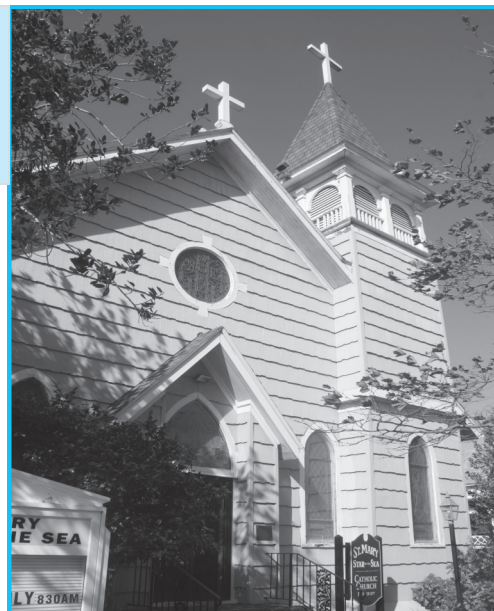


# ST MARY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
DECEMBER 1, 2019



## MASS SCHEDULE

ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA CHURCH—208 BALTIMORE AVE.  
(CLOSED FOR THE RENOVATIONS)

HOLY SAVIOR CHURCH—1705 PHILADELPHIA AVE.  
SUNDAY 7AM, 8:30AM & 10AM  
MONDAY – THURSDAY AT 8:30AM  
SATURDAY VIGIL AT 5:15PM

## PARISH OFFICE — HOURS

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## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 4:15 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and anytime by appointment.

## Baptism

Baptisms are held on Saturdays by appointment or the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month. Please contact Rita Danhardt for additional information.

## Matrimony

Please contact the Parish Office at least one year in advance of desired date and prior to making any arrangements for the wedding reception.

## Confirmation

Please contact Rita Danhardt for information. Confirmation is conferred in the Tenth Grade.

## R.C.I.A.

If you feel you are being called to join the Catholic Church, please contact Rita Danhardt.

## Anointing of the Sick

Please inform the Parish Office about parishioners who need this sacrament as soon as their illness becomes serious or before surgery.

## Holy Orders

If you believe you are being called by God to serve the Church as a priest, deacon or religious brother or sister, contact Fr. Solomon.

*“Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.” (Rom 12:15)*

From the  
Administrator’s Desk.....

It has been a tradition here to have Adoration on Fridays from 9 a.m. to Noon beginning the first week of Advent and ending Holy Week. Since it has been on Fridays and that has been the priest’s day off here for a while, a lay person has exposed and reposed the Blessed Sacrament. After clarification from the Diocesan Worship Office, Bishop Malooly desires that Adoration be done only by a priest or a deacon. We were recommended to move Adoration to another day during the week. Looking at my calendar, Wednesdays seems to work best. So, beginning this week, at the end of Mass we will have Exposition, concluding with Benediction at Noon. Please take some time on Wednesday mornings to stop by and be with Our Lord in Adoration. He’s always happy to have us visit.

Today, I’ll be meeting up with some of our young people to watch the new Frozen II movie. This was already sent out to our religious ed and school students, but for anyone who missed it, and for anyone else who is interested, we’ll be going to the 1:30 p.m. showing at the Sun and Surf Cinema 8 at 143<sup>rd</sup> St.

As you’ll see in our school news, our principal, Mr. Mark Record, is taking medical leave until the end of the year. The acting principal during his absence will be Mrs. Kathy Manns, the current the middle school English/Language Arts teacher. Mrs. Manns has 34 years of experience in Catholic school education that includes 21 years of experience in Catholic school administration. She has served the Diocese of Wilmington for most of her career at St. Mary Magdalen School. Please join me in praying for Mr. Record’s health.

We will have two deanery penance services for Advent. The first is this Monday December 2<sup>nd</sup> at St. John Neumann at 6 p.m. The second is at St. Luke’s on December 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Please make an effort to attend one of these services or to come on Saturday. A clean soul would be a nice birthday gift for the baby Jesus.

On the saint-making front, Venerable Fulton J. Sheen will be beatified by His Holiness Pope Francis on Saturday, December 21, 2019. The Solemn Mass of Beatification will be celebrated by His Eminence Giovanni Angelo Cardinal Becciu, Prefect of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints, at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception in Peoria, IL at 11 a.m. Archbishop Sheen was ordained a priest 100 years ago in 1919. Let us thank God for this next step in sainthood for Archbishop Sheen and, following his example, remember the need to use new forms of communication to spread the Gospel.

Finally, there is a bus trip to see the musical production *Queen Esther* at the Sight and Sound theater in the Spring. This is not a parish sponsored trip, a local group is coordinating, but I was informed that parishioners have joined with similar groups in the past. I’m hoping my schedule allows me to go. There are only 16 seats left, so if you are interested, please follow up.

