



# St. Mary's Episcopal Church

*A parish in the Diocese of Pennsylvania*

December 1, 2024 10:00 AM- *The First Sunday of Advent*

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*Our Mission:* God is calling the people of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Wayne, Pennsylvania to follow Jesus' teaching to love God with all our hearts, souls and minds; and to love our neighbor as ourselves.

Therefore we love and embrace each other, friend and stranger alike in worship, service and prayer as we seek to live in and share God's Word.

- Adopted by the St. Mary's Vestry, May 2015



From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.  
The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known. - John 1:16

**Opening Hymn 73** The King shall come when morning dawns

*St Stephen*

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

### Collect for Purity

**A**lmighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The Promise of His Glory (sung by the choir)

Malcolm Archer

*Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord, God of our ancestors: to you be praise and glory forever!  
You called the patriarchs to live by the light of faith and to journey in the hope of your  
promised fulfilment. May we be obedient to your call and be ready and watchful to receive  
your Christ, a lamp to our feet and a light to our path:  
for you are our light and our salvation. Blessed be God forever.*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

### Collect of the Day

**A**lmighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*All may sit.*

### First Reading

**Jeremiah 33:14-16**

A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah.

**T**he days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

- 1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;  
my God, I put my trust in you; \*  
let me not be humiliated,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O Lord, \*  
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, \*  
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \*  
remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; \*  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right \*  
and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness \*  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

**Second Reading**

**1 Thessalonians 3:9-13**

A reading from Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians.

**H**ow can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Holy Gospel

Luke 21:25-36

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Conor Alexander

Nicene Creed

*Those who are able may stand.*

**We believe in one God,**

**the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,**

**the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;**

**he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*All who are able may remain standing.*

### **Prayers of the People - Form I**

*Deacon or other leader*

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying “*Lord, have mercy.*”

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls. In this week’s parish cycle of prayers, we pray for the families of (*the congregation reads aloud*) **Jerry Beam, Enid Ball, Sally Bradin and their families;** (*silence*) let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples; (*silence*) let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people; (*silence*) let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority; (*silence*) let us pray to the Lord; **Lord, have mercy.**

For this town of Wayne, for every city and community, and for those who live in them; (*silence*) let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth; (*silence*) let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it; (*silence*) let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air; (*silence*) let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering; (*silence*) let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering. Remembering especially **Irene Steinhardt, Barbara Kidder, Jennifer Lurie, Victoria Coates, JoAnne Vereneck, Jim Cobb, Scott Ziglar, Craig and Ann Marie Erickson, Marylu Hill and her family, Magali Behrmann, Avanya Manasseh, Wilhelm Rebmann, Tom Ferrara, Timothy O’Donovan, Joan McAndrew, Aldys Davis and Guillaume Brunet.;** (*silence*) let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, (*silence*) let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy,**

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed especially remembering Mike Mattingly. We also pray for Barbara and Rodger Blackwell for whom the greens on the High Altar are given today, in thankfulness for the children and grandchildren of Susie and Dave Murdock for whom the greens on the Lady Chapel Altar are given, and to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Joseph Dixon for whom the Sanctuary Light is given. (*silence*) Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation; (*silence*) let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy**

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach; (*silence*) let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace; (*silence*) let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

In the communion of St. Mary and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God; (*Silence*) **To you, O Lord our God.**

## **Confession of Sin**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Celebrant and People*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*The Priest stands and says*

Almighty God, have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## **The Peace**

*Those who are able may stand.*

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **Announcements**

*Healing prayers are offered in the Lady Chapel for anyone who desires them.*



Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Celebrant and People*

**Sanctus S131**

Gerald Near

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the

*The people stand or kneel as they are able.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**



*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *Amen.*

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

**The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

**Agnus Dei SI66**

Gerald Near

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on

us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world: give us your peace.

