

CHRISTMAS

December 25, 2011

Note: The Rectory Office will be CLOSED in celebration of Christmas and the New Year beginning on Saturday, December 24th, and will re-open on Tuesday, January 3.

Note: Cancelled meetings: Light for Living, Dec. 27; Loving Hands Knit & Crochet, Dec. 28; Charismatic Prayer Group, Dec. 28; Comfort Corner, Dec. 29

STEWARDSHIP - A WAY OF LIFE

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GIVING

TITHING: GOD'S PLAN FOR

"Generosity in our hearts is a sign of the presence of God within us. That is part of the 'Light' that the Lord asks us to let shine into the darkness around us. Tithing is a blinding light of generosity and trust in God. The world around us needs to see this generosity and trust in all of us. We truly reflect Christ in this world."

From Father Rusk, St. Patrick's Parish, Belvidere, NJ

If any parishioner is in need of a Statement of Contributions for income tax purposes for the year of 2011, please make a notation on your weekly contribution envelope requesting this statement and we will be happy to send it to you. PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE RECTORY OFFICE WITH THIS REQUEST.

Thank you for your cooperation.

EDUCATION & FAITH FORMATION



Religious Education Office Hours:

Monday–Thursday, 12:00–3:00 pm Phone: 227-3949 option 4

The Ark and The Dove *St. Denis' own Preschool and Kindergarten Program 227-5232*



Everyone here at The Ark and The Dove wishes our Parish family a Merry and Blessed Christmas and a very Happy New Year. Enjoy!

ST. DENIS BOOK CLUB

All are welcome to join us; either as regular attendees or occasional drop-ins as your time and interests allow. The St. Denis Book Club meets on the third Wednesday each month at 7:00 pm. The location varies – if you are joining us for the first time, please call Elaine for directions. (845) 227-2716



January 18: Your Parish Priest: A Man of Mystery by Msgr. Dermot R. Brennan

St. Denis – St. Columba School
849 Route 82, Hopewell Junction



St. Denis - St. Columba School
**Open House: Sunday,
January 29, 2012**

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

To kick-off Catholic Schools Week, St. Denis - St. Columba School invites you to join us for our **OPEN HOUSE on Sunday, January 29, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.** Please visit our website at www.STCOLUMBA.net for more information. We are now offering full day Kindergarten:

- Keeping your children educated as a family from K-8
- Teaching a Strong Academic Foundation in Literacy and Math

- Providing the Catholic tradition: "Lively Faith, Strong Character, Generous Heart"
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COME AND BE REFRESHED

DISCOVERING CHRIST

Monday's AT 6:45 PM FROM April 9th 2012 TO May 21st 2012

You may attend an initial information meeting on Monday January 9th 2012

Or January 20th 2012 at 7:00pm in the St. Denis Parish center

Please join us in St. Denis Parish Center for Discovering Christ. Enjoy a free dinner, listen to a dynamic teaching and join in a small group discussion about the meaning of life in Jesus Christ. **Discovering Christ is a seven-week series that will be held each Monday starting April 9th 2012, and will end on Monday May 21st 2012.**

This course is designed to revitalize your faith or to bring your family and friends who have been away from the church.

Discovering Christ was developed by ChristLife, a Catholic ministry in the Archdiocese of Baltimore.

LITURGY, SPIRITUAL LIFE and EVANGELIZATION

MASSSES: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God -- New Year's Day
December 31: 5:00 pm; 11:45 pm (Rosary recited 11:30 pm)
January 1: 9:00am; 10:30 am; 12:00 noon (No 7:30 am Mass)



The Church of St. Denis is a Respect Life Parish Call Janis at 223-3384 for more information.

March for Life Bus Schedule

The annual March for Life in Washington, DC will be held on Monday, January 23. Since the legalization of abortion in 1973, over 50-million innocent unborn babies have been killed by abortion. Please join this pro-life pilgrimage to our nation's capitol to let our elected leaders know we want an end to abortion.

On January 23, 2 buses will be available. One bus will leave Mt. Alvernia at 5:00 AM after a 4:30 AM Mass. The other bus will leave St. Columba Church after 4:30 AM Mass. For reservations and/or information contact Rich 297-7930 for the bus from Mt. Alvernia and George Morton 226-6896 or Peter Lyons on 298-6047 for the St. Columba bus. Prices are adults \$30.00 and students \$20.00. All fees and registration must be in by January 4th.



