

THIS WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURES

It used to be common for men and women alike to wear a watch to help keep time. In these days of cell phones, many people have abandoned the once ubiquitous fashion accessory for its more multifunction cousin. The cheapest cell phone can do so much more than even Dick Tracy's wrist radio was able to do. Despite all that we can do with a modern-day cell phone, we still cannot set an alarm to warn us of the Lord's return. We must always be ready, for we do not know when he will come.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday & Sunday Masses - Nov. 26/27 2011

Saturday at 4:30 pm and Sunday at 8:00 am & 10:30 am
Mary Dahoda Frances Calvano Susan Ann Pezzi
Harry Raymond

9:00 am—Mon., Nov. 28: Harriet Warner
9:00 am—Tues., Nov. 29: People of the Parish
9:00 am—Wed., Nov. 30: People of the Parish
9:00 am—Thurs., Dec. 1: Communion Service
9:00 am—Fri., Dec. 2: Daniel Campion
Gerald M. O'Grady

Saturday & Sunday Masses - Dec. 3/4, 2011

Saturday at 4:30 pm and Sunday at 8:00 am & 10:30 am
Veronica Heslin Alfred Ongley Adam Haswell
Adeline Haswell

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

The Scripture Reading for Next Sunday, Dec. 3/4, 2011 are:

Isaiah 40: 1-11
2 Peter 3: 8-14
Matthew 1: 1-8

MASS INTENTIONS

Irene Cramer Ben Cramer Adam Hytko
Helen Degnan James Van Buskirk Mary Golden
Catherine Favreau Shirley Dame
Mary Thompson Jim Ciani

IN MEMORIAM

Please Remember all who have Died from our Parish, Families and Community. We especially remember:
Charles Yund.

MANY THANKS

Our Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Rocco & Mary Crola for the Donation of the New Roman Missal that will be used in Church and the New Roman Missal that will be used in our Daily Mass Chapel. These New Roman Missals are in Memory of: Adeline A. Haswell and Adam Haswell.

BEGINNING TODAY at MASS

This Weekend we will begin to Use the Revised Mass Texts throughout the United States of America.

In the Pews are: **PEW CARDS** to assist you with the Responses at Mass. These PEW CARDS are to Remain in the Pews...Please Do Not Remove from Church.

This Past Weekend we Mailed to All Parishioners a "POCKET SIZE - PEW CARD". If you would like to Have a "POCKET SIZE - PEW CARD" for your Personal Use that you can Keep with You...there are Additional Copies of these Pocket Size Pew Cards in the Main Entrance/Gathering Area of Church - Next to the Weekly Parish Bulletins. Please take one.

Also, in the Gathering Area of the Church - on the Shelf where the Bulletin Board is located - are copies of the Catholic Update that All Registered Parishioners received in the Mail this week entitled: "A Walk Through the Mass". Please take one.

THIS WEEK at ST. MARY'S

Saturday, November 26, 2011

4:30 pm - Vigil Mass for Sunday.
New Translation of Mass begins at Mass this Weekend!

Sunday, November 27, 2011

8:00 am - Sunday Mass at St. Mary's Church.
New Translation of Mass begins at Mass this Weekend!
10:30 am - Sunday Mass at St. Mary's Church.
New Translation of Mass begins at Mass this Weekend!
8:00 pm - AA Open Meeting in the Parish Hall.

Monday, November 28, 2011

7:30 pm - AA Meeting.

Thursday, December 1, 2011

7:00 pm - Adult Choir Rehearsal in Church.

Saturday, December 3, 2011

10:00 am to Noon - Grade 3 Faith Formation Retreat.
3:30 pm - Confessions.
4:30 pm - Vigil Mass for Sunday.

Sunday, December 4, 2011

8:00 am - Sunday Mass at St. Mary's Church.
10:30 am - Sunday Mass at St. Mary's Church.
Family Liturgy - Grade Three at Mass.
8:00 pm - AA Open Meeting in the Parish Hall.

PARISH SUPPORT

The Parish Bulletin went to Print Early due to the Holiday. Thanks to All for your Weekly & Generous Support of your St. Mary's Parish Community. Thanks for "making up" your weekly support of your parish when you are away or Ill or weather conditions keep you from attending mass etc...

DIRECTOR of MUSIC WANTED

St. Mary's Church, Crescent is seeking a Director of Contemporary Music for its 10:30 am Sunday Mass, beginning Feb. 1, 2012. Candidates should have a minimum of a BS or BA in Music Ministry and/or three years experience in Parish Music Ministry. Please submit resume to the Pastor via E-mail at: Fr Cebula@nycap.rr.com *or* via the Mail at: St. Mary's Church - 86 Church Hill Road - Waterford, NY 12188 by December 6 or before.

