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# OUR LADY OF THE MOUNT CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Welcome, Worship, Witness*

167 Mount Bethel Road, Warren, NJ 07059 | 908.647.1075



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*December 11, 2016*

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## Parish Office Hours

### Monday-Thursday

9:30AM - 4:30PM

### Friday

9:30-Noon

### Closed Daily for Lunch

12:00-1:00PM

## Baptisms

Please contact the parish office to schedule and register for the required baptismal preparation for parents.

## Marriage

Please contact the parish office at least one year in advance of desired date to begin preparation.

\*Due to holiday publication deadlines articles for the **bulletin** must be submitted two weeks prior to the weekend of printing to [cstpierre@olmwarren.org](mailto:cstpierre@olmwarren.org).

Thank you!

### SUNDAY MASSES

Sat. Vigil - 5:00PM *Shepherds Hall*

Sun. - 8:00, 10:00,

11:30AM, & 5:00 PM *Shepherds Hall*

### DAILY MASSES

Mon.-Sat. 9:00AM *Chapel*

### HOLY DAY MASSES

9:00AM & 7:30PM *Shepherds Hall*

Join Us For Mass

### CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2016

*RECONCILIATION*  
*Tuesday, December 13*  
*7:30 P.M. Church*

*Saturday, December 17*  
*3:45-4:45 P.M. Church*

*MASSES*  
*Christmas Eve*  
*Saturday, December 24*  
*4:00 P.M. Chapel*  
*4:00 P.M. Church*  
*6:30 P.M. Church*  
*Midnight Church*

*Christmas Day*  
*Sunday, December 25*  
*10:00 A.M. Church*  
*12:00 P.M. Church*

*New Year's Eve*  
*Saturday, December 31*  
*5:00 P.M. Church*

*New Year's Day*  
*Sunday, January 1*  
*9:00 A.M. Church*  
*11:00 A.M. Church*

## Parish Offertory

December 4th Weekly Offering	\$9,788.02
Fiscal Year-to-Date Parish Support	\$1,144,668.10
Retired Religious Colletion.	\$3,175.00

*Thank you for your continued generosity!*

# Daily Mass Intentions

**Sunday, December 11** *3rd Sunday of Advent*

8:00 AM Josephine Balsamo r/o The Torrissi Family

10:00 AM Thomas Faiella r/o Collette Ryiz

11:30 AM Hellyn Rossi r/o The Balkonis Family

5:00 PM Barbara Vinci r/o James Vinci

**Monday, December 12** *Our Lady of Guadalupe*

9:00 AM Owen G. Throp, Jr. r/o The Family 1st Ann.

**Tuesday, December 13** *St. Lucy*

9:00 AM Iremeusz Imiolek r/o Helena Sajolera

Robert Cruitt r/o Agnes Cruitt

**Wednesday, December 14** *St. John of the Cross*

9:00 AM Steve & Helen Jurkovic r/o Karen Rockoff

**Thursday, December 15**

9:00 AM Helen Serafin r/o Karen Rockoff

Martina Schmalz-Palmer r/o Irene Payne

**Friday, December 16**

9:00 AM James D'Esposito r/o Gerri Doody

**Saturday, December 17**

9:00 AM Helen & John Phillips r/o Ken & Barbara Phillips

5:00 PM Jesse Shieffield r/o Patricia Shieffield & Family

**Sunday, December 18** *4th Sunday of Advent*

8:00 AM For the Intentions of Our Parishioners

10:00 AM Gregory Gasperino r/o The Gasperino Family

11:30 AM Chuck Morrison r/o Peggy & Art Folli

5:00 PM Paul Pallotla r/o The Pollner Family



*Please remember in your prayers the sick, homebound and disabled of our parish family, all those listed in the parish book of intentions, and all the men and women of the Armed Forces.*

# In Memory Of

Our parish family mourns the loss of

*Frank W. DiPillo, MD*

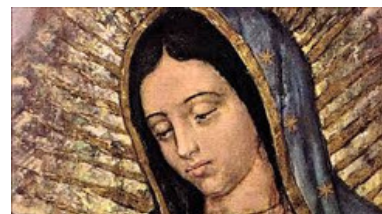
Husband of Roberta DiPillo

*Jeffrey Nicol Easthope*

Husband of Sally Easthope

We offer our prayers and sympathy  
to their families and friends.