New Hymnal Books

The new hymnals are available as memorials or as a family gift to the Parish for a donation of \$25.00 per book. The names will be placed on the inside cover of the book. Please fill out the form below and return it with your donation to the Rectory, or place it in the collection basket. Please make checks payable to St. Denis Church and print clearly the following information:

Name: _____ Phone _____
Address: _____ Zip Code: _____
In Memory of: _____
or
In Thanksgiving: _____

A Healing Mass, with a free flow of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, will be held in the chapel on January 3, 2012 at Blessed Kateri Tekakawitha parish, 1925 Route 82, LaGrangeville, NY 12540. Mass is sponsored by Spirit Wind Prayer Group. Praise and worship begins at 7pm, Mass at 7:30. Individual prayers for healing follow Mass. Details call Pat or Joe, 845-440-3519; Dave or Julie, 845-223-3658

Greeters Needed! We would like to invite each of you to consider the Ministry of Greeter. We need happy, friendly, and welcoming parishioners to serve as Greeters. You can serve at a Mass of your choice, all Masses are available. A sincere smile, handshake and a word or two can make the Mass a valuable and fulfilling experience. Please reach out to this wonderful ministry that needs you. For more information contact any of the Clergy or e-mail Peter at liturgicalministries@stdenischurch.org.



OUTREACH and COMMUNITY SERVICE

ST. VINCENT De PAUL SOCIETY



Thank you for your continued prayers and generous support. If you need to reach us, or would like to volunteer to become a member of SVDP please call: 227-7863
Next Meeting: January 11th at 7 pm in the Convent Meeting Room at St. Columba.

HOMELESS SHELTER:

There is a need for comforters and blankets. If you have used, clean comforters or blankets, please leave them in the box marked Shelter in the lower room of the church. (Comforters and blankets only please).

The Christopher House is in need of Men's clothing. If you have used, clean clothing (men's only), please leave it in the box marked Shelter in the lower room of the church.



The St. Denis Cooking Club meets once a month to prepare a home cooked meal for

the Hillcrest House in Poughkeepsie. This is a warm, safe environment where up to 60 homeless people can come for a hot meal and a warm bed. St. Denis is responsible for the 4th Tuesday of every month to serve the meal. We meet the night before to cook @ 6:30pm in the parish center. ALL are welcome to help. No experience necessary, just bring a knife and a cutting board. Food provided. This is a very rewarding experience for everyone. The club also needs BAKERS. These people appreciate EVERYTHING that is brought to them and nothing goes to waste. In addition to the Monday night cooking club, there is a need to prep the meal on that Tuesday @ 4:30pm in the parish center. Also, anyone who would like to serve the meal, we leave @6:30pm on Tuesday (no children please to the shelter). Anyone interested in donating dessert please bring to the parish center before 6:30pm on the 4th Tuesday of the month. ALL baked goods are welcome!

The next cooking club is Monday, Dec. 26th @ 6:30pm. We will be serving Tuesday Dec. 27th, leaving the parish center @ 6:30pm. If you would like to be on the e-mail list or have any ?'s, the address is stdeniscookingclub@yahoo.com or call Mark @ 226-5053.

MARRIAGE and FAMILY LIFE

First Fridays in Honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

The Columbiettes and the Knights of Columbus would like you to assist us in honoring the Sacred Heart of Jesus on the First Fridays of each month by offering a meatless meal. Many of us are familiar with their famous Manhattan and New England clam chowders. In addition to these fine dishes they will be offering homemade Minestrone soup.

It has been our Catholic custom to offer some form of sacrifice on Fridays in honor of the sacrifice of Our Lord upon the Cross. It has been our long tradition to keep Fridays meatless. Since Vatican II we have had the opportunity to replace a meatless Friday with another form of sacrifice, such as an act of charity. There has been a resurgence among the Faithful of returning to meatless Fridays to honor Our Lord. This effort by the Columbiettes and Knights of Columbus will help us to do both. The money raised by this effort will go toward the charitable causes they support: St. Vincent de Paul Society, a shelter for battered women, the Poughkeepsie Children's Home, First Communion outfits, and support of our Seminarians, to name a few.

Soups are available for purchase and pick up at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Rt. 82 in Fishkill, near All Angels Rd, between 1:30 pm and 6:00 pm each First Friday. Cost is \$7.00 a quart. Walk-ins are welcome while supplies last, so we encourage you to place your orders ahead of time by calling Lorry Thorne (845) 897-5833, or on our website www.stmarys4065.org/stmarys4065/index.htm Click on the heading: latest news and information, then click on Columbiettes meatless 1st Fridays.

Mount Saint Mary College will be hosting a series of basketball instructional clinics for boys and girls aged 8-16. The clinics will take place on the campus from 9AM-12PM on the following Sundays: January 8th, 15th and 22nd and Saturday January 14th from 8AM to 11AM. The clinic cost is \$30.00 per event. Please call 845-569-3593 for details.

