spirit of Christmas to our inner-city friends and families is at the heart of our St. James Parish Mission as we walk in faith, live in hope, and act in love.
St. James Parish offers *Eucharistic Adoration in the Year of Mercy* Every Thursday SJ parishioners, friends and visitors stop by to embrace prayer and silence in the Presence of our Eucharistic Lord. Have you ever thought of making Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament an integral part of your personal spiritual journey? *It will change your life!*

**St. James Church** is open for **six (6) hours of quiet adoration** from 9 am - 3 pm. We seek committed adorers on a weekly or monthly basis to keep watch so that Our Lord is never left unattended. This is a personal invitation to you from Jesus. "Jesus waits for us in this sacrament of love." (Pope John Paul II, Dominicae Cæsae)

What time (hour) works best for your schedule? ----*Please print*----

Today's Date: __________________________________________

Name _________________________________________________

Email _________________________________________________

Phone _________________________________________________

Cell Phone ______________________________________________

Parish (other than SJ): __________________________________

Best way and best time to reach you? ________________________________

Adoration is available each Thursday. Your preferred Adoration HOUR, Please check:

_____ 9 am – 10 am, _____ 10 am – 11 am, _____ 11- noon,
_____ noon – 1 pm, _____ 1 pm – 2 pm, _____ 2 pm – 3 pm

Can you commit only ½ hour per week? Best time? ________________________________

Can you be a substitute adorer? Preferred time? ________________________________

Additional hours you may be able to fill each Thursday? ________________________________

Reminder: You are welcome to join for 3 pm *Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Benediction and Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament. An evening Holy Hour is also available in the Church at 7 pm. PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM* to: SJ Parish Office or directly to Thursday Adoration leaders:

Sue McPherrin or Josephine Joziak. Email: smcperrin@yahoo.com or call: Jo Joziak, (847) 259-2433. Please join the St. James Parish Adoration team!
With Advent upon us, Saint James School students prepare with prayer, service work, and celebrations. Advent remains the season of giving, a time to remember those less fortunate than ourselves. This Advent season students share what they are and what they have with others through their time, talent, and treasure. St. James students collected stamps for the Kolbe House and Catholic Charities Prison Ministry, dental care items for the people of El Cristo Rey and socks for the men and women of PADS. Toy donations were collected for Marillac House and Saint Malachy School students, making Christmas mornings a little bit brighter for children who otherwise would receive no gifts at all.

St. James Students also prayed every morning to lead the school day as well as attended Mass every Friday during Advent season. The Kindergarten classes will sing Christmas songs in church this week and the entire school will perform at the annual Christmas program in front of their loved ones. Before the students leave for Christmas break they will celebrate one more Mass together and enjoy treats in their classroom Christmas parties.

We remember more than ever at this time of year that to those much is given, much is expected. As we act in ways that are a true reflection of the meaning of Christmas, it’s inevitable that we’ll have a blessed and joyous Advent season. Merry Christmas!
Come Holy Spirit!

What: NET Junior High Retreat

Last year the National Evangelization Team (NET) did a short retreat for us and this year we will have a full day offered by these wonderful Young adults who are set on fire for love of God!

When: Saturday, January 16, 2016
From 10:30 am – 6:00 pm closing with 5 pm Mass, families are invited to attend with us.

Where: St. James Parish Center
Rooms to be determined depending on size of group

Who: Grades 6 – 8, (Mandatory for 8th grade)

How to Register: Fill out the Permission slip and turn it in with the registration fee.

Cost: $15 to cover the cost of the retreat & food

Why: to grow in our relationship with God and others!

Set our Hearts on Fire!
Inviting ALL 1st through 5th Graders to be a part of the Christmas Eve Children’s Masses

Thursday December 24th
3:00 PM & 5:00 PM Mass

1st through 5th graders are invited to have a special role in our children’s masses. We will be asking parents to provide simple costumes for the children. Girls/Angels - white dress or white fabric. Boys/Shepherds - bathrobes or dark color fabric. We will provide the angel wings.

There will be one rehearsal for each mass. Attendance at the rehearsal of the mass you plan to attend is required. Both rehearsals will take place in the Parish Center. Plan to attend the entire rehearsal with your child.

5PM Christmas Eve Mass will rehearse on Sunday December 20th 12:30 – 1:15 PM

3PM Christmas Eve Mass will rehearse on Sunday, December 20th 1:30 – 2:15 PM

If your child would like to participate in this St. James’ tradition, complete the online form no later than Monday, December 14, 2015. The form can be found on the St. James Religious Education page on the St. James website.

