

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)

First Sunday of Advent

Sat.	Dec. 8	4:00 pm (PH)	For Phyllis Donaghy by her friends
		5:30 pm (EM)	For Faithful Departed
Sun.	Dec. 9	9:00 am (TH)	For the People of the Parishes
		10:45 am (EM)	For Julia Noone by her family
Mon.	Dec. 10	8:00 am (EM)	For Faithful Departed
Tues.	Dec. 11	8:00 am (EM)	NO MASS—THERE IS A COMMUNION SERVICE
Wed.	Dec. 12	8:00 am (EM)	For Faithful Departed
Thurs.	Dec. 13	8:00 am (EM)	For Faithful Departed
Fri.	Dec. 14	8:00 am (EM)	For Faithful Departed
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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Dec. 14 Holy Hour at St. Mary's 6:30 PM sponsored by Knights of Columbus
- Dec. 14 Knights of Columbus Meeting at 7:30 PM
- Dec. 19 Blood Drive at St. Mary's Parish Center 2 to 7 PM
- Jan. 4 Holy Hour at St. Joseph's at 6 PM
- Jan. 5 Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Dinner

THERESA FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION DEC. 16

Money you give the Food Pantry stays in Theresa, helping needy families at Christmas time and all year round. Please be generous Sunday, Dec. 16. And don't forget, at St. Theresa's we collect canned and dry foods for distribution. The basket is at the parking lot door.

AMAZON—will pay our parishes 6% on all purchases you make. Just visit our website www.ircatholics.org and Click on Amazon icon

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

YOUR OFFERINGS	ST. MARY'S	ST. THERESA'S	ST. JOSEPH'S
<i>Weekly Needs</i>	\$1,538.00	\$690.00	\$930.00
<i>Dec. 1st & 2nd</i>	\$1,014.75	\$758.00	\$621.00

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

Second Sunday of Advent –

Are you following the instruction of St. Paul and seeking “knowledge and every kind of perception to discern” your vocation in Christ as a priest, deacon or in consecrated life? Talk to Monsignor Aucoin or Fr. Doug Lucia at (315) 386-2543/ dlucia@rcdony.org or Cathy Russell, the Diocesan Vocation Coordinator at (315)393-2920, ext. 1450/ crussell@rcdony.org. See us also on Facebook or at www.myvocation.net.

Positive momentum continues to grow for the ***It's Our Church, It's Our Future*** Capital Campaign. As of December 5, our parishes have raised \$71,600 from 31 donors. Remember that this campaign will fund our annual Bishop's Fund Appeal in addition to the parish and diocesan projects.

It is my hope that everyone will participate so that our very much needed parish projects will be able to get done. So if you have yet to make a donation or pledge we are really counting on all parishioners to make this happen. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

DECEMBER 9: SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT **Readings: Bar 5:1-9/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6** *Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.* This is the call of John the Baptist to the people of his own time and to us. Prepare the way: Jesus won't force himself on us. We must open our heart and homes to him. Sometimes we put up roadblocks to his coming, without even being aware that we are keeping Jesus at arm's length. We live in a noisy world with a lot of distractions and long to-do lists, especially this time of year. Can you schedule fifteen minutes a day to focus on preparing for Christ's coming? Perhaps just spend a few minutes a day in silence to read the Gospel of the day and inviting Jesus to enter your daily life. He is our salvation.

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

Tuesday 12/11/18

Open faced hot turkey sandwich, whipped potatoes, Brussel sprouts, strawberries, rye bread & milk.

Thursday 12/13/18

Pasta fagioli soup, egg salad sub, spinach, warm cinnamon apple slices with raisins, wheat hamburger bun & milk.

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

The Diocese of Ogdensburg's Retirement Plan for Priests has long been supported by parish contributions from its annual Christmas Collection. Currently 37 retired priests, and 9 active priests age 70 and older, are expected to receive pension benefits of \$872,000 in 2018-19. Also 100% of the cost of health insurance premiums for retired priests is paid by the Plan. Your generous contribution not only supports current retirees but will also help provide for the retirement needs of priests who will retire in the future.. Say *thank you* to your pastor and all priests of the diocese through a generous contribution to our Christmas Collection.