*The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

**Communion Motet** A tender shoot

Music: Otto Goldsmith  
English text: Wm. Bartholomew

A tender shoot has started up from a root of grace,  
as ancient seers imparted from Jesse's holy race:  
It blooms without a blight, blooms in the cold bleak winter,  
turning our darkness into light.

This shoot Isaiah taught us, from Jesse's root should spring;  
The Virgin Mary brought us the branch of which we sing;  
Our God of endless might gave her this child to save us,  
Thus turning darkness into light.

**Communion Hymn 53** Once he came in blessing

*Gottes Sohn ist kommen*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*A prayer for those observing birthdays*

**Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*A prayer for those observing anniversaries*

**O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church; Send your blessing upon these persons who come to renew their promises to each other, and grant them in your grace, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their lives together may be a witness to your love and forgiveness, and that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

**Closing Hymn** Oh thou that tellest good tidings to Zion  
(Sung three times)

Kenneth Louis

Oh thou— that tell - est good ti - dings to Zi - on, Oh  
thou— that tell - est good ti - dings to Je - ru - sa - lem:  
Lift up your voice with strength,— Lift it up don't be a - fraid. Be -  
hold— your— God.— A - rise,— and shine,— for the  
light of the world is come. Be - hold— your— God!—

**Dismissal**

*Celebrant* Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Voluntary** *Elegy (from A Downland Suite)*

John Ireland

## Invitation & Announcements

To all who are lonely and need friendship; to all who are discouraged and need good news; to all who mourn and need comfort; to all who are tempted and need help; to all who are sinners and need forgiveness; to all who are complacent and need disturbing; to all who thirst for the water of life; to all who love Christ and would follow Christ, this church opens wide its doors and bids you WELCOME!

We welcome all visitors to St. Mary's this morning. Please sign our guest book by the front door of the Church.

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**Today is Sunday, Decemeber 1, 2024**

**The First Sunday of Advent**

**7:45 am** Holy Eucharist Rite I

**10:00 am** Holy Eucharist Rite II  
(livestreamed and recorded)

**11:15 am** Coffee Hour

**Acolytes**

**7:45 am** Linda Noll

**10:00 am** Allyson Radford, Griffin Connor and  
Owen Connor

**Chalice**

**7:45 am** Linda Noll

**10:00 am** Elizabeth Morrill

**Readers**

**7:45 am** Balana Gullatt

**10:00am** Ellen Buerklin, Elizabeth Morrill

**Prayers of the People** Peter Busch

**Altar Guild:** Team 1

**Live Stream:** Brian Lanouette

**Ushers:** Scott Scheidt, Tom Buechle

**Parish Cycle of Prayers**

In this week's Parish Cycle of Prayers we pray for Jerry Beam, Enid Ball, Sally Bradin and their families.

**The Advent Greens on the High Altar** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Barbara and Rodger Blackwell** by the Detwiler family.

**The Advent Greens on the Lady Chapel Altar** are given by Susie and Dave Murdock to the glory of God and in thankfulness **for their children Sarah, Stephanie, Tasha, Jenny, Jeff and Tony, and their beautiful grandchildren Gianna, Benjamin, Vincent, Grace, Mason, Rosina, Francesca, Nolan, William, Michael, and Tennessee.**

**The Sanctuary Light** is given by the Dixon family to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Joseph A. Dixon.**

**Please pray for those in ongoing need of our prayers and all on our parish intercession list at St. Mary's:** Irene Steinhardt, Barbara Kidder, Jennifer Lurie, Victoria Coates, JoAnne Vereneck, Jim Cobb, Scott Ziglar, Craig and Ann Marie Erickson, MaryLu Hill and her family, Magali Behrmann, Avanya Manasseh, Wilhelm Rebmann, Tom Ferrara Timothy O'Donovan, Joan McAndrew, Aldys Davis and Guillaume Brunet.

Also included on the prayer list are our friends John Paul, Peggy Wilson, Emma Cavanaugh-Kerr, Stan Compton, Arlene, Father Hentzi Elek, Carole Beideman, Doug Drumheller, as well as Dana, Fionn, Miriam, Kris, Jill, and Kendall.