### **Bus Trip to Sight & Sound Theater Queen Esther Tuesday April 28<sup>th</sup> 2020**

The bus will be at Mystic Harbor Pool parking lot at 7:30 a.m., leaving at 7:45 and returning by 9:15 p.m. The drive will be approximately 3 hours and 15 minutes. There are bathrooms on the bus. Lunch will be at Noon at Good-N-Plenty. We will leave Good-N-Plenty at 2:10 p.m. to arrive at the theater by 2:30p.m. The show is 3. The cost of the trip is \$119.00 per person non-refundable but it is transferable. The cost includes: lunch, show, bus, tip for driver, snacks on the bus, and sandwiches on the ride home. If you are interested in attending, please call Jackie at 201-788-8216 or 201-788-8177. If you do a deposit, she needs the check of \$60.00 by Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Final payment is due March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Please make the check out to Jacquelyn Reformato: 3 Misty Shore Drive Berlin, Md. 21811

## *Readings* *Week* ©LPI

### **Readings for the week of December 1, 2019**

Sunday: Is 2:1-5/ Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 1]/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44  
Monday: Is 4:2-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11  
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 [cf. 7]/Lk 10:21-24  
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Mt 15:29-37  
Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118: 1 and 8-9. 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27  
Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Mt 9:27-31  
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8  
Next Sunday: Is 11:1-10/ Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 19 [cf. 7]/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



We are going to be doing The Giving Tree again this year. As always, we are partnering with Worcester County Gold to get names of children in need. We are blessed that our Friends from St. Vincent de Paul Society received an unexpected grant and will be helping with the food for our families. This will allow us to provide presents for additional families this year!

We hope to have the tags on the tree by Thanksgiving Weekend. Please take tags & return your wrapped gifts with tag attached to the outside of the gift and return to the Parish Center **NO LATER THAT DECEMBER 16TH.**

We ask that you please only purchase what is on the tag, not extra so we can keep the amount per child equal.

We thank you so much for your overwhelming generosity!



Let the Kitchen Crew help you this Holiday Season with an Italian Curbside Pickup Dinner!

Wednesday, December 4th  
4:30pm to 6:30pm

We will happily have the following dinner packaged up and ready to take home after a day of running around.

Stuffed Shells  
Chicken Cacciatore  
Garlic Spinach  
Bread &  
Cookies for Dessert

Cost is \$15.00 per dinner.  
We have tickets in advance or you can pay at the door.  
All you will need to do is drive up and we greet you at your car!

## Christmas Mass Schedule

December 24th

3:30pm—Christmas Pageant

4:00pm Mass

6:00pm—Choir Caroling

6:30pm Mass

Midnight Mass

December 25th

10:00am Mass

All Masses will be held at Holy Savior



**The 13th Annual Saint John Neumann Women's Retreat** will be held **January 24-26, 2020** at the Dunes Manor Hotel located on 28th Street in Ocean City. Our Retreat Facilitator will be a return engagement from Sr. Clare A. D'Auria OSF, a Sister of St. Francis of Philadelphia, Aston, PA, who currently ministers as a staff member at the Franciscan Spiritual Center in Aston, Pennsylvania. The entire cost of the weekend which includes three meals on Saturday, one on Sunday, snacks and materials is \$315 for a private room, \$225 per person for double occupancy, \$200 for a triple, \$190 for a quad, and \$145 for the four meals, materials and not staying overnight. **For registration and additional information, please contact Nancy Groves 410-208-2854 or [ngroves@stjnrc.com](mailto:ngroves@stjnrc.com).**

### MASS FOR THE FEAST OF SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER

Fr. Chris Hanley will celebrate Mass in honor of the Feast of Saint Francis Xavier on Tuesday, December 3 at 6:30 pm at St. Francis Xavier Church (Old Bohemia) in Warwick, MD. The rectory museum will be open for individual examination one hour before the start of Mass. The church is available for tours, group retreats and Catholic weddings. A video about the property can be viewed on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BFGICsNM6gk>. For additional information, contact Kathy at 302.378.7293 or send email [OldBohemiaHS@gmail.com](mailto:OldBohemiaHS@gmail.com). The GPS location is 1690 Bohemia Church Road, Warwick, MD 21912.



## MASS INTENTIONS

**November 30**

**Holy Savior**

5:15p.m.

**December 1**

**Holy Savior**

7:00a.m.

8:30a.m.

10:00a.m.

**December 2**

8:30a.m.

**December 3**

8:30a.m.

**December 4**

8:30a.m.

**December 5**

9:00a.m.