*Our Lady  
of Guadalupe  
December 12th*



The Blessed Mother appeared to St. Juan Diego, also Native American, and asked him to have the bishop of Mexico build a chapel for her. She sent him with roses to the bishop as a sign. When St. Juan emptied the roses from his cloak, it retained the image of the Blessed Mother.

## We Welcome in Baptism

*Avery Grace DeTorres*

Daughter of Andrew & Jaimye DeTorres

*Be baptized in the name of the Father  
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit*

## MINISTERS OF THE WEEK | DEC. 18, 2016

5:00 PM

Celebrant:  
Fr. Sean

Reader:  
Bernadette Chiselko

Altar Server:  
Robby Battiste

8:00 AM

Celebrant:  
Fr. Sean

Reader:  
Celine Alapatt

Altar Server:  
Tim Stein

10:00 AM

Celebrant:  
Msgr. Capik

Reader:  
Mazin Gilbert

Altar Server:  
Nicholas Miller

11:30 AM

Celebrant:  
Fr. Sean

Reader:  
Joe Steliga

Altar Server:  
Griffith Humphrey

5:00 PM

Celebrant:  
Fr. Bob Gorman

Reader:  
Linda Montelione

Altar Server:  
Cordelia Lucid

# A fresh perspective on the Sunday readings

by Rev. William J. Reilly  
December 11, 2016

*3rd Sunday of Advent*



“John in prison heard about the works Christ performed, and sent a message through his disciples to ask him, ‘Are you He who is to come’ or do we look for another?’ In reply Jesus said to them: ‘Go back and report to John what you hear and see: the blind... cripples... lepers... the deaf... the dead... and the poor have the good news preached to them. Blest is the man who finds no stumbling block in me.’”

So wrapped up in the commercialism and consumerism, the question posed by John certainly is appropriate for us. Who is it we are waiting for? Who is it we are looking for? It is not just a simple, but a profound question. Where is our search leading us?

When Jesus began His mission, He used the prophet Isaiah to explain His role. The Baptist asks the question for us, and we have the answer right in front of us. We too are to go back and report to others who Jesus is for us, what He does for us. So many today are spiritually blind, or deaf, hurting and even fallen from grace. But the Christ whose coming we commemorate and celebrate in two weeks asks us to go and tell others, as did the disciples of John. May we all ‘prepare the way of the Lord.’

## Readings for the week *3rd Sunday of Advent*

Sunday

Is 35:1-6a, 10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

Monday

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a,  
10ab;  
Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Tuesday

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday

Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday

Is 54:1-10; Lk 7:24-30

Friday

Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Jn 5:33-36

Saturday

Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17

## Preparing for next Sunday *4th Sunday of Advent*

*First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14*

Ahaz receives from Isaiah a prophecy that he will be successful in war and is urged to ask for a sign that the prophecy is true. The sign is “The virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel.”

*Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7*

Paul greets the Romans by pointing out that Jesus is the Christ who was promised to them in Scripture. He, Paul, is the apostle favored with the task of spreading the name of Christ to all.

*Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24*

In a brief, straightforward, simple narrative, Matthew recounts the events leading to Jesus’ birth. He details the appearance of the angel in a dream to Joseph and stresses that “All this happened to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophets.”

*“You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand.” JAMES 5:8*

Patience is another one of those things many of us struggle with. We want things to go according to our plan and our schedule. Any change brings anxiety and fear. Through daily prayer we better align ourselves with God’s will and His plan, which is far better than anything we can come up with on our own.

# Our Lady of the Mount Annual Giving Tree



*The Giving Tree is located in the Father Flynn room  
Please choose an ornament and return new unwrapped gifts  
to the tree by **Wednesday December 21, 2016***

*All gifts will be brought to our sister parish  
**Most Holy Name of Jesus** in Perth Amboy  
To be distributed to the children in need*

*Thank you for your Generosity!*

## March for Life Bus Trip Washington DC

January 27, 2017

Location: Various Parishes

Time: Early AM – Late PM

732-562-1990 ext. 1543

amarshall@diometuchen.org

Join representatives from the Diocese of Metuchen and pro-life advocates from around the country as they gather in Washington, DC, to seek change for the right to human life on the 44th anniversary of the Supreme Court's decision on Roe v. Wade.

Please contribute to...

## St. Mary's Homeless Christmas Toy Drive

gently used & new  
children's toys

Nov. 19-Dec. 16

Please drop off toys outside  
the Office of Faith  
Formation or Parish Office.  
Thank you for your support!