The names read aloud today include St. Mary's parishioners and family members of parishioners. Please say aloud the names of your loved ones during the Prayers of the People when the lector pauses for the congregation to add their own petitions. Please note: *Kindly let our Parish Administrator Nicole Marie know if you would like yourself or another prayed for at our services. It is our practice to take individuals off the Intercession list after four weeks unless more time is requested.*

**Advent Wreath Making TODAY** come to coffee hour in the Navajo Room and enjoy a great time together as we make Advent Wreaths. Yes, we will have coffee hour but we will also have all the supplies that you will need to make an Advent Wreath for your own home. As we enter this season of waiting and preparing, what better way to get into the spirit of the Advent season than devotion around your own Advent Wreath. Additional greens and clippers will be appreciated. Contact Janice Radford at [janice.radford@gmail.com](mailto:janice.radford@gmail.com) with questions.

## Volunteer Opportunities



Offering Counters are needed! We would like to have a few volunteers to help count the Sunday offering. This will provide an additional layer of transparency in our Sunday offerings. If you can help out in this ministry, please reach out to Nicole Marie in the Church Office. Training will be provided.

## Buildings and Grounds Update!

### Save the Date: Radnor Police Visitation

**Monday, December 16th at 6:30pm at Vestry Meeting**

The Radnor Police Department has been invited to attend our December 16th Vestry Meeting at 6:30pm and present some of the community programs they offer to local congregations. Specifically they will be discussing Building Security Assessment, De-Escalation Training, CPR and First Aid Training. All parishioners are invited to attend as with all Vestry meetings. You may contact Tom Kelleher at [tommytrain@gmail.com](mailto:tommytrain@gmail.com) with questions.



Church Office help is needed! Around the holidays the number of people seeking assistance always increases. We would like to have a few people help out in the Church Office from November 25-27 and December 16-23 to assist the staff with distributing charitable gift cards, and filtering requests for assistance with bills. If you can offer one, two, or several days, please contact Nicole Marie in the Church Office.



*Artist Rendering of Proposed Installation & Signage*

### Parish Hall Access Control System Installation

Vestry has voted to accept a proposal by 1 Touch AVS Systems to install an Alarm.com access control system and doorbell cam to the main door of the Parish Hall. This system will add an electronic door strike to the latch, which will allow the main Parish Hall to be unlocked remotely, with keypad codes, mobile credentials and also within scheduled time windows. The goal is to increase access to the Parish Hall for the community while improving security when it is empty or understaffed. All keyholders can continue to use their keys until the new system is fully implemented and we get accustomed to using it. You may contact Bob Mickel at [robertmickel27@gmail.com](mailto:robertmickel27@gmail.com) with questions.



Drivers are needed! St. Mary's is seeking 1-2 volunteer drivers to help deliver White Gift donations to St. Mary's Chester on Saturday 12/7. Your assistance ensures these generous gifts reach those in need. If you're able to help, please contact Scott Scheidt at [sms9494@gmail.com](mailto:sms9494@gmail.com) to participate. Thank you for helping spread the blessings of Christmas!

**Christmas Flower Memorial Envelopes** are in the pews for Christmas flower memorials. Please place your memorial requests and donation in the collection plate on Sundays or return it to the church office by **Wednesday, December 18th**. Email Susan Huck [SBMHuck@aol.com](mailto:SBMHuck@aol.com) or call her at (484)612-2546 if you have questions.



### **Please join the whole parish in this Advent Challenge.**

Beginning on December 1, read one chapter from the Gospel of Luke each day. This will lead you to reading the entirety of Luke's Gospel by Christmas Eve. We will be reviewing what we read and the impact on our lives during the 9:00 Christian Formation time on Sunday Mornings. Please join us!

**Stewardship and Giving** "Everything we have is a gift from God. In gratitude for God's generosity, we dedicate a portion of these God-given gifts - our time, talent, and treasure - to furthering God's Kingdom."

