

Historic St. Mary's Church

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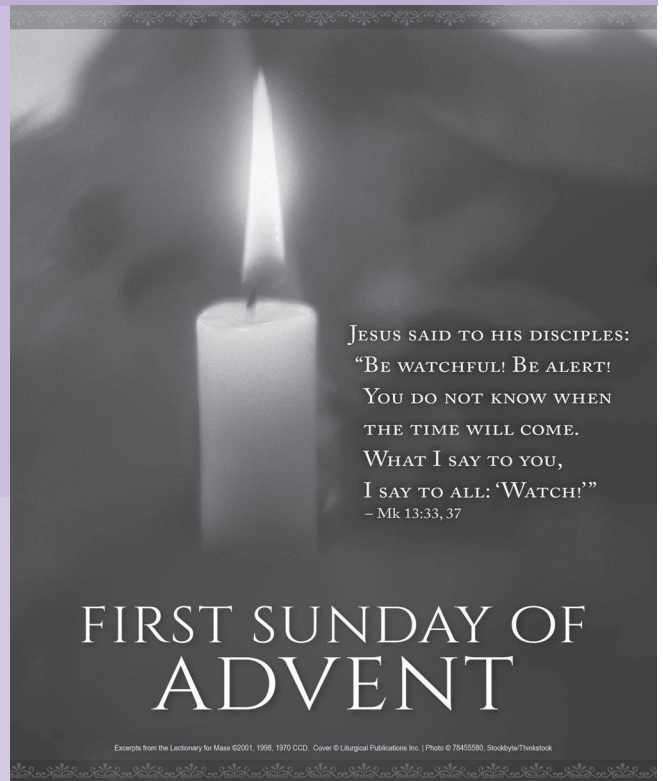
We are a Catholic community of faith, nourished by Word and Sacrament, who trusting in the merits of Jesus Christ and faithful to the Church's magisterium, seek to live the Gospel in the world today through Liturgy and Service.

PARISH STAFF

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CONTACT INFORMATION

Office Hours: Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Church and Cemetery Office: 842-4500
St. Mary's Institute: 842-4100
Faith Formation: 843-5452
Website: www.stmaryamsterdam.com



MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass (Monday through Friday) 8:00 a.m.

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. & 12:15 p.m. (*Spanish Mass*)

(Communion Service at 8:00 a.m. Saturday)

*Traditional Latin Mass every First Friday at 5:00 p.m., First Saturday at 8:00 a.m. & Every Third Sunday of the month at *4:30 p.m. (*new time)

CONFESSIONS : Saturday 3:00-4:00 pm

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM - Celebrated monthly. Please contact the Parish Office to schedule.

SACRAMENT of MARRIAGE - Please contact the Parish Office at least six months prior to the proposed date of marriage. Dates will be secured at this initial meeting. No other arrangements should be made until after this initial contact.

SACRAMENT of ANOINTING of the SICK - Anyone who is seriously ill or undergoing surgery and would like to receive this Sacrament should contact the Parish Office.

Misioneros de Jesus Grupo de Oracion: 5:00 a 6:45 p.m. Escuela de Fe: 7:00 a 8:00 p.m. Asambleas generales de Predicas, Alabanzas y Adoracion Todos los ultimos Domingos del mes.



Masses for the Week of December 3, 2017

Monday, December 4, 8:00 a.m.

- 1) **15th Anniv. Matthew Martuscello** by his Family
- 2) **9th Anniv. Bill Slezak** by Wife & Children

Tuesday, December 5, 8:00 a.m.

- 1) **Tony Cosentino** by Michael & Maria Ottati & Family
- 2) **Donald Martin** by Ken & Darlene Weklar & Family

Wednesday, December 6, 8:00 a.m.

- 1) **Margaret Lovegrove** by Robert & Jennifer Berben
- 2) **For the Needs in the Book of Prayer Intentions**

Thursday, December 7, 8:00 a.m.

- 1) **In Honor of the Blessed Mother** by Gail Ronca
- 2) **Edward Russo** by Joe & Shirley Emanuele

5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass at St. Stephen's for the Holyday

Friday, December 8

**The Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Holy Day**

Area-Wide Masses:

- 8:00 a.m. - Our Lady of Mt. Carmel**
12:00 Noon - St. Mary's
6:30 p.m. - St. Stanislaus



Saturday, December 9, 8:00 a.m. Communion Service

3:00 to 4:00 p.m. Confessions

4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

- 1) **44th Anniv. Margaret Fariello** by Daughter Dolores & Grandson Jim
- 2) **Kathryn Gavel** by Husband & Sons
- 3) **Deceased Members of the Bylebyl Family** by Barbara & Ralph Marcucio
- 4) **Persis Schuttig** by Daughter Donna & Family

Sunday, December 10, 8:00 a.m. Mass

- 1) **Mary McKenna** by Sister Sheila
- 2) **Tony Cosentino** by Frank Fattoruso & Cindy Susi
- 3) **1st Anniv. Jack Harrington** by his Children
- 4) **For the Needs in the Book of Prayer Intentions**