Please understand the number of children we need to work with and the short amount of preparation time and help us by following these guidelines. Family participation will be essential for the Mass to be well organized! Your gift of time is greatly appreciated!

Carrie Conley & Rebecca Linscott
Religious Education Co-Coordinators
stiJamesRE@stiJamesah.org
Come to the quiet.....

“Rising very early before dawn, Jesus left and went off to a deserted place to pray.” Mk 1:35

In our noisy fast-paced lives, it is often hard to hear God’s voice!
- Are you longing for a moment to be still and listen?
- Are you yearning to be renewed and grow in faith?
- Are you looking for peace to face daily challenges?

Come join us for a 6 Week Experience of Catholic Meditation

Mondays: January 11 - February 15 from 7-8PM
Or
Tuesdays: January 12 - February 16 from 9:15-10:15 AM

Both sessions meet in the chapel.
Please enter and sign in at the parish office door B1.

First class is a free “come and see.”
Remainder of course is $25, checks made payable to St. James

Sessions will be led by parishioner Joy Anderson who has been leading meditation for 25 years.

To register please contact Joy at 224-315-9507
Attention Young Adults
Young Adult Ministry - Northwest Suburbs

UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Feed My Starving Children**—Wednesday Dec. 16th 7:45 pm
1072 National Pkwy, Schaumburg

**Christmas Pot Luck**—Saturday, Dec. 19th 7:00 pm
St. Hubert Church, Hoffman Estates

The Young Adult Ministry - Northwest (Yam-NW) is a regional ministry within the Northwest Suburbs, serving young adults in their 20s and 30s married and single. Our purpose is to put people in contact with others their own age who share their faith and values, and offer some alternatives to what is currently available in our culture.

For more information about any of these events, find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/groups/yamnwc/ or email us at yamnw.suburbs@gmail.com.

During this **JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY**, the Archdiocese of Chicago has prepared weekly reflections, which will be printed in our bulletin.

The JUBILEE, also called **HOLY YEAR**, opened on December 8th, the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and will close on November 20, 2016, with the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

Our St. James daily Adoration on Thursdays will conclude with the recitation of the **Chaplet of Divine Mercy** at 3:00pm.

Please join us to pray for mercy and healing in our families and in the world.

You are also invited to join us for our Thursday evening Holy Hour, from 7-8pm each Thursday in the Church.

For additional information on the Year of Mercy, please see the Archdiocese of Chicago’s website, at: www.archchicago.org

(Once you have reached the Archdiocese of Chicago website, go to the home page, and click on **Jubilee of Mercy** on the bottom left side.)
Coffee & Chocolate Bar Sale: December 12th and 13th after Mass in the Parish Center

Drinking coffee and growing justice this Christmas season!

Can’t make the sale? Visit JustHaiti.org to place your order for coffee.

St. James Stewardship in Action!

A big shout out and THANK YOU to the members of the St. James Basketball Ministry. This great group of guys unpacked and prepared all the Mercy Boxes so they could be handed out the weekend of December 5th & 6th.

The Men’s Basketball Ministry meets on Thursday nights at 9pm in the Parish Center. Looking for a good workout and fellowship? Stop by the Parish Center on Thursday nights at 9pm. All are welcome!

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Christmas Remembrance

As the Christmas Season approaches the Environment & Art Ministry invites St. James parishioners to create a tangible remembrance of their departed family members and/or friends by helping to fund the Christmas décor in the Church and Parish Center. In addition to the abundant flowers and candles and lights, the names of those being remembered will also be published in the Christmas weekend Bulletin. To create a Remembrance, please fill out the form below and return it by December 14th to the Parish Office. A donation of $25 per Remembrance is suggested. Checks should be made payable to St. James Church and either mailed to the Parish Office, 820 N. Arlington Heights Rd., Arlington Heights, IL 60004, or deposited in the weekend collection in an envelope marked “Christmas Remembrance.”

We thank you for your thoughtfulness and wish you a blessed Christmas.

The Environment & Art Ministry

Christmas 2015 Remembrance

In Memory of: (Please print)

Remembered by: (Please print)
HUMAN CONCERNS

WE CHASED THE CHILL!

Many thanks to all those who created, donated and delivered lovely warm scarves to our church tree on blustery November 21 & 22 for our PADS guests. We far exceeded our goal of 50 scarves, to provide one for each PADS guest, thanks to YOU!

A very special thank you to our very own Prayer Shawl Ministry who alone created and donated well over two dozen beautiful scarves! This is their 10th anniversary year, blessing our parishioners with shawls to comfort the afflicted......over 2,000 times!