CHRISTMAS MASS at ST. MARY'S

Our St. Mary's, Crescent Christmas Mass Schedule will be:

- **Saturday, December 24, 2011:**
4:30 pm*-- 6:30 pm* -- 9:30 pm*
- **Sunday, December 25, 2011:**
10:30 am*

** Everyone Attending Christmas Masses at St. Mary's, Crescent will be Part of Something Special!*

ADVENT 2012

RECONCILIATION SERVICES

St. Mary's Church, Crescent

Saturday, December 10, 2011 at 11:00 am

Corpus Christi Church, Ushers

Monday, December 12, 2011 at 7:00 pm

St. Edward the Confessor, Clifton Park

Wednesday, December 14, 2011

10:00 am and 7:00 pm

AT MASS MINISTERS

Just a Reminder that the New Schedule for December 24/25 thru the End of March 2012 will be finalized this coming week.

If you are free to Assist especially with the Christmas Masses or the New Year's Masses please speak with Jane.

If you will be "Away" for this time period and unavailable for your Ministry—Please Contact Jane in the coming week.

Jane's Phone is: 371-9632 ext. 10. Thanks!

MANY THANKS

Thanks to All for your Food Donations last Weekend to Assist area Need with Food during this Holiday Time of the Year and throughout the year.

Thanks also to the "Angels" who brought the Food to the Local Food Pantry early last week.

BE BOLD - BE CATHOLIC

FAITH FORMATION

CELEBRATING THE HEART OF CHRIST

Fr. Joe and the Faith Formation and Youth Ministry Office invites your family to a special presentation about the Mass and the changes that will be taking place on Tuesday, November 29. There is a choice of two sessions; one geared towards Grade K-5 at 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm *and* one geared towards families and middle and high school students at 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm. We will serve pizza, soda and dessert at 5:45 pm for families attending both sessions.

3rd GRADE RETREAT AND FAMILY LITURGY

The parent/child retreat for grade 3 will be held on Saturday, December 3rd from 10:00 am to Noon in the parish center. The theme will be Advent. The family liturgy for 3rd grade will be held on Sunday December 4th at the 10:30 am mass. A reminder and RSVP about the retreat and family liturgy were sent out this week. If you have any questions, please contact the Faith Formation Office.

GRADE 6 and 7 RETREAT

One of the new components of this year's Faith Formation program is to offer a retreat experience to our 6th and 7th graders. This year, in collaboration with our cluster parishes of St. Edward's and Corpus Christi, we will be offering 5 retreats open to the 6th and 7th graders from all the parishes. The theme of the retreats is The Heart of Christ and will include prayer, teaching, activities, food and fun. A letter was sent to parents of all our 6 & 7 graders regarding the dates of the upcoming retreats. The first retreat will be held on Saturday, December 3rd from 1:00 pm till 5:00 pm (including mass) at St. Edward's. If you have any questions, please contact the Faith Formation Office.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT

The next Confirmation retreat will be held Sunday, December 11 beginning with 10:30 am Mass followed by a short gathering for families in the Parish Hall then the retreat for Confirmation candidates only. The retreat concludes at 5:30 pm. An e-mail reminder will be sent to candidates and families who have signed up for this date.

WELCOME TO ST. MARY'S

St. Mary's Parish, Crescent is happy to Welcome our Newest Parishioners:

- Mr. Matthew McDonald & Ms. Trisha McClelland
and their daughter: Cailin.
- Mr. Ian McShane.
- Mr. & Mrs. Kevin *and* Kara Grennon
and their children: Sage and Zoe.

DID YOU KNOW

St. Mary's Parish,, Crescent recently completed payment of the Church Renovation Debt. Now the Parish will be working on Paying the \$ 50,000 debt incurred with the Installation of Air Conditioning in the Spring of 2010.

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

The Christmas Giving Tree is located in Gathering Space of the Church. Please take an "Ornament" from the "Giving Tree" and "Place your Ornament" on a Wrapped Gift and Return it to Church – no later than Sunday, December 18, 2011. *(All Gifts will be delivered on Monday, December 19, 2011)*

If you Knit or Crochet or will be Shopping in the next few days to come....and...find a Gift you would like to Donate....just Wrap it and Identify what the Gift is on the Package, and leave it in Church near the Giving Tree.

If you have any questions, please call: Carol Smith at 371-4336 or Helen Hubert at 371-9191.

Thanks for Caring and Sharing!

A CHRISTMAS GIFT for ANOTHER or YOURSELF

There are many options available to us to assist us in our Spiritual Journey of Life each and every day. One Excellent Booklet is entitled: "MAGNIFICAT".

This Monthly Booklet offers in One Place the following each day: A Short Morning Prayer, The Scripture Readings of the Day, a Short Meditative Article, a Saint of the Day, and A Short Evening Prayer.

