

**INDIAN RIVER CATHOLICS**

**St. Mary's Church of Evans Mills—St. Joseph's Church of Philadelphia—St. Theresa's Church of Theresa**

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**Marriage:** arrangements must be made a few months in advance **Baptism:** by appointment  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confessions:** Saturdays 3:15-3:45 PM (St. Joseph's);  
before masses or by appointment (St. Mary's); Sundays 8:15-8:45 AM (St. Theresa's)

***Third Sunday of Advent***

Sat.	Dec. 15	4:00 pm (PH)	For Faithful Departed
		5:30 pm (EM)	For Faithful Departed
Sun.	Dec. 16	9:00 am (TH)	For the People of the Parishes
		10:45 am (EM)	For Faithful Departed
Mon.	Dec. 17	8:00 am (EM)	For Faithful Departed
Tues.	Dec. 18	8:00 am (EM)	For Faithful Departed
Wed.	Dec. 19	8:00 am (EM)	For Faithful Departed
Thurs.	Dec. 20	8:00 am (EM)	For Don & Avis Hoover by their Family
Fri.	Dec. 21	8:00 am (EM)	For Joseph & Margarite Kilcer by their Family
Sat.	Dec. 22	4:00 pm (PH)	For Faithful Departed
		5:30 pm EM)	For Jim Bertrand by James & Nicole Blair
Sun.	Dec. 23	9:00 am (TH)	For the People of the Parishes
		10:45 am (EM)	For Faithful Departed

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

- Dec. 19 Blood Drive at St. Mary's Parish Center 2 to 7 PM
- Dec. 24 4 PM Mass at St. Joseph's  
6 PM Mass at St. Theresa's  
8 PM Mass at St. Mary's
- Dec. 25 10 AM Mass at St. Mary's
- Jan. 4 Holy Hour at St. Joseph's at 6 PM
- Jan. 5 Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Dinner

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**ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP** A Tip for Christmas Shopping: Resist the “gospel of consumption” that says ‘more is better.’ Embrace the Christian spirituality that says ‘less is better’ and proposes a growth marked by moderation and the capacity to be happy with little. Laudato Si #222 Buy less, waste less and enjoy it more!

YOUR OFFERINGS	ST. MARY'S	ST. THERESA'S	ST. JOSEPH'S
<i>Weekly Needs</i>	<b>\$1,538.00</b>	<b>\$690.00</b>	<b>\$930.00</b>
<i>Dec. 8th &amp; 9th</i>	<b>\$1,463.75</b>	<b>\$340.00</b>	<b>\$837.00</b>

**Please Pray for the Sick & Homebound, Especially:** Josh Allen; Amanda Burnard; Don Briant; Susanne & John Bush; Randy Butler; James Cleary, Bernadette Call; Madeline Drake; Terry Marie Eckert; Karen Hall; Nicholas Heldt; Dillon Hesse; Diane Hogue; Amy Huff, Terrie Kirk, Pat Kocyla; Barbara Lawler, Jacqueline May, Leslie M'Keever; Robert M'Keever; Jill McMahon; Jan Mady Mareth, Laurie Pickert; Monine Rodriguez;; Addison Rounds; Jeanne Watson, Alice Wood.

**Third Sunday of Advent** –“All were asking in their hearts.” Are you considering a vocation as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Talk to Monsignor Aucoin or Fr. Doug Lucia at (315) 386-2543/ [dlucia@rcdony.org](mailto:dlucia@rcdony.org) or Cathy Russell, the Diocesan Vocation Coordinator at (315)393-2920, ext. 1450/ [crussell@rcdony.org](mailto:crussell@rcdony.org). See us also on Facebook or at [www.myvocation.net](http://www.myvocation.net).

**Celebrate Christmas with Your Fellow Parishioners**

**Our Christmas parish celebrations are:**  
Monday, December 24 - 4 pm at St. Joseph  
Monday, December 24 - 6 pm at St. Theresa  
Monday, December 24 - 8 pm at St. Mary  
Tuesday, December 25 - 10 am at St. Mary

**Consider also the Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Monday, December 17 - 7 pm to 8 pm at St. Mary  
Wednesday, December 19 - 5 pm to 6 pm at St. Mary  
Friday, December 21- 5 pm to 6 pm at St. Mary

**DECEMBER 16: THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**Readings: Zep 3:14-18a/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18**  
**REJOICE!** The first two readings this Sunday speak of rejoicing, and so we should. But what form should our rejoicing take? How can we rejoice when there is so much suffering and sadness and anger in the world? As we await the Lord in joyful expectation, does it change the way we live? In today's Gospel, John the Baptist answers the question "What should we do?" We too must ask this question: What is it we are called to do? Share from what we have received, perform acts of charity and justice, advocate for the poor and the marginalized in our society, give of our time and talent, be Christ's hands and feet in the world today and light a candle in the darkness and be messengers of hope. In all things, we are called to love.

**Menu for the Nutrition Meal Held at St. Mary's Parish Center. Open to residents of Evans Mills, Philadelphia & Theresa!!!!**

**Tuesday 12/18/18**

Swedish meatballs over whipped potatoes, stewed tomatoes, banana, warm corn bread & milk.

**Thursday 12/20/18**

Chicken Cacciatore, tossed salad, broccoli w/cheese sauce, sugar cookie, warm garlic bread, chocolate milk.

For reservations call 313-686-4440 or 315-785-3191.

**Religious give thanks.** “This money is pure gift,” writes a religious sister of the support made possible by the Retirement Fund for Religious. “It enables us to continue providing care for our elderly sisters.” Your gift to last week’s collection helps hundreds of religious communities meet pressing retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. Thank you for your generosity!

**WE HAVE 4 EXTRA SAVE AROUND COUPON BOOKS. If you missed out on the fundraiser, you can still purchase a book. We have them in the parish office.**