Although you may never see the scarf you donated draped around the neck of someone who needed it, know you succeeded in making Love Our Mission here at Saint James, as Pope Francis requested. You made a difference in the life of someone who needed your help to keep warm and who feels your concern for them...a very special blessing.

Thank you and God bless you!

St. James Stewardship in Action!

Thank you….from the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The St. James Society of St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank the St. James Religious Education students, St. James School students, and those of you who attended Thanksgiving Mass for all the food that was donated to our pantry. Your generous donations not only filled up the pantry but filled up our hearts with warmth! We collected enough food to be able to provide food for all our clients for both Thanksgiving and Christmas. We collected 2,361 items or almost $4,000 worth of food. We thank you for your continuous support of our mission. We wish you peace during this Advent season.
From the Business Office....

FAQ on year end donations:

Q: I have heard that the Parish is thinking of making the Church handicapped accessible. I would like to take advantage of a year end tax break. Can I donate to that Building Fund?

A: Yes. Any money donated to the Building Fund will be earmarked for that campaign and 100% will stay here at St. James. If you are interested in donating to that fund, please make a note on your envelope “Building Fund” or donate online through GiveCentral. Here is a direct link: https://www.givecentral.org/location/270/10409

Q: What about donating stock. Can that be earmarked for the building fund as well?

A: Absolutely. Email or call the business office at 224-345-7212 for instructions and information on donating stock/mutual funds.

Q: What can you tell me about the IRA charitable rollover provision that allows taxpayers who have reached 70½ to distribute up to $100,000 out of their IRA directly to charity (it enables non-itemizers to give more to charity)?

A: Although there is currently no legislation that provides for a 2015 IRA charitable Rollover, you can still request that your IRA administrator transfer funds directly from your account to St. James. While your gift will currently be taxable as a regular withdrawal, it can also count towards all or a portion of your required minimum distribution at age 70 1/2; and you may be eligible to take a federal income tax charitable deduction for your gift. Should Congress reinstate the IRA charitable rollover retroactively for 2015, you will have the choice of which strategy to employ.

St. James Parish accepts online gifts through GiveCentral. You can donate by using your credit/debit card OR checking account, making either one-time or recurring donations.

For those who are already enrolled in GiveCentral, please take a moment to review your contribution settings as well as update your address or credit card expiration date. There is still time to make adjustments/corrections before the end of the tax year. For issues with your GiveCentral login, or for any other assistance, please contact the business office at 224.345.7211 or 7212.

Thank you for your generosity and support!!
Mission Trip to India

November, 2015

Dr. Geetha and Tom Chitta on behalf of FCN (Foundation for Children in Need), hosted Fr. Bill Zavaski, St. James parishioner Midge Sheehan, and a group of sponsors.
Community Groups and Events

**Respite Care—Gero Solutions**
Gero Solutions has trained volunteers who are available to provide up to 3 hours of respite care per week for family members caring for an older adult in their home. This free service is available by calling the Gero Solutions Office at 847-705-2123.

**Lunches by Catholic Charities**
Luncheons are served daily for seniors 60 and older at Arlington Heights Senior Center, 1801 W. Central. Suggested donation of $4.00 on a reservation basis. Call 847-797-5354 for reservations.

**Mended Hearts** - a national non-profit support group for cardiac patients and families meets monthly at Alexian Bros. Hospital in Elk Grove Village on the first Tuesday of each month in 2015. Call Jack Hanahan at 847-398-0791 for the schedule, information and plans.

**Senior Health Insurance Program**
Volunteers trained by the Illinois Department of Insurance offer a free counseling service to help you compare alternative Medicare, Medicare Supplement, Medicare Drug, HMO or Long Term Care Insurance Plans and to assist in processing billing or appealing denied claims for these plans. Call 847-253-5532 for an appointment.

**Community Resources**
Alcoholics Anon. 312-346-1475
Alanon/Alateen 847-358-0338
Narcotics Anon. 708-848-4884
Families Anon. 847-795-8320
A self-help program for family and friends of those with substance abuse and/or behavioral problems. Meets regularly at 7:30pm on Wednesday evenings at Our Savior Lutheran in Arlington Heights. (Monday is a Men’s Meeting.) Both the Monday and Wednesday meetings start at 8:30pm. Enter through Door A5. AA is a self-help group for people with a drinking problem.

**Cancer Research Network**
The American Cancer Society has Cancer Information Specialists available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Call 1-800-227-2345. These specialists can provide: Information about your cancer, tools to help with your treatment, help finding lodging and transportation, help with financial and insurance questions, answer prescription questions, provide clinical trials matching service, assist in finding support groups, identify online community for cancer patients and their families, and offer cancer education classes. Information is available on the Internet at www.cancer.org.
You may also call Ron Marwitz, the ACS parish contact, at 847-870-1862.