At St. Mary's, we rely on the generosity of our parishioners to pledge their gifts annually, which help our church budget for the year ahead. As this year draws to a close, we ask that you consider a pledge for 2025 to support all that St. Mary's provides in its mission.

You can submit your Pledge by filling out a pledge card and placing it the collection plate during the service or by dropping it off with Nicole our Parish Administrator.

### **Monday Morning Bible Study Online via Zoom**

**11:00am - 12:00pm** As the church moves in new directions, this is an ideal time to commit yourself to closer acquaintance with the Bible. We offer a discussion class in which all can participate, or you can just drop in to listen. Come when you can and always be assured of a warm welcome. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Erlis Wickersham at [vze27g53@verizon.net](mailto:vze27g53@verizon.net).

**St. Mary's invites parishioners to supplement our annual White Gift donation** by donating personal hygiene items for St. Mary's of Chester. Please drop donations in the basket in the narthex. Suggested items include soap, toothbrushes, shampoo, and deodorant. Together, we can help brighten Christmas for those in need!

**St. Mary's Book Club** The next meeting of the book club will take place on **Wednesday, December 11th at 2pm** at Ellen Buerklin's house. We will discuss *The Old Man and the Sea* (1952) by Ernest Hemingway. Our January selection will be *Flight of the Swan* (2024) by Melissa Pritchard, illuminating little-known aspects of the life of Florence Nightingale. Our February selection is *The Moonstone* by Wilkie Collins. (1868) Everyone is welcome to attend for fellowship, delicious refreshments and discussion. We hope to see many of you there. If you have questions, please contact Erlis Wickersham.

**Pastoral Care Committee** Do you know a parishioner who would appreciate a "thinking of you" card or prayer to brighten their day? Please send their name and address to Linda Noll at [lindanoll390@gmail.com](mailto:lindanoll390@gmail.com). Our Pastoral Care Committee would like to keep in touch with those who may not be able to attend the Sunday services. We can also provide communion at home.

### **Deadlines for eChimes, Bulletin and End of the Year**

**Finance** Our Parish Administrator, Nicole Marie, will be out of the office **from the day before Christmas through New Year's Day**, so she will be working ahead on bulletins and announcements. Kindly have all Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Sunday December 29th, and Sunday January 5th Bulletin and Chimes announcements to her **by the end of the day on Tuesday December 17th**. Please allow a little extra time and grace for replies to your emails and phone messages from our staff at this busy time of year. Also please have all checks and financial questions for 2024 into Nicole **by the morning of December 23**. If you need your check deposited by the end of 2024 it is important you have it to Nicole by **early Monday morning on the 23rd**.

Thank you! Please reach out to Nicole with questions. You may call her at 610-688-1313 (extension 202) or email her at [nicole@stmaryswaynepa.org](mailto:nicole@stmaryswaynepa.org).



## ADVENT & CHRISTMAS AT ST. MARY'S

TODAY December 1

Make Advent Wreaths during Coffee Hour, 11:30 am

Advent Quiet Day, Saturday December 7

Types of Prayer, 9am-11:30pm

Sunday, December 15

Advent Lessons & Carols with Eucharist, 10:00 am

Tuesday, December 24

Family Christmas Eve Mass with Pageant at 4:00 pm

Christmas Eve Candlelight Mass with Choir and Orchestra at 9:00 pm

Wednesday, December 25

Christmas Day Mass at 10:00 am

Sunday, December 29

The First Sunday after Christmas Mass, 7:45am and 10:00am

Sunday, January

The Second Sunday after Christmas and Epiphany Celebration, 7:45am and 10:00am

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## WEEKLY SERVICES AT ST. MARY'S

Sunday in the Church

**7:45 am** Eucharist Rite I

**10:00 am** Holy Eucharist Rite II\*

Daily Office: **9:30am and 5pm**

Thursday Healing Service: **12 noon**

\**Livestreamed at St. Mary's Livestream page*

<https://www.stmaryswaynepea.org/livestream>

## How to give to St. Mary's

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