Please contact Roger Allen  
732.369.3702  
rogann5147@verizon.net



*Caritas*  
CHAMBER CHORALE  
BARBARA SANDERMAN, DIRECTOR

## The Coming of the Light

LESSONS AND CAROLS TO BENEFIT THE ADORNO FATHERS' AFRICAN MISSION  
WITH GUEST ARTIST KEVIN GILMARTIN, READER

FRIDAY, DEC. 9, 2016, 7:30PM—ST. BRIGID CHURCH, PEAPACK  
SATURDAY, DEC. 10, 2016, 7:30PM—OUR LADY OF FATIMA CHURCH, PISCATAWAY  
SUNDAY, DEC. 11, 2016, 3PM—ST. JOSEPH CHURCH, NORTH PLAINFIELD  
SUNDAY, DEC. 18, 2016, 4PM—OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CHURCH, BERNARDSVILLE  
SUNDAY, JAN. 8, 2017, 3PM—ST. JOSEPH CHURCH, HIGH BRIDGE

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# calendar

## Monday, December 12

*Our Lady of Guadalupe*  
9:00AM Mass Chapel

## Tuesday, December 13

8:45AM *Our Lady of the Miraculous Chapel*  
9:00AM Mass Chapel  
9:30AM *Our Lady of Perpetual Help Chapel*  
10:30AM Mass *Chelsea*  
7:30PM Advent Penance Service *Shepherds Hall*

## Wednesday, December 14

8:30AM Holy Rosary Chapel  
9:00AM Mass Chapel  
7:30 PM Catholic Bible Study *Fr. Peter*

## Thursday, December 15

8:30AM Holy Rosary Chapel  
9:00AM Mass Chapel

## Friday, December 16

9:00AM Mass Chapel  
9:30AM Adoration Chapel  
9:30AM Chaplet of Divine Mercy Chapel  
3:00PM Chaplet of Divine Mercy Chapel  
5:00PM Evening Prayer Chapel  
7:00PM Benediction Chapel

## Saturday, December 17

9:00AM Mass Chapel  
3:45 Reconciliation *Shepherds Hall*  
5:00PM Vigil Mass *Shepherds Hall*  
8:00PM AA *Fr. Russell Room*

## Sunday, December 18

8:00AM Mass *Shepherds Hall*  
10:00AM Mass *Shepherds Hall*  
11:30AM Mass *Shepherds Hall*  
5:00 PM Mass *Shepherds Hall*

\* There will be NO blood pressure screenings in November or December. Please save the date for our January 29th Blood Drive.



If you would like to find out more about the Knights of Columbus or to become a member, please email Andrew Smart  
smartknight2@gmail.com

# upcoming events

## Saturday, December 17

*Christmas Party for Persons with Disabilities*  
1:30-3:30 PM, St. John Neumann, Piscataway  
| 732.765-6432

## Sunday, December 18

*Orchestra of St. Peter by the Sea Christmas Concert*  
Somerset County Vocational School  
2:00 pm – 4:15 pm  
ADVANCE TICKETS ONLY!  
908-725-100 | info@stannparish.com

## Sunday, December 28

*Discerning the Priesthood?: "Celibacy, Chastity, Charity, and Cheerfulness"*  
St. John Vianney House of Discernment  
7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.  
(732) 562-2457|vocations@diometuchen.org

## Sunday, January 8

*Young Adult Holy Hour*  
St. John Neumann Pastoral Center,  
Piscataway

## Monday, January 9

*Natural Family Planning Course*  
St. John Neumann Pastoral Center  
Piscataway NJ  
(732) 562-1990 ext. 1705  
family.life@diometuchen.org

## Sunday, January 15

*Young Adult Retreat*  
This retreat series is for all young adults who want to live life to the fullest in peace and joy! We will focus on one aspect of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola.  
2 p.m. - 7 p.m.  
Loyola Retreat House, Morristown

## Monday, January 16-March 13

*Bereavement Ministry*  
Holy Trinity Parish, Bridgewater  
7:30-9:00 PM John Phalen @ (908) 725-0828

## Monday, January 23

*Rally for Life • Trenton, NJ*  
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Statehouse Steps  
125 West State Street, Trenton, NJ 08625  
(732) 562-1990 ext. 1543 or 1629  
amarshall@diometuchen.org.

## FEBRUARY 15-24

*Come experience the Holy Land!*  
Sister Margaret Tierney and Fr. Garry Koch will be leading a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. If interested contact Kristine Smart (800) 842-4842 or kristine@select-intl.com.