**For Post-Abortion Counseling Help:**
Project Rachel - Catholic Charities: 312-337-1962
http://www.hopeafterabortion.com

**Office for Protection of Children and Youth**
312-534-5254

**St. Vincent de Paul** - an emergency source for food and short-term financial help for parishioners and those living within the parish boundaries. Please call 224-345-7200, ext. 8517. Requests will be handled with care and confidentiality.

**LOSS**
Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide is a free, non-denominational program offered by Catholic Charities to support individuals grieving the loss of a loved one to suicide. 312-655-7283 or www.catholiccharities.net/loss for info.

**SHARE**
Job & Networking Ministry
Are you in transition or looking for a better job? At each meeting, we have a speaker on various topics, followed by networking.
Our Lady of the Wayside 434 W. Park St., Arlington Hts.
For information about upcoming meeting dates, please contact Jim Pekarek at 847-767-7859, or Beth Ann Finis at 312-813-9162

**Grief Support Group**
The St. James Grief Support Group meets every Tuesday from 7-8:15 pm in Conference Room 1 at the Parish Office. The group offers support through sharing, listening, and learning from each other’s story of grief and loss. You do not need to commit to all of the sessions, but may attend as many as you find helpful. For information, call MaryJo at 224-345-7200, ext. 8512 and leave a message.

The Knights of Columbus Holy Rosary Council invite you to Breakfast with Santa
This may be your last chance to meet Santa before Christmas! Enjoy breakfast, holiday crafts and Christmas cheer.
Where and When:
KC Hall, 15 N. Hickory, Arlington Heights, IL 60004
December 12th & 19th 8:30am—11:00am (Breakfast served starting at 9:00am)
$5.00 per person
RSVP: holyrosarykofc@gmail.com or 773-909-0102

**JANUARY 17, 2016**
JOIN US, men, women and families...
March for Life from Federal Plaza downtown Chicago.
Bus transportation departs 12:00 noon to & from St. Edna, 2525 N. Arlington Heights Rd., provided by Knights of Columbus Holy Rosary Council.
Cosponsored by the parishes of the Holy Rosary Council.
Details to follow. Questions contact evelyngetty@yahoo.com
Please pray for our sick...
Julia Jachec, Edna O’Martin, Charles Neuman

In Loving Memory

Judith Bernardi...mother of David (Cheryl) and Lisa Bernardi; grandmother of Christopher, Rachel, Ambria, and Aria

Jessica B. McNamara...daughter of John and Susie McNamara; sister of Melissa McNamara and J.P. McNamara; also survived by aunts, uncles and cousins

Maria Cecilia Atienza Goolsby...wife of Reginald; mother of Elena and Justina; daughter of Calixto and Aurora; sister of Carina and Alix (Mary) Atienza

Baptisms

Grace Katherine Kopkowski....daughter of Jason & Annie (Magno) Kopkowski

Nathan Thomas Johnson....son of Joseph & JoAnne (Nawrocki) Johnson

Wedding Banns

December 19, 2015
Sam Sweeney & Kellirose Minoque
John DeWyze & Lydia Hawkins

January 2, 2016
Richard Craig & Iwona Boska

Rose for Life
This week’s Rose for Life is donated by Celeste and Walter Zywiciel in memory of their mother, Jean Zywiciel, on the 27th anniversary of her death.

Remembrances

Saturday Evening/Sunday Morning, Dec. 13
Susan Comfort, Janet Marie Goscinski (7th Anniv.), Angelo Antongiovanni, Thomas Rybka, Carol Cusak, Angelo Pettenuzzo, Alfio Pettenuzzo, Laura Zanetti

Monday, Dec. 14
Dorothy Gleason, Mary McGrath, Lloyd Benjamin, Dana Mangi, Kayla Jean Mueller, Beverly Wrobel, Edward Doherty, Baby Posner

Tuesday, Dec. 15
Cheryl Ann Wadas (1st Anniv.), Mary Jo Souders (1st Anniv.), Frank Karlovits, Pasquale Riccio, Patricia DeLio (2nd Anniv.)