**December 6**

**December 7**

**Holy Savior**

5:15p.m.

**December 8**

**Holy Savior**

7:00a.m.

8:30a.m.

10:00a.m.

**Saturday**

Mable G. Johnson

Parishioners

Jack Kaeufer

Bill Leibrand

**Monday**

Arline Hamel

**Tuesday**

Michael Dwyer

**Wednesday**

Cathi DeChant

**Thursday**

Maria Einolf

**Friday**

No Mass

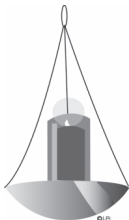
**Saturday**

Miriam Durst

Lawrence Jock, Sr.

Sheila Hodges

Patricia & Eugene Cleary



If you would like a Sanctuary Candle lit for the week for a special intention or in memory of a loved one, please contact the parish office. A donation of \$10.00 is appreciated. This weeks candle is in loving memory of Christian Strassner from Jeanette Reynolds



If you would like to have flowers placed on the altar in honor of a loved one, please contact the parish office.



Baptisms are held on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. Please contact Rita Danhardt 410-289-7038 for additional information.



Hi All,

Today the liturgical year comes to a close with The Solemnity Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Although the Church has always proclaimed Jesus as Lord and King it wasn't until 1925 that the Feast of Christ the King was established. Pope Pius XI wrote of the evils in the world. Refugees, hunger, wars, financial concerns... sound familiar? He felt it was time for all to remember that Jesus is King and ruler of all. I was thinking how pertinent a message that still is for all people. I can't help but think how much more peaceful and calm our world could be if Jesus was allowed to be King again. If we made Him a priority! So, I hope everyone can take this extra time to think of ways that we, personally, as a family and as a parish can move Jesus back to his rightful place!! As King of the Universe, of our hearts and of our lives!! God Bless!!

In Unity and Love,

Rita

### Coming Events!

#### December

**1<sup>st</sup> ~ ADVENT STARTS** No Classes Instead see exciting activity below!

**AND A COOL NEW ACTIVITY FOR FAMILIES! FROZEN 2!!!!** We are all aware that Frozen 2 will be released around Thanksgiving! Fr. Solomon thought it might be cool if we went together as a Church to see it! With the ability to buy tickets ahead we could fill the theatre as family! We are looking to do the 1:30 PM Showing on December 1st at Sun and Surf Cinema in North Ocean City. I bought 4 tickets earlier and they were the only sold seats. Here is the link to make it easier for all. Hope to see you there!

<https://www.foxshowtimes.com/location/6528/SUN-and-SURF-CINEMA-Showtimes>

**8<sup>th</sup> ~ SUPER SUNDAY ADVENT!!!**

**6:00PM Teen classes TOP CHRISTMAS COOKIE BAKE! Hall**

**15<sup>th</sup> No Classes 2 PM** in Church Grades 3 to 10 Advent Reconciliation Service CHURCH No Evening Classes

**22<sup>nd</sup> St. Nick in the Hall 1130 to 12 30**

**IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING CLASS~All Parish Families invited to Join the teens as we Carol at Gull creek Nursing Home!**

**No Evening Classes all teens are requested to Join us at the nursing home for Caroling activities! 6:00PM Teen Classes (7<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>)**

**24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve ~ Christmas Pageant 3:30 Before the 4PM Mass for All age Children!**

**29<sup>th</sup> No Classes**

**January 5, 2020 Classes Resume**

*Focolare Word of Life—December, 2019*

*“Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.”*  
(Mt 24:42)

In this passage from Matthew’s Gospel, Jesus is preparing his disciples for his definitive return. This will be unexpected and take them by surprise.

At that time, there were many serious difficulties, wars and sufferings of all kinds. For the people of Israel, hope rested in the Lord’s intervention; he would put an end to their tears. Waiting, therefore, was not about fearing what was to come, but rather relief that the time of salvation was approaching.

Here Jesus points out a great secret: to live the present moment well. This is because he will come while we are absorbed in our work and daily activities. Those are the times when we often forget God because we are too busy worrying about the future.

“Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.”

“Keeping awake” is an invitation to keep our eyes open, to recognize the signs of God’s presence in history and in our daily lives. It means to help people enveloped by a sense of darkness to find their way in life.

Uncertainty about the exact day of Jesus’ coming puts Christians in an attitude of continuous expectation. It encourages them to concentrate on living the present moment, on loving others today and not tomorrow, forgiving now and not later, transforming reality in this very moment — not just when we find time in our schedule.

In a commentary to this passage, Focolare founder Chiara Lubich wrote in December 1978: “Have you noticed how generally speaking we don’t live life, but muddle through it waiting for ‘later,’ when that ‘something beautiful’ will happen? This ‘something beautiful’ will come, but not as we expect. A divine instinct makes us wait for someone or something that can satisfy us.