Capuchin Youth & Family Ministries, 781 Route 9D, Garrison, NY -- **DDA Leadership Training:** Friday, 1/13 – Sunday, 1/15/2012 - High school teens that have made a CYFM DDA Retreat are invited to join us for DDA Leadership; learn the necessary skills to help "pass it on", incorporating the dynamics of Catholic Youth Evangelization: Witness, Outreach, Proclamation, Conversion, and Call to Discipleship. Cost \$115 which includes meals, lodging, and materials. For an appliatoin and more info contact your parish youth minister, call (845) 424-3609, or visit our website at www.cyfm.org.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"...Fall the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God." Celebrate the joy of HIS birth by giving each other the gift of a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend. The next WWME weekend is February 11/12. Call toll free 877 NYS-WWME ext 3 OR visit our website at www.wmearchny.org for more information.

Catholic Charities Community Service Announces New Service - Catholic Guild for the Blind

Are you or someone you know struggling with drastic changes in vision? Do you know somebody who is having a hard time seeing or has been told that they are legally blind? If so, Catholic Guild for the Blind can help! Catholic Guild for the Blind has opened an office located in Catholic Charities in Poughkeepsie and is offering services to Dutchess County residents. Some of the services we offer include; case management services, teaching travel skills, home and meal planning, financial planning, academic assistance and introduction to accessible technology. If you or somebody you know would benefit from our services, please contact us! Catholic Guild for the Blind, now servicing all of Dutchess County.

Stephanie Candela; 218 Church Street; Poughkeepsie NY, 12601 Call (845) 452-1400 x4211 stephanie.candela@archny.org

The Institute of Religious Studies, at St. Joseph's Seminary in Yonkers, offers graduate-level studies in theology, liturgy and sacred scripture to those in the Archdiocese interested in gaining a deeper understanding of the fundamentals of our Faith. The Spring 2012 Semester begins in early January at the Institute, and offers a variety of interesting courses that should provide a thoughtful appreciation of many of the truths of our Catholic Faith. We are available to answer any questions on the Institute's programs throughout the year at 914/ 367-8280, 914/367-8281, by fax at 914/966-1490 or by email at SJSIRS@archny.org. The Spring 2012 brochure can be found on the website of the Archdiocese at www.archny.org

Fordham's Graduate School of Religion and Religious Education will offer courses in ministry, pastoral counseling, and religious education this Spring. Courses will take place at Rose Hill (Bronx Campus), Lincoln Center (Manhattan), West Harrison (Westchester Campus), and on-line. To find out more visit us at www.fordham.edu/gre or call Dean Madden at (718) 817-4800.

Kent SeniorNet Adult Computer Learning Center

Registration for the Winter 2012 session will be held Saturday, January 7, from 10:30 to 12:30, at the Kent Library. Classes start Monday, January 23. Details of the Winter Session may be viewed at www.kentseniornet.com. Questions - please call (845) 306-5535. Classes are in a relaxed setting for the beginner or more experienced user. Workshops are also scheduled, they are one session on a specific topic.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday December 26

9:00 am Rose and Elario Angeli

Loving Mom, Virginia DiToro

Tuesday December 27

9:00 am Catherine Howley

Maureen Robson

Wednesday December 28

9:00 am Michael Duane

Deacon Walter and Anne Dauerer

Thursday December 29

9:00 am Dudley MacFarland

The Lynch Family

Friday December 30

9:00 am Faith Ward

The Portaro Family

Saturday December 31

9:00 am Faith Ward

Nancy Keller

- Vigil -

5:00 pm Robert Ederle (Bobby)

The Lynch Family

11:30 pm Rosary Prayers

11:45 pm For the St. Denis Parishioners

Sunday January 1

9:00 am John Taranto

Joan Taranto

10:30 am The Deceased Members of
the Seckler Family

The Seckler Family

12:00 pm Michael Duane

Mary Ann and John Smaldone

THIS WEEK

MONDAY: December 26 St. Stephen

- Cooking Club: 6:00 pm, PCH
- AA Meeting: 7:00 pm Step, LRC

TUESDAY: December 27 St. John

WED: Dec. 28 The Holy Innocents

- Cantor Rehearsal: 7:00 pm, Church

THURS: Dec. 29 St. Thomas Becket

- Children's Choir Party: 5:00 pm, PCH
- Narcotics Anon.: 7:45 pm, LRC

FRI: Dec. 30 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

- Spanish Prayer Group: 7:00 pm, RMR
- AA Meeting: 7:00 pm Beginners;
8:00 pm Open Speaker, LRC