Wednesday, Dec. 16
Gretchen Cronin, John G. McLoraine

Thursday, Dec. 17
Lucille Doyle, Lenore Rettig, Patricia Doyle, Linda Long, Catherine Sabay, Meggan McDermott, Mary Evelyn Flynn

Friday, Dec. 18
John Doyle (1st Anniv.), Dana Mangi, Holina Krol, Sister Delores Krentner

Saturday, Dec. 19
Genevieve Waller, Thomas Rothfus, George F. & Regina C Bieber, Beth Klopp Lansing, Joanne Heinz, Irene Lombardi, Mary Ann LaSalvia, Frank LaSalvia, Maria Giuliano, Jacob Sadowy, Anna Wasylyczyn

Saturday Evening/Sunday Morning, Dec. 20
Dana Mangi, Andrew Firnbach & Family, Irene Lombardi, Bart Robando (1st Anniv.), Patricia M. Moore (1st Anniv.), Joanne Heinz, Bart Ribando (1st Anniv.), David Sutter, Marco & Anna Sblendorio

Stewardship

December 6, 2015
Weekend Masses — 716 Envelopes $44,498.80
GiveCentral — 188 Online Donations $22,059.75
December 6th Total Collection $66,558.55

Our Charity
We thank you for your generous donations to our charity for the month of December—the Appeal for the Retired Religious.

This weekend, Sisters Barbara and Joanne, Sisters of the Living Word, will speak to us on behalf of this charity.
Liturgical Ministers for the Weekend of December 20, 2015

Presiders
Saturday evening: (Deacons preaching this weekend.)
5:00 pm Fr. Matt Foley

Sunday:
7:00 am Fr. Joji Thanugundla
8:30 am Fr. Joji Thanugundla
10:00 am Fr. Gilbert Mashurano
11:30 am Fr. Gilbert Mashurano
5:00 pm Fr. Matt Foley
(A signer will be present at the 5pm Sunday Mass.)

Altar Servers
Saturday evening:
5:00 pm C.Perotta, J.Perota, A.Meek

Sunday:
7:00 am T.Haisman, D.Derengowski T.Toczycki
8:30 am L.Hackmann, C.Hackmann, B.McCarthy
10:00 am L.Wendling, G.Wolf, A.Furmanski
11:30 am M.Stack, M.Miller, J.Miller
5:00 pm M. Leno, L.Pittas, C.Mittel

Lectors
Saturday evening:
5:00 pm D.Pagnotta, M.Belter

Sunday:
7:00 am R.Bruett, J.Bruett
8:30 am E.O’Hare, M.O’Hare
10:00 am R.Cormier, K.Konopasek
11:30 am R.Klicki, K.Ponce
5:00 pm C.Stenzel, L.Matz

Scripture Readings
READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF December 13

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23; Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Friday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Saturday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Sunday: Mt 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

Eucharistic Ministers
(A Team)

Saturday: Parish Center
5:00pm
G.Sherva, M.Dolan, C.Zywiciel, A.Meyers
E.Duque, C.Williams, J.DeLio
M.Nugent, S.Szott, T.Szott
Coordinators: D.Duque, T.Gallagher

Sunday: Church
7:00 am D. O’Grady, J.DeLio
K.O’Grady, Gary Hammelmann
Coordinator: M. Walsh, Jr.

Sunday: Church
8:30 am C.Burke, J.Burke, E.Crittenden, MJ.Jarosz, L.Poelking, F.Miossi
K.Rayburn, I.Roller, T.Talbot, E.Turney
D.Turney, D.Varchetto, C.Frenzer
Coordinators: F.Miossi, D.Varchetto

Sunday: Parish Center
10:00 am K.Imhoff, K.Kelly, S.Lindemann, P.Lippert, J. Young
T.McDonnell, B.Nielsen, B.Nielsen, M.Purtell, S.Reiss,
D.Vlazny, S.Moeykens, P.Fitzgerald, J.Anderson, M.Rutkowski
M.Massa, R.Becker, V.Curtis, S.Gaske, S.Hussey, J.Lippert,
J.McDermott, R.McDermott,
(2 EMs for choir)
Coordinators: D.Adam, T.Adam

Sunday: Parish Center
11:30 am M.Byrne, B.Gedmin, S.Sharer, A.VandenAvont, N.Agaila
C.Van Den Avont, S.Van Den Avont,
M. Van Den Avont, L. Behls
Coordinators: Gina & Joe Christophe

Sunday: Church
5:00 pm P.Farrell, G.Farrell, P.Farrell, E.Jarosz
K.McCarthy, Caroline Starr
Coordinator: P.Farrell

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Sunday Morning    7am  Church (Cantor)
Sunday Morning    8:30am  Church (Traditional Choir)
Sunday Morning   10am  Parish Center (Contemporary Choir and Children’s Liturgy of the Word)
Sunday Morning   11:30am  Parish Center (Contemporary Choir)
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