“Instead, we might be thinking of a special celebration, some free time or someone we are going to meet. But once these have happened, we are still not satisfied, at least not fully. We carry on with a humdrum existence that is lived without conviction because we are always in wait.

“The truth is that, among the factors that make up our life, there is one from which no one can escape: it is our personal meeting with the Lord who comes. This is that ‘something beautiful’ toward which we are unconsciously tending, because we are made for happiness. And only God can give us full happiness.”

“Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.”

The Lord Jesus will certainly come at the end of each person’s life, but we can already recognize him as truly present in our lives. He is in his Word, which we can hear and live out; in every brother or sister, to whom we can extend our welcome; in his voice in our conscience; and in the Eucharist, which we can celebrate and share.

Today too, life brings many challenges, and we might ask ourselves, “When will all this suffering end?”

We cannot wait passively for the Lord to intervene. Every moment can be used to hasten the coming of the kingdom of God, God’s plan for all to be one family. Every little gesture of love, every kindness, every smile we give can transform our existence into continuous and productive waiting.

Paco is a hospital chaplain in Spain. He meets many elderly patients who suffer from serious degenerative diseases. He shared this story.

“Before knocking on the door of one particular patient, (someone very critical of religious faith), I hesitated for a moment. But since I wanted to give witness to God’s love, I entered with my best smile and spoke kindly to him. I explained the beauty of the sacraments and asked if he wanted to receive them.

“Of course!” he replied. Together we celebrated the sacrament of reconciliation and he received the Eucharist and the anointing of the sick. I stayed with him a little longer afterwards.

“When I left, he was calm and peaceful, and his daughter, who was with him, was amazed.”

Letizia Magri


Each month the Focolare chooses a Scripture passage as a guide and inspiration for daily living. The commentary on it was originally written by founder, Chiara Lubich (1920–2008). Today this Word of Life is translated into 96 different languages and reaches several million people worldwide through the media. Letizia Magri, an expert at the John Paul II Institute in Rome, heads the international commission that continues this tradition. To subscribe to this leaflet or the Focolare magazine, call us at: 845-229-0496; email [livingcity@livingcitymagazine.com](mailto:livingcity@livingcitymagazine.com), or visit [focolare.org](http://focolare.org).

# FINANCE COUNCIL NEWS

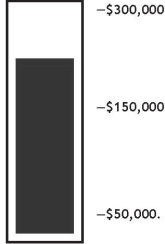
## Monthly Budget Update 7/1/19—10/31/19

Total Actual Revenue	\$265,462
Total Budgeted Revenue	<u>\$280,676</u>
Revenue Deficit	\$-15,214
Total Budget Expenses	\$264,531
Total Actual Expenses	<u>\$258,354</u>
Expense Surplus	\$ 6,177
Actual Net Income	\$ 7,108
Budgeted Net Income	\$ 16,145
Net Income Deficit	\$- 9,037

**Thank you for your continuing support!**



**Expanding our Home**  
The Restoration and Expansion of  
St. Mary Star of the Sea Church



Goal: \$300,000.00  
Total Pledged as of October 29th:  
\$202,278.49  
We are at 67% of our goal.

Thank you to those who have already pledged and we ask those who have not to prayerfully consider a pledge. Pledge cards are in entrance of church or contact the parish office.

Remember, all gifts will be matched by an anonymous donor up to \$300,000.

All money that is donated for the restoration goes towards the restoration of St. Mary's.

## Electronic Giving

Please consider making your weekly contributions electronically through WeShare. Please contact WeShare at [weshare@4lpi.com](mailto:weshare@4lpi.com) or 1-800-950-9952 to set up your recurring payment. Or you can sign up by testing the keyword **SMHS** to **555-888**.

## Tax Free Charitable Distribution

Need a tax break? Congress has permanently enacted qualified charitable distributions from your traditional IRA accounts. These distributions can be used to satisfy all or a portion of your *Required Minimum Distribution* and are free of federal and state income tax. Also, these gifts help you avoid the Medicare high income surcharge and can help reduce your income taxes on your social security benefits.

Distributions must be made *directly* from your IRA account to St. Mary Star of the Sea Catholic Church. For questions, contact the parish office at 410-289-0652

## “GO FUND ME” Capital Campaign Site

Please tell your family, friends, and neighbors and/or post on social media that St. Mary's Star of the Sea has a Go Fund Me page to help us finance the Expanding Our Home capital campaign. This project not only expands and renovates historic St. Mary's Church, but also improves Ocean City's downtown.

Please post this link on your social media sites.

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/expanding-our-home>