If you purchase the Paper Copy, you also can have access via Computer and I-Phone to the same MAGNIFICAT information.

Interested - Contact:

MAGNIFICAT
P.O. Box 822 - Yonker, NY 10702

Phone: 1-866-273-5215
Web: www.magnificat.com

Cost is: \$ 24.95 for Six Months;
\$ 44.95 for One Year;
\$ 79.95 for Two Years.

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RETURNING CATHOLICS

If you are a Catholic who has been away, we invite you to become an Active Part of the Catholic Church again. Corpus Christi Church will be conducting the: **LANDINGS PROGRAM.**

The Landing Program is an 8 week discussion group, where you can ask questions and update your faith as an adult. If you are interested or have any questions, please call: 877-8506 ext. 2145 or cclandings@nycap.rr.com.

A LETTER FROM PADRE RUDY In Guatemala

Dear parishioners of Saint Mary's Crescent,

I hope that all is going well in the St. Mary's parish; a huge hello to Father Joe. Please give him my heartfelt appreciation for the financial help that we have just received. We have now changed the money into our own quetzales and are using it to help complete the new parish house. The progress in the new house is advancing now, and with God's help we will be able to have an inauguration celebration on December 16th. It is really turning out to be quite lovely and I will be sending photos for you when it is finished.

In our parish we have been encouraging people to think like missionaries among members of the parish council and the leaders of the parish communities. During this time, the youth of the parish are celebrating "Youth Week". On Sunday the young people received their titles as missionaries and at the end of the week we are planning to have a great fiesta on both Saturday and Sunday (October 29 and 30)

On October the second we celebrated Children's Day and had great participation of the children in the Mass. It was a very beautiful and happy Mass.

I was delighted to learn that the members of the committee have taken up a personal collection to buy a computer for Bayron. You may be glad to know that he has invited me to celebrate his birthday with him on the 25th of November. This is a good indication that he is less depressed and has more hope

I was very thankful to hear from you by this email method and I am hoping that we can continue communicating by this method.

My best to all. Father Rudy Sem

YOU ARE INVITED

Preparing for the Preparations of Christmas
Saturday, December 3, 2011—9:00 am to Noon
The Wellness Retreat Center, Waterford, NY
"An Advent Morning of Prayer on the Infancy Narratives according to the Gospel accounts of Matthew and Luke"

More information, etc...Please Contact:

Marge Milanese at 235-2960

YOU ARE INVITED

Entering into The New Year
with a Panoramic View of Life's Journey
January 20, 21, & 22, 2012

The Serenity Retreat Center, Queensbury, NY
"Exploring the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola in Light of Ignatius' Conversion and Our Own"

Cost: \$ 160...with \$ 25 Deposit due by January 1st.
Reservations & More information, etc...Please Contact:
Marge Milanese at 235-2960

NOVEMBER 27, 2011

FAITH FORMATION:

Catechumenate (RCIA)	Sr. Mary Christopher	371-9521
Apostolado Hispano	Dan Lara	786-0622
Marriage Prep Team	John & Kathy Andonie	371-3785
Faith Formation (<i>K thru 12</i>)	Mary Ann Cureau	371-9521
First Eucharist, First Reconciliation, & Confirmation:		
	Mary Ann Cureau	371-9521

PRAYER & WORSHIP:

Eucharistic Ministers	Jane Hegener	371-9632
Acolytes		
Lectors	Joan Hagglove	371-7876
Hospitality Ministers	Linda Lambert	237-6560
Communion Service	Pat Grennon	371-6053

CHRISTIAN SERVICE:

Pyramid Lake Weekend	Rich & Missy Belotti	371-4569
Youth Ministry	Chris Fox	371-9521
Building Bridges	Santa Orlando	371-9632
Human Concerns	Helen Hubert	371-9191
	Carol Smith	371-4336
Parish Pantry	Lori McAuliffe	371-9632
Women's Club	Kathy Andonie	371-3785
Knitting & Crocheting	Cathy McGrath	371-8557
Sunshine Outreach	Lisa Dillon	373-7089
Monthly Meals	Mary Anne Cureau	371-9521
Widowed/Divorced&Sep	Laurie O'Brien	371-3831
Alzheimer's Care Team	Pat Haffner	371-8503
Support for the Grieving	Kim Hostig	371-9632

PASTORAL COUNCIL COMMITTEE: 371-9632

Maria Elena Hamm	Kathy Spsychalski
Monica Kurzejeski	Todd Collet
Joseph Fontanelli	Michael Tesoriero
Deacon Paul Kisselback	Rev. Joseph Cebula

CHURCH ADMINISTRATION:

Finance Committee Chair	Matt Duddy	371-9632
Landscaping & Grounds	Michele Bouchey	237-6925
Money Counters	Anne Tremblay	371-3490
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