SAT: December 31 St. Sylvester I

- Men's Group: 7:30 am, LRC

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*Be filled with the wonder, be
touched by the peace . . . believe
in the miracle. Blessed Christmas*

In your prayers please remember the needs of the parishioners, particularly those confined at home or in the hospital, especially: Bea Wessel, Bruno Wessel, Tom and Mary Murray, Andrew and Marie Pavelock, Maureen Blohn-Chapman, Robert Johnston, Stephen and Jennifer Breheny, Louise Tucciarone, Bernard Smyth, Michael Scalzo, Walt Kenny, Burnadette O'Connor, Tom Durkee, Russ Lando, Anthony De Caro, Liam Daugherty, Beth Igoe, JoAnn Griffin, James Deere, Margaret Weir, Mary Simons, Americo Ascenzi, Patricia Houston, Joyce Southard, Donna Andren, Roseann O'Mara, Lillian Pasanella, Raymond Mayer, Sr., Ty Campbell, Theresa Wallace, Denise Burlingham, Michael Wetzel, Desiere Sahagian, Emily George, Anthony Berardis, Marty Williams, Rose Duane, Michael Duane, Jr, Michael Montana, Charles Conklin, Gloria Ringler, Yvonne Chiarello, Ciriaco Stasio, Martha Stasio, Stephanie Cabrera, JoAnn Lantry, Anthony Pane, Kim Ward, Bernard Rohan, Bob Silkworth, John "Bud" Di Nicola, Doris Sullivan, Noemi Munoz, Christina Fisher, Salvatore DiMaiuta, Charles Geraci, Xavier Lown, Nina Carinci, Darlene Andrew, Susan Pelicano, Christine Kelleher, Dawn Johnson, Keri Sisson, Geri DiNotte, Marian Riley, Lucy Coletta, Louise Lombardi, Susan Pro시오, Marianne Pavone, Kenny Coletta, Cenaida Ghavista, Mary Autero, Rebecca Wood, Elaine Heddle, Paul Barra, Ann Corrao, Susan Romano, Patrick and Doris Manning, Uwe Heitmann, Shannon Ferrisi, Joan Trank, and all the sick of our parish.

NOTE: St. Denis Sick List:

Names placed on the sick list remain for sixty (60) days, and are then removed. If there is a continued need of our prayers after the sixty days, please contact Deacon Enrico at the rectory (845) 227-8382 extension 12. Leave your name, the telephone number for contact purposes, and the name of the person to be prayed for.

The Rose on the Blessed Sacrament Altar was donated:

- **Anna & Carmine Smaldone –Mary Ann and John**
- **In Loving Memory of Thomas Contini,
and Peace and Prayers for the Contini Family
-The Seckler Family**

- **In Thanksgiving to Jesus – Marion and Nick**

The white rose by the St. John Vianney Window recognizes
and honors our holy priests both living and deceased.

- **Fr. Vincent – Healing – Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Weber**
- **Fr. Armand Blessings – Gene and Joan Jarrett**

To reserve a rose, call Mary Ann at 227-8382.

*The Statue of
Our Lady of Fatima*
will be enthroned
in the home of **Deacon
Frank and Noemi
Munoz**

If you would like to have the Statue of Our Lady visit your home, please call Helen at 227-5075.

Next Week's Liturgical Ministers Schedule: see www.stdenischurch.org

	SME	Lector / Cantor	Greeter	Server
Saturday, 5:00 PM	Lisa Greco, John Lucid Elaine Pelech, Pat Rooney Peter Rooney	Joan Korducki / Antonella Delli Carpini	Anna Leigh, Jayson Leigh Melissa Pettinella, Nina Pettinella	Michael Delia, Alexandra Greco Ryan Greco
Sunday, 9:00 AM	Robert Baiocco, Nancy Keller Sean Lynch, Patricia Schettino	Nicholas Schettino / Noel Horan	Beata Glazowski, Sonja Keaveney Bill Keaveney, Sally Muller	Leo Durocher, Max Glazowski Lauren Hartney
Sunday, 10:30 AM	John Giaimo, Carmela Giaimo Omar Zucco, Brenda Zucco	Mark Dillon / Gary Broadwell	Michelle Bowe, Tom Bowe Sheila Casserly, John Casserly	Will Estony, Brandon Hoysradt Cristian Soto
Sunday, 12:00 PM	Charina Macdonald	Maura Dillon / Pat Atkinson	Margaret Dome, Denis Rancourt Carol Thompson, James Thompson	Kyle Diaz, Henry Noe Samuel Noe

