

# Advent at St. Mary's - 2017



## **Advent Wreaths & Candles:**

The lighting of the Advent wreath in your home is an excellent way to celebrate Advent and prepare for the coming of Christ at Christmas. Wreaths and candles are available for sale at all the exits of the church.

Wreaths w/candles: \$12; Candles only: \$5

## **Advent is Here!**

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Monday, 12/4 from 6–7:30 PM (Bishop Rosazza & Fr. Matera). Saturdays, 3–4 PM.

### **Feast of the Immaculate Conception**

Friday, 12/8.  
Mass @ 8 AM, 12:15 PM and 6 PM

### **Adult Enrichment: "Prayer During the Season of Advent"**

Sunday, 12/10 @ 10:30 AM (Parish Center)  
Sister Regina of the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist will be presenting a talk on "Praying during the Season of Advent" to our parish.

### **Advent Taize:**

Tuesday, 12/12 @ 7 PM (Church)  
Join us for an evening of meditative prayer and song inspired by the Monks of Taize. This service will offer you a time of peace and quiet and help you enter into the true spirit of Advent.

### **Bible Study with Deacon Art:**

Wednesday, 12/13 @ 7 PM (Parish Center)  
Prior to Bible Study join us @ 6:10 PM for Lectio Divina and/or 6:45 PM for prayers for healing and special intentions.

### **Giving Tree "Stocking Stuffer" Party**

Sunday, 12/17 @ 1 PM (Lower Church)  
The Women's Guild is hosting a Stocking Stuffer Party to support the children of the South Park Shelter in Hartford. We will be packaging the unwrapped gifts from the Giving Tree as well as making cards for the recipients. We will also share some snacks! All parishioners are welcome to attend this event, especially families with children!

### **Lessons & Carols Prayer Service**

Monday, 12/18 @ 10 AM and 7 PM.  
The students of St. Mary's School share their God-given talents in bringing us this wonderful celebration, which is great for all families. The school family warmly extends an invitation to all to celebrate in prayer this beautiful tradition.

### **Night in Bethlehem**

Saturday, 12/2 @ 6 PM (Church)  
Join us after the 6 PM Mass for a blessed celebration of the Nativity story featuring our children and teens.



### **Nativity Puppet Show**

Saturday, 12/2; 9:30-11 AM (Parish Ctr)  
This event is for Preschool-Grade 1 children. It will include a sing-a-long, craft and snack. All are welcome.

**Christmas Youth Choir:** All children old enough to learn the words to traditional Christmas carols are welcome to participate in the Christmas Youth Choir. Rehearsals will be on Thursdays during Advent (12/7, 12/14 and 12/21) from 4:30 – 5:15 PM in the church. The choir will sing at 5:30 PM prior to the 6:00 PM Mass on Christmas Eve. Please see Music Director Gena Sullivan if you have any questions.

## **Special events in our parish**

- Wreath & Candle Sale
- Sacrament of Penance
- Feast of the Immaculate Conception
- "Prayer During Advent"
- Advent Taize
- Bible Study with Deacon Art
- Giving Tree "Stocking Stuffer" Party
- Lessons & Carols
- Night in Bethlehem
- Christmas Youth Choir

**Advent is a time to  
wait, listen and  
ponder the  
awesome wonder of  
God**



### **Christmas Mass Schedule**

With Christmas falling on a Monday, we have our regular Sunday morning schedule in addition to Christmas Masses.

**Saturday, Dec 23**  
Sunday Vigil @ 5 PM

**Sunday, Dec 24 (Morning)**  
8 AM 9:30 AM 11 AM

**Dec 24 Christmas Eve**  
4 PM \* 6 PM 10 PM  
(\* Mass in Church & Parish Center)

**Dec 25 Christmas Day**  
9 AM 11 AM