10:00 am. Mass

- 1) **1st Anniv. Richard Agard** by his Wife & Children
- 2) **Carmelo Sinicropi** & Frank Galluccio by the Sinicropi Family
- 3) **Janet McQuatters** by Kathy Rose, Bob Francisco Jr. & Melissa & Mike Meier
- 4) **Rosemary Poole** by Nick & Kathie Miseno

12:15 Spanish Mass

- 1) **Evangelista Contraras** by Lilis Gotay
- 2) **For the People of St. Mary's**
- 3) **For the Needs in the Book of Prayer Intentions**



Jesus said to his disciples:
 "Be watchful! Be alert!
 You do not know when the time
 will come.
 What I say to you, I say to all:
 "Watch!" - Mk 13:33, 37

The Giving Tree: Our
 Annual Giving Tree for the
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Lobby. You may take a tag
 off the tree, purchase and return the gift,
unwrapped please (*gifts will be separated
 according to family, child, or individual in nursing
 home*) with the tag attached to it and place it back
 under the Tree **no later than December 15.**



St. Mary's Stewardship Report
Budget for the Current Fiscal
Year, 2016/2017 is:
\$656,319.00

Average Weekly Offertory Income Needed \$ 11,274.00
Average Weekly Income Needed
from Other Sources: \$ 1,117.30
Total Collection for November 18/19: \$ 10,711.00

Breakdown

Weekly: \$8,198.00 Other: \$2,166.00

Candle: 347.00

***Church Restoration: \$2,352.62**

Total Collection for November 25/26: \$10,051.00

Breakdown

Weekly: \$8,999.00 Other: \$653.00 Candle: \$399.00

***Faith Soup Kitchen: \$1,266.00**

***These collections are separate from all above totals**



The **Church** Sanctuary Light this week is in Loving Memory of Stan Pendrak by Karen, Mike, Ryan & Christopher Tuman

The **Chapel** Sanctuary Light this week is **In Honor of/Intentions of Father Dan DePascale** **Honor** by Noreen & Dick Gulnick

This week's Column is the letter from Father Farano, who is the Albany Diocesan Director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith,



"Dear Father Jeffrey,
 Since Pope Paul VI penned "*Evangelii Nuntiandi*" issued Dec. 8, 1975, the word **EVANGELIZATION** has become part of the everyday lexicon of not only the ordained and vowed ministers in the Church, but also among the people of God who populate our pews. We used to think of evangelization as what happened "*on the foreign missions.*" The notion of evangelization has been expanded. The New Evangelization invites us to think not only globally, but locally.

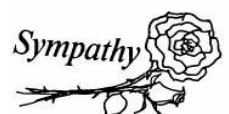
There is no tension or competition between what we now call the mission "*ad gentes*" that is, to the people of the world that we may never see, and the mission we have to re-evangelize our families, neighborhoods and nation. There are different needs, for sure. Also, the approaches will be different in some, but not all ways. The observance of World Mission Sunday draws our attention to "*ad gentes*" evangelization. It is usually carried out among the poorest of the poor scattered throughout the developing and underdeveloped nations of our world.

For example, the program know as "*Theology on Tap*" is a form of evangelization : bringing the Gospel to where young people meet and socialize. In a remote village in Africa or South America, the approach may be as basic as building a shelter that will serve as a grammar school for children who have not had the opportunity to learn how to read and write. Or, as I have personally seen in Guatemala, evangelization may take the form of opening a small one room clinic, where once a month a nurse comes to give inoculations or perhaps works to stem one of any number of epidemics that break out among the population. The projects proclaim Matthew 25 in deed as well as in word.

Thank you and your parishioners for their support of the World Mission Sunday Appeal (**October: \$856.00**). Please take an occasion now and then to mention the mission of "*ad gentes*" even as your surely continue to explore how best to re-ignite the faith among those how have not lost it, but set it aside. God's peace be yours,

Sincerely yours in Christ,
 Rev. Michael A. Farano "

Funeral Services were held recently for Alexander Zielinski, Donald Martin ...May they rest in peace.



Eucharist and Wine Donations

Eucharist Donation for the Month of **December** is in loving memory of: **John "Rocky" McCune** by his Wife & Family

Wine Donation for the month of **December** is in loving Memory of **Anthony Sadowski** by his Daughter Connie Sing



St. Mary's Fundraising Committee invites you to participate in the annual holiday honor/memorial, "Let It Shine"

A light may be purchased for \$5.00 each to honor a special living person in your life or honor a deceased loved one. Each person being remembered will be enrolled in a memory book that will be displayed near the tree. **Please join us for a special lighting of the tree which will take place at the 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass on Dec. 16. Refreshments will be served after Mass. "Let It Shine" flyers will be inserted in an upcoming bulletin or pick one up after Mass. Deadline is December 3.



St. Mary's Institute Annual Spaghetti Dinner & Auction is this Sunday, December 3 from Noon to 6:00 p.m. at SMI. Call the School for tickets 842-4100. The gym will be filled with great auction items and baskets to bid on as well as a penny auction. Adults: \$12 and Children \$8. Proceeds benefit SMI. Take-outs will be available.



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